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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Report by the Postmaster for Jamaica of the working of his Department for the year ended 31st March last.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER,  
Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 11th October, 1892.

No. 41.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Twenty-fourth Report of this Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1892.

## REVENUE.

2. The Receipts, "Postal" and "Telegraphs," amount to £24,100 19s. 8½d. as under:—

Postages	...	...	£18,333 0 5½
Telegraphs	...	...	5,767 19 3
			£24,100 19 8½

3. Such receipts exceed the Estimates for the same period by the sum of £1,033 0s. 5½d. in the case of "Postages," and £67 19s. 3d. in the case of "Telegraphs."

4. The Collections stated compare with those of the two years preceding as follows:—

PERIOD.	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscella- neous.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1889-90	... 17,227 15 9	362 13 10	...	4,857 19 3	210 8 3	22,658 17 1
1890-91	... 16,833 10 11½	344 10 8	207 17 6	6,407 17 3	253 3 6	24,046 19 10½
1891-92	... 17,437 6 1½	335 9 8	335 18 9	5,767 19 3	224 5 11	24,100 19 8½

5. In the 11th paragraph of the last Annual Report, I pointed out that the reduction of 50 per cent. in the Inland Letter rate of postage and of 37½ per cent. in the Packet rate which had been sanctioned by his Excellency the Governor in Privy Council on the 1st January 1890 and 1st June 1890, respectively, had resulted in a loss of about £2,600 per annum, or 14½ per cent., as against the esti-



mated possible loss of £5,000 per annum; it again gives me much pleasure to be able to state that the ascertained loss during the year under review only amounts to £2,252 or 12½ per cent. and this too notwithstanding the fact that the year under review may not be regarded to have been as prosperous a business year as that immediately preceding.

6. The above stated result is ascertained by comparing the collections of the year under review, i.e. £17,437 6s. 1½d., from which must be deducted the approximate amount for "Official Postages," estimated at £2,000 per annum, with the amount of the collections, £17,689 6s. 1d., during the 12 months immediately preceding the 1st January, 1890, when the reduction took effect as already stated.

7. An analysis of the collections on account of "Postages" compares with the similar approximate analysis of the year preceding as under:—

YEAR.	Packet Postages.			Inland Postages.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1890-91	3,957	17	3½	12,875	13	7½	16,833	10	11½
1891-92	4,083	2	3½	13,454	3	9½	17,437	6	1½

8. The Imperial Post Office was credited from the collections on account of "Sea Postages" with the sum of £1,315 3s. 4d. for "sea transit rates" on correspondence to the United Kingdom; countries via United Kingdom, British and Foreign West Indies, and other places in the Postal Union, while similar payments for "sea and territorial transit rates" were made to other countries as under:—

United States of America	...	£116	5	0
Belgium	...	9	12	5
British Guiana	...	0	3	1
		£126	0	6

9. In addition to the above stated sum of £1,315 3s. 4d. the Colony has paid to the Imperial Post Office the sum of £6,992 15s. During the year under review, as a result of the re-assessment of the proportion payable by each Colony of the loss sustained by the Imperial Government on the Royal Mail Service in force between the United Kingdom and the British and Foreign West Indies. Of such sum, £5,780 represents the annual payment proper to the period under review and is £1,617 in excess of the annual payment hitherto required, while £1,212 15s. is in respect of the adjustment of the arrears for the period 1st July, 1890, when the Royal Mail Contract was renewed, to the 31st March, 1892.

10. It will be seen that, while there has been but little variation in the receipts on account of the Commissions on Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom and other Countries, the receipts for Commissions on Inland Postal Orders exceed those of 1890-91 by the sum of £128 1s. 3d. such excess is due to the large increase which has taken place in the total amount of Postal Orders sold:—the amount of Inland Postal Orders disposed of during the year under review being £17,097 6s. 0d. as against £10,493 7s. 6d. during the preceding year 1890-91, being an increase of £6,603 18s. 6d. or 63·32 per cent.

Further details of the Postal Order transactions will be found at paragraph 34.

11. The Collections under the head of "Miscellaneous" were derived from the following sources:

Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	£70	16	0
Private Letter Bags	...	45	3	0
Fines	...	7	10	6
Mail Coach Commissions	...	100	16	5
		£224	5	11

12. The sale of Postage Labels, Post Cards and Newspaper Wrappers amounts to £16,856 1s. 7d. of which the sum of £3,524 1s. 4½d. represents the sales by the Stamp Commissioner to authorised Vendors who received discount at the rate of 5 per cent. to the amount of £176 8s. 1d.

13. Poundage to the amount of £131 14s. 3d. was paid on the Postage Stamps sold at the General Post Office, Kingston, and at the several District Post Offices, the rate of Poundage being 1 per cent.

14. The Stamp Commissioner has received from the amount of Stamps sold the usual annual payment of £1,170 in respect of Adhesive Stamps used under Law No. 18 of 1887 in the payment of Stamp Duties.

15. Postage Stamps to the value of £21 18s. 2½d. were purchased from the Public at a discount of 11s. 1d. which discount appears in the collections on account of Postages.

16. Compared with the last and preceding years the amount of Postage Stamps offered for exchange during the year shews a large falling off and is in consequence of the facilities afforded by the Post,



Order System for sending small amounts through post which were formerly sent by means of Postage Stamps.

## CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

17. The following is an estimate of the number of Letters and Post Cards which have been dealt with at the General Post Office, Kingston, and at the several District Post Offices during the year as compared with similar estimates for the years 1888-89 and 1890-91.

