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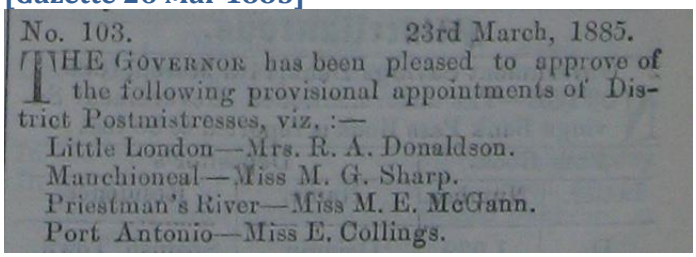
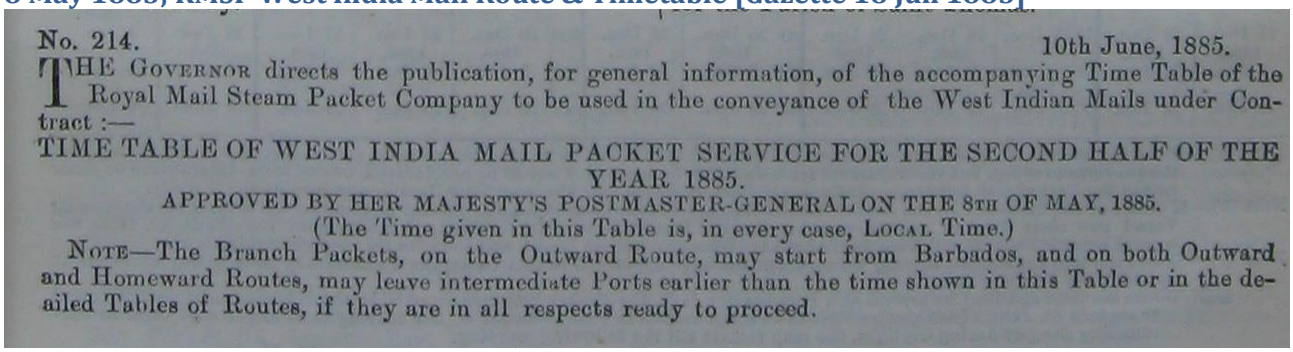


No. 103. 23rd March, 1885.

THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to approve of the following provisional appointments of District Postmistresses, viz. :—

Little London—Mrs. R. A. Donaldson.
Manchioneal—Miss M. G. Sharp.
Priestman's River—Miss M. E. McGann.
Port Antonio—Miss E. Collings.

8 May 1885; RMSP West India Mail Route & Timetable [Gazette 18 Jun 1885]



No. 214. 10th June, 1885.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the accompanying Time Table of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to be used in the conveyance of the West Indian Mails under Contract :—

TIME TABLE OF WEST INDIA MAIL PACKET SERVICE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR 1885.

APPROVED BY HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON THE 8TH OF MAY, 1885.

(The Time given in this Table is, in every case, LOCAL Time.)

NOTE—The Branch Packets, on the Outward Route, may start from Barbados, and on both Outward and Homeward Routes, may leave intermediate Ports earlier than the time shown in this Table or in the detailed Tables of Routes, if they are in all respects ready to proceed.

OUTWARD ROUTE.

TABLE No. 1.

Southampton to Barbados. | Barbados to Colon.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Southampton.	Arrive at Barbados.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Jamaica.	Arrive at Colon.
	6 P.M. Thursday.	7 A.M. Wednesday.	9 A.M. Thursday.	8 A.M. Monday.	7 A.M. Thursday.
1	2 July	15 July	16 July	20 July	23 July
3	16 July	29 July	30 July	3 Aug.	6 Aug.
5	30 July	12 Aug.	13 Aug.	17 Aug.	20 Aug.
7	13 Aug.	26 Aug.	27 Aug.	31 Aug.	3 Sept.
9	27 Aug.	9 Sept.	10 Sept.	14 Sept.	17 Sept.
11	10 Sept.	23 Sept.	24 Sept.	28 Sept.	1 Oct.
13	24 Sept.	7 Oct.	8 Oct.	12 Oct.	15 Oct.
15	8 Oct.	21 Oct.	22 Oct.	26 Oct.	29 Oct.
17	22 Oct.	4 Nov.	5 Nov.	9 Nov.	12 Nov.
19	5 Nov.	18 Nov.	19 Nov.	23 Nov.	26 Nov.
21	19 Nov.	2 Dec.	3 Dec.	7 Dec.	10 Dec.
23	3 Dec.	16 Dec.	17 Dec.	21 Dec. 1886.	24 Dec. 1886.
25	17 Dec.	30 Dec. 1886.	31 Dec. 1886.	4 Jan.	7 Jan.
27	31 Dec.	13 Jan.	14 Jan.	18 Jan.	21 Jan.

TABLE No. 2.

Barbados to Demerara.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Demerara
	2 P.M. Wednesday.	6 A.M. Friday.
29	15 July	17 July
31	29 July	31 July
33	12 Aug.	14 Aug.
35	26 Aug.	28 Aug.
37	9 Sept.	11 Sept.
39	23 Sept.	25 Sept.
41	7 Oct.	9 Oct.
43	21 Oct.	23 Oct.
45	4 Nov.	6 Nov.
47	18 Nov.	20 Nov.
49	2 Dec.	4 Dec.
51	16 Dec.	18 Dec. 1886.
53	30 Dec. 1886.	1 Jan.
55	13 Jan.	15 Jan.

TABLES No. 3 AND No. 4.

Barbados to Trinidad and Tobago.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Trinidad.	Arrive at Tobago.
	8 P.M. Wednesday.	7 A.M. Friday.	3 A.M. Saturday.
57	15 July	17 July	.....
59	29 July	31 July	1 Aug.
61	12 Aug.	14 Aug.	.....
63	26 Aug.	28 Aug.	29 Aug.
65	9 Sept.	11 Sept.	.....
67	23 Sept.	25 Sept.	26 Sept.
69	7 Oct.	9 Oct.	.....
71	21 Oct.	23 Oct.	24 Oct.
73	4 Nov.	6 Nov.	.....
75	18 Nov.	20 Nov.	21 Nov.
77	2 Dec.	4 Dec.	.....
79	16 Dec.	18 Dec. 1886.	19 Dec. 1886.
81	30 Dec. 1886.	1 Jan.	.....
83	13 Jan.	15 Jan.	16 Jan.

