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Lima, febrero 4 1915.

FOREIGN
FEB 23 1915

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,
New York

Muy señores míos:-

He recibido de la Dirección de Correos, bajo el No. 38, la siguiente comunicación:

"A mérito de lo dispuesto por suprema resolución de "19 de enero, he de estimar a U. se sirva pedir a la Compañía "que tan dignamente representa seis millones de estampillas "de franqueo del tipo de cinco cts., del mismo modelo de las "anteriores emisiones, y con la recomendación expresa de que "el color violeta de ellas sea sensible al lavado, para evitar "fraudes en el empleo de estampillas usadas; rogándole que "este pedido sea atendido a la brevedad posible."

De acuerdo con el pedido anterior he formulado la orden inclusa, que he comenzado a numerar, y a la que estimaré a Uds. se sirvan darle la más preferente atención.

De Uds. muy atto. y s. s.

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P.D.-Incluyo a la pte. 2a. de cambio de la letra por \$145.9.7, cuyo original fué enviado con fecha 5 de enero ppdo.

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P E D I D O

- No. 1 -

DE LA DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS DEL PERU

a la

A. B. N. Co., de N-Y.

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ESTAMPILLAS DE FRANQUO

6'000,000 de S/.0.05 cts.

Lima, febrero 4 1915.

M. Prado

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M.I. PRADO Y UGARTECHE

Translation

Lima, February 3, 1915.

J.P.P.
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B.N.Co.

N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

FOREIGN
FEB 23 1915

I have received from the Post Office Department the following communication, No.38:-

"By virtue of that set forth in the Supreme Resolution of January 19th, I would appreciate it if you will kindly order of the Company which you represent, 6,000,000 Franqueo Stamps of the denomination of 5 cts.; the same as the previous emissions and particularly recommend that the violet color of these stamps should be of sensitive ink, so as to avoid frauds in the use of stamps that have already been canceled. Kindly have this order attended to as quickly as possible."

London, and therefore I have been unable to obtain anything in order

In accordance with the above order, order for which is herewith, I would appreciate it if you would give the same your special attention.

Yours, etc.

P.S. I enclose 2nd of exchange for £145.9.7 - original of which was sent under date of January 5th.



now just received from London we have hopes that this stamp will go away with."

Attended to
2/23/15

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NOTE COMPANY
DEPARTMENT

Feb. 24, 1915

J. Prado y Ugarteche,
Lima, Peru

Mr,-

Francisco Stamps

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Feb. 3rd, giving us the order for the 6,000,000 - 5 Centavos, stamps for your Government.

We note your remarks regarding their suggestion of having these stamps printed in a sensitive ink, and although as has already been written you, we are not prepared to print all colors in this kind of ink, we have a violet color which we propose using, and although it is not exactly like the present color of these stamps, it is very similar, as you will see by the enclosed specimen. We will therefore prepare these stamps, using a sensitive ink.

We thank you for this order and trust our action will be satisfactory.

We also take occasion to acknowledge receipt of the Second of Exchange for £ 145-9-7 contained in your letter.

Yours very truly,

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DEL CORREO
#432
J. Prado y Ugarteche

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Lima, marzo 31 1915.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,
New York

FILE
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MAR 31 1915

Muy señores míos:-

PEDIDO # 1 DEL CORREO

La Dirección General de Correos, con fecha de ayer, me comunica lo siguiente:

"Refiriéndome a la comunicación de U. de 23 de este mes, manifiéstole que esta Dirección de mi cargo encuentra aceptable el color violeta y el papel propuesto por la Compañía que U. representa, para la impresión de las estampillas peruanas de cinco centavos que esta Dirección ha pedido por intermedio de U.----Conviene, por lo tanto, que se sirva U. ratificar el pedido de referencia, por cable, recomendando a la Compañía Americana cuide mucho de que el tinte violeta de las estampillas sea tan sensible como el de la muestra que ha remitido, a fin de estar prevenidos por este medio de los fraudes que se cometen por medio del lavado."

Recomiendo a Uds. la más pronta ejecución de l pedido de la Dirección de Correos en la forma que se han servido proponer.

De Uds. atto. y s.s.

