

Lot Type Grading Description

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1934-48 HERMES



Lot 485

485 P

B A1

PLATE PROOF: 1/6d perforated plate proof in lilac-purple apparently on the same unwatermarked paper as used for the issued stamps BW #161PP(1), exceptional centring, apparently cut from the sheet, minor blemishes from being affixed to a small piece of backing card (43x34mm). Unpriced in the ACSC, which states "only one example is recorded in private hands".

In recent years, a few stamps alleged to be examples of the plate proof have appeared on the market. These have included an example on cover. Our assessment of those stamps is that the shade is unlike this proof, and that they are almost certainly colour changelings of the issued stamp.

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Lot 486

486 **/*

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ISSUED STAMP: 1/6d dull claret John Ash Imprint block of 16 (4x4) with Retouched Shading above Upper-Left of the Right-Hand Globe BW #161za, the upper row lightly mounted, all other units - including the variety - are unmounted, Cat \$1900++. A very fine block. Multiples larger than blocks of 8 are rarely encountered.

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