

## Jamaica Post Office Notices 1899

24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gazette 4 May 1899].....	2
24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gazette 11 May 1899].....	2
24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gleaner 8 May 1899].....	3
July 1899; Stamp Law [Gazette 13 Jul 1899].....	4
1 Nov 1899; Parcel Post rates [Gazette 5 Oct 1899] .....	7
1899; PO Revenue by Parish [JGZS18991019].....	8

24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gazette 4 May 1899]


No. 166. 3rd May, 1899.

**T**HE GOVERNOR directs it to be notified, for general information, that on Her Majesty's Birthday, the 24th May next, Jamaica will join the list of Colonies who have adopted the scheme for an Imperial Penny Postage.

Accordingly on and after that day the postage on letters addressed to the United Kingdom and to the British Possessions and Protectorates named hereunder will be at the rate of one penny per half ounce.

By Command,  
FRED. EVANS,  
Colonial Secretary.

24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gazette 11 May 1899]

  
**Government Notices.**

No. 166.—2 3rd May, 1899.

**T**HE GOVERNOR directs it to be notified, for general information, that on Her Majesty's Birthday, the 24th May instant, Jamaica will join the list of Colonies who have adopted the scheme for an Imperial Penny Postage.

Accordingly on and after that day the postage on letters addressed to the United Kingdom and to the British Possessions and Protectorates named hereunder will be at the rate of one penny per half ounce.

By Command,  
FRED. EVANS,  
Colonial Secretary.

Aden	Malay States (protected)
Ascension	namely—
Bahamas	
Barbados	Perak
Bermuda	Selangor
British Central Africa	Negri-Sembilan and
British East Africa	Pahang
British Guiana	Natal
British Honduras	Newfoundland
Canada	Niger Coast Protecto-
Ceylon	rate
Cyprus	Niger Territory
Falkland Islands	St. Helena
Fiji	Sarawak
Gambia	Seychelles
Gibraltar	Sierra Leone
Gold Coast	Straits Settlements
Hong Kong	Tobago
India	Trinidad
Johore	Turks Islands
Lagos	Uganda
Leeward Islands, namely—	Windward Islands,
Antigua	namely—
St. Kitts	
Nevis	Grenada
Dominica	St. Lucia
Montserrat, and the	St. Vincent
Virgin Islands	

**24 May 1899; Postal rates (Empire Penny Post) [Gleaner 8 May 1899]**

On 24 May 1899 (The Queen's Birthday) Jamaica joined the Empire Penny Post (1d. per oz.) which then consisted of:-

Aden	Ceylon	Leeward Islands, namely:	Malta	Straits Settlements
Ascension	Cyprus	Antigua		Tobago
Bahamas	Falkland Islands	St. Kitts	Natal	Transvaal
Barbados	Fiji	Nevis	Newfoundland	Trinidad
Bermudas	Gambia	Dominica		Turks Islands
British Central Africa	Gibraltar	Montserrat	Niger Coast Protectorate	Uganda
British East Africa	Gold Coast	Virgin Islands	Niger Territory	Windward Islands, namely
British Guiana	Hong Kong	Malay States (protected):		Grenada
British Honduras	India	Perak	St. Helena	St. Lucia
British North Borneo	Johore	Selangor	Sarawak	St. Vincent
Canada	Labuan	Negri-Sembilan and	Seychelles	Zanzibar
	Lagos	Pahang	Sierra Leone	

Gleaner: 6 May 1899

**O**N the 24th May 1899 Her Majesty's Birthday, this Colony will join in the "Imperial Penny Postage" System. On and after that date the letter rate of Postage to the United Kingdom and to any other place in the British Empire will be reduced, under the authority of His Excellency the Governor, to ONE PENNY per half ounce.

The following are the places in the British Empire to which the reduced letter rate of postage will apply:—Aden, Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British Guiana, British Honduras, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, India, Johore, Lagos, Leeward Islands, namely,—Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat, and the Virgin Islands; Malay States, (protected) namely,—Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang, Natal, Newfoundland, Niger Coast, Protectorate, Niger Territory, St. Helena, Sarawak, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, Turks Islands, Uganda, Windward Islands, namely,—Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent.

The above stated reduction will not apply to Letters addressed to the United States, of America or to any other places not in the British Empire.

