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MAURITIUS. A letter bearing a horizontal pair of the 1859, (Oct.) "Lapirot" issue, 2d. blue, worn impression, pos. 1,2, on the plate, imperf., S.G. 39, Scott 14c, cancelled by an oval of bars with a Crown Circle "Mauritius GPO, Oct. 12. 1859" on the reverse, paying the 4d. rate via Marseille and receiving the cds. "Pays Etr. v. Suez, Amb. B, 4. November 1859" in red, sent via Paris to Bordeaux, where it arrived on the 6. November 1859 and struck by an "8" (deci.) charge in transit. It is in my opinion genuine. The cover is stained. A scarce letter.



*[Handwritten signature in blue ink]*