

# ATTEST

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**GREAT BRITAIN:** 1840, 1 Penny black, plate 5, KJ, Michel Cat.-No.1b, Stanley Gibbons No. 2 (SG Spec. AS25), cancelled with black Maltese Cross and fraudulently re-used on lettersheet, ms. note under adhesive "used before" and additional pen-cross obliteration, large handstruck '2d.' in black alongside, dispatched from 'LEEDS FE 23 1842' to Nottingham with "NOTTINGHAM FE 24 1842" c.d.s. on reverse, is -----

----- **genuine** -----

**Quality:** The adhesive has good to very large margins all round, the lettersheet is in a fresh state of preservation. -----

**Postage:** 1d Inland letter rate for a letter not exceeding ½ ounce weight treated as 'unpaid'. The '2d.' handstamp struck in black indicates that the addressee had to pay 1d. postage plus 1d. fine (= 2d. in total) on delivery. -----

**Remarks:** Interesting attempt to defraud the post by using an already cancelled adhesive but detected by the postal officials. A scarce and remarkable example of one of the few surviving instances of one of the attempts to re-use stamps, which was one of the permanent fears of the Post Office even after the major changes from black to red printed adhesives and from red to black obliteration ink in February 1841. -----

### Provenance:

1984, Harmers auction 21 March 1984, lot 694 -----

For identification see illustrations attached inside. -----

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