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The Committee is of the opinion that the

GREAT BRITAIN: 1840 entire letter from St Petersburg,
Russia, to London, with boxed ST PETERSBURG/10 NOV
1840" (Julian calendar) Cyrillic handstamp and "Franco",
rated "6 1/2" and "1/8" on reverse, forwarded to Kearsney
Abbey, Dover, onward postage paid by 1840 1d black, Plate
1b, lettered B-B (SG2, Spec AS5), cancelled by red Maltese
Cross, backstamped red (London) 6.12.40 arrival and black
"H/DE 7/1840" despatch datestamps, is genuine.

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RUSSIA/GREAT BRITAIN.

A pre-philatelic lettersheet dateline St. Petersburg, 20.
Nov. 1840 (Georgian Calender) bearing a straight line
"Franco" and "St. Petersburg, 10? Nov. 1840" (Julian
Calender), rated on the reverse "6 1/2" Kop.? and
"1/8" the rate to England via Prussia, but without any
transit markings, addressed to Cox's Hotel, London,
England, where it was rated "N1/8", arriving on Dec. 6.
1840 (Georgian Calender); it was re-addressed by the
Hotel to Kearsney-Abbey and an 1840, 1d. black, plate
1b, lettered BB, imperf., S.G. 2, Scott 1, was added and
cancelled by a Maltese Cross in red with the London date
stamp of Dec. 7. on the reverse. There are no arrival
cancellations. As such it is in my opinion genuine.
A unusual forwarded lettersheet.