TABLE No. 5.

Barbados to St. Thomas.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at St. Thomas.
	5 P.M. Wednesday.	4 P.M. Sunday.
85	15 July	19 July
87	29 July	2 Aug.
89	12 Aug.	16 Aug.
91	26 Aug.	30 Aug.
93	9 Sept.	13 Sept.
95	23 Sept.	27 Sept.
97	7 Oct.	11 Oct.
99	21 Oct.	25 Oct.
101	4 Nov.	8 Nov.
103	18 Nov.	22 Nov.
105	2 Dec.	6 Dec.
107	16 Dec.	20 Dec. 1886.
109	30 Dec. 1886	3 Jan.
111	13 Jan.	17 Jan.

HOMEWARD ROUTE.

TABLE No. 5.

St. Thomas to Barbados

No. of Voyage.	Leave St. Thomas.	Arrive at Barbados.
	8 P.M. Thursday.	7 A.M. Monday.
2	23 July	27 July
4	6 Aug.	10 Aug.
6	20 Aug.	24 Aug.
8	3 Sept.	7 Sept.
10	17 Sept.	21 Sept.
12	1 Oct.	5 Oct.
14	15 Oct.	19 Oct.
16	29 Oct.	2 Nov.
18	12 Nov.	16 Nov.
20	26 Nov.	30 Nov.
22	10 Dec.	14 Dec.
24	24 Dec. 1886,	28 Dec. 1886.
26	7 Jan.	11 Jan.
28	21 Jan.	25 Jan.

TABLES No. 3 AND No. 4.

Tobago and Trinidad to Barbados.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Tobago.	Leave Trinidad.	Arrive at Barbados.
	6 P.M. Friday.	5 P.M. Saturday.	7 A.M. Monday.
30	.....	25 July	27 July
32	7 Aug.	8 Aug.	10 Aug.
34	.....	22 Aug.	24 Aug.
36	4 Sept.	5 Sept.	7 Sept.
38	.....	19 Sept.	21 Sept.
40	2 Oct.	3 Oct.	5 Oct.
42	.....	17 Oct.	19 Oct.
44	30 Oct.	31 Oct.	2 Nov.
46	.....	14 Nov.	16 Nov.
48	27 Nov.	28 Nov.	30 Nov.
50	.....	12 Dec.	14 Dec.
52	25 Dec.	26 Dec. 1886.	28 Dec. 1886.
54	..... 1886.	9 Jan.	11 Jan.
56	22 Jan.	23 Jan.	25 Jan.

TABLE No 2.

Demerara to Barbados.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Demerara	Arrive at Barbados.
	10 A.M. Saturday.	Midnight Sunday.
58	25 July (c).	26 July
60	8 Aug.	9 Aug.
62	22 Aug.	23 Aug.
64	5 Sept.	6 Sept.
66	19 Sept.	20 Sept.
68	3 Oct.	4 Oct.
70	17 Oct.	18 Oct.
72	31 Oct.	1 Nov.
74	14 Nov.	15 Nov.
76	28 Nov.	29 Nov.
78	12 Dec.	13 Dec.
80	26 Dec. 1886.	27 Dec. 1886.
82	9 Jan.	10 Jan.
84	23 Jan.	24 Jan.

TABLE No. 1.

Colon to Barbados. | Barbados to Plymouth.

No. of Voyage.	Leave Colon.	Leave Jamaica.	Arrive at Barbados.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Plymouth.
	9 A.M. Sunday.	4 P.M. Wednesday.	5 P.M. Sunday.	5 P.M. Monday.	10 P.M. Saturday.
86	19 July (a).	22 July	26 July	27 July (b).	8 Aug.
88	2 Aug.	5 Aug.	9 Aug.	10 Aug.	22 Aug.
90	16 Aug.	19 Aug.	23 Aug.	24 Aug.	5 Sept.
92	30 Aug.	2 Sept.	6 Sept.	7 Sept.	19 Sept.
94	13 Sept.	16 Sept.	20 Sept.	21 Sept.	3 Oct.
96	27 Sept.	30 Sept.	4 Oct.	5 Oct.	17 Oct.
98	11 Oct.	14 Oct.	18 Oct.	19 Oct.	31 Oct.
100	25 Oct.	28 Oct.	1 Nov.	2 Nov.	14 Nov.
102	8 Nov.	11 Nov.	15 Nov.	16 Nov.	28 Nov.
104	22 Nov.	25 Nov.	29 Nov.	30 Nov.	12 Dec.
106	6 Dec.	9 Dec.	13 Dec.	14 Dec.	26 Dec.
108	20 Dec. 1886.	23 Dec. 1886.	27 Dec. 1886.	28 Dec. 1886.	9 Jan. 1886.
110	3 Jan.	6 Jan.	10 Jan.	11 Jan.	23 Jan.
112	17 Jan.	20 Jan.	24 Jan.	25 Jan.	6 Feb.

Note (a).—If the Homeward Mails, &c. are embarked in time, and the Packet be in all other respects ready, she may start from Colon the previous evening, but the departure from Jamaica homeward is not to be accelerated, unless from Quarantine or other causes the Packet may have to coal at another Port, in which case she may leave Jamaica as soon as she is ready.

Note (b).—If either of the Steamers on the Branch Routes has not reached Barbados, the Packet is to await the arrival of the missing Vessel two clear days, if necessary; otherwise the Packet is to start for England the moment the Mails, &c. from the several Branch Packets and from Barbados have been received on board, and she is in all respects ready for sea.

Note (c).—Should the tide not suit for leaving Demerara at the hour appointed in this Table, the Packets may leave at any earlier hour at which the tide may suit.

