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In the OPINION of The EXPERT COMMITTEE the item  
described as

Great Britain : 1840 S.G. No. AS 25

1D black - imperf - plate V - black four -  
used on lettersheet from Charing via Maidstone  
to Ashford with black maltace cross obliterations  
is genuine.

(UNIQUE AS SUCH)

On behalf of the Committee

Submitted by

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EXPERT COMMITTEE

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Date 19-10-2007.....

*The Committee is of the opinion that the*

**Great Britain. 1841 (7 November). Wrapper from Maidstone to Ashford, bearing block of four 1d. Black Plate 5, lettered O-A, O-B/P-A, P-B, all stamps State 2 (S.G. Spec.AS27) is genuine. 'CHARING' undated circle handstamp on the front.**

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# Provenance - Certificate

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## Item:

**Great Britain:** 1840, One Penny black, plate 5, state 2, block of four OA-OB-PA-PB tied by black Maltese Crosses to entire from Maidstone 7 November 1841 to Ashford.

## Provenance:

**1951, ex Sugden collection,** Harmers auction 8/9 January 1951, lot 127: "...fine used on entire...".

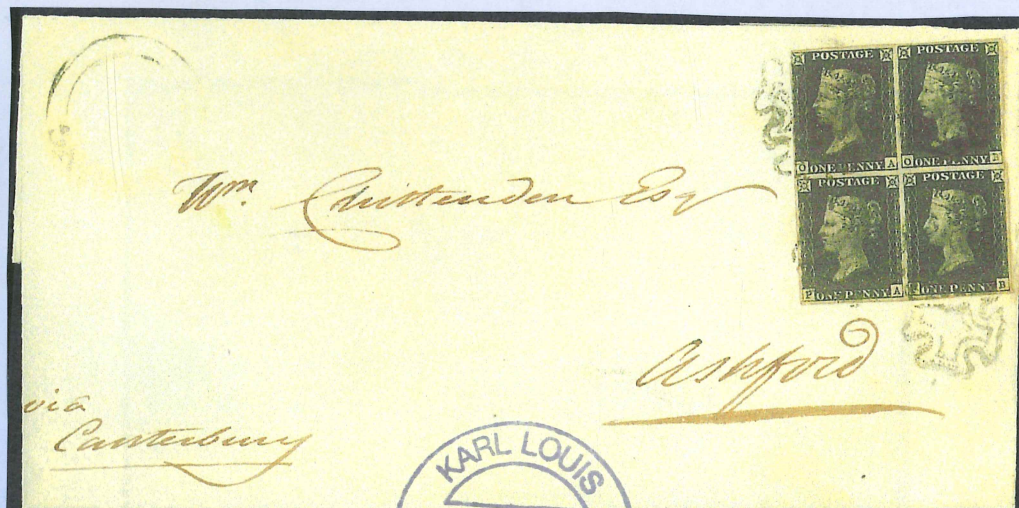
**1952, ex Meroni collection,** John A. Fox auction, New York, 24 October 1952, lot 225.

**2007, ex Victoriana collection,** Spink 4 October 2007, lot 2055, '...clear to large margins....a few minor imperfections.....the block possibly removed and replaced and showing trace of reduced staining though otherwise fine....most attractive block used on cover.

## Scarcity:

Blocks of four are the largest blocks from plate 5 known used on cover with only three such blocks of four recorded. This is the only block of four from plate 5 used on cover obliterated with black Maltese Crosses.

Another plate 5 multiple PA-QD on cover has frequently been offered as a block of eight since 1964 (Robson Lowe auction 6 May 1964, ex Maximus collection 1970; Spink June 2000), but this PA-QD multiple has been repaired (top right margins) and re-joined between 1957 and 1964 from two strips of four to a block of eight and can therefore not be regarded as a block!



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