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## EGYPT, 1932-1933.

I have examined the drawing prepared in 1932 for the production of a series of four postage stamps celebrating the **International Railway Congress** held at Heliopolis in 1933, being a sketch of a postage stamp with bilingual inscriptions relating to the congress, value of "**5 Mills**" and vignette consisting of two locomotives, penned with black ink on a rectangular beige card of 242 x 185 mm. average dimensions. The locomotives are representations of an express passenger locomotive built in 1925 by the North British Locomotive Co., and Engine #68, built in 1862 by Neilson & Co., both acquired by the Egyptian Government. A colour reproduction of this item, reduced to 65% of true size, is on the reverse side of this certificate.

I am of the opinion that this drawing is **genuine in all respects**, being a preliminary sketch which corresponds to the 5 millimes stamp which was issued in 1933 (Stanley Gibbons #189, Scott #168), and was produced by **A. J. Hewitt**, artist at the Survey Department, Government of Egypt, in preparation for that issue, and was based on photographs of the two engines which were supplied to him for the purpose. **A fine and unique item relating to the Railway Congress.** I have signed it.

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