



1845

Mr Lawrence
Birmingham Coal Co
Birmingham



W. MULREADY, R.A.

POSTAGE ONE PENNY

JOHN THOMPSON.

1876

Mr. Nevins
Care No.

BRIDGE
PAID
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R. L. 380-2-5-74-017

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DESCRIPTION

1840 1d Mulready Letter Sheet Stereo A66 Obliterated Only by a Town Datestamp.

OBSERVATIONS

The Mulready was sent from Wolverhampton (c.d.s. on front dated 27 Apr. 1844) to Birmingham (temporary datestamp of 27 Apr. 1844 (*illust.*) on the back; according to the *County Catalogue*, used only in Apr. 1844). The Mulready contains an advertisement for the Atlas Assurance Company, which according to SG is the latest (1843) edition of the advert.

The Mulready has a repair to the left, and across the chest, of Britannia which goes through to the back (*illust.*). I believe this repair is in the wrong place and not extensive enough for it to be an attempt at removing a Maltese Cross. To support this opinion, Rockoff & Jackson (p. 554) listed a very similar Mulready from the same correspondence, dated 19 Dec. 1843, also obliterated only by a Wolverhampton c.d.s. (*illust.*)

SOURCES

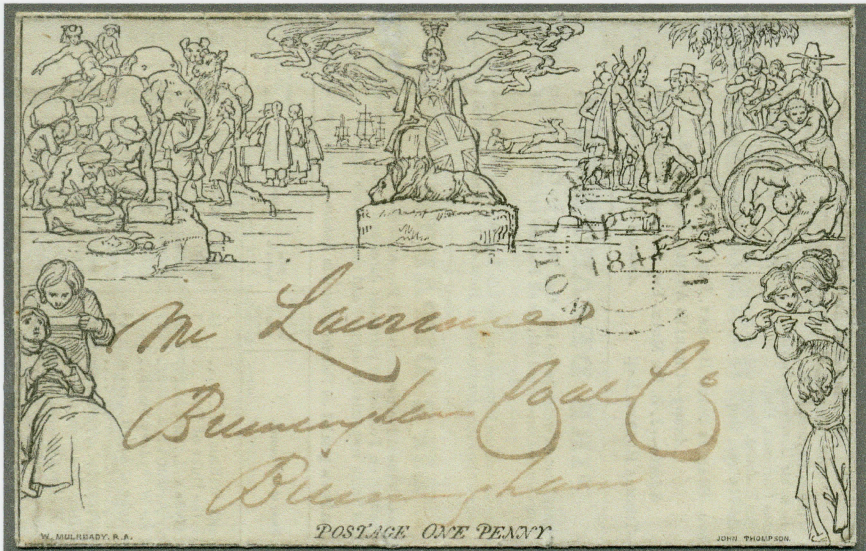
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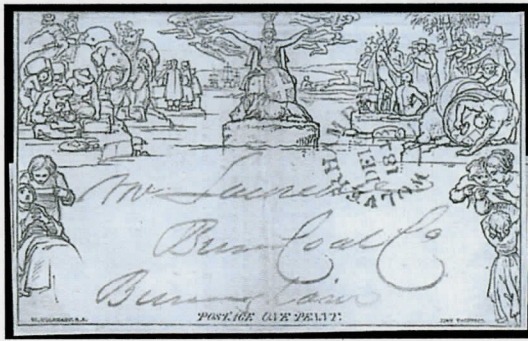
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CONCLUSION

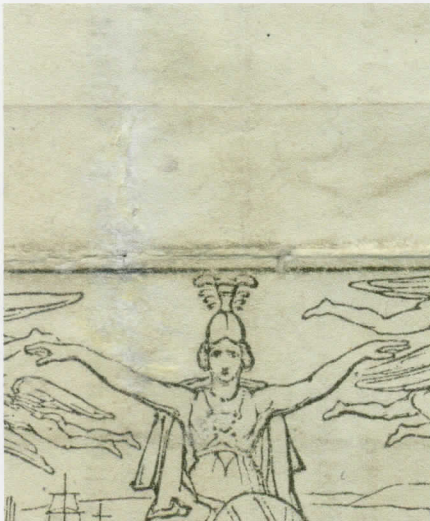
In my opinion the item is an 1840 1d Mulready Letter Sheet Stereo A66 from Forme 3 with Advertisement inside and Rare Birmingham Temporary Datestamp on back, Obliterated Only by a Wolverhampton Town Datestamp, and apart from the repair described above is genuine. SG Spec. ME1gn (Advertisement MA 103k).

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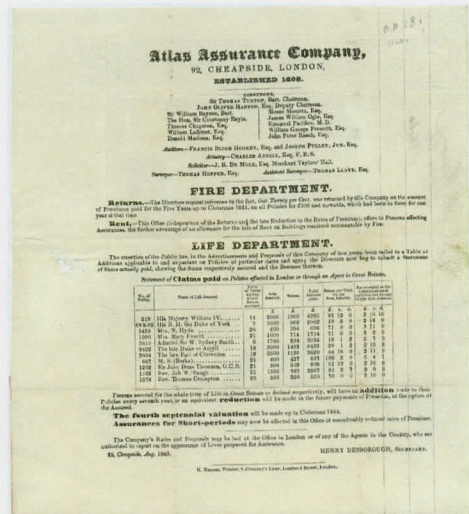




Similar Mulready from the same correspondence, dated 19 Dec. 1843.



Detail showing the repair to the left, and over chest, of Britannia.



Mulready opened out to show the advertisement.



Birmingham temporary datestamp.

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