☞ Where the time specified for arrival at a Port is after dark, the Packet may remain outside the Harbour until daylight; and as regards St. John's (Antigua), unless the Packet arrives in time to admit of her leaving so as to get well clear of surrounding dangers during daylight, she may remain till the following morning.

By command,

E. N. WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

30 Jun 1885; RMSP Timetable, Inland Mail Impact [Gazette 2 Jul 1885]

General Post Office, 30th June, 1885.

Mail Communication between the United Kingdom and Jamaica.

THE New Contract of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company commences at Jamaica on Wednesday, 8th July, at 4 p.m., with the despatch from Kingston of the Homeward Mail. The First Inward Mail will be due at Kingston on Monday, 20th July, at 8 a.m.

The Service will, in future, be as under:—Due at Kingston at 8 a.m. on July 4, and on Monday, July 20, August 3, 17, 31. Depart from Kingston at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 22, August 5, 19, September 2, and so on—being timed to arrive on each alternate Monday and to leave on the following Wednesday.

The following abstract, shewing the Contract Time for arrival of the Inward Packet Mail, and for despatch of the Return Express, at some of the principal District Post Offices, is also published for general information :—

District Post Office.	Probable Arrival,		Actual Despatch.	
St. Ann's Bay	Monday	9.45 p.m.	Tuesday	11.15 p.m.
Falmouth	Tuesday	4.0 a.m.	Tuesday	5.0 p.m.
Montego Bay	Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Tuesday	1.30 p.m.
Lucea	Tuesday	Noon.	Tuesday	9.0 a.m.
Mandeville	Monday	4.55 p.m.	Wednesday.	3.20 a.m.
Black River	Tuesday	12.25 a.m.	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Sav.-la-Mar	Tuesday	6.5 a.m.	Tuesday	1.50 p.m.
Port Antonio	Tuesday	4.24 a.m.	Tuesday	4.30 p.m.
Port Maria	Monday	9.32 p.m.	Tuesday	10.30 p.m.

The time of Arrival may vary, that of Despatch is fixed.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

1 Jul 1885; RMSP Halifax-Bermuda-Jamaica Timetable [Gazette 16 Jul 1885]

No. 251. 11th July, 1885.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Time Table of the Halifax, Bermuda and Jamaica Mail Packet Service, from July to December, 1885 :—

Pro Formâ Time Table of the Halifax, Bermuda and Jamaica Mail Packet Service from July to December, 1885. Approved by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General on the 2nd of June, 1885—

OUTWARDS.						HOMEWARDS.					
Leave Halifax.		Arrive at Bermuda.		Arrive at Jamaica.		*Leave Jamaica.		Arrive at Bermuda.		Arrive at Halifax.	
Monday.		Friday		Wednesday		Thursday		Tuesday		Sunday	
27	July	31	July	5	August	6	August	11	August	16	August
24	August	28	August	2	September	3	September	8	September	13	September
21	September	25	September	30	"	1	October	6	October	11	October
19	October	23	October	28	October	29	"	3	November	8	November
16	November	20	November	25	November	26	November	1	December	6	December
14	December	18	December	23	December	24	December	29	"	3	1886. January

* In the event of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Packet from Colon having reached Jamaica, and the Mails for Bermuda and Halifax being embarked, the Packet may depart earlier than the dates set down.

NOTE.—The Packet will be at liberty to call at Turk's Islands on the voyage in each direction whenever arrangements have been made for such service with the Government of the Island of Jamaica.

By command, E. N. WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

1 Aug 1885; Money Orders – Countries Extension [Gazette 6 Aug 1885]

General Post Office, 29th July, 1885,

FOREIGN MONEY ORDERS.

MONEY Orders payable in CONSTANTINOPLE, GIBRALTAR and SMYRNA, will be issued by this Office on and after the 1st August next.

Rate of Commission the same as to the United Kingdom.

Orders drawn at either of those places will be paid on presentation here, in due course.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

General Post Office, 29th July, 1885.

THROUGH MONEY ORDERS.

Exchange between Jamaica and certain places abroad.

ON and after the 1st August now next *Money Orders* will be drawn by this Office on the undermentioned Foreign Countries and British Colonies, and be paid through the intervention of the Imperial Post Office.

The rate of commission will be the same as to the United Kingdom.

But to cover cost of transmission beyond the United Kingdom a sum equal to *One Third* of the commission collected in Jamaica will be deducted from the amount of each order before payment.

The Payee will receive a Money Order corrected accordingly, either from the London Post Office or from the Chief Money Order Office of the Country in which payment is to be made; and the Money Order Form issued under these regulations by this Department., being only of value as a receipt for the amount paid into the Jamaica Office, must be retained by the Remitter.

It is, therefore, important that the *full name and address of the Payee* should be correctly furnished in each case.

On similar terms Through Money Orders drawn on Jamaica by either of the Countries or Colonies named will be paid by this Department.

List of Foreign Countries and British Colonies transacting Money Order business with the United Kingdom, and with which a Through Money Order Exchange has been authorized :—

Foreign Countries.

Belgium	Iceland
Denmark	Italy
Dutch East Indies	Japan
Egypt	Norway
German Empire	Portugal
Holland	Sweden

Switzerland.

British India.

including the Agencies of the Indian Post Office at

Aden	Guadur
Bagdad	Jask
Bunder Abbas	Linga
Bushire	Muscat
Busrah	Zanzibar.

British Colonies.

Australia :—

New South Wales	Tasmania
Queensland	Victoria
South Australia	Western Australia.

Bermuda
Ceylon
Falkland Islands
Hong Kong, including the Agencies of the Hong Kong Post Office at—

Amoy	Hoihow
Canton	Ningpo
Foo Chow	Shangai
Hankow	Swatow.

