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Again this has produced correspondence. The first letter to come in was from BRIAN DENNIS who enclosed research on the subject. I publish this, on the next page, exactly as received.

In letters from IAN BURNS and IAN HAMILL the details of dies used are:- 7980.01

4xEVII	Pmk Leith 1904, 06, 07.
2xEVII	Pmk Edinburgh 1904, 10.
1xEVII	Pmk Glasgow 1903.
1x½d Jubilee	Pmk 159 (Glasgow).
2x1d lilac	Pmk London 1893, 97.
1x2½d Jubilee	Pmk London 1897.

Stamps unknown Edinburgh Feb.1910, Grangemouth Nov.1910.

7980.02

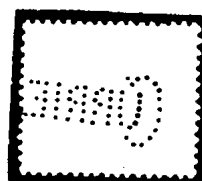
1d Plate 185	Scottish Numeral 2? (Could be 221 Leith?)
1d lilac	Duplex 221 (Leith)

I was prompted by Rosemary Smith's article, in Bulletin 265, on the Currie Perfin to study the copies I have of these patterns - unfortunately none on cover. However, Donald Currie & Co was well known in South Africa as the operator of the Castle Line between England and South Africa and which competed with the Union Line for the contract to carry mail Both merged to form the Union Castle Line in 1900, so the Donald Currie perfins and those of the Union Steamship Co. (types 1420.01 and 1420.02) may not be recorded after February 1900, except for using up stocks.

The 115 stamps I hold of the Currie perfins revealed much about the period of use of each. I can also report two apparently unrecorded items. One is new type - a larger version of 7980.02 and the other is an earlier version of 7980.03 but with a code hole near the top of the "C" - see illustrations.



7980.0x



7980.03 + Code Hole

Perfin Type	Period of Use	No. of Copies	Postmark	S.G.
1. 7980.02	1882-83	3	Grace Church St & Numeral 1	SG157 (Plate 23) SG44 (Plate 20x)
2. 7980.0x	188(6?)	1	London	SG194
3. 7980.03 + code hole	1885	3	London & Numeral 237	SG194
4. 7980.03	1886-1893	44	London	172,194,201 205,207 & 208
5. 7980.01	1893-1900	62	London	172,197,201 207
	1896&1900	2	Glasgow & Edinburgh	197 & 201

Postmark evidence therefore points more towards London usage rather than Leith.