Gleaner: 8 May 1899

**Government of Jamaica**

**O**N the 24th May, 1899, Her Majesty's Birthday, this Colony will join in the "Imperial Penny Postage System." On and after that date, the letter rate of Postage to the United Kingdom and to the undermentioned British Possessions and Protectorates, will be reduced, under the authority of His Excellency the Governor to ONE PENNY per half ounce.

The following are the places to which the reduced letter rate of postage will apply:—Aden, Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British Guiana, British Honduras, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, India, Johore, Lagos, Leeward Islands, namely,—Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat, and the Virgin Islands; Malay States, (protected) namely,—Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang, Natal, Newfoundland, Niger Coast Protectorate, Niger Territory, St. Helena, Sarawak, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, Turks Islands, Uganda, Windward Islands, namely,—Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Zanzibar.

The above stated reduction will not apply to Letters addressed to the United States, of America or to any other British Possession or Protectorate not named.

Later joiners:-

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| • Cape of Good Hope   | 1 Sep 1899  |
| • Transvaal and Orange River Colony   | 1 Dec 1900  |
| • New Zealand   | 1 Jan 1901  |
| • British Ships at Sea  | 1 Jun 1901  |
| • New Zealand Dependencies  | 10 Aug 1901 |
| • British Post Offices in China until 1.10.16 (but continued for Wei Hei Wei) | 1 Jul 1902  |



## Jamaica Post Office Notices 1899

• Australia, British New Guinea and Norfolk Island (in reverse direction 1.5.	15 Jul 1905
• Egypt and Sudan	1 May 1906
• Bechuanaland Protectorate	1 Apr 1908
• British Post Offices in Morocco	1 Jan 1908
• Indian Post Offices in the Persian Gulf	16 Apr 1909
• Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis and Trengganu	1 Apr 1910
• British Post Offices in French India	29 Sep 1910
• Rhodesia	1 Apr 1911
• Brunei	11 Aug 1911
• New Hebrides	10 Dec 1912
• Togoland	5 Dec 1914
• German (Former) New Guinea, Nauru and Samoa	19 Mar 1915
• Cameroon	11 Sep 1915
• Bushire (until 4.11.15)	24 Sep 1915
• Mauritius	?

### July 1899; Stamp Law [Gazette 13 Jul 1899]

*Rules, Regulations and Instructions for the Management of the Stamp Office under Laws 33 of 1868, 38 of 1872, and 22 of 1899.*

1. The future system of stamping documents shall be by direct impression from dies in self-recording presses, and also by means of over-embossing stamps.

2. The office shall be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only, daily, except on Sundays and Public Holidays.

3. Every person requiring stamps, whether impressed or adhesive, shall make written requisition for same to the Stamp Commissioner, in which shall be specified the date, the name of the person paying the duties, the number, denominations and value of the stamps required, and the amount to be paid. Every requisition shall be receipted by the Cashier, on behalf of the Stamp Commissioner, and shall be numbered consecutively from 1 each day.

4. The Impressed Stamps required by each requisition shall be impressed under the direction or superintendence of the Stamp Commissioner, provided that such stamping be in accordance with the Rules laid down in the Schedule of the Stamp Law.

5. All documents so impressed shall be delivered to the owners thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Cashier to affix his initials to each requisition in testimony that the documents have been duly stamped and delivered.

6. Every requisition, whether for Adhesive or Impressed Stamps, shall be recorded by the Cashier in a book kept by him for the purpose, and in testimony thereof, the word "entered" shall be inserted on each requisition, and initialed by the Cashier.

7. All requisitions on the Stamp Commissioner for Adhesive Stamps shall be supplied by him, and delivered in a manner similar to that provided under Rule 12 for the stamping and delivery of Impressed Stamps.



8. On no account whatever may any letter, character, or figure be erased, altered or obliterated, in the Cash Book kept by the Cashier, or in any Book, form, or receipt, in the Stamp Office, when a mistake is made, a line must be drawn through the incorrect entry, and the correct entry made above; the officer who makes the correction shall place his initials against it.

9. All stamps and stamped papers to be forwarded by post, on the requisitions of Stamp Distributors, Clerks of the Courts, or otherwise, shall be stamped, prepared and made up, with a letter of advice, under the directions of the Cashier, and shall be duly recorded, after which, they shall be handed over by the Cashier to another officer of the department, whose duty it shall be to check the stamps and stamped papers, with the requisitions, and then securely seal the envelopes. These letters shall be registered at the Post Office, and the receipt therefor obtained in a book provided for the purpose.

