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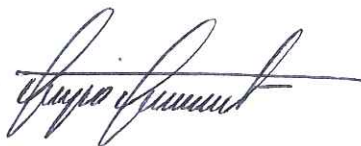
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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1848.

I have examined the cover sheet of a folded letter sent from New York to Toronto, Upper Canada, posted on March 31st of 1848, franked with two postage stamps of the United States, "**Benjamin Franklin**" horizontal pair of 5 cents brown, imperforate, recess printed on medium white wove paper without watermark, Scott Classics Specialized Catalogue #1; cancelled and tied to the cover by two strikes of a red circular parallel bars cancellation, with the dispatch circular datestamp alongside "**NEW YORK / MAR 31**", with the transit in front also in red "**QUEENSTON / U.C. / APR2 / 1848**", in front the manuscript rate marking "**4 1/2**", and on reverse the arrival split circle "**TORONTO / U.C. / AP... 1848**", a colour reproduction of which, reduced to 90% of true size, is on the reverse side of this certificate. I am of the opinion that:

The cover sheet, postage stamps affixed, and postal markings indicated above, are **genuine in all respects**. The cover sheet is in fair state of preservation, a bit soiled, but without creases. The pair of postage stamps has complete margins, well clear of the framelines on all four sides, and is free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. The payment of ten cents represents the United States postage up to the international border. The cover was assessed postage due of 4 1/2 pence ("currency"), which was the normal postage charge "from the lines" to Toronto. A fine classic cover. I have signed it in order to attest to its authenticity.

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