Malta
Newfoundland
New Zealand
South and West Africa :—

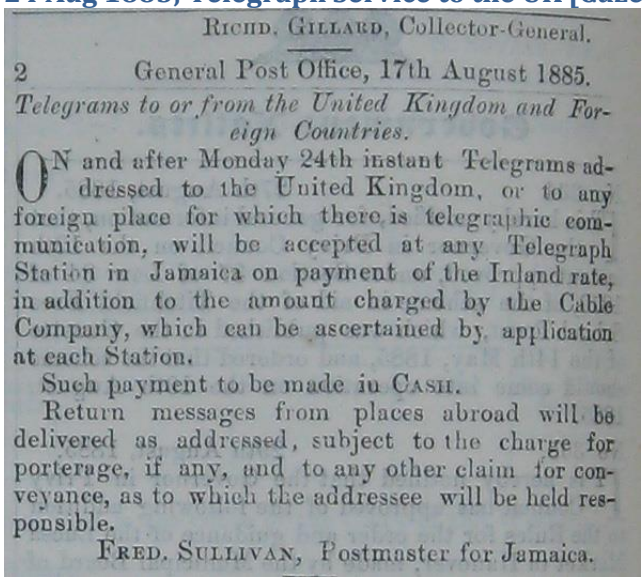
Cape Colony	Mauritius
Gambia	Natal
Gold Coast	St. Helena
Lagos	Seychelles

Sierra Leone.

Cyprus
North Borneo.

Fred. Sullivan,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

24 Aug 1885; Telegraph Service to the UK [Gazette 3 Sep 1885]



RICHD. GILLARD, Collector-General.

2 General Post Office, 17th August 1885.

Telegrams to or from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.

ON and after Monday 24th instant Telegrams addressed to the United Kingdom, or to any foreign place for which there is telegraphic communication, will be accepted at any Telegraph Station in Jamaica on payment of the Inland rate, in addition to the amount charged by the Cable Company, which can be ascertained by application at each Station.

Such payment to be made in CASH.

Return messages from places abroad will be delivered as addressed, subject to the charge for porterage, if any, and to any other claim for conveyance, as to which the addressee will be held responsible.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

30 Sep 1885; Parcel Posts to UK Regulations & Rates [Gazette 5 Oct 1885]

Government Notices.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

No. 340—(2) 30th September, 1885.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Regulations made by His Excellency under Section 47 of Law 18 of 1868, for the transmission of Parcels not exceeding 7lbs in weight by Post between Jamaica and the United Kingdom.

The system comes into operation on and from the 1st proximo :—

Rates of Postage.

For a Parcel :—

Not exceeding 1lb. in weight ... 9d.

For each pound or fraction of a pound additional 9d.

These rates carry the Parcel to destination without further postage.

Dimensions.

Greatest length	...	...	2 feet.
Greatest girth	...	...	4 feet.

Pre-payment.

The postage must, in all cases, *be paid in advance*, and by means of postage stamps, which must be affixed by the Sender, and no Parcel will be accepted for transmission which is not sufficiently prepaid.

Address, &c., and Mode of Posting.

Each Parcel must be plainly directed, such direction setting forth the name and full address of the person for whom the Parcel is intended. It should bear the words "Parcel Post" in the upper left hand corner, and the name and address of the Sender. The date of posting should also be added. A Parcel must not be posted in a Letter Box but must be taken into a Post Office, and presented at the counter to the Postmaster or person in charge.

Certificates of Posting.

A Certificate of posting may be obtained, if desired, by the person posting a Parcel, but no liability attaches to the Post Office in respect thereof.

Customs Declaration.

Parcels will be liable to Customs duties and regulations, and the Sender of each Parcel will be required to make a Customs declaration furnishing—upon a special form provided for the purpose and which can be obtained at any Post Office—an accurate statement of the contents and value, the date of posting, and the Sender's signature and place of abode. Customs duties will be collected before delivery.

In the case of Parcels addressed to any District Office, such duty must be paid in Kingston before despatch to destination.

Forbidden Articles.

No Parcel containing dangerous articles, perishable articles, articles likely to injure other Parcels, liquids (unless securely packed in proper cases), or any Contraband article or substance will be accepted for transmission. A Parcel must not contain another Parcel or other Postal Packet intended for delivery to a person other than the Addressee of the first-named Parcel.

Parcels containing articles of an aggregate value exceeding £50 will not be accepted for transmission.

Re-direction of Parcels.

Parcels redirected from one address to another will be surcharged a fresh postage at the prepaid rate.

If a Parcel cannot be delivered as addressed, or is refused, the Sender, if his address be given on the Parcel, will be communicated with by the Post Office as to the manner in which the Parcel shall be disposed of.

If returned or redirected from one country to another the Parcel will be charged a full rate of postage.

Undelivered Parcels.

Parcels which cannot be delivered will be kept for a reasonable time before being finally disposed of.

Packing of Parcels.

Parcels should be securely and substantially packed and closed by the Sender, and in some cases seals may be found necessary. If wax is used it should be of the special quality which will withstand a hot climate.

16 Oct 1885; Postmasters at Alexandria, Anchovy, Bull Bay, Golden Spring, Lluidas Vale, Montego Bay, Morant Bay, Port Morant [Gazette 22 Oct 1885]

No. 355. 16th October, 1885.

THE GOVERNOR has approved of the appointment of the following District Postmasters and Postmistresses :—

Mr. C. Helwig—Alexandria.
Miss J. Popkins—Anchovy.
Mrs. J. Smicle—Bull Bay.
Mrs. E. W McGann—Golden Spring.
Mr. A. H. Ainsworth—Lluidas Vale.
Miss E. Cooper—Montego Bay.
Miss M. E. Bell—Morant Bay.
Mr. R. B. McGill—Port Morant.

23 Dec 1885; RMSP West India Mail Contract & Schedule[Gazette 24 Dec 1885]

No. 429. 23rd December, 1885.

THE MAJOR GENERAL ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT directs the publication, for general information, and as an answer to the several Memorials received and transmitted by the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the following letters from the General Post Office to the Colonial Office on the subject of the West India Mail Contract.

By command,

E. N. WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

The Post Office to the Colonial Office.

Copy—No. 329 L.

General Post Office, London,
24th July, 1885.

Sir,

I have laid before the Postmaster General your letter of the 23rd of last month, enclosing copy of a despatch from the Governor of Jamaica, in which he calls attention to the disadvantage which that colony will suffer, under the new West India Contract, by the curtailment of the period which has hitherto been available at Jamaica for replying to letters, between the arrival of the Mail from England and the departure of the next Mail for England.

