

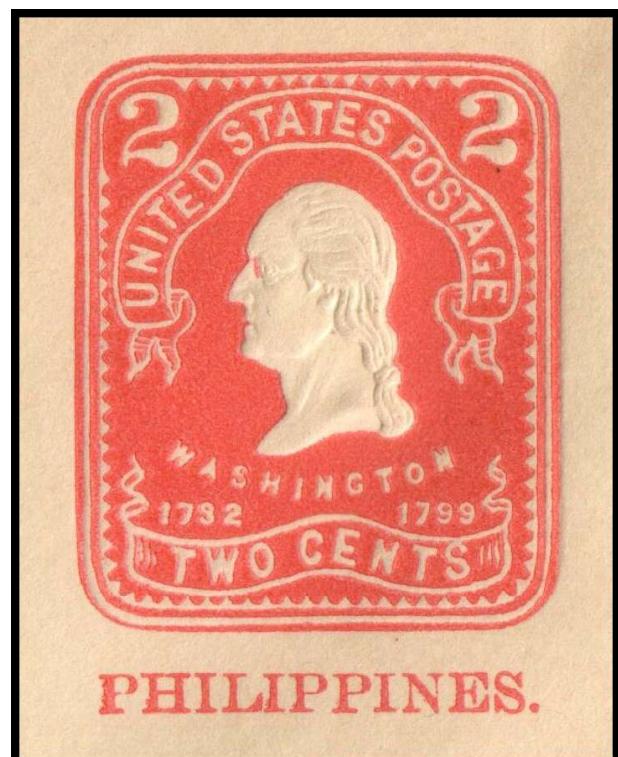
RECUT DIES OF 2C WASHINGTON ISSUE (Scott U28 - U29)

The working dies for the 2c Hartford envelopes were particularly susceptible to wear. Beginning around 1904, worn working dies were returned to service after being individually reworked by hand, resulting in over 140 identifiable “recut dies.” Starting around 1905, four of the recut dies are known to have been used for production of the Philippine overprinted envelopes (Scott U28 and Scott U29). The lettering in the recut dies is heavier and the ribbon ends are slightly changed. Further characteristics for the known types used in the Philippines are as follows:



Original Die

(Scott U22 to U25)



Type 32

Spurred tooth opposite left end of lower ribbon

W of TWO and S of CENTS both touch the line above

Top of 3 of 1732 is closed

(U28A and U28Aa)