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The 40 double-line due marking preceded the 30 prior to 1 May 1878, when the 1x letter rate decreased from 25c to 15c. The only proper way to show the 40 marking is on the earlier 25c stamp, when the tax was only 1½ x (raised to nearest 5c), rather than the 2x due on the 15c values.



14 Feb. 1877, Paris / 2 Montmartre 2, taxed 40c at Hebicy (Dept. 73)
the 15th for **attempted reuse** of the stamp



attempted reuse; seized at Valenciennes and taxed, 14 April 1880

with much reduced copies of fronts of original dossiers from Paris (15 April) and Lille (20 April) on prosecution of this felony [original dossiers in exhibitor's collection]