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INDIA, 1854.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by the East India Company Administration on October 15th of 1854, "**Queen Victoria**" 4 annas blue and pale red, First Printing (October 1854), Head Die I, Frame Die I, lithographed on medium white wove paper with part of sheet watermark, upright, imperforate, wide spacing, Stanley Gibbons Catalogue #18, used, cancelled with the rhombus of 81 dots, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and I am of the opinion that:

The stamp submitted is **genuine in all respects**, postally used, with large margins, and is entirely free from faults or repairs at this time. The stamp corresponds to **Position 8** in the setting of 12 subjects. I have signed it in order to attest to its quality and authenticity.

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