

official stamps are served out to the public offices, to be affixed to their correspondence.

As for the stamp depicted in our August number, we can learn nothing of it on the spot, and we suspect that, though genuine so far as it goes, it has only been prepared as a proposal, and is not yet in any other than an aurelian state.

OFFICIAL STAMPS. Value in blank, red and black on yellowish paper.

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**French Colonies.**—*Le T. P.* notes a 75c. of 1881, surcharged "30" and postmarked "Pondicherry, 9 Avril, 1884."

**Gold Coast.**—There is a two penny registry envelope of usual style.

**Great Britain.**—The 1½d., 1887, is surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

**Guatemala.**—We have received new 1c. and 5c. stamp, said to have been made by a different Company. The 1c. is an exact copy of the last issue, but is (cc 43) instead of (cc 51). The 5c. has an entirely different figure 5, which is broader and has a horizontal standard below to correspond with the letters of the words "Centavos." The color is a little darker than (cc 61).

**Italy.**—The 30c. and 5l. unpaid letter stamps are noted with centre inverted.

**Mexico.**—*Der. Ph.* notes the 4c. brown (cc 95), and *Le T. P.* the envelope 10c. red. A local for Charles, used in 1867, has been discovered, it consists of an octagonal frame containing "Correos—2 Rs.—De Chalco." Black on green.

**New South Wales.**—The *Ph. R.* mentions the 3d. laureated stamp with watermark double line figure "2."

**New Hebrides.**—The *Am. Ph.* says stamps are in preparation.

**Nicaragua.**—The 10c. envelope noted last month comes on blue, and there is a 5c. on white.

**Norway.**—Card, 5 ore green on white, no frame.

**Perak.**—The post card comes with and without period after Perak.

**Philippine Islands.**—The 5c. blue postage and the 1c. brown telegraph are both surcharged, 2½c. in carmine, for postal purposes.

**Pountch.**—There is a complete set in black, said to be for official use.

**St. Helena.**—The 1d. now has C.A. watermark.

**Surinam.**—Stamps of 15, 20, 30, 40c. and 1 gulden are expected.

**Tolima.**—There are three new cubiertas, inscribed "Republica de Colombia—Correos del Departamento del Tolima," 5c. bistre, 10c. vermillion, 50c. blue, all on white paper.

**Tunis.**—The 1 fr. noted last month is of a new design. The inscriptions and figures are different, and the back ground instead of being plain is dotted. A whole series has been or will be issued of the new type including cards and envelopes. The 1 fr. of the first type, it is said, does not exist.

**United States.**—The rejected die of the 2c. envelope is reported on oriental buff, size 3. The letter sheet is now "Series 3."