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MAURITIUS. 1859 (Oct.), "Sherwin" issue, 2d. deep blue on bluish paper, imperf., a horizontal pair, pos. 4-5 on the plate, S.G. 40, Scott 15, unused without gum, is in my opinion genuine. The left hand stamp has a tiny natural paper-hole above the "I" of Mauritius, the right hand stamp has a diagonal scratchmark (?), running from the "R" of Mauritius to the "C" of Pence plus a small corner crease at the extreme right hand corner. The impression is clear and sharp and the stamp is of a bright colour. Only 4 single stamps and this pair are recorded unused of the "Sherwin" issue.

A great rarity.

Ex Ferrari, Dale-Lichtenstein and Kanai Collections.



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