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1863-66: 6 kopek blue, imperforate.
Inscribed "Dispatch under wrapper to the East" in Cyrillic,
typographed in St. Petersburg.

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This is a famous stamp. Trying to find its provenance (still).

Barry -
You have this pair

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EGYPT.

Russian Post Office in Alexandria. 1863-1866: 6 kopeks blue, thin paper, imperforate, typographed in St. Petersburg for use in Russian Post Offices abroad, inscribed "Dispatch under wrapper to the East", margins large to touched and with slight paper repair at base, cancelled by "785" rhomboid of dots obliterator of Alexandria (Smith OB1, Tchilinghirian fig. 255), is, in my opinion a genuine usage. A very rare stamp used in Alexandria.
SG 1. Michel 1x.
Photo below.

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