Altrada

Shampel sent

Consulate General of Peru
New York

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April 16, 1915

American Bank Note Company
20-22 BROAD STREET
New York

Sr. M. I. Prado y Ugarteche,
Lima, Peru

Dear Sir,-

We enclose Bill of Lading and Consular Invoice for
six (6) Boxes Nos. 815-820, shipped to your address per Steamer "Metapan" hence
17th inst., containing:

No. 815	- 1,000,000	Franqueo Stamps of	5 cts.
816	- 1,000,000	" "	5 cts.
817	- 1,000,000	" "	5 cts.
818	- 1,000,000	" "	5 cts.
819	- 1,000,000	" "	5 cts.
820	- 1,000,000	" "	5 cts.

for the Republic of Peru, Post Office Department, completing order, for which we
enclose our bill amounting to - - - - - £

Yours very truly,

Manager Foreign Dept.

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Y TELÉGRAFOS
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Lima, 18 de setiembre de 1915.- 4767 ✓

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Señor Presidente de la American
Bank Note Company de

NUEVA YORK
U. S. A.

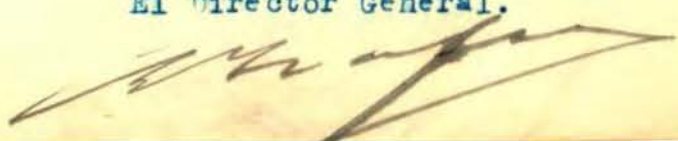
Defiriendo á la insinuación formulada por esa
Compañía, en meses pasados, sobre la conveniencia de mantener
un stock de estampillas, en las bóvedas de la Compañía, que
permita atender, inmediatamente, los pedidos que por cable
formule el correo peruano, me es grato decir á Ud. que esta
Dirección General ha sido autorizada en tal sentido por el
Supremo Gobierno.

En tal virtud, puede la Compañía proceder al de-
pósito de signos, en la proporción que determina el cuadro
Nº1 adjunto; y en cuanto á la fórmula cablegráfica que el Co-
rreo empleará para sus pedidos, ella queda especificada en el
cuadro Nº2, también adjunto.

Para los efectos de la representación del Correo
ante la Compañía, me dirijo en la fecha al Cónsul nuestro en
Nueva York, á quien debo suponer dará la Compañía todo género
de facilidades al respecto.

Sírvase Ud. aceptar las seguridades de mi atenta
consideración.

El Director General.



TELEGRATOS
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POST OFFICE
Translation.

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Lima, Sept. 18, 1915.

ación de los Signos de Franqueo que debe mantenerse en depósito
Bank Note Co.-
A.B.N.Co.

las de N.Y. de S/. 0.01 - 2.000.000
" " " 0.02 - 2.000.000

Dear Sirs:-

" " In accordance with the suggestion made by your company some months ago, regarding the advisability of keeping a stock of stamps on hand, in the vaults of your Company, so as to immediately carry out any cable order from the Peruvian Post Office, I am pleased to advise you that this Department has been authorized to do this by the Supreme Government.

" " Therefore, your company can proceed to hold in stock the quantity of ~~stamps~~ supplies mentioned on sheet marked No.1. As regards the form of cabling which the Post Office will use when ordering its supplies, the same is specified on sheet No.2 attached herewith.

" " I am writing to the Consul of Peru in your city, for the purpose of representing the Post Office, and presume that the Company will assist him in every way.

Yours, etc.

las Postales de S/. 0.01 - 10.000
" " " 0.02 - 20.000

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Relación de los Signos de Franqueo que debe mantenerse en depósito en la
Bank Note Co.-

<u>Billas de Franqueo</u> de S/. 0.01 ✓	-	2.000.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.02	-	2.000.000	" " " "
" " " " 0.04	-	1.000.000	" " " "
" " " " 0.05	-	6.000.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.08	-	-----	
" " " " 0.10	-	500.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.12	-	500.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.20	-	200.000	" " " "
" " " " 0.50	-	100.000	" " " "
" " " " 1.00	-	100.000	£ 10.0.0 " "
<u>Billas de Déficit</u> de S/. 0.01 ✓	-	50.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.05 ✓	-	50.000	" " " "
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" " " " 0.50 ✓	-	50.000	" " " "
<u>Billas Oficiales</u> de S/. 0.01 ✓	-	50.000	£ 8.0.0 per M sheets.
" " " " 0.10 ✓	-	50.000	" " " "
" " " " 0.50 ✓	-	50.000	" " " "
<u>Stas Postales</u> de S/. 0.01	-	10.000	Ofono.
" " " " 0.02	-	10.000	£ 0.16.8 per M
" " " " 0.04	-	10.000	£ 0.12.6 "

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POST OFFICE

Translation

Lima, Sept. 27, 1915.