Reference is made to a *pro formâ* Time Table which was prepared before the new Contract was entered into, and which gave an interval of 3 days and 19 hours between the arrival and departure, whereas under the actual Time Table appended to the Contract the interval is reduced to 2 days and 8 hours.

The difference thus shown is accounted for by the circumstance that, in framing the first Time Table,

the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company assumed Saturday as the probable day of departure of the Packet from Southampton, and by shortening the stay at Barbados, shewed an earlier arrival at both Jamaica and Colon although, as the Company now state, the stay at Barbados under that plan would have been much shorter than could be desired. On proceeding, however, to settle the actual Time Table, in accordance with the Contract, Saturday was found to be an unsuitable day for the departure from Southampton, and Thursday was eventually decided upon as the most convenient day of the week for the purpose. It was then found that no advantage would be obtained, as regards the arrival at Colon, by curtailing the stop at Barbados, and that such curtailment would have the disadvantage of bringing the Packet to Jamaica on a Sunday afternoon, which would no doubt have been inconvenient to the colony. In these circumstances the stay at Barbados was extended to 26 hours, and the stay at Jacmel to 2 hours, so as to make the hour of arrival at Jamaica 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

The question has been considered whether the difficulty could be met by an alteration of the homeward arrangements, and by so delaying the departure of the Packet from Colon as to make its arrival at Jamaica somewhat later, and thus increase the interval between the outward and homeward mails; but this cannot be done without retarding the arrival of the Packet at Plymouth to the same extent, thus giving a later delivery of the West India Mail throughout the United Kingdom, and also curtailing the interval for replies, which is now only three days.

Lord John Manners feels sure that Colonel Stanley will readily appreciate the great difficulty of arranging a service like that of the West India Mails, so as to give complete satisfaction to all the colonies concerned, as well as to secure, the interests of the Mother Country; and, while His Lordship regrets that some inconvenience as regards the interval for replies will result to the important Colony of Jamaica under the new arrangements, he is satisfied that on the whole the Time Tables have been prepared with a due regard to the common weal, so far as it is possible to reconcile conflicting interests and claims.

And it may be well to remember that a great improvement of the Mail Service with Jamaica is effected under the new Contract by shortening the course of post between England and Jamaica to the extent of three or four days.

At the same time, while unable to remove immediately the inconvenience complained of by the Government of Jamaica, Lord John Manners desires to assure Colonel Stanley that the point shall be borne in mind in any revision of the existing Time Table that may become necessary, as His Lordship would gladly find an opportunity of effecting, as far as may be practicable, an amelioration of the service between this country and Jamaica.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) S. A. BLACKWOOD.

Sir R. G. W. Herbert, K.C.B,
Colonial Office.

(Copy.)

The General Post Office to the Colonial Secretary.

Reg. No. 461 L:

General Post Office, London,
23rd October, 1885.

Sir,

The Postmaster General has had under consideration your letter of the 10th instant, covering a further despatch from the Governor of Jamaica on the subject of the Packet Service under the new Contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

The details now set forth by the Governor serve to emphasize the remarks made in the letter of the 24th of July from this Department, concerning the great difficulty of meeting fully the desires of all parties concerned.

The inconvenience attending the abridgment of the interval for replying to correspondence, between the arrival of the outward packet at Jamaica and the departure of the homeward packet, having been represented to the Postmaster General, an endeavour was made to reduce that inconvenience.

By shortening the stop at Barbados and at Jacmel, and by performing the service at a better speed than the Contract provides, the Company as in practice managed to bring the outward packet into Kingston harbour on each occasion 24 hours before time table time, and so afford a long interval.

But this earlier arrival takes place on Sunday morning; and it now appears that Jamaica leans strongly in favour of having no work done in its capital on Sunday.

If the Company could be induced to drive the outward packet faster still and get her to Kingston on Saturday evening, Jamaica would, it seems, object to the arrangement on the score that people out of the capital would have to work on Sunday.

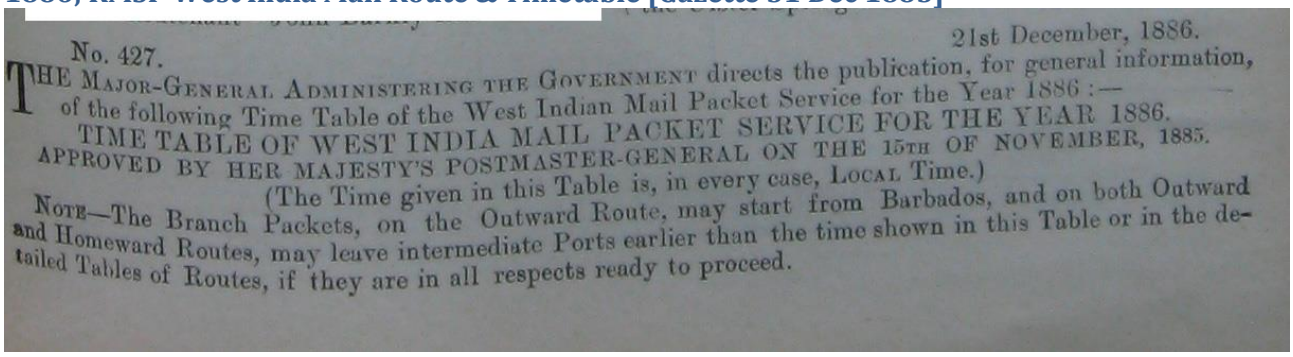
The Postmaster General understands that nothing short of a departure from England on Saturday, so as to secure an arrival at Jamaica on Wednesday or perhaps Tuesday, will satisfy the colony; and I am directed to state that the question of such a change in the arrangements had been exhaustively examined before Colonel Stanley was informed that a Saturday departure was impracticable, and that the actual arrangement was, all things considered, the best that could be devised in the general interest.

Lord John Manners directs me to acquaint you, for the Secretary of State's information, that, having attentively considered the further representation from Jamaica, his Lordship is still unable to make the change desired, but that he will, as previously stated, bear the wishes of the colonial community in mind in the event of any future alteration of the service.

