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After a thorough and careful study of the item submitted to me for authentication as EGYPT, 1923\*, 15 mills indigo regular issue stamp (circa September, 1922) inscribed "حسبة عشرة مليات" (Arabic denomination expressed in "Maleemar"). with three-line overprint, typographed in black, of bilingual (English over Arabic), "O.H.E.M.S. / الملكية المصرية / الحكومة" ("On His Egyptian Majesty's Service / The Royal Egyptian Government") — an unused single example, hinged on full, original gum, Zeheri Official #28, Balian #215, S.G. #O119, Scott #O29, 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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"O.H.E.M.S."  
الحكومة  
الملكية المصرية

With its overprint applied at Cairo by typography, this submitted stamp is from position #7 of a 15 mills upper pane (separated from the lower pane of a two hundred-subject "A.21" control-numbered press sheet before being overprinted). It is quite fresh-appearing, and is fully sound but for one short perforation tooth at its right-hand vertical edge. It is a product of the second of the four, one hundred-subject settings used in the overprinting of the small-format stamps (the first setting in which movable type was employed — applied to the 4m, 5m, 10m lake and 15m "Maleemar" stamps, and designated as setting "B" by Douglas McNeille). A mere 7000 examples (seventy panes) of the "حسبة عشرة مليات" — inscribed 15 mills value were included in the second-setting "O.H.E.M.S." overprinting, and represent the only application of an 'official service' overprint to that stamp.

\*Although the stamps of the second overprinting are recorded as having been delivered to the Government on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1922, that date is certainly incorrect, given the "B.23" control numbers of the 4m, 5m and 10m panes. Further study is needed to determine the earliest date of their usage, which now appears to have been at some point in mid-1923. CFH



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