

'CURRIE' PERFIN Bulletin 265/12; 266/17; 267/11.

In Bulletin 265 and 266 we were trying to establish a link between DONALD CURRIE & CO., 3 & 4 Fenchurch Street, London with JAMES CURRIE & CO., The Leith, Hull & Hamburg Steam Packet Co., 16 Bernard Street, Leith, and Garth, Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

In Bulletin 267, BRIAN DENNIS explained that Donald Currie & Co. operated the Castle Line between England and South Africa, competing with the Union Line for the mail contract. In 1900 the two lines merged, forming the Union-Castle Line.

None of this information forged the vital connection between Donald and James Currie, except the two companies were both in mail packet shipping.

Now NANCY BARROWCLOUGH has located this cover in her collection. The perfin appears to be C7980.03 (with missing pins as specified in Bulletin 266 Pg.17) and has a clear ABERFELDY C.D.S. It is from James Currie & Co to Donald Currie & Co - a very tenuous link but the only one so far. Nancy wonders who was Captain Wisely, RE.