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A.B.N.Co.

N.Y.

Lima, settembre 26 1915.

Dear Sirs:-

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY.

Having experimented - by means of washing - with the 5 centavos stamps which your company recently sent to this Department, we would say that they have given the splendid result desired, since the original dark violet color changed to a light lilac,- thus showing that the stamp has already been used.

This result fully covers the requirements which this Department has been trying to obtain, as regards frauds, and therefore we cannot help but congratulate the American Bank Note Company for contributing, with its splendid use of appropriate inks, to the work of morality which this Department is pursuing.

To complete the work which has been so successfully carried out, this Department would like to know if the Company is in a position to use the same process in the stamps of high (or higher ?) denominations, - say, for instance, those of 20, 50 etc. and 1 sol; but making them in the same colors in which they are now printed. Should this be the case, we will have obtained complete success in this campaign, and the Dirección General de Correos y Telegrafos of Perú would always have to recognize (be grateful ?) to the American Bank Note Company for its valuable co-operation in one of its greatest aims to defend the interests of the Postal income.

Yours, etc.,

11/17 - Asked for
steel pen
colours.
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M. I. PRADO Y UGARTECHE

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Lima, Sept. 29, 1915.

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FOREIGN
OCT 25 1915

N.Y. Co.

N.Y.

N.Y. Co.

Dear Sirs:-

N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

STOCK OF STAMPS

The Postmaster has sent me a copy of the letter he has written you about the Government's acceptance of the Company's suggestion, authorizing you to keep postage stamps in stock, in accordance with the list sent you. I have been interested in getting the Post Office to adopt this suggestion, as a means of avoiding the competition which Waterlow's agent was endeavoring to extend - (by including the postal supplies.) For that reason I think this resolution is advantageous, as regards your interests - which I represent, and, therefore, I have endeavored to get the Government to make a favorable decision.

I would like your opinion relative to the advisability of fixing a certain time limit for the placing of the orders to which the stock of stamps refers, with the object of compelling the Post Office to dispose of the stock which you will have on hand, so that this stock should not remain in your possession a long time without being called for. If you think this of any use and advantageous to your interests, kindly give me the corresponding instructions.

CIRCULAR CHECKS I have nothing new to add to what I have already stated in my former letter of Sept. 8th, about this. The government has not taken any steps whatsoever regarding a decision on this matter, - hoping to first settle the discussion relative to the projects of law in connection with new taxes (or revenues), - not wishing to complicate the negotiations being carried out in the Houses, for this purpose.

As already stated, I am watching this matter and when the opportunity presents itself I will endeavor to get this order.

Yours, etc.

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Nov. 6, 1915

Director General de Correos y Telégrafos,
Lima, Peru.

Dear Sir,-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your official communication No. 328, dated Sept. 18th, enclosing us your stock order of Stamps and Post Cards; also your list giving the code words by which you will order these supplies.

There being one or two questions in connection with this order that are not altogether clear to us, we have written our agent, Sr. M.I. Prado y Ugarteche, to be kind enough to take the matter up with you, and let us hear as soon as possible.

We thank you for your order, and hasten to assure you that in the future your various postal supplies can be furnished you on very short notice.

Yours very truly,

A. Manager Foreign Dept.

more than a year, since the paper deteriorates and the colors are liable to fade.

Nov. 8, 1915

We would call your attention to the fact that in the list of Francisco Stamps they have put down the right Coat of Arms. We do not give us any quantity. In reply please refer our records so we do not find that this stamp has ever been ordered before. You will also notice they have ordered a (two Coat Past Stamp) etc. as take it in the same as ordinary of by them in January, 1914, and since after we had started to work on the

Sr. M.J. Prado y Ugarteche,
Lima, Peru

Dear Sir,-

Stock of Stamps

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Sept. 29th, and as you advise, we have received a communication from the Director General de Correos y Telégrafos ordering us to keep in stock various quantities of their stamps and post cards.

We congratulate you upon obtaining this order. This is the plan we have tried so hard to make them see in previous years, and we know that it has been only by your continued efforts in this direction that we have at last succeeded. We have checked up the various quantities and find that the stock asked to be kept on hand is very conservative - in fact, in many cases not as many of an article have been ordered as they would ordinarily use in one year. Consequently we would suggest that if possible you try to fix a time limit for the stock on hand - of say, one year. It is of course understood that as soon as they order all or part of any of the various quantities, we shall immediately replace the same so as to keep the quantity up to the full number as ordered.