10. The Stamp Commissioner shall lodge every day before 3 p.m., to the credit of the Island Treasurer, in the Colonial Bank, all moneys received by him during the day for stamps, whether impressed or adhesive, as well as all other moneys which he shall have received on the previous day after having made his lodgment.

At the close of public business each day, the Cash Book kept by the Cashier shall be written up and balanced, and it shall be the duty of the Stamp Commissioner to compare the entries in the Cash Book with the requisitions, and also to compare the Colonial Bank Lodgment Receipt with the entry in the Cash Book for the amount lodged.

The Stamp Commissioner shall also check any other moneys the Cashier may have received, and shall initial and date the same if found correct.

11. The Stamp Commissioner shall advise the Treasurer every Monday morning of the amounts lodged by him in the Colonial Bank during the previous week.

12. Every Clerk of the Courts shall at the expiration of each month make a Return to the Stamp Commissioner in such form as may be approved of shewing the number and amount of Licenses he had on hand at the commencement of the month just expired; the number and amount of Licenses received during the said month, also those used during the month, together with a detailed statement showing how the several Licenses were disposed of, and the number and amount of Licenses, if any, remaining on hand at the close of the said month. This Return shall be declared to.

13. Every Collector and Assistant Collector of Revenue shall render to the Stamp Commissioner at the close of every month, a Return showing the amount of stamped forms and paper he had on hand at the commencement of the month just expired, the amount supplied to him during that month, the amount disposed of, and the balance remaining on hand at the close of the said month.

14. Every Collector of Revenue shall at the close of each month render to the Stamp Commissioner a Return shewing the names of the persons who have paid the necessary Stamp Duty on Spirit, Petroleum, Metal, Gunpowder and Fire Arms Licenses and any other License required by Law to be stamped during that month.

15. Clerks of the Courts shall, at the close of every month, furnish the Stamp Commissioner with copies of all Wills and Letters of Administra-

tion which shall have passed under the jurisdiction of the Resident Magistrates' Courts during that month.

16. The Stamp Commissioner shall keep a Register in which shall be recorded the requisitions made by Stamp Distributors and Clerks of the Courts for Stamps and Stamped Papers. The particulars of these should on no account be recorded in the Cash Book kept by the Cashier.

17. All consignments of Stamps to any Department authorised to make requisitions for same, shall be acknowledged by the head of such Department, or by any deputed officer thereof.

18. When the Stamp Commissioner makes a requisition for a fresh supply of Revenue Adhesive Stamps, or Embossed Adhesive Stamps from the Great Store, to replenish the stock kept by him in the reserve chest, it shall be the duty of the Auditor General, or an Officer deputed by him, to inspect the Adhesive, and Embossed Stamp Accounts kept in the Stamp Office, and to compare the balances shown by the said Accounts with the Stamps remaining on hand.

19. All Adhesive, and Embossed Stamps must be secured in the reserve Chest under double locks with separate and different keys, one key to be always in the custody of the Stamp Commissioner, and the other in the custody of the Cashier.

20. The Great Store must also be secured under double locks with separate and different keys, one key to be always in the custody of the Stamp Commissioner, and the other in the custody of the Island Treasurer.

Both Officers must be present together on every occasion when the Store is opened and closed.

In the unavoidable absence of either of the above-named Officers, some suitable arrangements may be made whereby two deputies shall be present at the opening and closing of the Store.

21. When spoiled stamps, and other stamps are returned to the Stamp Office as unsaleable, the Cashier should cancel such spoiled stamp form by stamping across it the word "cancelled," by a rubber or other hand stamp, but in such manner as to leave the stamp duty legible. The "cancelled stamps," with the declaration attached, should be sent each week to the Auditor General, and when the Cashier's claim for the amount issued by him in respect of spoiled stamps shall have been passed by the Auditor General, the stamps should be destroyed in the presence of the Auditor General and the Treasurer, or their deputies.

22. Surplus cash discovered in the Chest of the Cashier at the close of the day should be recorded in the detailed Balance Book as "Cash in excess of Book Balance." If the cause of the discrepancy cannot be ascertained at the close of the month in which the surplus occurred, the Stamp Commissioner shall bring the amount to account as "Miscellaneous Revenue" and forthwith lodge the same in the Colonial Bank to the credit of the Island Treasurer.