*At Head Office, Kingston.*

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
<i>Inland Mails—</i>						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public ...	391,200	619,000	575,700	296,200	471,100	459,100
Official ...	59,000	56,004	49,300	42,800	28,800	32,800
Post Cards ...	15,900	17,600	31,700	8,100	11,200	10,700
Registered Letters—						
Public ...	7,473	9,391	9,941	20,726	23,916	27,275
Official ...	12,607	12,538	13,976	10,938	7,580	6,006
<i>Ocean Mails.—By Vessels under Contract—</i>						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters ...	129,900	137,700	135,800	161,903	182,600	192,300
Post Cards ...	2,040	1,990	2,000	1,498	1,399	1,400
Inter-Colonial, B. W. I. &c.—						
Ordinary Letters ...	52,600	51,200	57,000	80,300	66,300	61,600
Post Cards ...	149	190	152	75	228	266
<i>By Vessels not Contract—</i>						
United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters ...	43,186	59,178	63,700	64,097	89,944	81,400
Post Cards ...	1,003	1,346	1,132	692	1,276	1,178
Other Countries—						
Ordinary Letters ...	33,440	27,400	37,300	4,254	8,595	10,300
Post Cards ...	366	540	551	...	...	10
Registered Letters, Packet ...	5,864	6,320	8,039	5,407	5,737	7,019
	754,728	1,000,397	986,291	696,990	898,675	891,344

*At District Post Offices.*

	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Ordinary Letters ...	543,100	847,600	858,400
Post Cards ...	11,200	18,900	12,610
Registered Letters ...	9,436	9,010	11,972
	563,736	875,510	882,982

18. The total estimated number of Letters and Post Cards, Inland and Foreign, dealt with as above detailed is 2,760,617 which is an estimated increase of 745,163 over the estimated number which circulated during the year 1888-89, being the year immediately preceding that during which the Inland and Packet rates of postage were reduced. Such reduction has been obviously the cause of this increase of about 36 per cent.

## OCEAN MAILS.

19. I subjoin the usual return of Vessels which conveyed Mails from Jamaica during the year under review as compared with the two preceding years.



	Outwards.						Inwards.						
	1888-89.		1890-91.		1891-92.		1888-89.		1890-91.		1891-92.		
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	
<i>Kingston—</i>													
Contract	...	83	769	74	777	61	708	83	1,085	84	725	61	855
Non-Contract	...	165	400	205	417	217	507	159	225	165	234	228	358
<i>Outports—</i>													
Non-Contract	...	71	71	24	63	67	95	...	...	...	...	28	40

20. The number of Mails exchanged by places abroad via this Colony is 158.

21. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has continued to perform with most commendable punctuality and regularity the Mail Service between this Colony and the United Kingdom and the British and Foreign West Indies, &c.; the only interruption to such Mail Service occurring through the wreck of the "Moselle" off the coast of the Republic of Columbia in the month of October last, and the accident to the machinery of the outward bound steamer "Medway" with the mails from Europe, &c., of the 6th January last.

22. In consequence of the wreck of the "Moselle" the Company could not provide a steamer to take the homeward bound Mails on Tuesday the 3rd November, 1891, at 2 p.m., but, I am glad to record that public inconvenience did not result, as, through the courtesy of Captain Forwood, the local agent here of the Atlas Steamship Company, the S.S. "Adula" was placed at the disposal of the Government, free of charge, to take the Mails to Port Antonio to connect with the Boston Fruit Company's Steamer "Ethelwold" via Boston. The Mails were placed on board the "Adula" at 3 p.m. on Tuesday the 3rd November, and arrived in London via Boston and New York on Friday the 20th November: being two days after the date on which they were due in London and five days before the departure of the outward bound steamer: ample opportunity for reply to correspondence was, therefore, afforded.

23. The accident to the machinery of the "Medway" which necessitated her return to Southampton, resulted in her late arrival at this port. She arrived here on the morning of Tuesday the 26th January instead of Friday the 22nd January. The departure of the homeward bound steamer had to be postponed consequently for 24 hours to give the public in Kingston the opportunity to reply to correspondence: the Steamer left at 2 p.m. on Wednesday the 27th January instead of Tuesday the 26th January at 2 p.m.

24. The direct Mail Service between Jamaica and the United States of America has been maintained by means of the Steamers of the Atlas Steam Ship Company and of the Anchor Line, while Mails have also been exchanged, via Port Antonio and Boston, with the United States of America by the Steamers of the Boston Fruit Company: the Mails from the United States of America, via Boston and Port Antonio, being conveyed to Kingston by "Special Express" immediately after arrival. The exchanges via Boston and Port Antonio do not include Parcel Post Trunks; such exchanges being limited to the direct Services in consequence of the difficulties of land transport. In each Mail from Jamaica for New York a closed mail for the United Kingdom is despatched.

25. The Steamers of the Central American Company, consigned to Messrs. Solomon, Ashenheim & Co., have continued to arrive here from New York about every eighteenth day, they bring Mails from New York and have afforded opportunity for transmitting Mails to Belize, British Honduras, and to Grey Town, Nicaragua, for which places they leave immediately after arrival at this port.

26. The Contract with Messrs. Pickford and Black, of Halifax, for the Steam Service between Jamaica, Bermuda, Halifax and Turks Island expired on the 25th October last, but the steamers continued to perform the Service; and, during last Session, the Legislative Council granted a further and final subsidy, of £500 a year, to Messrs. Pickford and Black for the continuance of the Service for a period of two years from 26th October, 1891, such removal being under the conditions, as to the performance of the Service, contained in the agreement made by Messrs. Pickford and Black with the Government of this Colony and dated 27th October, 1888.

