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CERTIFICATE

No. 02062302

GREECE
1861 PROVISIONAL PRINTING OF THE 20 LEPTA



Letter sent from Pyrgos to Patras on 30 January 1862, franked with 1861 Provisional 20 l. without control figures, deep blue with quadrillé background (MT81b, vl.9a).

The stamp is used with "13" numeral postmark of Pyrgos and the letter is stamped with Pyrgos circular date-stamp (30 Jun.) on front and arrival circular datestamp of Patras (31 Jan.) at the back. The stamp is position 17 of the sheet showing plate flaw " white spot on the Greek border at lower left.

The stamp is touched at right and has been lifted from the cover and placed back.

It is my opinion that the letter with its franking is genuine. I have signed it. This is the only provisional 20 l. with this plate flaw known to me.

Provenance: Photiades collection

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