23. Any deficiency of cash discovered at the close of the day must forthwith be made good by the Cashier.

24. The amount, and the description of the balance remaining in the chest unlodged at the close of the day, shall be recorded each day, in detail in a book to be kept for the purpose; the particulars shall be signed by the Cashier, and counter-signed by the Stamp Commissioner, and the book locked up in the reserve Chest at the close of each day's business.



25. The Stamp Commissioner shall distribute the work of the Department among the Officers, in such manner as he may think best for carrying on the work of the Department with despatch and efficiency.

26. The Deputy Keeper of Records, and the Registrar of Titles, shall, within the first four days of the months of January, April, July, and October in each and every year, furnish the Stamp Commissioner with a Docket, or Abstract of all Deeds whereby any succession to property is granted, settled, or effected which shall have been recorded or lodged during the previous quarter, in support of applications for Registration, this Docket or Abstract, shall contain an exact copy of that portion or those portions of the Deeds which deal with the Successions.

27. Any document, or documents tendered to the Stamp Commissioner to be impressed with the Stamp Duty payable under any of the Laws of this Island, may at the discretion of the Stamp Commissioner be detained by him at his Office for a period not exceeding three days.

28. Deeds and other documents may be sent to the Stamp Office through the various Collectors and Assistant Collectors of Taxes, upon the full amount of the Stamp Duty being paid to the Collector, or Assistant Collector of Taxes at the time of the handing in of the documents to be forwarded to the Stamp Commissioner.

29. When forwarding documents to the Stamp Commissioner to be stamped, Collectors and Assistant Collectors of Taxes should note, on the face of the requisitions, that the amount of the Stamp Duty had been duly deposited.

30. The Over-embossing Die and Date plugs must be in the custody of the Stamp Commissioner or Cashier, when not in use, and kept in a fire-proof safe. The plugs for each particular day must be given out at the commencement of the stamping.

31. After the colour has been properly mixed and worked up in the press, a specimen impression from the die should be taken in a book, and submitted to the Stamp Commissioner or Cashier for examination and approval, and should be initialed by him. These books, when completed, are to be forwarded to the Auditor General.

32. The Adhesive Stamps must be torn from the Sheet along the line of perforations, and the margin must not be trimmed or cut in any way; they should, in the case of paper documents, be securely affixed to the face of the document, leaving sufficient space from the edge to allow for the over-lap of the Over-embossing impression; the document should then be carefully placed under the press, and the die brought down sufficiently to determine the position of the Over-embossing impression, which should effectually cover the groundwork of the stamp or stamps without defacing the duty. The wheel of the press should then be elevated to its utmost extent, and such a blow delivered as will ensure a good embossment.

In the case of a Double-dated Die, one of the dates is to fall on the document, and the other on the stamp.

33. In the case of parchments, the Adhesive Stamps should, after the surface of the skin has been roughened with pumice stone, be affixed with hot glue; an incision should then be made through the combined stamp and skin, in a part of the groundwork of the stamp, clear of the duty, and a

small piece of foil inserted and secured by a cypher at the back; the stamp should then be over-bossed by the die over the inserted foil in a similar way to that described in the preceding rule.

34. The Cashier shall every morning apply to the Stamp Commissioner, in a book to be kept for the purpose, for the amount of the various denominations of Over-embossed Adhesive Stamps which he estimates he may require during that day. All such issues must be signed by the Stamp Commissioner and Cashier.

35. At the close of each day, the Cashier shall enter in the book above referred to, the quantity of Over-embossed Adhesive Stamps sold by him that day, and should then hand the balance of unsold stamps to the Stamp Commissioner, and both officers shall initial the entry, if the same be found correct.

Approved in Privy Council this 12th day of July, 1899.

T. LAWRENCE ROXBURGH,  
Clerk of Privy Council.

1 Nov 1899; Parcel Post rates [Gazette 5 Oct 1899]

No. 395. 4th October, 1899.  
**THE GOVERNOR** directs it to be notified, for general information, that on the 1st November, 1899, Jamaica will adopt the following triple scale of Postage for parcels exchanged between this Colony, the United Kingdom and the Colonies mentioned below :—  
 For a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs. 1s.  
 Over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs. 2s.  
 Over 7 lbs. but not over 11 lbs. 3s.  
 By Command,  
**FRED. EVANS**, Colonial Secretary.