I am &c., (Signed.) S. A. BLACKWOOD.

SIR R. G. W. HERBERT, K.C.B.
Colonial Office.

1886; RMSP West India Mail Route & Timetable [Gazette 31 Dec 1885]



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THE MAJOR-GENERAL ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT directs the publication, for general information, of the following Time Table of the West Indian Mail Packet Service for the Year 1886 :—

TIME TABLE OF WEST INDIA MAIL PACKET SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 1886.

APPROVED BY HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER, 1885.

(The Time given in this Table is, in every case, LOCAL Time.)

NOTE—The Branch Packets, on the Outward Route, may start from Barbados, and on both Outward and Homeward Routes, may leave intermediate Ports earlier than the time shown in this Table or in the detailed Tables of Routes, if they are in all respects ready to proceed.

OUTWARD ROUTE.

TABLE No. 1.					TABLE No. 2.			TABLES No. 3 AND No. 4.				TABLE No. 5.		
Southampton to Barbados.		Barbados to Colon.			Barbados to Demerara.			Barbados to Trinidad and Tobago.				Barbados to St. Thomas.		
No. of Voyage.	Leave Southampton.	Arrive at Barbados	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Jamaica.	Arrive at Colon.	No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Demerara	No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Trinidad.	Arrive at Tobago.	No. of Voyage.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at St. Thomas.
	6 P.M. Thursday.	7 A.M. Wednesday.	9 A.M. Thursday.	8 A.M. Monday.	7 A.M. Thursday.		2 P.M. Wednesday.	6 A.M. Friday.		8 P.M. Wednesday.	7 A.M. Friday.	3 A.M. Saturday.		5 P.M. Wednesday.	4 P.M. Sunday.
1	14 Jan.	27 Jan.	28 Jan.	1 Feb.	4 Feb.	53	27 Jan.	29 Jan.	105	27 Jan.	29 Jan.	.....	157	27 Jan.	31 Jan.
3	28 Jan.	10 Feb.	11 Feb.	15 Feb.	18 Feb.	55	10 Feb.	12 Feb.	107	10 Feb.	12 Feb.	13 Feb.	159	10 Feb.	14 Feb.
5	11 Feb.	24 Feb.	25 Feb.	1 Mar.	4 Mar.	57	24 Feb.	26 Feb.	109	24 Feb.	26 Feb.	.....	161	24 Feb.	28 Feb.
7	24 Feb.	10 Mar.	11 Mar.	15 Mar.	18 Mar.	59	10 Mar.	12 Mar.	111	10 Mar.	12 Mar.	13 Mar.	163	10 Mar.	14 Mar.
9	11 Mar.	24 Mar.	25 Mar.	29 Mar.	1 Apr.	61	24 Mar.	26 Mar.	113	24 Mar.	26 Mar.	.....	165	24 Mar.	28 Mar.
11	25 Mar.	7 Apr.	8 Apr.	12 Apr.	15 Apr.	63	7 Apr.	9 Apr.	115	7 Apr.	9 Apr.	10 Apr.	167	7 Apr.	11 Apr.
13	8 Apr.	21 Apr.	22 Apr.	26 Apr.	29 Apr.	65	21 Apr.	23 Apr.	117	21 Apr.	23 Apr.	.....	169	21 Apr.	25 Apr.
15	22 Apr.	5 May	6 May	10 May	13 May	67	5 May	7 May	119	5 May	7 May	8 May	171	5 May	9 May
17	6 May	19 May	20 May	24 May	27 May	69	19 May	21 May	121	19 May	21 May	.....	173	19 May	23 May
19	20 May	2 June	3 June	7 June	10 June	71	2 June	4 June	123	2 June	4 June	5 June	175	2 June	6 June
21	3 June	16 June	17 June	21 June	24 June	73	16 June	18 June	125	16 June	18 June	.....	177	16 June	20 June
23	17 June	30 June	1 July	5 July	8 July	75	30 June	2 July	127	30 June	2 July	3 July	179	30 June	4 July
25	1 July	14 July	15 July	19 July	22 July	77	14 July	16 July	129	14 July	16 July	.....	181	14 July	18 July
27	15 July	28 July	29 July	2 Aug.	5 Aug.	79	28 July	30 July	131	28 July	30 July	31 July	183	28 July	1 Aug.
29	29 July	11 Aug.	12 Aug.	16 Aug.	19 Aug.	81	11 Aug.	13 Aug.	133	11 Aug.	13 Aug.	.....	185	11 Aug.	15 Aug.
31	12 Aug.	25 Aug.	26 Aug.	30 Aug.	2 Sept.	83	25 Aug.	27 Aug.	135	25 Aug.	27 Aug.	28 Aug.	187	25 Aug.	29 Aug.
33	26 Aug.	8 Sept.	9 Sept.	13 Sept.	16 Sept.	85	8 Sept.	10 Sept.	137	8 Sept.	10 Sept.	.....	189	8 Sept.	12 Sept.
35	9 Sept.	22 Sept.	23 Sept.	27 Sept.	30 Sept.	87	22 Sept.	24 Sept.	139	22 Sept.	24 Sept.	25 Sept.	191	22 Sept.	26 Sept.
37	23 Sept.	6 Oct.	7 Oct.	11 Oct.	14 Oct.	89	6 Oct.	8 Oct.	141	6 Oct.	8 Oct.	.....	193	6 Oct.	10 Oct.
39	7 Oct.	20 Oct.	21 Oct.	25 Oct.	28 Oct.	91	20 Oct.	22 Oct.	143	20 Oct.	22 Oct.	23 Oct.	195	20 Oct.	24 Oct.
41	21 Oct.	3 Nov.	4 Nov.	8 Nov.	11 Nov.	93	3 Nov.	5 Nov.	145	3 Nov.	5 Nov.	.....	197	3 Nov.	7 Nov.
43	4 Nov.	17 Nov.	18 Nov.	22 Nov.	25 Nov.	95	17 Nov.	19 Nov.	147	17 Nov.	19 Nov.	20 Nov.	199	17 Nov.	21 Nov.
45	18 Nov.	1 Dec.	2 Dec.	6 Dec.	9 Dec.	97	1 Dec.	3 Dec.	149	1 Dec.	3 Dec.	.....	201	1 Dec.	5 Dec.
47	2 Dec.	15 Dec.	16 Dec.	20 Dec.	23 Dec.	99	15 Dec.	17 Dec.	151	15 Dec.	17 Dec.	18 Dec.	203	15 Dec.	19 Dec.
49	16 Dec.	29 Dec.	30 Dec.	1887. 3 Jan.	1887. 6 Jan.	101	29 Dec.	31 Dec.	153	29 Dec.	31 Dec.	.....	205	29 Dec.	1887. 2 Jan.
51	30 Dec.	1887. 12 Jan.	1887. 13 Jan.	17 Jan.	20 Jan.	103	1887. 12 Jan.	1877. 14 Jan.	155	1877. 12 Jan.	1887. 14 Jan.	1887. 15 Jan.	207	1887. 12 Jan.	16 Jan.