#### INLAND MAIL CONVEYANCE.

27. In the 34th paragraph of the last Annual Report it was my pleasing duty to call attention to the fact that fines which it had become necessary to inflict for delays or breaches of Contract did not exceed £50 and submitted that the fact might be accepted as evidence that the Mail Contractors had continued to discharge their duties most satisfactorily. It gives me still greater pleasure to say that during the year under review such fines only amounted to £7 10s. 6d. I attribute the satisfactory and punctual manner in which the Mails have been conveyed during the past year, to the system which has been inaugurated during the year of telegraphing, immediately, to the Head Office Kingston the time of arrival and despatch of the Mails at and from each Terminal District Post Office on the several "Lines of Ride." By this means delays and irregularities are, at once, brought to notice and the Contractor equally soon informed of them, while the Mail Couriers know and feel that they are being strictly supervised.



28. During the year, in response to the claim made by the Jamaica Railway Company, the rate for the conveyance of Mails by Railway has been increased from 1.10d. to 2d. per train mile travelled. The annual payment to the Jamaica Railway Company for the conveyance of Mail between Kingston and Balaclava and Kingston and Ewarton is £1,273 9s. 4d. as against £550 for similar service between Kingston and Ewarton and Kingston and Porus respectively, the latter being at the rate of 1.10d. per train mile.

29. With the extension of the Railway Lines to Balaclava on the 15th March last, the daily Mail Service by Train has been extended to Mile Gully and Balaclava. Mails being exchanged by each Passenger Train between Kingston, Mile Gully and Balaclava and reach intermediate station.

#### MONEY ORDERS.

30. The following is a comparative statement of the transactions of the Money Order Branch:—

##### *United Kingdom.*

Year.	Jamaica Issue.		Payable in Jamaica.		Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1888-89	11,026	67,747 5 11	778	1,994 13 5	826 7 6
1890-91	8,536	40,110 5 9	822	2,164 11 10	545 16 8
1891-92	8,100	36,195 9 9	868	2,248 17 8	489 9 0

##### *United States of America.*

1888-89	2,827	16,792 14 5	226	632 19 9	208 13 5
1890-91	1,945	8,926 0 6	298	947 3 5	131 10 2
1891-92	2,162	9,491 0 9	347	1,020 4 2	135 11 4

##### *Dominion of Canada.*

1888-89	514	3,745 18 7	71	332 1 0	63 1 11
1890-91	218	1,314 13 6	77	339 18 4	24 18 2
1891-92	351	2,216 8 6	82	364 14 11	30 15 2

##### *British Guiana.*

1888-89	27	158 6 7	42	111 3 1	1 13 0
1890-91	67	136 17 6	62	158 7 3	2 13 4
1891-92	35	144 4 1	45	129 18 9	1 13 9

##### *Barbados.*

1888-89	94	347 14 6	110	369 4 5	5 0 9
1890-91	102	332 16 6	91	230 9 9	4 14 9
1891-92	113	301 5 6	107	412 14 6	5 0 11

##### *Windward and Leeward Island.*

1888-89	4	5 4 0	22	65 7 5	0 8 5
1890-91	9	15 1 4	41	203 18 8	1 4 8
1891-92	34	68 6 4	71	194 0 0	1 19 0

31. Summarising the above details the following comparative result is obtained:—

Jamaica Issue.	No.	Amount.
1890-91 ...	10,877	£50,835 15 1
1891-92 ...	10,785	48,416 14 11
Issue of other Countries payable in Jamaica.		
1890-91 ...	1,391	4,044 9 3
1891-92 ...	1,520	4,370 10 0

32. The increase which has taken place in the amount of the Money Order transactions with the Dominion of Canada is due to the reduction in the rate of Commission on Money Orders issued in Jamaica on the Dominion of Canada which took effect on the 15th August, 1891, the reduced rates being

For any sum not exceeding £2	...	9d.
Above £2 not exceeding £5	...	1s. 6d.
" 5 " 7	...	2s. 3d.
" 7 " 10	...	3s. 0d.

the rates previously charged were:—

For any sum not exceeding £2	...	1s.
Above £2 not exceeding £5	...	2s.
" 5 " 7	...	3s.
" 7 " 10	...	4s.

33. The accrued Commission Account for the year under review is as under:—

United Kingdom	...	£489 9 0
United States of America	...	135 11 4
Dominion of Canada	...	30 15 2
British Guiana	...	1 13 9
Barbados	...	5 0 11
Windward and Leeward Islands	...	1 19 0
		£664 9 2

Less premium on Remittances—

United Kingdom	...	£236 5 0
United States	...	85 4 9
Canada	...	18 5 10
		£339 15 7
		£324 13 7

#### POSTAL ORDERS.

34. The subjoined comparative statement of the Postal Orders issued for sale during the year under review, being the second year of the existence of the system, and during the year 1890, must I submit be accepted as bearing testimony to the fact that the Postal Order System is appreciated.

