

THE GOVERNOR directs that the following Returns of Delays in Conveyance of the Mails, between 1st January, and 30th September, 1871, be published for general information.
By command,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG, Acting Colonial Secretary.

POST OFFICE MAIL CONVEYANCE.

RETURN, shewing Delays that occurred in the Conveyance of Mails from the 1st January to 30th June, 1871, and the Measures taken by way of Correction.

Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
2nd January, 1871.	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Dry Harbor and St. Ann's Bay	1	..	Excused, Mule a Good one but knocked up on journey.
4th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and Rio Bueno	1	38	Fined £0 9s. 0d.
5th ...	ditto	Black River	90	Old Harbor and Porus	1	40	Mule became Lame on the Road, owing to Bad Shoeing.
6th	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	37	Fined £0 9s. 0d.
9th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Spanish Town	3	45	Fined £1 2s. 0d.
11th ...	Black River	Grange Hill	43	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	10	Time Entered on Time Bill stated to have been erroneous.
11th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	4	..	River Swollen.
11th ..	Branch Post	..	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	5	30	River Swollen.
12th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Dry Harbor and Moneague	2	57	Fined £0 17s. 0d.
12th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	5	30	Fined £1 13s. 0d.
13th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria	2	15	Rivers down.
13th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	12	..	Bad Roads, Rivers swollen, Horse Sick, had to return to Golden Spring for a fresh Animal.
14th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	6	..	Night Dark, Rain, Bad Roads.
16th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios	1	..	Difference in time between Post Offices.
16th ...	Black River	Grange Hill	43	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	..	Roads recently Metalled, and difference in time Pieces.
16th ..	Branch Post	..	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	2	..	Mud deep on Road.
17th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	10	..	Fined £3.
18th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	5	..	Roads Reported in Bad Order.
19th ..	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Old Harbor and Porus	1	10	The Shaft Mule got Sick on the journey.
20th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Detention at St. Ann's Bay	4	..	Packet Arrived before time, Contractor paid 3s. Compensation demanded for Horses Hired, but not used.
20th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	4	..	Rain, and Roads out of Order.
21st ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria	1	25	Time disputed.
21st ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Moneague and Linstead	1	..	Fined 6s.
21st ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	4	5	Fined £1 4s. 6d.
22nd ..	Branch Post	..	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	3	15	Courier Sick on Journey.
23rd ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria	1	35	Time disputed.
23rd ..	Black River	Grange Hill	43	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	..	Difference of time between Black River and Savanna-la-Mar.
24th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	..	Fined 6s.
24th ..	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	Port Antonio and Kingston	9	35	Rivers swollen, Courier unable to Cross.
25th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria	1	55	Bad Weather.
25th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	11	..	Rio Grande River swollen, Courier Sick.

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Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
26th January, 1871	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	10	...	Fined £3 0s. 0d.
28th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and St. David's	6	...	Fined £1 16s. 0d.
1st February, 1871	Branch Post	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	..	Bad Roads.
1st ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Rio Grande very high.
3rd ..	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Porus and Mandeville	8	...	Packet Mail arrived before time. Mules not in readiness.
4th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Kingston and Port Antonio	13	...	Packet Mail arrived before time. No Mules in readiness at Temple Hall Station. Arrived at Annotto Bay at night. No Mules in readiness. Pastures at Agualta Vale Estate some distance from Annotto Bay Post Office.
5th ...	Branch Post	Post	12	Lucea and Green Island	1	25	Horse fell. Bridge broken at Orange Cove.
5th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Heavy Rains.
6th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	8	Fined 6s.
6th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria	1	50	Time disputed by Contractor.
6th ..	Branch Post	Post	10	Goshen and Malvern	1	10	Difference in Clocks.
6th ..	ditto	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	2	...	Heavy Rains.
8th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Rivers high.
9th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Spanish Town	3	45	Mail arrived late in Spanish Town, to be conveyed by Train. Contractor paid Cost by Road, 16s.
9th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Spanish Town and Rio Bueno	1	33	Fined 5s.
10th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Salt Gut and Port Maria	1	50	Time disputed by Contractor.
10th ..	Branch Post	Post	10	Goshen and Malvern	1	...	Difference in Clocks.
10th ..	ditto	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	25	Roads bad.
10th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	On length of Line	7	10	Fined £2 3s.
11th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Ditto	6	40	Fined £2.
16th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Spanish Town	1	45	Fined 10s.
16th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Moneague	1	15	Fined 7s.
17th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	3	...	Rivers swollen.
21st ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and St. Ann's Bay	2	16	Fined 13s.
22nd ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Plan. Garden River	7	...	Fined £2 2s.
24th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios	1	30	Packet Express. Mule fell down precipice. Courier in charge of regular Post on Route stopped to help.
24th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Plan. Garden River	7	15	Fined £2 3s. 6d.
25th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	7	35	Fined £2 5s. 6d.
26th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Kingston & Plantain Garden River	7	25	Fined £2 4s. 6d.
28th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	...	Mule would not work.
2nd March, 1871	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	...	No explanation to this loss of time furnished.
7th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Claremont	1	...	Fined 6s.
8th ..	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Mandeville and Goshen	1	35	Courier detained on Road, rendering assistance to Packet Mails, trappings to Harness having got broken.
8th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	On length of Line	1	45	Fined. (See next page.)

