

**Sale Name:** U.S. Marshals Service Stamps Auction

**LOT 3094**



**Seller** Southern District of New York

**Description**

COLLECTIBLE 1840, Great Britain 1p Black on Forwarded Cover from India. Folded cover sent via Calcutta with red G.P.O. Ship Letter Aug. 6, 1840 (Giles SD11) despatch datestamp, addressed to Strand, London, partly clear "SHIP LETTER" straightline handstamp on back, London Dec. 11 arrival backstamp, manuscript rate crossed out, redirected to St. John's Wood, London, with Great Britain, 1840, 1p Black (1; SG 2), lettered D-I, three large to ample margins, touching at bottom, tied by two black Maltese Cross cancels and "STRAND" straightline handstamp FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE USE OF A PENNY BLACK TO PAY FORWARDING POSTAGE ON A FOLDED COVER ORIGINATING IN INDIA. The use of the world's first postage stamp to pay forwarding postage on a letter arriving from India makes this an important postal history artifact for collectors of India or Great Britain, especially those who focus on the famous Penny Black.

**Quantity:** 1



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