DENOMINATION.	1890-91.			1891-92.		
	No.	Face Value.	Commission.	No.	Face Value.	Commission.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sixpence	7,050	176 5 0	14 13 9	9,075	226 17 6	18 18 1½
One Shilling	12,575	628 15 0	26 3 11½	17,140	857 0 0	35 14 2
One Shilling and Sixpence	13,575	1,018 2 6	28 5 7½	17,165	1,287 7 6	35 15 2½
Two Shillings and Sixpence	26,025	3,128 2 6	52 2 8½	22,940	2,867 10 0	47 15 10
Five Shillings	8,845	2,211 5 0	36 17 1	22,930	5,732 10 0	95 10 10
Ten Shillings	8,440	4,220 0 0	70 6 8	12,200	6,100 0 0	101 13 4
	75,510	11,382 10 0	228 9 9½	101,450	17,071 5 0	335 7 6

35. I also submit a comparative statement of the monthly sale of Postal Orders since the commencement of the System.

	1890-91	1891-92
April	£389 8 0	£1,287 8 0
May	521 0 6	1,345 5 6
June	509 0 0	1,310 1 6
July	614 1 6	1,358 19 0
August	820 16 6	1,311 13 6
September	932 2 0	1,308 13 6
October	1,063 8 6	1,388 14 0
November	1,003 7 0	1,387 0 0
December	1,243 11 0	1,686 13 0
January	1,117 15 6	1,428 6 0
February	1,027 11 6	1,626 5 0
March	1,251 5 6	1,658 7 0
	£10,493 7 6	£17,097 6 0



36. The amount placed to the credit of Postal Revenue for Commissions on the above sales is £335 18s 9d.

37. I regret to say that the public continue to disregard Rule 8 of the Regulations relating to Postal Orders to which I invited attention in the last Annual Report, and which points out that if the blanks in a Postal Order be not filled in before the issue, the person to whom the order is issued must before parting with it fill in the name of the Payee and may fill in the name of the Treasury at which the Order is to be paid. This neglect, as well as the omission to keep a note of the number of each order, has rendered it impossible to trace, or if found, to identify missing Postal Orders which are alleged to have miscarried in the course of transmission through the Post. I again most earnestly commend these precautions to the consideration of the public who must bear in mind that a "Postal Order" unlike a "Money Order" is most easily negotiable.

#### EXPENDITURE.

38. The expenditure during the year amounts to £20,758 11s. 9½d. and compares as under with that of the two years preceding.

YEAR.	SALARIES.		MAIL CONVEYANCE.		Services.	Total.
	Head Office.	District Offices.	Inland.	Ocean.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1888-89	4,451 2 11	2,126 17 0	6,984 12 1	1,843 3 2	1,762 17 0½	17,181 12 2½
1890-91	4,486 18 4	2,257 5 9	7,341 5 1	1,953 1 9	2,355 6 5½	18,398 17 4½
1891-92	4,744 5 8	2,299 2 7	8,676 11 3	1,586 5 10	3,452 6 5½	20,758 11 9½

39. The increase under the head of salaries is the result of the appointment of a Supervisor of Post Offices, and of the addition of three third class clerks to the staff at the General Post Office Kingston, in consequence of the growth of the business of the department; that under the head of Inland Mail Conveyance, is principally due to the increased payment to the Jamaica Railway Company to which I have already referred at paragraph 28, while the excess under Services is in part due to the payment, through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, of the cost of manufacture of Postage Stamps and Post Cards which had to be ordered during the latter part of 1890-91 and which expenditure may, therefore, fairly be said to relate to 1890-91. The expenditure in respect of "Services" has also been increased in consequence of "Rents" in connection with the opening of new Telegraph Stations.

40. The above expenditure for Ocean Mail Conveyance does not include the amount £6,992 15s. referred to in the paragraph of this report as having been paid to the Imperial Exchequer for the loss on the Royal Mail Service. Of such sum £3,000 is charged against this Department, while the sum of £3,992 15s. was charged against "Miscellaneous."

41. The Department also administered the Vote for Steam Communication round the Island, and paid to the Atlas Steam Ship Company the sum of £1,800, but the amount is not charged against the Post Office Vote, and is therefore not included in the above stated expenditure.

#### NEW DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

42. At the commencement of the year under review there were 106 District Post Offices, there are now 107—an Office having been established at "Bethel Town," in the Parish of Westmoreland, on the 28th August, 1891.

43. On the 5th May, 1891, the Post Office at "Medina," in the Parish of Manchester, was removed to the District of "Maidstone" and its name altered to that of "Maidstone."

#### MAIL COACHES.

44. The following is a comparative statement of the earnings of the several lines of Mail Coaches:—

##### I.—Kingston and Sav-la-Mar.

Year.	Passengers' Fares.	Parcels.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1888-89	566 3 3	190 9 0	756 12 3
1890-91	479 6 6	233 15 4	713 1 10
1891-92	438 14 6	239 15 0	678 9 6



II.—*Kingston and Montego Bay.*

1888-89	...	947 14 3	336 17 9	1,284 12 0
1890-91	...	938 3 0	391 13 3	1,329 16 3
1891-92	...	911 17 9	366 14 7	1,278 12 4

III.—*Montego Bay and Lucea.*

1888-89	...	64 4 0	9 0 6	73 4 6
1890-91	...	89 2 0	11 12 6	100 14 6
1891-92	...	94 4 0	10 15 3	104 19 3

IV.—*Kingston and Port Antonio.*

1888-89	...	393 11 6	136 5 0	529 16 6
1890-91	...	468 1 0	182 3 7	650 4 7
1891-92	...	491 10 3	183 13 0	675 3 3

V.—*Kingston and Annotto Bay.*

1888-89	...	204 18 0	38 16 9	243 14 9
1890-91	...	204 5 0	58 9 0	262 14 1
1891-92	...	194 7 6	48 3 3	242 10 9

45. A summary of the above figures relating to the period under review shows that the total earnings of the Coaches amount to £2,130 14s. for Passengers fares and £849 1s. 1d. for freight on Parcels.

## RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

46. The Correspondence which was dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch is as under :—

		Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	...	83	26
“ Postal Union Countries	...	539	105
“ Writers in Kingston	...	7,438	838
“ Writers in Country	...	13,667	1,687
“ destroyed being illegible or anonymous	...	2,282	579
“ “ Writers not found	...	5,227	1,288
Newspapers returned to Publishers	...	5,158	...

The amount of Postage which was written off as irrecoverable is £24 14s. 3d.

47. The number of letters which were found to contain value to the amount of £618 1s. 9d. and which have been reposted and returned to the Writers, is 492.

## TELEGRAPHS.

48. The gross receipts on account of Telegraphs amount to £5,767 19s. 3d. and compare with the years 1888-89, 1890-91 as under :—

	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stamps Sold	4,788 0 6	6,361 10 6	5,749 15 6
Additional charge on Books containing Message Forms	6 13 3	8 6 9	8 3 9
Fees for opening Stations out of Office Hours	...	38 0 0	10 0 0
	4,794 13 9	6,407 17 3	5,767 19 3

49. The falling off, which it is observed, has taken place in the Telegraph Receipts may be attributed to the depression in the Fruit Trade and business generally.

50. The number of Messages sent and received is 102,925 as against 112,809 during the preceding year being a decrease of 9,884 messages.

51. Of the total messages sent and received 306 were sent and 304 were received over the railway lines under the arrangement referred to in the 80 paragraph of the last Annual Report.

52. Foreign telegrams to the value of £2,164 13s. 1d. were received at the several Inland Tele-



graph Stations for transmission by the cables of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company to whom the amount collected has been paid.

53. The expenditure on account of Telegraphs is £6,382 5s. 7d. as under:—

			1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	...	...			
Wages	...	...	2,733 13 0	3,070 19 3	3,504 2 5
Services	...	...	502 11 0	628 17 7	694 14 10
			1,205 5 0	1,854 6 5	2,183 8 4
			4,441 9 9	5,554 3 3	6,382 5 7

54. The increase which has occurred over the expenditure of the preceding year under the head of salaries is due to the revision of the salaries of the Assistant Telegraph Clerks which have been increased from 10s. to 15s. per week.

55. The increase under wages is due to the establishment of new Stations while the increase under Services is to be found in the items relating to "Stores" and to the manufacture of Stamps.

56. The number of Telegraph Stations in existence at the end of the financial year under review was 64, the following 9 new Stations having been established during the year:

1. "Port Morant" in the Parish of Saint Thomas on the 25th June, 1891.
2. "Grange Hill" in the Parish of Westmoreland on the 10th August, 1891.
3. "Whitehouse" in the Parish of Westmoreland on the 14th August, 1891.
4. "Cave Valley" in the Parish of Saint Ann on the 3rd October, 1891.
5. "Christiana" in the Parish of Manchester on the 10th November, 1891.
6. "Retreat" in the Parish of Saint Mary on the 2nd February, 1892.
7. "Gayle" in the Parish of Saint Mary on the 2nd February, 1892.
8. "Trinity Ville" in the Parish of Saint Thomas on the 4th February, 1892.
9. "Blue Mountain Valley" in the Parish of Saint Thomas on the 18th March, 1892.

57. A temporary Telegraph Station was opened on the grounds of "Cumberland Pen" on the occasion of the Agricultural Show on the 3rd December last, and on the Race Course, Kingston, during the Races on the 8th, 9th and 10th December last.

58. The Telegraph Station which had been opened at the Exhibition Building on the 27th January, 1891, was closed on the 16th May, 1891.

59. I am glad to be able to report that there has not been during the year under review any serious or prolonged interruption of any of the Sections of the Telegraph Lines, nor has any Station been out of Circuit for more than a short time; and, I take this opportunity to bear testimony to the prompt attention which has been given by the Public Works Department, which is responsible for maintenance of the line, to the "Fault Reports" from this office; which promptitude and attention have most materially contributed to the satisfactory results above referred to.

60. Reports of all faults on the different sections on the line are brought under my notice three times a day, viz. at 9 a. m., 12 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. and any faults, not being "office faults," and which have lasted for one hour are immediately communicated to the officer of the Works Department in charge of the faulty section. If the fault be not removed within 24 hours a special report is made to the head of the Public Works Department.

#### PARCEL POST.

61. The Parcel Post System was extended to the Dominion of Canada on the 1st November, 1891, under a Convention which has been concluded between the Government of this Colony and that of the Dominion for direct Parcel Post Exchanges: the agreed on rates of postage being—

	If posted in Jamaica.	If posted in Canada.
For a Parcel not exceeding 1lb.	... 10d.	20 cents.
For each additional pound or fraction of a pound	... 10d.	20 cents.
Of which this Colony receives 5 cents, or 2½d per lb. on Parcels received and despatched.		