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Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
9th March, 1871	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	On length of Line	8	45	Fined. (See below.)*
9th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Rio Bueno	2	..	Roads reported to be in Bad Order. Heavy Mail.
10th ..	Ditto	Ditto	107	Claremont and Rio Bueno	2	..	Mule would not work.
14th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	2	40	Fined. (See below.)*
14th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Linstead and Spanish Town	1	..	Mare took Sick on Road. Reported to be a fine Animal.
15th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	On length of Line	3	15	Heavy Mail.
16th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Spanish Town	2	45	Fined 16s.
16th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Moneague	1	..	Courier reported his Mule would not work.
14th to 16th	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Detention at Port Morant	25	..	Fined
.. ..	Kingston	Ditto	46	On length of Line	7	40	Fined
17th ...	Ditto	Ditto	46	Detention at Port Morant	5	30	Fined
18th ...	Ditto	Ditto	46	Detention at Port Morant	6	10	Fined
18th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	9	35	Fined
18th ...	Ditto	Ditto	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	5	35	Fined
18th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Moneague and Spanish Town	3	25	Mail Arrived late in Spanish Town to be forwarded by Train. Contractor paid Express by Road, viz. 16s.
19th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	On length of Line	12	..	Fined. (See below.)*
21st ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Moneague	1	..	Fined 6s.
21st ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	8	30	Fined. (See below.)*
22nd ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Rio Bueno and Montego Bay	1	40	Courier Sick on Road.
23rd ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Spanish Town	1	10	Fined 6s.
23rd ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	2	55	Fined. (See below.)*
24th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Claremont	4	28	Heavy Mail. Courier Reported his Horses would not Work.
25th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Spanish Town	5	5	Fined 30s. in addition to 16s. the Cost of Conveyance by Road, the Mail having Arrived too late in Spanish Town to be forwarded by Train.
25th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and St. David's	3	5	Fined. (See below.)*
26th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay & Plan Gar. River	5	..	Fined. (See below.)*
28th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Spanish Town	3	26	Fined 20s. 6d. in addition to 16s. cost of conveyance by Road.
28th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and Kingston	1	..	Fined. (See below.)*
29th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay & Plan. Gar. River	3	45	Fined. (See below.)*

* The Fines referred to appear in an Abstract of Delays, which was sent to the Contractor and Amounted to

