

1886 – 1887.

Group II. Violet printing on blue granite paper without embossing.
Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 27:
24 January 1886.



SACC 27:
24 April 1886.



SACC 27:
24 November 1886.



SACC 32:
21 May 1886.



SACC 32:
21 May 1886.
Stamp with top wing margin.



SACC 35:
21 May 1886.



SACC 42:
2 July 1886.



20 January 1886 to 20 January 1887.

Group III. Violet printing on yellow paper with Arms of New Republic embossing.
Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 48:
30 June 1886.



SACC 48a:
7 July 1886 (not listed in SACC).
Variety: Embossing inverted.
Stamp with bottom wing margin.



SACC 49:
2 December 1886.
Stamp with top wing margin.



SACC 49a:
2 December 1886.
Variety: Embossing inverted.

20 January 1886 to 20 January 1887.

Group IV. Violet printing on blue granite paper with Arms of New Republic embossing.
Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 52:
7 July 1886.



SACC 53:
2 December 1886.



SACC 53a:
2 December 1896.
Variety: Embossing inverted.

February to March 1887.

Group V: Violet printing on blue granite paper with Arms of New Republic embossing. Date omitted.
Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 54:



SACC 55:
Stamp with bottom wing margin.



SACC 57:



SACC 57:



SACC 58:



SACC 58a:
Variety: Embossing inverted.



SACC 59:



SACC 59:

March 1887.

Group VI: Violet printing on yellow paper with Arms of New Republic embossing. Date omitted.
Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 63:



SACC 64b:
Variety: Embossing inverted.



SACC 66:



SACC 71:



SACC 73:



SACC 75:



SACC 75:
Variety: Embossing inverted.



SACC 77:

1886 – 1887.

Group I. Violet printing on yellow paper without embossing.

Perforation 11.5. No watermark.



SACC 3:
30 August 1886.
(Not listed in SACC).



SACC 3:
24 November 1886.



SACC 3:
24 November 1886.
Stamp with bottom wing margin.



SACC 4:
6 September 1886.



SACC 5:
13 October 1886.



SACC 6:
6 September 1886.



SACC 7:
13 October 1886.



SACC 13:
30 August 1886.



SACC 13:
13 October 1886.
(Not listed in SACC).



SACC 16:
January 1886.



SACC 25:
24 November 1886.



New Republic: 1884 - 1888

During unrest following the death of Zulu King, Cetshwayo in 1884, a group of Boers from the Transvaal offered their support to his son Dinzulu. The price for his support was the concession of a sizeable portion of the Zulu territory to an independent Boer republic.

The New Republic based in Vryheid was proclaimed on 16 August 1884 with the remaining Zulu territory becoming a protectorate of the new administration. Alarmed by these developments the British authorities annexed the southernmost part of the land around St. Lucia Bay to prevent access to the Indian Ocean. The remainder of the New Republic was however recognised as independent on 22 October 1886. Zululand was annexed by the British on 22 May 1887.

When difficulties beset the New Republic its Volksraad voted for union with the South African Republic (Transvaal). The two Republics united on 21 July 1888. In 1903 the territory of the former New Republic was transferred to Natal. Mail from Vryheid in 1884 – 1885 was franked with issues of Transvaal (for dispatches made via Utrecht or Dundee). Issues of the new Republic were never accepted as internationally valid by these administrators so that all external mail continued to show Transvaal or Natal stamps used in combination with those of the Republic.

The stamps were produced when stocks were required, each printing including in its design the date on which it was prepared. The dates quoted for numbers 1 – 53 are those on which the various stamps first appeared. Details of the various printing dates are given below. From these dates it can be seen that some values were produced se-tenant within the same sheet, at least in some instances. A reported proof sheet in the Pretoria Postal Museum, on yellow paper and embossed contains examples of different value on the same sheet.

The significance of the two coloured papers and the use of the embossing machine have never been satisfactorily explained. Both the different papers and the embossing machine were introduced in January 1886 and occur throughout the period in which stamps with dates were issued.