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Confederate Locals.

IN the December number of the *Canadian Philatelist* we gave the reasons for the issue of so many "Locals" by the Southern postmasters during the war; we now proceed to the description of the Stamps, repeating for the convenience of the readers of the CHRONICLE the notice of the emissions of the Athens, Ga., post office.

ATHENS, GA.—The only value issued by the postmaster at Athens was 5 cents; it has appeared in two colors, brick-red and purple. The red one is *undoubtedly* genuine and original, but as for the other we put very little trust in its being anything more than a reprint. The red stamp was first discovered by J. W. Scott in 1870, in the collection of a southern school boy, very few specimens have since been examined and the stamps still bring a large price. The 3 cent stamp which is sometimes met with is nothing better than a forgery; no stamp of that value having ever been issued by the Postmaster.

Figure of value and the word PAID in the centre of twelve stars; surrounded by an oval band, inscribed T. CRAWFORD, P. M., ATHENS, GA. Spandrils of ornamental scroll work; enclosed in a single line frame. Col. imp. Rect.

5 cents, brick Red; 5 cents, purple.

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Although this stamp has been known for years it is one of the scarcest of the provisionals, and has been ex-

tensively forged. As it is printed from type, there are several varieties, only one, however, of any importance has been discovered, this is the error, first noticed by Mr. Scott, where the postmaster's name is spelt McCormick instead of McCormick. The paper used for this stamp is covered with a green diaper pattern, the stamp is printed in red, and in shape is almost square. It was stated some years ago in the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette" that it was never used for postage, but solely for the purpose of making small change, this report has since been contradicted, and it has been proved to have been an undoubtedly genuine postage stamp. The 10 cent stamp which has been circulated lately is only an addition to the long list of forgeries for which S. A. Taylor is answerable.

Inscription—P. O. at top; J. McCORMICK at bottom; BATON ROUGE, LA., and figure 5 in centre; surrounded by a border of fancy type. Col. imp.; square; 5 cents, red and green.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The postmaster of this City issued both adhesive and envelope stamps of the value of 5 cents, and although hand-stamped they are as handsome as any issued. Original envelopes are virtually unattainable, but we have heard that they have been re-printed, but we have not seen any copies. The adhesives may be obtained *used* by paying the market value, between eight and ten dollars. The envelopes were amongst the first of the provisionals discovered, the adhesives were