For Detention (being 1s. for each five minutes)	£22 0 0
For Delays (being 1s. for each ten minutes)	£21 13 6
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	From	To			H.	M.	
3rd April, 1871	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Montego Bay and Lucea	1	...	Roads rough, and Mule fell lame on journey.
5th ..	Ditto	Ditto	25	Ditto	1	...	Mail Cart came in contact with another Cart on journey.
6th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Spanish Town and Moneague	1	40	Horse fell lame on journey.
6th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	4	20	Rivers swollen.
6th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Rio Bueno	2	48	Mails heavy.
7th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Port Maria and Annotto Bay	1	...	Delay caused by the swollen state of the Quebec and Pagee Rivers.
7th ..	Ditto	Ditto	49	Annotto Bay and Port Maria	2	3	
7th ..	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On Length of line	11	30	Rivers down. Courier unable to get across.
8th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay and Port Morant	4	10	Courier fell sick on the road.
10th ...	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On Length of Line	12	...	Rivers down. Courier unable to get across.
11th ..	Branch Post	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	2	5	Heavy rains. Bridges at Lance's Bay and Spring under water.
18th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Plan. Garden River & Port Morant	1	25	Fined. (See below)*
18th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	...	Courier reports having been detained by an accident happening to a Dray which stopped the way.
18th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Rivers high
19th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	16	Fined 7s. 6d.
20th ...	Savanna-la-Mar	Montego Bay	36	Savanna-la-Mar and Ramble	1	10	Heavy rain, and Ferris River down.
21st ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and Claremont (Express)	10	...	Axle Arm of Mail Cart broke while on journey.
21st ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay & Plant. Garden River	2	50	Fined. (See below)*
22nd ...	Ditto	Ditto	46	Ditto	4	55	Fined. (See below)*
25th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Port Morant & Plan. Garden River	1	10	Fined. (See below)*
25th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	On Length of Line	6	...	Mails very heavy, and tire of wheel came off on Road.
26th ...	Black River	Spanish Town	90	Black River and Goshen	7	...	Mail Cart axle broke after leaving Black River.
26th ..	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Porus and Mandeville	1	...	Mails very heavy, and Portmanteau slipped on journey.
26th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Moneague	1	28	Fined 8s. 6d.
27th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Rio Bueno	2	37	Fined 15s. 6d.
28th ...	Montego Bay	Kingston	107	Dry Harbour and St. Ann's Bay	1	10	Mail arrived late in Spanish Town to be forwarded by Train. Contractor paid Cost by Road, 16s.
28th ...	Spanish Town	Black River	90	May Hill and Goshen	1	...	The Van went over a pile of Stones used for metalling the Roads, which caused the Driver to fall off. (Mules ran away.)
28th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay & Plant. Garden River	3	15	Fined. (See below)*
28th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy rains.

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For Detention (being 1s. for each five Minutes)	£0 0 0
For Delays (being 1s. for each ten Minutes)	£4 1 6
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Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
1st May, 1871	Branch	Post	13	Grange Hill and Green Island	11	10	Rivers down, and Courier could not cross. Mail due at 6.50. p. m. on 1st. Arrived at 7 a. m. on 2d.
3rd ..	Ditto		12	Lucea and Green Island	12	15	Heavy Rain. Portion of Road washed away. Mail due at 5.45. p. m. on 3d. Arrived at 7 a. m. on 4th.
3rd ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay and Plan. Gar. River	1	55	Fined. (See below).*
4th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	3	..	Fined. (See below).*
6th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay and Plan. Gar. River	8	30	Courier dismissed for having lost time.
6th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	4	..	Mule attacked with Bellyache at Tom's River.
6th ..	Black River	Spanish Town	90	Porus and Clarendon	7	..	Dry River down very heavy.
8th ...	Branch	Post	12	Lucea and Green Island	11	15	Heavy weather. Mail due at 5.45. p. m. on 8th. Arrived at 6 a. m. on 9th.
8th ..	Ditto		13	Grange Hill and Green Island	11	10	Heavy weather. Mail due at 6.50. p. m. on 8th. Arrived at 6 a. m. on 9th.
9th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Claremont and Moneague	1	40	Heavy Rains. Postman states nearly drowned.
9th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	5	5	Fined. (See below).
11th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Claremont	1	..	Fined 6s.
11th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rain.
16th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and St. Ann's Bay	2	10	Fined 13s.
18th ..	Ditto	Ditto	107	Linstead and Rio Bueno	1	38	Fined 9s.
20th ..	Kingston	Montego Bay	120	Kingston and Rio Bueno (Express)	8	55	Fined £2 13s.
21st ..	Ditto	Ditto	120	Rio Bueno and Moneague	1	40	Serious accident in the darkness of the Night. Courier came in contact with Mail Cart, by which Cart was broken, and one Horse killed on the spot.
21st ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Golden Spring and Port Antonio	3	..	Night Dark, and Mule got Sick.
23rd ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	On length of Line	3	30	Heavy Mails.
24th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Claremont	2	48	Fined 16s.
25th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Rio Bueno and Little River	1	35	Mails very heavy.
25th ...	Ditto	Ditto	107	Linstead and St. Ann's Bay	2	36	Fined 15s.
30th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Spanish Town	2	25	Mule fell with Postman and galloped away. Postman bruised, and could not ride quick.
31st ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rain.

