

HISTORY
OF THE
BRITISH COLONIES.

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GENERAL POST-OFFICE, JAMAICA. The mails for all parts of the island are closed at four, P. M. every Saturday, and dispatched from the General Post-office the same day, at six, P. M. The return mails arrive at ten, A. M. every Thursday, and the letters are delivered at the General Post-office the same day, at noon. An extra mail for Spanish Town leaves the General Post-office, at nine, A. M. every Friday, and arrives again the following day, at eight, A. M. The rates of postage are from 7½*d.* to 1*s.* 3*d.* for single letters, according to distance.

Two packets are dispatched monthly from Great Britain for this island. The first sails from Falmouth on the Saturday after the first Wednesday; touches on her passage at Barbadoes, St. Vincent's, and Grenada; and after her arrival at Port Royal, where she remains two days, proceeds to Carthagena, where she remains until the mail, that is dispatched from Bogota on the 25th of every month, arrives, and, after her return to Port Royal, proceeds to Falmouth, touching at the Crooked Islands on her way home. Three Saturdays must intervene between her first arrival at, and final sailing from, Port Royal, and, unless postponed by the Governor, she sails on the Tuesday following the last Saturday. The second sails from Falmouth, on the Saturday after the third Wednesday, and heaves to off Jacmel to land a mail for St. Domingo. After arriving at Port Royal, she remains two days, when she proceeds to Belize, Honduras, where she remains two days; and from thence to Zampico, where she leaves for la Vera Cruz, and afterwards returns to Zampico, in doing which she is occupied ten or twelve days; and then proceeds to the Havanna, where she again remains two days; and finally prosecutes her voyage from thence to Falmouth, G. B. The mail for Great Britain is made up at the General Post-office, on the Monday previous to the sailing of the first packet, at four, P. M. The first packet is expected from Great Britain about the 20th of every month, and, if she arrives between Saturday and Tuesday inclusive, the mails for the country are forwarded by express. The second packet

may be looked for about a week after the former, in consequence of her not having to call at the Windward Islands in her route. There is no express post for the second packet.