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I, the undersigned, having carefully and thoroughly examined the following item, submitted to me for authentication as

EGYPT, 1866 (1st January), **2 piastres orangish yellow**, lithographed,

with Turkish-language ^{"عاشق"} overprint typographed in black, on paper with

▲ watermark, an unused example, with near-full, original gum, of the

VARIETY — PERFORATED 12½ x 15,

of which an exact-size, color photograph is affixed and embossed to this document, I hereby certify it to be

GENUINE IN ALL RESPECTS

Identification: 🌸 🌸 Nile Post #D5p, Balian #5e, Stanley Gibbons #5f, Zeheri #5c, Scott #4c. 🌸 🌸

Condition: 🌸 🌸 Fully sound unused, previously hinged on near-full, original gum, its perforation teeth nearly (unusually) intact. 🌸 🌸

Remarks: 🌸 🌸 With its black ^{"عاشق"} overprint applied by typography, and its orangish yellow background printed by stone lithography, this submitted stamp is from a sheet of 200 subjects printed by Stone 'A', the first of the two known background printing stones. Like the majority of the other examples I have seen of the 2 piastres stamp with the 12½ x 15 perforation gauge, it bears an **inverted overprint**. As is characteristic of many stamps with this perforation gauge, the inking of the overprint is not optimal. As a result of this factor, various letter flaws — non-constant imperfections — are apparent in some areas of the overprinted image. The reason for the existence of First Issue stamps with the 12½ x 15 perforation gauge — it is also found on the 10 para stamp and on the 5 piastres stamp with error of 10-piastres overprint — is not known, but all are rare. It is possible that they were experimental in nature, and that they were perforated on the same equipment later used to perforate stamps of the Second Issue (15 x 12½). The 2 piastres denomination with this perforation gauge is not known to have been used postally. To my knowledge, this stamp has not been authenticated previously by any expert or expert committee. I have applied my "C. F. Hass" authentication mark, in purple ink, to its reverse. 🌸 🌸



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