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For Detention (being 1s. for each five Minutes)	£0 0 0
For Delays (being 1s. for each ten Minutes)	£3 0 0
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	From	To			H.	M.	
1st June, 1871	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Linstead and Spanish Town	2	30	Fined 15s.
1st ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Spanish Town and Rio Bueno	2	30	Fined 15s.
2nd ..	Grange Hill	Black River	39	Savanna-la Mar and Black River	1	..	Mule lost a shoe on journey.
2nd ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	..	Mules at Halfway-Tree Station got out of Pen.
2nd ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's & Plan. Garden River	5	55	Rivers very high.
3rd ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Spanish Town	2	15	Fined 13s. 6d.
3rd ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	8	30	Rivers very high.
5th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Duncans	1	38	Very heavy Mail.
5th ..	Branch Post	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	..	Postman sick on Road
6th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Moneague	5	35	Horse fell and much injured. Knees cut to the bone.
7th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Spanish River down.
7th ..	Branch Post	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	1	10	Mail did not arrive in time to be forwarded from Lucea. Contractor fined 3s. 8d.
8th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	1	45	New Contractor Mules used being from Manchester not accustomed to Rivers. Courier experienced some difficulty in getting them to cross.
13th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and Claremont	1	..	Portmanteau turned over on journey.
14th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios	2	10	Heavy Rain
14th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rain.
20th	Black River	Spanish Town	90	Clarendon and Old Harbour	2	10	Axle of Mail Cart Broken.
21st ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Port Maria and Annotto Bay	1	20	Horse fell sick on Road. Courier had to carry Mail walking.
21st ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rain during night.
22nd ..	Branch Post	Post	8	Salt Gut and Gayle	1	..	No Courier in readiness. Mail sent on by Postmaster, and Contractor paid Cost 2s.
25th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	9	..	Heavy Rain. Rivers down.
27th ...	Branch Post	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	1	30	Courier denies having lost time.
28th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Courier took sick on Road.
29th ...	Branch Post	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	1	..	Courier detained at Lancer's Bay in consequence of Rain.
29th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	30	Night very dark. Courier could not see his way to ride according to Contract time.

H. W. LIVINGSTON, Chief Clerk.

NOTE TO RETURN TO 30TH JUNE, 1871.

*On 3d April a new Service between Mile Gully and Lilliput was Established, consequent on the re-opening of the latter Office.
 On 1st June the Service between Kingston and Plantain Garden River changed hands, the Old Contractor having been relieved thereof by the Governor.

RETURN of Delays in the Conveyance of Mails during Quarter ended 30th September, 1871, shewing the result of completed Inquiries relative thereto.

Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
5th July, 1871	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Montego Bay and Lucea	1	11	A new Contractor. Service commenced 1st July, 1871. Courier not yet accustomed to judge of rate of travelling. Cautioned.
5th ..	Branch	Post	12	Lucea and Green Island	14	15	Mail due at Green Island at 5.45 p. m. Arrived at 8.0 a. m. on 6th. Rain, and, Currier complaining of sickness, unable to travel through Rain. Mails not deliverable during night. Public inconvenience therefore by so much less than stated.
11th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and St. Ann's Bay	1	21	Postman reported himself sick.
11th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Moneague and Linstead	4	..	Mail Cart, recently purchased, disabled at Ewarton. Bolts of Mail Coach Axle broken.
14th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rains. Night dark. Horse fell.
17th ..	Branch	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	14	..	Courier stopped on Road to ship Logwood. Case sent up for trial.
19th ..	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Montego Bay and Lucea	1	..	Horse dropped a shoe.
19th ..	Branch	Post	13	Grange Hill and Green Island	13	..	Rivers swollen. Postman unable to cross. Mail due at Green Island at 6.50 p. m. Arrived at 8. a. m. on 20th.
1st August	Branch	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	1	Heavy Rains.
4th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Rio Bueno and Montego Bay	1	3	Explanation furnished not sufficient. Contractor fined 6s.
4th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	At Kingston	3	30	No Conveyance in readiness for Packet Express. Contractor, being first offence, censured, and charged with Cost of Express Messenger 6s. to notify him that Mails were ready for despatch.
5th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay and Plan. Garden River	2	20	Contractor having failed to furnish an explanation has been fined 14s.
8th ..	Savanna-la-Mar	Montego Bay	36	Savanna-la-Mar and Ramble	1	10	Very heavy Rains.
9th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Heavy Rains. Vouched for by independent witness.
11th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios	2	40	Mule strayed away from Ocho Rios.
11th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Heavy Rains during the night.
14th ..	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Montego Bay and Lucea	1	41	Horse got sick on the Road and could not move. Courier tried to hire, but did not succeed.
18th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Heavy Rain, and night very dark.
25th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Dry Harbour and Rio Bueno	1	23	Fined 8s.
5th September	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Golden Spring and Annotto Bay	3	..	Packet Express. Courier not knowing that the Grande Hole Bridge was impassable, was detained until he could get assistance. Delay occurred during the night time.
7th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Claremont	1	50	One of the Horses took sick on the Road, and refused to work after leaving St. Ann's Bay. Courier had therefore to return to St. Ann's Bay for a fresh animal
12th :	Spanish Town	Black River	103	Clarendon and Mandeville	1	15	In crossing Dry River at night the path being filled with sand the Hames of the Collar to Harness broke, and thus caused the delay.
12th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Kingston and Morant Bay	5	..	Rivers down, and Roads heavy.
13th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and Rio Bueno	2	33	Still under inquiry.
13th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	6	15	Heavy Rains. Rio Grande River down.

RETURN, of Delays, &c. (continued.)

Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Time.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
15th Sept. 1871	Spanish Town	Black River	103	On length of line	1	5	Bad weather. Heavy Roads.
15th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	5	5	Rivers down. Much Rain.
15th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	At Port Morant	10	...	Mules got away from Courier. Riding Mule having fallen into a rut Courier was thrown. Heavy Rains, rough, stormy. Two men went in search but Mules could not be found.
15th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	3	...	Rivers high.
15th ...	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	At Port Antonio (principally)	21	...	Rio Grande River very high.
16th ..	Black River	Kingston	103	Clarendon & Old Harbour (principly)	6	50	Dry River down. Heavy Roads.
20th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	30	Postman reports Rivers heavy, and night dark.
20th ...	Kingston	Montego Bay	120	At St. Ann's Bay (Packet Mail)	1	39	Wheel of Mail Cart broken, Courier had to remain at St. Ann's Bay to have it repaired.
21st ..	Ditto	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio (Packet Mail)	12	..	Mail due at 10 p. m. on 20th Sept. arrived at 10 a. m. on 21st. Public inconvenience 3 Hours. Rivers impassable.
22nd ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Heavy Rains.
22nd ...	Branch Post	Port Antonio	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	10	Very muddy Roads.
25th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Rio Bueno and Duncans	1	9	Contractor fined 6s.
29th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rains during night.

H. W. LIVINGSTON, Chief Clerk.

NOTE TO RETURN FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1871.

- * On 1st July the Service between Montego Bay and Lucea changed hands, retiring Contractor having terminated his Agreement by Notice.
- On 20th July the Service between Dry Harbour and Stewart Town was abandoned, the Mails being subsequently carried via Brown's Town.
- On 21st July the Service between Dry Harbour and Brown's Town was changed from Tri-weekly to Daily, and a Daily Service was commenced between Brown's Town and Stewart Town.
- On 21st July a new Service between Duncan's and Clark's Town was commenced consequent on the opening of the Post Office at the latter place.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.