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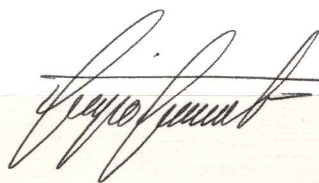
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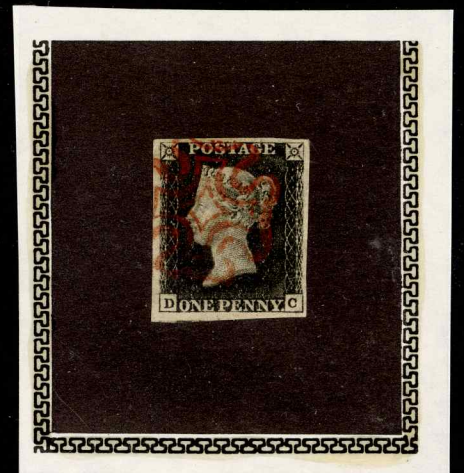
I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered **DC**, Stanley Gibbons #2, Scott Catalogue #1, used, cancelled with a red Maltese Cross, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, with ample margins on all sides, showing a tiny portion of the adjacent stamp at bottom; and free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp is printed from **Plate 5**. I have signed it.

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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

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The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 6**.

I have signed it.

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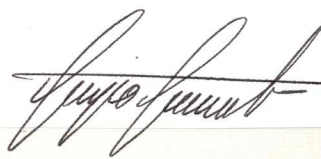
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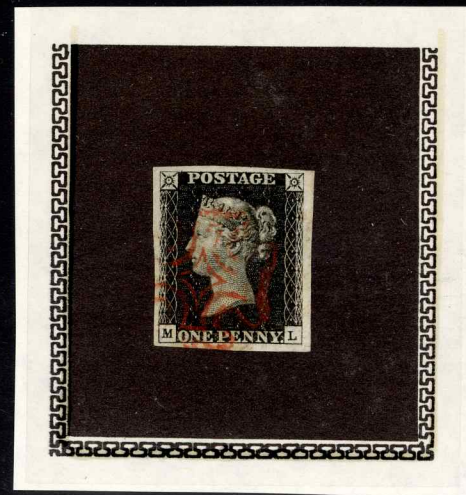
I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "Queen Victoria" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered **ML**, Stanley Gibbons #2, Scott Catalogue #1, used, cancelled with a red Maltese Cross, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is genuine **in all respects**, with margins clear of design, sheet margin at right, and free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 8**. I have signed it.

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The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with narrow margins, just barely clear of the framelines on all four sides. It is otherwise a sound stamp without hidden faults or repairs at this time. The stamp was printed from **Plate 3**.

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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, of average thickness 0.090 mm., lettered **LI**, Scott Catalogue #1; Stanley Gibbons Specialized #AS5, used, with a red Maltese Cross cancellation, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, somewhat narrow at right, and is otherwise free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 1b**. I have signed it.

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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered NH, Scott Catalogue #1; Stanley Gibbons Specialized #AS15, used, still affixed to a small fragment of a letter, tied by a red Maltese Cross cancellation, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, showing a small part of the adjacent stamp at bottom. The stamp has a neat cancellation, belongs to this fragment, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 2**. I have signed the fragment.

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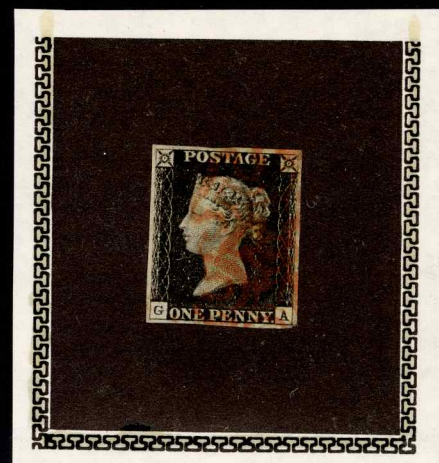
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The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, somewhat narrow at lower-right, and is otherwise free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 1b**. I have signed it.