Note (*a*).—If the Homeward Mails, &c., are embarked in time, and the Packet be in all other respects ready, she may start from Colon the previous evening, but the departure from Jamaica homeward is not to be accelerated, unless from Quarantine or other causes the Packet may have to coal at another Port, in which case she may leave Jamaica as soon as she is ready.

Note (*b*).—If either of the Steamers on the Branch Routes has not reached Barbados, the Packet is to await the arrival of the missing Vessel two clear days, if necessary; otherwise the Packet is to start for England the moment the Mails, &c., from the several Branch Packets and from Barbados have been received on board, and she is in all respects ready for sea.

HOMEWARD ROUTE.

TABLE No. 5. St. Thomas to Barbados			TABLES No. 3 AND No. 4. Tobago and Trinidad to Barbados.			TABLE No 2. Demerara to Barbados.			TABLE No. 1. Colon to Barbados.				Barbados to Plymouth.	
No. of Voyage.	Leave St. Thomas.	Arrive at Barbados.	No. of Voyage.	Leave Tobago.	Leave Trinidad.	Arrive at Barbados.	No. of Voyage.	Leave Demerara	Arrive at Barbados.	No. of Voyage.	Leave Colon.	Leave Jamaica.	Arrive at Barbados.	Leave Barbados.	Arrive at Plymouth
	8 P.M. Thursday.	7 A.M. Monday.		6 P.M. Friday.	5 P.M. Saturday.	7 A.M. Monday.		10 A.M. Saturday.	Midnight Sunday.		9 A.M. Sunday.	4 P.M. Wednesday.	5 P.M. Sunday.	5 P.M. Monday.	10 P.M. Saturday.
2	4 Feb.	8 Feb.	54	.....	6 Feb.	8 Feb.	106	(c). 6 Feb.	7 Feb.	158	(a). 31 Jan.	3 Feb.	7 Feb.	(b). 8 Feb.	20 Feb.
4	18 Feb.	22 Feb.	56	19 Feb.	20 Feb.	22 Feb.	108	20 Feb.	21 Feb.	160	14 Feb.	17 Feb.	21 Feb.	22 Feb.	6 Mar.
6	4 Mar.	8 Mar.	58	.....	6 Mar.	8 Mar.	110	6 Mar.	7 Mar.	162	28 Feb.	3 Mar.	7 Mar.	8 Mar.	20 Mar.
8	18 Mar.	22 Mar.	60	19 Mar.	20 Mar.	22 Mar.	112	20 Mar.	21 Mar.	164	14 Mar.	17 Mar.	21 Mar.	22 Mar.	3 Apr.
10	1 Apr.	5 Apr.	62	.....	3 Apr.	5 Apr.	114	3 Apr.	4 Apr.	166	28 Mar.	31 Mar.	4 Apr.	5 Apr.	17 Apr.
12	15 Apr.	19 Apr.	64	16 Apr.	17 Apr.	19 Apr.	116	17 Apr.	18 Apr.	168	11 Apr.	14 Apr.	18 Apr.	19 Apr.	1 May
14	29 Apr.	3 May	66	.....	1 May	3 May	118	1 May	2 May	170	25 Apr.	28 Apr.	2 May	3 May	15 May
16	13 May	17 May	68	14 May	15 May	17 May	120	15 May	16 May	172	9 May	12 May	16 May	17 May	29 May
18	27 May	31 May	70	.....	29 May	31 May	122	29 May	30 May	174	23 May	26 May	30 May	31 May	12 June
20	10 June	14 June	72	11 June	12 June	14 June	124	12 June	13 June	176	6 June	9 June	13 June	14 June	26 June
22	24 June	28 June	74	.....	26 June	28 June	126	26 June	27 June	178	20 June	23 June	27 June	28 June	10 July
24	8 July	12 July	76	9 July	10 July	12 July	128	10 July	11 July	180	4 July	7 July	11 July	12 July	24 July
26	22 July	26 July	78	.....	24 July	26 July	130	24 July	25 July	182	18 July	21 July	25 July	26 July	7 Aug.
28	5 Aug.	9 Aug.	80	6 Aug.	7 Aug.	9 Aug.	132	7 Aug.	8 Aug.	184	1 Aug.	4 Aug.	8 Aug.	9 Aug.	21 Aug.
30	19 Aug.	23 Aug.	82	.....	21 Aug.	23 Aug.	134	21 Aug.	22 Aug.	186	15 Aug.	18 Aug.	22 Aug.	23 Aug.	4 Sept.
32	2 Sept.	6 Sept.	84	3 Sept.	4 Sept.	6 Sept.	136	4 Sept.	5 Sept.	188	29 Aug.	1 Sept.	5 Sept.	6 Sept.	18 Sept.
34	16 Sept.	20 Sept.	86	.....	18 Sept.	20 Sept.	138	18 Sept.	19 Sept.	190	12 Sept.	15 Sept.	19 Sept.	20 Sept.	2 Oct.
36	30 Sept.	4 Oct.	88	1 Oct.	2 Oct.	4 Oct.	140	2 Oct.	3 Oct.	192	26 Sept.	29 Sept.	3 Oct.	4 Oct.	16 Oct.
38	14 Oct.	18 Oct.	90	.....	16 Oct.	18 Oct.	142	16 Oct.	17 Oct.	194	10 Oct.	13 Oct.	17 Oct.	18 Oct.	30 Oct.
40	28 Oct.	1 Nov.	92	29 Oct.	30 Oct.	1 Nov.	144	30 Oct.	31 Oct.	196	24 Oct.	27 Oct.	31 Oct.	1 Nov.	13 Nov.
42	11 Nov.	15 Nov.	94	.....	13 Nov.	15 Nov.	146	13 Nov.	14 Nov.	198	7 Nov.	10 Nov.	14 Nov.	15 Nov.	27 Nov.
44	25 Nov.	29 Nov.	96	26 Nov.	27 Nov.	29 Nov.	148	27 Nov.	28 Nov.	200	21 Nov.	24 Nov.	28 Nov.	29 Nov.	11 Dec.
46	9 Dec.	13 Dec.	98	.....	11 Dec.	13 Dec.	150	11 Dec.	12 Dec.	202	5 Dec.	8 Dec.	12 Dec.	13 Dec.	25 Dec.
48	23 Dec.	27 Dec.	100	24 Dec.	25 Dec.	27 Dec.	52	25 Dec.	26 Dec.	04	19 Dec.	22 Dec.	26 Dec.	27 Dec.	1887. 8 Jan.
50	1887. 6 Jan.	1887. 10 Jan.	102	.....	1887. 8 Jan.	1887. 10 Jan.	154	1887. 8 Jan.	1887. 9 Jan.	206	1887. 2 Jan.	1887. 5 Jan.	1887. 9 Jan.	1887. 10 Jan.	22 Jan.
52	20 Jan.	24 Jan.	104	1887. 21 Jan.	22 Jan.	24 Jan.	156	22 Jan.	23 Jan.	208	16 Jan.	19 Jan.	23 Jan.	24 Jan.	5 Feb.