You may impress upon them that the stock should not be kept on hand

more than a year, since the paper deteriorates and the colors are liable to fade.

We would call your attention to the fact that in the list of Franqueo Stamps they have put down an Eight Cent denomination, but do not give us any quantity. In roughly going over our records we do not find that this stamp has ever been ordered before. You will also notice they have ordered a One Cent Post Card; this we take it is the same as ordered by them in January, 1914, and which - after we had started to work on the same - you requested us to stop and await full instructions. You then wrote us on March 2nd and told us that the Director had mentioned something regarding the changing of this post card, and that he intended to send us a specimen of just what he wanted.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

November 19, 1915

OF THE
THE PRESIDENT

Mr. F. W. Gullott,
Asst.

Dear

sample

I beg to say We would thank you to take up these two items and let us hear from you. We will do nothing regarding them until properly instructed by you. The balance of the items we shall go right ahead with so as to be ready to make a delivery at any time on very short notice.

For your own information we would state that the total of this order will be in the neighborhood of \$ 1145.

Yours very truly,

FWG-H

A. Manager Foreign Dept.

These lines may prove of some value to you, as you

Thank you very much.

Manager Foreign Dept.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY
HUNTS POINT, N. Y.

November 19, 1915

F THE
PRESIDENT.

Mr. F. W. Gullett,
Asst. Manager, Foreign Sales.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that we have the sensitive steel colors as per
samples herewith.

A. C. Cary
Vice President.
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washing and counterfeiting. Under these conditions it would seem to us that they would be willing to absorb this increase in our price. This additional 10% we shall have to charge in the future on the Five Cent Stamps as well, which as you know were prepared by us some time ago in a sensitive ink. We did not at the time make any increase in the cost of this order, since it was purely in the experimental stage and we were not then familiar with our cost.

Nov. 24, 1915

We think that what we have properly explained this matter

M. I. Prado y Ugarteche,
Lima, Peru.

Sir,-

We are in receipt of a letter from the Director General de Correos y Telégrafos, copy of which we hand you herewith, and which is self-explanatory. We have written the Director General in reply, and enclose copy of our letter. As advised therein, we are sending him nine colors that we can now produce in what we call "Sensitive Steel Ink". Although the colors we have been successful in making in this class of work are not exactly those that they are now using, they may be willing to substitute them on the higher denominations of their stamps. This is a matter which they alone can decide, and we think it might be well if you will take it up with them.

What we particularly wish you would explain to them is the fact that ink of this nature is considerably more expensive than our ordinary ink, and that if they decide to use it, we shall have to ask an increase in our price of ten per cent (10%). We are very sorry to have to do this, and assure you that we have tried very hard to find some way out of it, but our efforts have been of no avail.

There is no doubt but what this ink carries a great deal more security with it, and assures the Post Office Department of a greater amount of safety against

washing and counterfeiting. Under these conditions it would seem to us that they would be willing to stand this increase in our price. This additional 10% we shall have to charge in the future on the Five Cent Stamps as well, which as you know were prepared by us some time ago in a sensitive ink. We did not at the time make any increase in the cost of this order, since it was purely in the experimental stage and we were not then familiar with our cost.

We think that when you have properly explained this matter to them, they will see the justice of it. You might also point out to them that in using any of these colors, all they need to refer to is the fact that they wish sensitive ink, and give us the number which appears under each one of the stamps.

Trusting that we have made ourselves quite clear, and waiting to hear something further from you, we are

Yours very truly,

Manager Foreign Dept.

FWG-H

Specimens of the
9 colors on card,
sent to Prada,
some on those sent
Director General de
Comercio.

A. Manager Foreign Dept.

Nov. 24, 1915

Director General de Correos y Telégrafos,

Lima, Peru

Sir,-

Sir,-

We are in receipt of a letter from the Director General de Correos y Telégrafos, copy of which we have you herewith, and which is self-explanatory. We beg to acknowledge receipt of your official communication 369 under date of Sept. 27th, and assure you it is a pleasure to hear that our experiment in sensitive colors meets with your thorough approval. It is a matter which we have been working for many years, and although we are not entirely satisfied in every respect, and as yet have not been successful in producing this ink every color, we now have nine colors, specimens of which we are enclosing herewith, and sincerely hope that some of them may be of use to you. We have sent duplicates of these colors, together with further explanation, to our agent, - M. I. Prado y Ugarteche, with the request that he call upon you and go into the matter in detail.

