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## BRITISH GUIANA, 1856.

I have examined the postage stamp issued by the Colonial Administration of British Guiana in January of 1856, "**Official Gazette Provisional**" 4 cents black, imperforate, typographed on magenta surfaced wove paper without watermark, of average thickness 0.100 mm, and bearing the manuscript initials "*E.D.W.*" of E. D. Wight, Scott Catalogue #14; Stanley Gibbons Catalogue #24, used, with the circular datestamp "B G / A 6 C / .. MR / 1857", a colour reproduction of which is below, in true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp submitted is **genuine**, postally used, with margins clear on all sides, very large at top-right and base. There are several creases, of which two crack the stamp's surface. The typeset lettering is entirely legible, the signature is clear and particularly neat. The stamp corresponds to **Position 4** in Townsend's presumed setting. It is certainly one of the largest existing examples of this rare stamp with enormous visual appeal. A rare stamp in far above average condition. In spite of the faults noted above, and given its rarity, I have signed it in order to attest to its authenticity.

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