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DESCRIPTION

1841 1d Red-brown Plate 45 lettered ND on Dated Piece obliterated by a Brown Numeral 242 of Derby.

OBSERVATIONS

Comparisons with the registration sheets confirm that the stamp is from Plate 45, which was put to press on 29 Feb. 1844. The piece bears datestamps of Derby ('DERBY/OC 10/1840/C') and Ashby De La Zouch ('ASHBY DE LA ZOUCHE/SP 12/1844'), the dates being consistent with the use of a Plate 45 stamp. A calibrated high-resolution scan* clearly shows the brown appearance of the obliteration. I do not believe the obliteration has been tampered with, for example by being painted brown. Although not listed in Danzig & Goldsmith, brown Numeral 242 obliterations have been reported elsewhere.

* Scan from an Epson Perfection V600 Photo scanner using VueScan software calibrated with an IT8 reflection target from Wolf Faust in Germany.

SOURCES

Robert Danzig & David Goldsmith, *The Cancellations of the 1841 Penny Red*, 1991.

Stanley Gibbons, *Great Britain Specialised Catalogue*, Vol. 1 Part 1, 1st edn, 2020.

CONCLUSION

In my opinion, the item is an 1841 1d Red-brown Plate 45 lettered ND on Dated Piece obliterated by a Brown Numeral 242 of Derby, and is genuine. SG Spec. BS34xf.

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