

DAVID MACIVER & COMPANY LIMITED

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Cat. No.128.2

The City of Glasgow Steam Packet Company was founded by David MacIver in 1831. Joined by his younger brother in 1835 they formed Davd MacIver & Company. By 1845 this Company was known as D & C MacIver.

In 1863 the son of Charles MacIver (the second David) joined D & C MacIver, Charles MacIver & Company, and the joint Burns MacIver venture. Leaving after 11 years he established a separate steamship company under the old title of David MacIver & Company.

The association between Burns and MacIver ceased in 1881. In the same year a new company the Birkenhead Shipping Company was formed. Yet another change!

In 1894, trading as David MacIver Sons & Company Limited, with Head Office remaining in Liverpool, it was found appropriate to have a London Office at 22, Billiter Street, E.C.

After the first world war the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company gained an interest, the name reverting back to David MacIver & Company Limited. By 1931 the Company was wholly owned by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

Issues Reported

Q.V, 1d Plates: 101, 107, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 143, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 179, 180, 181, 183, 184, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 207, 213, 221, 222.

½d Plates: 13, 14, 15.

6d Plate: 9

2d Plate: 14.

1/- Plate: 5

2½d Plates: 3, 10, 11, 13, 14.

Telegraph 3d rose.

3d Plate: 14.

1880-81 1d venetian red.

4d Plate: 13.

K.E.Vll 2d yellow-green.

Postal Stationery: Postcard - Post Office issue: Q.V. 1879 1d brown (without '& IRELAND'), size 3½in x 4½in.

NOTE: Q.V 1d red Plate 122 is known postmarked with the Irish Diamond killer 157 (Queenstown) dated 12. Ap. 71. This early use seems to indicate a Sloper die.