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After careful examination of the item submitted to me as EGYPT, 1879 (Jan.), 2 1/2 piastres pale violet of 1874 (wmk upright), perf 12 1/2, unused, with INVERTED SURCHARGE, in black of bilingual "5 PARAS", Zeheri #21c, S.G. #42aI, Scott #27c,

of which an exact-size photograph is affixed, I hereby certify it to be

GENUINE IN ALL RESPECTS

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REMARKS. A total of 170,000 stamps (850 sheets of 200 subjects) were surcharged "5 PARAS". Of that number a few sheets were surcharged upside down (quantity unknown). Very few genuine examples survive. There was also one stamp in each sheet, printed tête-bêche, which therefore received an inverted surcharge. Many were excised from the sheets before distribution to post offices. This stamp is from an inverted sheet, rather than being a tête-bêche example.

C.F.H.