Colonies which have adopted the scale :—

Hong Kong  
 Straits Settlements  
 Ceylon  
 Seychelles  
 The Gambia  
 Sierra Leone  
 Gold Coast Colony  
 Lagos  
 Gibraltar  
 St. Helena  
 Fiji  
 The Falkland Islands  
 Turks Islands  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 The Windward Islands, viz. :—  
     Grenada  
     St. Lucia  
     St. Vincent  
 The Leeward Islands, which comprise  
     Antigua  
     St. Christopher and Nevis  
     Dominica  
     Montserrat and the Virgin Islands  
 Cyprus.

By Command,  
**FRED. EVANS**, Colonial Secretary.



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

PARISH.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
POSTAL REVENUE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kingston	9,160 5 1½	10,034 4 6½	10,632 15 10½	9,520 2 3½	9,318 4 1
St. Andrew	1,027 5 8	1,039 7 6	1,147 1 2	977 12 6½	1,173 15 7
St. Thomas	787 3 7½	897 3 6½	797 11 1½	755 1 5½	667 18 9
Portland	919 18 10	1,134 10 10½	1,110 9 2	1,155 12 6½	1,421 10 5
St. Mary	998 0 4½	1,214 19 2½	1,213 1 11½	1,190 12 11	1,326 14 6½
St. Ann	1,471 16 0½	1,499 18 6½	1,584 7 6½	1,533 5 1	1,377 7 11½
Trelawny	928 6 5	896 8 2½	948 3 7½	840 0 1	806 7 5½
St. James	922 1 7	958 7 0½	1,006 10 5½	939 17 9½	864 11 0½
Hanover	390 18 5½	420 19 1	410 17 0½	398 5 1½	371 6 7½
Westmoreland	858 9 1	891 15 1½	863 0 11½	821 1 0½	799 12 11½
St. Elizabeth	1,038 6 6	963 14 7½	975 17 0½	1,034 1 9	927 17 6
Manchester	1,515 15 7½	1,609 10 6½	1,621 15 5	1,527 4 4	1,515 17 7½
Clarendon	861 12 9	855 6 6½	856 16 7½	793 5 11½	718 13 6½
St. Catherine	1,187 8 5½	1,153 11 5½	1,257 3 1½	1,405 17 1½	1,270 0 4
Total	22,067 8 5½	23,569 16 9½	24,425 11 1½	22,892 0 0½	22,559 18 5½
Postage	8,512 6 11½	9,488 12 3½	10,072 15 7½	9,064 13 1½	8,800 0 9
Commission Money Orders	400 10 5	387 13 9	414 5 6	373 16 2	392 9 11
Miscellaneous	227 7 9	157 18 6	145 14 9	81 13 0	125 13 5

PARISH.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
TELEGRAPHS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kingston	1,880 5 0	2,077 3 9	1,942 5 3	1,930 12 3	2,268 10 0
St. Andrew	172 11 6	159 12 9	126 14 3	119 1 0	157 9 6
St. Thomas	328 4 6	310 5 9	249 15 0	195 3 6	169 10 9
Portland	468 15 3	509 17 6	347 14 0	333 15 3	854 7 6
St. Mary	427 0 6	488 4 6	416 9 6	384 0 6	439 3 3
St. Ann	482 8 6	504 17 9	509 8 3	417 13 0	467 1 9
Trelawny	241 9 3	209 8 3	181 6 3	171 1 6	171 17 6
St. James	431 15 3	424 19 9	404 9 9	374 10 3	388 6 6
Hanover	195 18 0	189 19 0	134 15 0	125 16 3	134 4 0
Westmoreland	214 9 9	205 8 0	173 11 6	155 6 9	156 3 6
St. Elizabeth	235 6 9	237 1 6	201 2 0	178 3 3	174 7 6
Manchester	304 13 6	330 3 3	338 4 3	292 13 6	303 15 6
Clarendon	244 13 6	217 5 6	200 12 0	166 15 3	158 17 6
St. Catherine	277 17 6	291 1 3	253 12 3	241 0 3	257 14 3
Total	5,905 8 9	6,155 8 6	5,479 19 3	5,085 12 6	5,943 19 6