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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on stout white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, of average thickness 0.105 mm., lettered **TA**, Scott Catalogue #1; Stanley Gibbons Specialized #AS25, used, with a red Maltese Cross cancellation, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with one margin touching the frameline at right, and the other three large, including sheet margin at left and bottom. The stamp is otherwise free from faults or repairs at this time. The stamp was printed from **Plate 5**.

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The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, but somewhat narrow at top, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 6**. I have signed it.

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The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, but narrow at bottom, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 4**. I have signed it.

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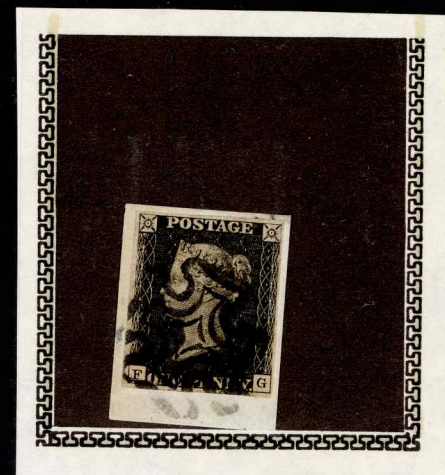
I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered **FG**, Scott Catalogue #1; Stanley Gibbons Specialized #AS46, used, affixed to a small fragment of a letter, and tied by a black Maltese Cross cancellation, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

(1) The stamp is genuine, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, and in sound condition as far as one can say without removing it from the fragment. The stamp was printed from **Plate 8**. (2) The stamp did not originate on this fragment.

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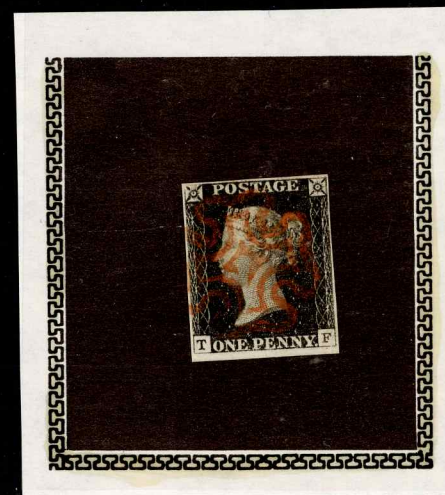
I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on stout white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, of average thickness 0.12 mm., lettered **TF**, Scott Catalogue #1; Stanley Gibbons Specialized #AS15, used, with a red Maltese Cross cancellation, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides, neat cancellation, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The stamp was printed from **Plate 2**. I have signed it.

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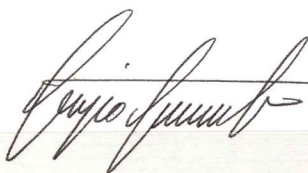
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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "**Queen Victoria**" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered **BB**, Stanley Gibbons #2, Scott Catalogue #1, used, cancelled with a bold strike of black Maltese Cross, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp is **genuine in all respects**, with margins clear of the framelines on all sides. There is a feather tear at the top margin. The stamp is printed from **Plate 1B**.

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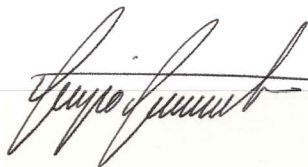
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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

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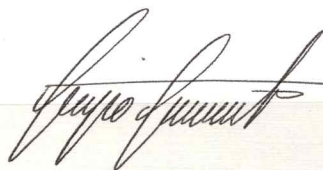
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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by Great Britain on May 6th of 1840, "Queen Victoria" 1 penny black, imperforate, on medium white wove paper with watermark "Small Crown" upright, lettered **ME**, Stanley Gibbons #2, Scott Catalogue #1, used, cancelled with a single strike of black Maltese Cross, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

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