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ITEM DESCRIPTION

1841 1d red-brown OJ obliterated by a black Greenock Special Maltese Cross.

OBSERVATIONS

Comparison with the registration sheets indicates that the stamp is from Plate 30, which was registered on 6 December 1842.

The cross in question matches reference examples of the Greenock Special Maltese Cross (see illustrations for two examples, and comparison with similar crosses). Rockoff & Jackson (pp. 378-382) recorded the Greenock Special Maltese Cross being used from 28 July 1841 until the end of the Maltese Cross era.

A tiny scissor cut in the margin at bottom-left does not encroach into the design.

SOURCES

S. David Rockoff & Mike Jackson, *Encyclopaedia of the Maltese Cross*, Vol. 3, 2011.

Stanley Gibbons, *Great Britain Specialised Catalogue*, Vol. 1, 16th edn, 2011.

CONCLUSION

In my opinion, the stamp is an 1841 1d red-brown OJ Plate 30 obliterated by a black Greenock Special Maltese Cross, and is genuine. SG Spec. BS19th.

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