62. The transactions of the Parcels Post Branch during the year under review are as follows:—



*Parcels Received.*

FROM	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty Collected.		
	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
United Kingdom	26	26	26	6,137	8,264	7,665	£ s. d. 776 13 7	£ s. d. 1,275 16 9	£ s. d. 998 6 9
British West Indies	55	90	79	99	176	133	6 6 11	9 11 2	4 18 7
United States of America	75	78	76	576	815	887	55 16 3	84 4 1	72 14 10
Dominion of Canada	...	...	4	...	...	14	...	...	6 8 0
	156	194	185	6,812	9,255	8,699	838 16 9	1,369 12 0	1,077 8 2

  

	Postage Accrued to Jamaica.			Declared Value of Parcels.		
	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-91.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 296 7 9	£ s. d. 410 6 7½	£ s. d. 369 14 0½	£ s. d. 7,260 1 5½	£ s. d. 11,472 9 2½	£ s. d. 9,389 7 11½
British West Indies	...	...	...	517 9 10½	61 17 0	48 10 5
United States of America	...	...	...	59 16 9½	762 18 5	720 11 1
Dominion of Canada	...	...	0 5 5	...	...	13 18 10
	296 7 9	410 6 7½	369 19 5½	7,837 8 1½	12,297 4 7½	10,272 8 3

*Parcels Despatched.*

TO	Consignments.			Parcels			Postage Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
United Kingdom	26	26	26	1,385	1,532	1,722	£ s. d. 38 12 0½	£ s. d. 70 2 11½	£ s. d. 51 2 0
British West Indies	79	83	109	144	266	202	2 6 2	7 3 8	6 8 4
United States of America	34	34	39	150	214	279	7 12 0	9 2 6	...
Dominion of Canada	...	...	4	...	...	26	...	...	0 3 1½
	139	143	178	1,679	2,012	2,229	48 10 2½	86 9 1½	57 13 5½

  

	Declared Value of Parcels.		
	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 1,195 15 6½	£ s. d. 1,121 9 11½	£ s. d. 1,668 2 5½
British West Indies	60 0 7	148 10 0½	120 13 3½
United States of America	44 16 11	81 14 4½	144 11 10
Dominion of Canada	...	...	8 4 8
Total	1,300 13 0½	1,351 14 4½	1,941 12 3

63. The total amount of Postages and Import Duty which accrued to the Colony from Parcel Post business is £1,505 1s. 1d. as under:—

Customs Duty	...	£1,077 8 2
Postages	...	427 12 11
		£1,505 1 1

64. I cannot conclude this Report without recording, with much regret, the great loss which the Post Office Department has sustained through the retirement on a Pension, and subsequent death, of my predecessor, Mr. Sullivan, the late Postmaster for Jamaica, to whose illness I referred in the last paragraph of last year's report.



65. The services rendered by Mr. Sullivan during the 21 years of his administration of the Post Office Department are so well known to Government and to the Public as not to call for any panegyric from me. I submit that the improvements in and progress of the department during his control afford ample evidence of the efficiency he displayed in the management of the Post Office.

66. The Department has also lost during the year an efficient officer in the person of the late Mr. Chas. Heath, a Second Class Clerk, who died on the 11th November last.

67. I regret that I have not been able to complete this Report at an earlier date—the numerous changes which have recently taken place in the staff and which have resulted in the employment of untrained hands has retarded the preparation of the necessary statistics. It is as much as I have been able to do under the circumstances stated; to keep faith with the Public in the matter of punctual despatch and delivery of the mails.

68. I submit the usual returns.

I have, &c.,

GEO. H. PEARCE, Postmaster for Jamaica.



Return shewing the number of Telegraphic Messages sent from and Received at each Telegraph Station from the 1st April, 1891, to 31st March 1892, as compared with Return from 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.

STATION.	1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.		1891-92.		Remarks.
	Messages Sent.	Messages Received.	Messages Sent	Messages Received.	
Kingston	22,971	26,308	22,339	24,837	Transmitting Station.
Spanish Town	2,003	2,259	1,860	2,062	
Bog Walk	327	337	483	376	
Linstead	1,038	978	995	848	" "
Ewarton	706	570	580	541	
Moneague	1,039	1,191	1,022	1,225	
Claremont	468	462	421	465	
St. Ann's Bay	7,851	7,065	4,921	4,716	" "
Dry Harbour	901	936	682	751	" "
Brown's Town	2,237	2,239	2,185	2,129	" "
Cave Valley	...	...	135	151	Opened 5 months.
Stewart Town	202	216	316	297	
Uster Spring	227	229	487	451	
Rio Bueno	222	219	494	436	
Duncans	475	500	432	488	
Falmouth	3,521	3,410	3,470	3,490	
Montego Bay	6,488	6,305	6,567	6,232	Transmitting Station.
Lucas	2,915	3,162	2,892	3,017	
Grange Hill	...	...	104	89	Reopened 7 months.
Sav.-la-Mar	4,403	4,119	4,172	3,988	Transmitting Station.
White House	...	...	188	172	Opened 7 months.
Black River	3,131	2,986	3,194	3,042	
Middle Quarters	281	252	393	334	
Santa Cruz	882	891	852	857	Transmitting Station.
Malvern	537	505	576	641	
Mandeville	2,840	3,016	2,856	3,267	" "
New Port	571	566	547	562	
Shooter's Hill	817	1,043	729	800	" "
Mill Gully	184	177	394	332	
Balaclava	411	407	1,010	933	
Christiana	...	...	158	128	Opened 4 months.
Porus	2,142	1,586	1,361	1,136	
May Pen	1,289	1,035	1,258	1,005	Transmitting Station.
Chapelton	1,058	988	982	967	
Alley	1,015	930	880	778	" "
Salt River	450	341	319	254	
Milk River	1,151	1,080	840	824	
Old Harbour	955	1,116	1,032	1,050	
Yallahs	481	476	455	417	
Morant Bay	1,799	1,735	2,054	2,063	" "
Blue Mountain Valley	...	...	12	8	Opened 18th March, 1892.
Trinity Ville	...	...	45	47	" 3rd Feby., "
Port Morant	1,878	1,739	1,044	981	Changed to Bowden on 25th June.
Bowden	...	...	967	806	Formerly Port Morant.
Bath	680	751	541	676	
Plantain Garden River	968	717	1,064	826	
Manchioneal	898	996	828	904	
Priestman's River	352	449	301	388	
Port Antonio	9,938	8,962	8,392	7,310	Transmitting Station.
St. Margaret's Bay	888	893	514	483	
Hope Bay	1,476	1,351	964	866	
Buff Bay	1,942	1,939	1,460	1,456	
Annotto Bay	3,562	3,728	2,881	2,764	" "
Port Maria	5,376	5,232	3,975	3,909	
Oracabessa	1,340	1,418	1,012	1,030	" "
Retreat	...	...	19	29	Opened 2nd February, 1892.
Gayle	...	...	40	45	" "
Ocho Rios	975	992	636	637	
Port Royal	1,618	1,267	1,320	1,132	
Up Park Camp	791	743	596	633	
Halfway-Tree	765	737	454	500	
Gordon Town	403	590	264	367	
Coldspring	436	476	447	397	
Stony Hill	90	93	196	187	
Exhibition	188	101	63	82	Opened 27th Jan., to 16th May, '91.
Cumberland Pen	...	...	8	4	" one day, 3rd Decr., '91.
Race Course	...	...	31	3	" 3 days 8th to 10th Decr., '91.
Difference owing to inter- vention of Railway	257	...	...	...	
Railway	...	...	306	304	
Total	112,809	112,809	102,925	102,925	