Note (c).—Should the tide not suit for leaving Demerara at the hour appointed in this Table, the Packets may leave at any earlier hour at which the tide may suit.

☞ Where the time specified for arrival at a Port is after dark, the Packet may remain outside the Harbour until daylight; and as regards St. John's (Antigua), unless the Packet arrives in time to admit of her leaving so as to get well clear of surrounding dangers during daylight, she may remain till the following morning.

1885; PO Revenue by Parish [GazetteSupp 18 Mar 1886]

Analytical Statement of the Collections of Internal, Immigration, Postal and Telegraph Revenues, &c., contd.

PARISH.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
POSTAL REVENUE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kingston *	4,332 16 10½	4,193 9 2½	4,712 11 8¼	5,290 0 4½	4,834 19 10
St. Andrew	394 14 1¾	352 1 8	371 16 9	443 13 4	482 8 8½
St. Thomas	654 16 1¾	660 13 4½	747 2 6½	920 18 1¾	782 6 4½
Portland	584 13 9½	653 0 11	634 1 3	775 2 2	821 5 5
St. Mary	810 19 4½	878 9 10½	915 13 10	976 3 3¼	914 1 7
St. Ann	1,431 8 1	1,532 15 8	1,463 7 3¾	1,613 9 2½	1,646 11 1½
Trelawny	837 5 7½	817 6 5½	891 0 9	967 13 11	984 2 3
St. James	859 0 3½	858 16 5½	794 0 1½	856 15 7¾	916 9 7½
Hanover	221 19 10½	250 3 5½	284 18 9	340 11 0	436 16 9½
Westmoreland	594 4 4	629 2 1	686 12 6	723 16 8	770 18 11½
St. Elizabeth	754 14 5¼	811 6 3	857 5 5¾	880 6 9	1,021 11 0¼
Manchester	1,225 14 7	1,174 18 8	1,165 5 9¾	1,253 19 6½	1,294 3 3¼
Clarendon	885 11 7¼	857 1 4¼	900 1 5¼	944 0 10½	950 18 0¼
St. Catherine	734 9 6½	810 0 1	872 6 2	881 18 9½	859 13 6
Total	14,322 8 8¼	14,479 5 6¼	15,296 4 4¾	16,868 9 7¾	16,716 6 5¾
*Postage	3,744 15 9½	3,707 12 9	4,272 2 9	4,653 6 7½	4,234 1 4
Commission Money Orders ...	145 11 10	184 0 3½	203 1 9¼	250 6 9	280 12 0
Miscellaneous ...	442 9 3	301 16 2	237 7 2	386 7 0	320 6 6

PARISH.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
TELEGRAPHS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kingston	773 16 8	959 7 10	1,079 6 0	1,263 18 6	1,227 8 6
St. Andrew	...	0 17 0	30 10 0	61 2 5	86 19 3
St. Thomas	71 3 2	126 3 6	152 15 0	248 17 1	259 16 3
Portland	169 0 0	346 3 0	471 18 10	555 7 3	462 11 6
St. Mary	144 2 6	198 2 0	207 2 3	288 14 0	283 5 0
St. Ann	275 11 3	333 10 6	402 0 6	474 16 0	406 15 0
Trelawny	179 0 3	168 2 4½	172 18 0	198 1 6	198 9 6
St. James	290 14 4	271 8 11½	292 7 10	301 8 0	295 17 0
Hanover	88 19 6	79 8 6	90 14 10½	108 8 4½	125 10 3
Westmoreland	133 7 3	120 9 3	123 17 0	169 13 6	130 13 0
St. Elizabeth	100 9 3	137 6 0	124 15 3	133 16 6	119 15 9
Manchester	116 17 6	178 15 9	161 18 6	202 9 5½	219 12 3
Clarendon	90 17 6	181 1 9	204 9 3	209 12 0	177 19 0
St. Catherine	192 6 6	212 9 3	252 17 3	292 12 3	250 15 3
Total	2,626 5 8	3,313 5 8	3,767 10 6½	4,508 16 10	4,245 15 6