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Figure 3: Sierra Leone 1859-74 No Watermark, Sixpence Specimens 6d. dull purple on white paper, imperforate and handstamped "specimen" (D3), affixed to large piece from the De La Rue record entry book showing details of pane make-up and total sheet size, etc. A wonderful and unique archival item. Photo Estimate £800-1,000 Sold for £2,500, lot 1464