

AGENCY OF ROSARIO (SANTA FÉ)

The agency of Rosario was authorized by a provincial law of September 18, 1865. Unlike that of Córdoba, it issued notes in pesos fuertes as well as in pesos bolivianos or moneda boliviana.

All these banknotes were printed in London, at Bradbury, Wilkinson & C^o. From the peso, all denominations have the portrait of the elderly General San Martín, in uniform. Bauman indicates that it is General Belgrano : this is obviously incorrect, because Belgrano died at the age of 50 and the portrait on the notes is that of a much older character.

In the end, it was the creation of the Banco Provincial de Santa Fé, with private and governmental capital that precipitated the liquidation of the Rosario branch of the Banco de Londres. On June 22, 1875, a law prohibited the circulation of notes other than those of the Banco Provincial and the Banco Nacional, obliging other banks to withdraw their notes for metallic money. The Banco of London refused, taking the matter to court, but on 19 May 1876 his license was withdrawn and it was put into liquidation. Noting that the manager, Luis Behn, had begun to send his reserves of metal and Banco Nacional notes to the seat in Buenos Aires, the provincial government confiscated 109,333.87 \$b in Bolivian coins and 1939.61 \$F to ensure the conversion of the notes still in circulation.

Finally, the bank continues to play an important role in the province's economy to this day.

1st ISSUE - 1^{er} JULY 1st, 1866

NOTES PAYABLES IN *PESOS FUERTES* OR *THEIR EQUIVALENT IN LEGAL TENDER*

Uniface printing by Bradbury, Wilkinson & C^o Ltd, London. The character appearing on the 4 pesos notes and beyond is General José de San Martín.

12½ Centavos fuertes

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 gold escudos) or the equivalent in legal coinage in exchange of 128 notes.

PS- SFE-60 BL-1E-1
≈ 150 x 95 mm watermark : 12 ½ / CENTAVOS (twice)

photo Stack's Bowers 14.08.2018
PS- SFE-60 BL-1E-1
1^o de Julio de 1866 (date completed by hand)
Signatory : J. M. Pereira





photo Spink

PS- SFE-60 BL-1E-1

Form with stub, regular numbers, unsigned

25 Centavos fuertes

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 escudos in gold) or the equivalent in legal coinage in exchange for 64 notes.

PS-1739A SFE-61 BL-1E-2
≈ 157 x 98 mm watermark : ... / 25 / CENTAVOS



photo Stack's Bowers 14.08.2018
PS-1739A SFE-61 BL-1E-2
1º de Julio de 1866 (date completed by hand)
Signatory : D. Marquardt



photo Spink

PS-1739A

SFE-61

BL-1E-2

Form with stub, unnumbered

50 Centavos fuertes

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 gold escudos) or equivalent in legal coinage in exchange for 32 notes.

PS-1739B SFE-62 BL-1E-3
≈ 155 x 98 mm watermark : ... / 50 / CENTAVOS



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PS-1739B SFE-62 BL-1E-3

1º de Julio de 1866 (date completed by hand)

Signatory : J. M. Pereira

1 Peso fuerte

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 gold escudos) or the equivalent in legal coinage in exchange for 16 notes.

PS-1739C

SFE-63

BL-1E-4

≈ 190 x 115 mm

watermark : ... / 1 / PESO FUERTE



PS-1739C

SFE-63

BL-1E-4

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photo F. Chao (h)

PS-1739C

SFE-63s

BL-1E-4

unnumbered form with or without stub

4 Pesos fuertes

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 gold escudos) or the equivalent in legal coinage in exchange for 4 notes.

PS-1739E SFE-64 BL-1E-5
≈ 205 x 115 mm watermark : ??? uniface



photo F. Chao (h)

PS-1739E SFE-64 BL-1E-5

Issued note : unknown to date.

PS-1739E

SFE-64s

BL-1E-5

Unnumbered form with stub

8 Pesos fuertes

payable 16 pesos fuertes (= 8 escudos in gold) or the equivalent in legal coinage in exchange for 2 notes.

