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## GREAT BRITAIN, 1841.

I have examined the folded letter sent from Edinburgh to New York on April 1st of 1843, franked with a horizontal strip of six postage stamps issued by Great Britain in March of 1841, "**Queen Victoria**" 2 pence blue, with white lines, imperforate, on bluish medium wove paper with watermark "*Small Crown*" upright, lettered SA-SF, Stanley Gibbons #14, Scott Catalogue #4, used, cancelled with six strikes of Maltese Cross postmark in black, with red datestamp on reverse "**APR M 1 N 1843**", and also in red the "**BOSTON MS/ SHIP/ APR 9**" transit with "**20c**" alongside, a colour reproduction of which is on the reverse side of this certificate, reduced to 75% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The folded letter, stamps affixed and postal markings are **genuine**, and in good state of preservation. The stamps are printed from **Plate 3**. There are two file creases which affect two stamps in the strip. Margins range from large at bottom, to narrow, and slightly cut in on two stamps. The rate paid was 1 shilling for a packet letter of 1/2 ounce or less to the United States. The letter was written by **James Buchanan**, **15th President of the United States**, during the period when he was a Senator, and contains a fine autograph. I have signed the letter in order to attest to its authenticity.

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