Thanking you for your very kind remarks, and trusting that our work on these lines may prove of some value to you, we are,

Yours very respectfully,

Manager Foreign Dept.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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Nov. 30, 1915

Order Department,-

Kindly make a note on the REPUBLIC OF PERU

Order No. 4521, completed some time ago, calling for postage stamps printed in sensitive ink, that hereafter the price will be 10% additional to that formerly charged. This applies to any and all future orders of this Government printed in sensitive ink.



A. Manager Foreign Dept.

FWG-H

Lima, diciembre 5 1915.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY .

New York

FOOTNOTEN
JUN 4 1916

Muy señores míos:-

PEDIDO DE STOCK

He recibido su atta. carta del 8 de noviembre, por la que se sirven Uds. comunicarme que han puesto en obra el pedido de stock formulado por la Dirección de Correos, así como también aclaraciones respecto de los puntos del pedido relativos, primero, a las estampillas de 8 cts. y segundo, a las tarjetas postales de un centavo.

Inmediatamente trascribí el contenido de su carta a la Dirección de Correos y tuve personalmente una conferencia con el Director, quien me ha ofrecido dar una respuesta una vez que sean absueltos los informes que ha pedido a las dependencias respectivas.

De Uds. muy atto. y s. s.

H. W. W. W.

M. I. PRADO Y UGARTECHE

Translation

Lima, Dec. 5, 1915.

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A.B.N.Co.

N.Y.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

Dear Sirs:-

New York

STOCK ORDER

I am in receipt of your letter of November 8th, advising me that you have put in hand the stock order placed with you by the post office department, also explaining the various points of the order - first, with regard to the 8 cts. stamps and, second - the post cards of 1 centavo.

I immediately sent a transcript of your letter to the post office and had a personal interview with the Postmaster, who promised to give me a reply as soon as he receives a report from the respective Branches (or Depts.)

Yours, etc.

No. 10501 - De Graham, Rowe & Co. s/ de los mismos	£ 112.10.0
" 1466 - De Bright, Stokes Co. " Bank of Liverpool	112.10.0
" 6448 - De Duncan, Fox & Co. " de los mismos	161. 3.8
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	£ 416. 3.8

que espero reciban conforme.

De Wta. atto. y s. e.

FOREIGN
JAN -4 1916

Lima, diciembre 14 de 1915.

Señor Presidente de la American Bank
Note Company -

NUEVA YORK

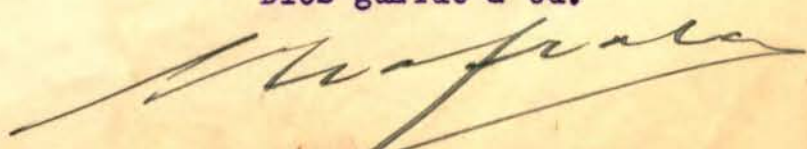
Señor:

En 27 de setiembre último dirijí a la Compañía la comu -
nicación siguiente:

"Sometidas a la práctica del lavado las estampillas de cinco centavos que últimamente ha entregado la Compañía a pedido de esta Dirección General, han dado el espléndido resultado que se buscaba, pues el color violeta oscuro primitivo, queda convertido en lila claro, que permite apreciar, a la simple vista, que el signo ha sido ya usado. Este resultado satisface ampliamente los deseos que persigue la Dirección de mi cargo en lo relativo al fraude, y, por lo tanto, no puedo menos de felicitar a la American Bank Note C° por haber contribuido, con su espléndido empleo de tintas apropiadas, a la obra de moralidad que esta Dirección persigue. Para completar la labor con tanto éxito empleada, desearía este Despacho saber si la Compañía está en aptitud de usar los mismos procedimientos en las estampillas de mayor tipo, como las de veinte, cincuenta centavos y un sol; pero conservando los mismos colores que hoy se emplea en su impresión. Si así fuese, habríamos conseguido éxito completo en esta saludable campaña, y la Dirección General de Correos y Telégrafos del Perú tendría que reconocer, en todo momento, la valiosa cooperación de la American Bank Note C° en uno de sus mas vehementes propósitos para defender los intereses de la renta de correos.--Sírvasse Ud., entre tanto, aceptar los sentimientos de mi distinguida consideración.--(Fdo.) E. ZAPATA".

