

LEEWARD ISLANDS PERFINED FEES STAMPS

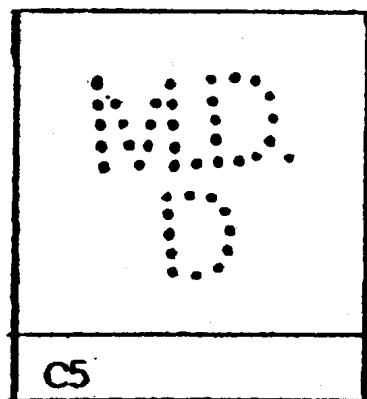
In consequence of the article in Bulletin 324 Pages 14-15 about the above subject, Jeff Turnbull sent me a photocopy of two stamps from his collection. One the Leeward Islands QV **1d dull** mauve & rose postage and revenue stamp mentioned in the original article, and a 1/- value, both perfined "M.C./A. The latter also previously known to have been perfined.

Jeff also sent me a copy of the relevant pages from "The World Perfins Catalogue" (which I am assuming was published by The Perfins Club of America) showing the known perfin dies on Leeward Islands stamps, and the 'MC standing for "Municipal Commisioners?" Note the question mark after the user.

I forwarded the sheets to Ian Jakes, who passed them onto Victor Toeg, who wrote the recognised reference books on these stamps. He in turn wrote to the person who, when Toeg was researching his book, suggested that the "MC" stood for Magistrates Court.

His reply was, "*'Magistrates Court' is in my experience the commonest cancellation in one form or another on fiscally used stamps of the Leeward Islands, and elsewhere in the BWI, but it is a pure guess on my part. You and I discussed the possibilities when you were writing your definitive handbook. 'Municipal Commisioners' is not a title I recognise and it certainly figures in no BWI handstamp I have seen*".

To muddy the waters still further, in the World Perfins Catalogue pages for the Leeward Islands there is an illustration of a further perfin "M.D./D" known used 1938 to ? The suggestion in the catalogue is that this stands for "Municipal Directors?" Any more comments or proof?



The Perfins.

M.C.
A.



"Magistrate's Court
Antigua"



Upright



Sideways



Upright & Sideways





Sideways

M.C.
B.



"Magistrates Court
Barbuda"

Upright



Inverted