GEO. H. PEARCE, Postmaster for Jamaica.



RETURN shewing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch between Jamaica and other places during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1892, as compared with that of 1890-91, and the Six Months ended 31st March, 1890.

Year.	Jamaica Issue.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Total Commissions collected in Jamaica.	To credit of Corresponding Office.	To credit of Jamaica.	To credit of Jamaica on account of Orders payable.	Total credit to Jamaica.	Less Premium paid for Remittance.	Net Credit to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.							
UNITED KINGDOM—		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st October, 1889, to } to 31st March, 1890 }	4,059	18,246 5 1	413	1,020 1 1	407	1,031 16 2	341 8 6	91 7 1	250 1 5	5 6 7	255 8 0	120 0 0	135 8 0
1890-91	8,536	40,110 5 9	822	2,164 11 10	786	2,073 9 7	734 0 6	199 2 9	534 17 9	10 18 11	545 16 8	276 15 0	269 1 8
1891-92	8,100	36,195 9 9	868	2,248 17 8	856	2,230 5 4	669 1 0	181 13 11	487 7 1	11 1 11	489 9 0	236 5 0	253 4 0
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—													
1st October, 1889, to } 31st March, 1890. }	993	4,382 13 10	130	397 7 4	131	413 17 0	83 13 0	21 14 10	61 18 2	1 16 9	63 14 11	40 5 11	23 9 0
1890-91	1,945	8,926 0 6	298	947 3 5	280	914 15 11	169 19 9	43 6 3	126 13 6	4 16 8	131 10 2	79 12 5	51 17 9
1891-92	2,152	9,491 0 9	347	1,020 4 2	340	1,010 0 11	180 0 6	49 9 5	130 11 1	5 0 3	135 11 4	85 4 9	50 6 7
DOMINION OF CANADA													
1st October, 1889, to } 31st March, 1890. }	167	1,087 9 9	29	130 8 4	31	142 13 1	24 4 0	5 6 10	18 17 2	0 13 0	19 10 2	9 12 6	9 17 8
1890-91	218	1,314 13 6	77	339 18 4	72	306 14 7	29 19 3	6 15 7	23 3 8	1 14 6	24 18 2	9 14 10	15 3 4
1891-92	351	2,216 8 6	82	364 14 11	85	393 19 11	30 19 3	11 0 10	28 18 5	1 16 9	30 15 2	18 5 10	12 9 4
BRITISH GUIANA—													
1st October, 1889, to } 31st March, 1890. }	37	114 17 1	33	57 10 11	35	55 18 9	1 18 6	0 11 7	1 6 11	0 5 2	1 12 1	...	1 12 1
1890-91	67	136 17 6	62	158 7 3	55	143 0 3	2 10 0	0 13 8	1 16 4	0 17 0	2 13 4	...	2 13 4
1891-92	35	144 4 1	45	129 18 9	48	143 15 9	1 16 6	0 14 4	1 2 2	0 11 7	1 13 9	...	1 13 9
BARBADOS—													
1st October, 1889, to } 31st March, 1890. }	63	205 6 4	38	62 16 5	33	56 8 9	3 3 6	1 0 6	2 3 0	0 6 4	2 9 4	...	2 9 4
1890-91	102	332 16 6	91	230 9 9	84	222 19 1	5 6 0	1 14 8	3 11 4	1 3 5	4 14 9	...	4 14 9
1891-92	113	301 5 6	107	412 14 6	110	417 5 4	4 10 0	1 10 8	2 19 4	2 1 7	5 0 11	...	5 0 11
LEEWARD ISLANDS													
1st October, 1889, to } 31st March, 1890. }	8	14 7 6	11	21 3 3	10	20 3 3	0 6 0	0 1 6	0 4 6	0 2 2	0 6 8	...	0 6 8
1890-91	9	15 1 4	41	203 18 8	39	201 11 2	0 5 6	0 1 5	0 4 1	1 0 7	1 4 8	...	1 4 8
1891-92	34	68 6 4	71	194 0 0	70	201 10 10	1 4 0	0 6 9	0 17 3	1 1 9	1 19 0	...	1 19 0

