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After a thorough and careful study of the item submitted to me for authentication as EGYPT, 1923* (July), 50 millièmes maroon (of 1921), with diagonal, three-line overprint, typographed in black ('type IV'), of "👑" over Arabic "المملكة المصرية / ١٥ مارس ١٩٢٢" ("The Kingdom of Egypt / 15 March 1922"), a single, postally used example of the


ERROR OF INVERTED OVERPRINT,

Nile Post #D87IVa, Balian #205b, Zeheri #78.IVa, Stanley Gibbons #107a (typo.), Scott #87a (typo.), of which an exact-size, color photograph is affixed to this document. I hereby certify it to be

GENUINE IN ALL RESPECTS

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The 'type IV'  "المملكة المصرية / ١٥ مارس ١٩٢٢" overprint for the large-format stamps (20 mills and 50 mills) was applied at Condon by Harrison and Sons Ltd. to panes of one hundred stamps (ten by ten). The typographic overprinting forme consisted of four electrotyped units, each of twenty-five identical subjects (five by five), which were blocked together to create the actual printing forme of one hundred subjects. The submitted stamp is from position #29 of the unique error pane of one hundred subjects known to have existed with an inverted type IV overprint, and bears the overprint (inverted) intended for position #72 of the pane. The stamp is fully sound. It was once in the collection of the well-known, late philatelist, Dr. William Byam, and was sold as lot #698 in the auction of his collection ("Byam's Egypt", Robson Lowe Ltd., 24th and 25th October, 1961). It is cancelled by a partial postmark of "TANTA | P | ---.24.5-P". It is one of approximately seventeen examples of the error known to survive — fifteen used (all cancelled in July, 1924 at "TANTA") and two unused (one of which has been partly reperforated). To my knowledge, this stamp has not been certified previously by any expert or expert committee. I have applied my "C. F. Hass" authentication mark to its reverse, in black.

*Stamps with type IV overprint did not appear until July of 1923, although type I (lithographed) overprints were issued on 10th October, 1922. C.F.H.



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