



Between 1878 and 1881 Clan Line activities were restricted to the Indian trade. At that time there were no facilities from Scotland or the North of England for direct shipments to South Africa. Feeling at a great disadvantage to their rivals in the south, Glasgow and Liverpool shippers approached Sir Charles Cayzer, Bart., and promised their support if he would run a line of steamers to South Africa. In 1881 Sir Charles inaugurated a service from Scotland and

the north of England to South Africa. *Clan Lamont* (2,048 tons) undertook the first sailing on this route. The Clan Line's pioneer reached Cape Town in October that year. She was a single-decked iron screw steamer built in 1879 by A. Stephens of Glasgow. She was lost off Ceylon in May 1891. Our picture is of an oil painting now hanging in the boardroom at Cayzer House.

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