

# Great Britain

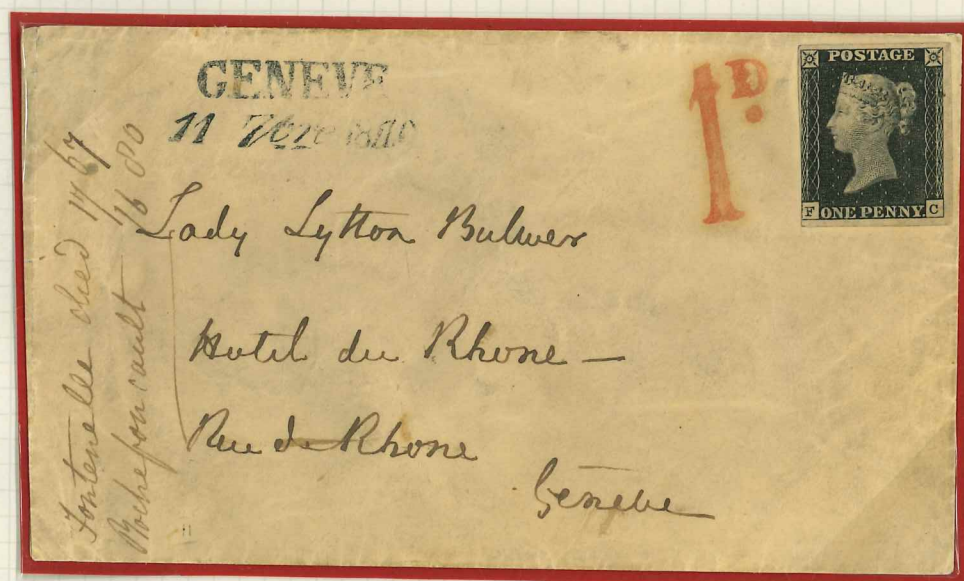
## 1840 One Penny Black

Plate 2, Registered and Put to Press on April 22nd, 1840

Attempted use abroad - Switzerland

GENEVE

11 Zbre 1840



September, 1840, envelope posted in Switzerland to Lady Lytton Bulwer, in Geneva. This is an interesting example of the use of the British 1d. black, the first of all postage stamps, in an attempt to make it serve for postage in a foreign country. The Geneva Post Office did not accept or cancel the adhesive, but struck beside it the "1<sup>D</sup>" (One Decime) handstamp in red. The envelope also bears the Geneva datestamp in black "GENEVE/11 Zbre 1840". This is probably the earliest known example of a postage stamp of one country being used to try to pay the postage in another.

Lady Lytton Bulwer was evidently the wife of Edward Lytton Bulwer. They had quarrelled and in 1836 had a legal separation. He became a Baronet in 1838 and on his mother's death took the surname of Lytton and was created Baron Lytton of Knebworth in 1866. He wrote "The last days of Pompeii" and many other works.

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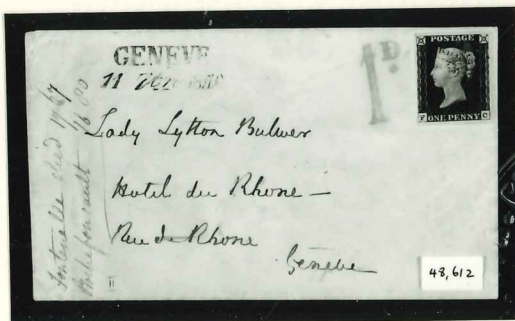
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EXPERT COMMITTEE

14th July, 1998.

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GREAT BRITAIN: 1840 envelope posted in Switzerland,  
to Lady Lytton Bulwer in Geneva, bearing 1840 G.B.  
1d black. Plate Two, F-C, with "GENEVE/11 7bre 1840"  
(11.9.40) date stamp and red 1 decime "1d." Geneva  
due mark, the 1d black not having been accepted  
as payment for postage, is genuine.



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