PS-1739F SFE-65 BL-1E-6

≈ 190 x 108mm uniface

watermark : LONDON & RIVER PLATE BANK LIMITED / 8 PESOS FUERTES



PS-1739F SFE-65s BL-1E-6

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15 de Setiembre 1866 (typographed)

Typographed signature of J. P. Walker

photo www.cefynag.com

PS-1739F SFE-65s BL-1E-6

unnumbered form with stub

15 de Setiembre 1866 (typographed)

Typographed signature of J. P. Walker, overprint SPECIMEN

20 Pesos fuertes

PS-1739G SFE-67 BL-1E-7

≈ 220 x 117 mm

watermark : LONDON & RIVER PLATE BANK LIMITED / 20 PESOS FUERTES



PS-1739G SFE-67 BL-1E-7

Issued note – no illustration available to date

photo Bauman

PS-1739G SFE-67s BL-1E-7

Unnumbered form with stub

50 Pesos fuertes

PS-1740 SFE-68 BL-1E-8

≈ 220 x 117 mm

watermark : LONDON & RIVER PLATE BANK LIMITED / 50 PESOS FUERTES



PS-1740 SFE-68 BL-1E-8

Issued note – no illustration available to date.

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Typographed signature of J. P. Walker

photo F. Chao

PS-1740

SFE-68s

BL-1E-8

Unnumbered form with stub

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Typographed signature of J. P. Walker, overprint SPECIMEN



PS-1740

SFE-68s

BL-1E-8

Unnumbered form with stub, undated, unsigned.



PS-1740

SFE-68s

BL-1E-8

Unnumbered form with stub, undated, unsigned.
With handstamp **SPECIMEN** and two cancellation holes

2nd ISSUE- SEPTEMBER 15, 1866

NOTES PAYABLE IN *PESOS PLATA BOLIVIANA*

Uniface printing by Bradbury, Wilkinson & C^o Ltd, without printer's name.

From this issue, the dates are fully printed.

1 Real plata boliviana

payable 1 Bolivian peso in silver for 8 notes.

PS-1731 SFE-70 BL-2E-1

frame ≈ 96 x 58 mm

*Pagaremos a la vista Un Peso plata boliviana
al portador de Ocho de estos vales.*



PS-1731

SFE-70

BL-2E-1

15 de Setiembre 1866

Typographed signature of M. A. Preston



PS-1731

SFE-70

BL-2E-1

15 de Setiembre 1866

signature **autographed**

Chao reports assignatories J. Fielding, D. Marquardt, M. A. Preston and J. G. Walter.

1½ Real plata boliviana

payable 12 bolivian reales in silver for 8 notes.

PS-1732

SFE-71

BL-2E-2

frame ≈ 108 x 68 mm

*Pagaremos a la vista y al portador Doce Reales
plata boliviana por Ocho de estos vales.*



photo F. Chao (h)

PS-1732

SFE-71

BL-2E-2

15 de Setiembre 1866

Typographed signature of J. Todd



PS-1732

SFE-71

BL-2E-2

15 de Setiembre 1866

Typographed signature of M. A. Preston.

PS-1732 SFE-71 BL-2E-2

15 de Setiembre 1866

Signature of M. A. Preston

Cancelled by perforation INUTILIZADO →



PS-1732 SFE-71 BL-2E-2

15 de Setiembre 1866

Unnumbered form with stub ↓



1 Peso plata boliviana

payable one bolivian peso in cash

PS- SFE-72 BL-2E-3

frame (at center) ≈ 130 x 85 mm



photo http://www.billetesargentinos.com.ar/billetes/plata_boliviana.htm

PS- SFE-72 BL-2E-3

15 de Setiembre 1866

Typographed signature (illegible)

PS- SFE-72 BL-2E-3 →

15 de Setiembre 1866

Typographed signature of M. A. Preston
cancelled by perforation INUTILIZADO





PS-

SFE-72

BL-2E-3

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Unnumbered form with stub

10 Pesos plata boliviana

payable in bolivian silver coins

PS-1737 SFE-74 BL-2E-4

frame (at center) ≈ 155 x 95 mm

The reverse is identical to that of the 1869 and 1871 issues.

PS-1737 SFE-74a BL-2E-4

15 de Setiembre 1866

Hand signed by J. G. Walker

PS-1737 SFE-74b BL-2E-4 →

15 de Setiembre 1866

Hand signed by J. G. Walker
cancelled by perforation INUTILIZADO





PS-1737 SFE-74 BL-2E-4

15 de Setiembre 1866

Unnumbered form with stub.