Como no he recibido respuesta a esta comunicación he de estimar a Ud. se sirva decirme lo que la Compañía piensa al respecto; suplicándole que el procedimiento adoptado en los signos de cinco centavos se haga extensivo a todos los tipos.

Dios guarde a Ud.



DIRECTOR GENERAL.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Translation

Lima, Dec. 14, 1915.

A.B.N.Co.

N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

On September 27th I wrote the following letter to the

Company:-

" Translation of said letter is in our files")

As I have not as yet received a reply to this communication I would like to have the company's opinion in this matter,- and would ask that the process used on the 5 centavos stamps should be used on all the denominations.

Yours, etc.

RECEIVED
JAN 1 1916

FOREIGN
JAN 4 1916

Alza de precio estampillas

Atta. carta del 26 de noviembre

As I have not as yet received a reply to this communication I would like to have the company's opinion in this matter,- and would ask that the process used on the 5 centavos stamps should be used on all the denominations.

Yours, etc.

El Director de Correos ha aceptado como fundadas estas razones, y ha convenido en que en nombre de Etc. presente una exposicion de ellas a la Direccion

Lima, diciembre 22 1915.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

New York

FOREIGN
JAN -6 1916

Muy señores míos:-

Alza de precio estampillas sensitivas

He recibido su atta. carta del 24 de noviembre, que ha merecido mi más particular atención.

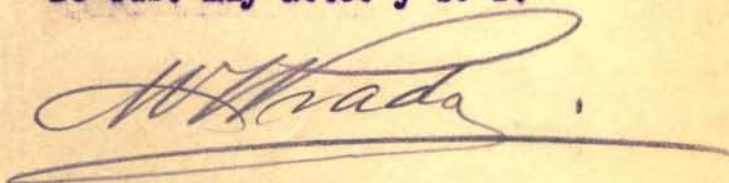
Cumpliendo con su indicación, me he ocupado con toda actividad y empeño del asunto que Uds. se han servido recomendarme. He tenido detenidas conferencias con el Director de Correos, y le he expuesto con todo detalle las circunstancias que han obligado a Uds. a elevar el precio de las estampillas en 10%, por el mayor costo que representa su impresión con tintas sensitivas. He indicado el mayor costo que este procedimiento implica para su fabricación, tanto por ser un sistema limitadamente aplicado, cuanto por requerir mayor cuidado en su ejecución y otorgar al mismo tiempo mayores seguridades y garantía contra el lavado y la falsificación. A estas circunstancias especiales he agragado también otras de carácter general, relativas al aumento que todas las mercaderías han sufrido con motivo de las consecuencias derivadas de la guerra actual; habiendo llevado al convencimiento del Director de Correos del principio de justicia y de equidad con que este aumento ha sido efectuado. El Director de Correos ha aceptado como fundadas estas razones, y hemos convenido en que en nombre de Uds. presente una exposición de ellas a la Dirección

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de Correos, ^{//} la misma que, informando favorablemente, va a elevar al Ministerio respectivo, para que se autorice en el próximo acuerdo de Gobierno el pago del mayor precio sobre las tarifas vigentes y que habían sido aprobadas anteriormente.

Espero, pues, en próxima oportunidad dar cuenta satisfactoria de este encargo.

De Uds. muy atto. y s. s.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Prado', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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M. I. PRADO Y UGARTECHE

Translation

Lima, Dec. 22, 1915.

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Sirs:*

INCREASE IN PRICE FOR STAMPS PRINTED
IN SENSITIVE INKS

I am in receipt of your letter of November 24, which has received careful attention.

In compliance with your request I have taken up the matter which you recommended, with the greatest care. I have had interviews with the Postmaster and have explained, in detail, the reasons why you have been compelled to make an increase of 10% in the price of the stamps, on account of the increase of printing the stamps in sensitive inks. I have pointed out the increased cost which this process involves in manufacture, both on account of being a process which has been applied with limitation & on account of requiring greater care in its execution and offers, at the same time, greater security against washing and forgery. In addition to these special circumstances I have pointed out reasons of a general character, relative to the increased cost of all merchandise on account of the war, - having convinced the Postmaster of the principle of justice and equity with which this increase has been made. The Postmaster has stated these reasons as a basis, and we have agreed that in your name he shall make an explanation thereof to the Post Office, which - after a favorable report, will be sent to the respective Ministry, so that it may authorize in the meeting of the Government the payment of the increased price ^{over} the present price and which have previously been approved.

I hope, therefore, to give you a satisfactory answer in due course.

Yours, etc.