## VOID ORDERS.

Country.	Repaid to Remitter.			Return to the Issuing Office.			
	1890-91.	1st Oct., '89 to 31st March, '90.	1891-92.	1st Oct., '89 to 31st March, '90.	1888-89.	1890-91.	1891-92.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	44 16 9	7 9 0	38 6 3	6 7 0	32 6 10	19 16 5	34 0 8
United States of America	37 5 6	7 5 0	4 2 9	2 0 7	2 19 0	8 5 5	19 9 7
Dominion of Canada	...	...	28 3 9	0 13 0	...	...	0 2 0
Barbados	...	...	2 1 8	1 0 0	4 11 8	...	0 1 0
British Guiana	...	...	...	...	0 4 2	0 3 6	0 8 0

GEO. H. PEARCE,  
Postmaster for Jamaica.

General Post Office.



## Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>POST OFFICE—</b>							
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices ...		376	13	9			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office		336	1	3½			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom		87	15	11½			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and Foreign Countries ...		174	16	5½			
Postages on Unpaid Ship Letters ...		2	8	4			
Stamps sold by the Department ...		13,382	0	2½			
Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner		3,524	1	4½			
Rent of Private Letter Boxes ...		70	16	0			
Fees for Conveyance of Private Letter Bags		45	3	0			
Commission on Money Orders ...	£672	15	3				
Less Premium on Remittances :							
United Kingdom	£236	5	0				
United States	82	8	3				
Canada	18	12	4	£337	5	7	335 9 8
Fees for detention of Country Letters per Packet for delivery in Kingston		16	6	0			
Fine Account ...		7	10	6			
Commission on Mail Coach Collections ...		100	16	5			
Discount on Stamps purchased from Public		0	11	1			
Registered Letter Envelopes sold ...		0	9	3½			
Commission on Postal Orders ...		335	18	9			18,746 18 1
<b>TELEGRAPHS—</b>							
Stamps sold ...		5,749	15	6			
Additional charge on "A 1" and "B" Books		8	3	9			
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours		10	0	0			5,767 19 3
					<b>£24,514 17 4</b>		



## Department during the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1892.

SALARIES—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	...	733	6	8			
Salaries of Clerks	...	2,943	6	4			
Clerical Assistance	...	36	12	11			
Wages of Porters, Letter Carriers, &c.	...	690	17	4			
Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers	...	122	11	5			
Packet Newspaper Sorters	...	166	15	0			
Salaries of District Postmasters	...	2,299	2	7			
Wages of Messengers conveying Mails between General Post Office and Railway Station	...	59	16	0	7,043	8	3
COMMISSION ON STAMPS SOLD—							
Poundage on Stamps sold by Department	...	131	14	3			
Discount on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	176	8	1	308	2	4
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS—							
Contractors	...	8,511	15	3			
Special Mail Services	...	3	10	6			
Packet Mail Services	...	19	4	7			
Proportion of Postage placed to credit of the United Kingdom	...	1,100	0	0			
Ship Letter Gratuities	...	389	2	6			
Conveyance of Mails between Post Offices and Railway Stations	...	112	10	6			
Conveyance of Mails between General Post Office and Up-Park Camp	...	48	15	0			
Transit Rates payable to Union Countries other than United Kingdom	...	127	18	9	10,262	17	1
SERVICES—							
Contingencies	...	407	8	2½			
Letter Carriers' Uniforms	...	95	9	1			
Water Supply	...	2	6	0			
Lighting Account	...	24	15	1			
Advertising	...	78	4	6			
Mail Bags and Wrappers	...	85	1	8			
Travelling Charges	...	249	4	5			
Allowance for Services out of Office hours	...	410	12	7			
Rent of Post Offices	...	551	3	4			
Twine and Wax	...	96	16	8			
Manufacture of Stamps	...	1,138	6	1			
Date Stamps and Type	...	2	9	6			
Furniture	...	2	7	0	3,144	4	1½
					20,758	11	9½
EXHIBITION POST OFFICE	...				107	1	3
POSTAL UNION CONTRIBUTION—							
Contribution to the United Kingdom to meet additional loss consequent on joining Postal Union	...				3,000	0	0
DRAWBACK ENTRIES—							
Re-directed Letters	...	130	15	4			
Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch	...	62	16	9			
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries	...	2	14	½	196	6	1½
TELEGRAPH BRANCH SALARIES—							
Salary of Superintendent	...	400	0	0			
Salaries of Assistants to Superintendent	...	400	0	0			
Salaries of Operators	...	2,704	2	5			
Wages of Messengers, Head Office	...	134	14	7			
Wages of Messengers, District Offices	...	560	0	3	4,198	17	3
SERVICES—							
Porterage	...	145	18	8			
Travelling Charges	...	380	7	8½			
Water Supply	...	33	8	0			
Contingencies	...	288	15	2½			
Rent of Head Office	...	96	0	0			
Head of District Offices	...	571	18	3			
Messengers' Uniforms	...	36	18	6			
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...	361	1	3			
Services out of Office hours	...	266	8	3			
Furniture	...	2	12	6			
					6,382	5	7
VOTES ADMINISTERED BY POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—							
Steam Communication round the Island	...				£1,800	0	0

GEO. H. PEARCE, Postmaster for Jamaica.