

THE GOVERNOR directs that the following Return of Delays in Mail Conveyance for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1871, be published for general information.

By command,

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POST OFFICE MAIL CONVEYANCE.

RETURN, shewing Delays that occurred in Mail Conveyance during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1871.

Date of Delay.	LINE OF ROAD.		Length of Line. Miles.	Where Delay Occurred.	Length of Delay.		REMARKS.
	From	To			H.	M.	
1st October, 1871	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rains.
3rd ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and St. David's	3	50	Mule threw Courier and got away.
4th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	5	..	Spanish River impassable.
6th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Hope Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rain during the night.
8th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	3	..	Rivers reported high.
9th ..	Branch Post	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	...	Roads reported in bad order.
10th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Linstead and Spanish Town	1	...	Mail Cart broken down. Mail too late to be conveyed by 7.30 a. m. Train from Spanish Town. Mail conveyed by Road to Kingston; actual delay 1 hour 20 minutes. Contractor cautioned and charged with cost of conveyance, 16s.
11th ...	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and Rio Bueno	1	3	Contractor failed to furnish explanation. Since relieved of Contract.
12th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Dry Harbour	0	35	Mail too late to be sent by the 7.30 a. m. Train from Spanish Town. Mail reached Kingston at 9.35 a. m. Contractor paid Cost of conveyance by Road, 16s.
11th ...	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	..	Courier states that he was not despatched the proper time.
11th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Night reported very dark.
12th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	2	53	Rivers down and Roads heavy.
13th ..	Branch Post	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond.	2	45	Annotto River impassable.
13th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	30	Heavy Rain. Rio Grande River very high.
14th ...	Spanish Town	Kingston	13	Spanish Town and Kingston	1	..	Train behind time.
14th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Clarendon and Old Harbour	7	..	Fire of wheel to Mail Cart broken whilst on journey, supposed to be from a sudden jerk.
17th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	6	20	Very heavy rains. Rivers flooded.
18th ..	Branch Post	Post	12	Lucea and Green Island	1	15	Severe weather.
18th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	3	30	Very heavy rains. Rivers flooded.
18th to 20th	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of line	24	...	Ditto ditto.
19th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	5	15	Ditto ditto.
19th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Dry Harbour and St. Ann's Bay	1	10	Mail arrived too late to be conveyed by 7.30 a. m. Train from Spanish Town. Mail reached Kingston at 10.20 a. m. having been sent round the road at cost to Contractor of 16s. (Horse reported to have taken sick.)
19th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Porus and Old Harbour	6	25	} Very heavy rains. Rivers flooded.
19th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Morant Bay and St. David's	12	...	
19th ...	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Old Harbour and Clarendon	13	15	Dry River flooded.

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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.	
20th October, 1871	Branch	Post	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	2	30	Very heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
20th to 21st	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	36	...	Ditto ditto.
20th to 22nd	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Detention at Plan. Garden River	34	35	Ditto ditto.
21st to 23rd	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of Line	50	...	Ditto ditto.
20th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	At St. David's	37	55	Rivers impassable.
20th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	On length of Line	18	...	Heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
20th ...	Kingston	Montego Bay	120	Kingston and Rio Bueno	5	30	One of the Horses reported sick. Contractor since relieved of Contract between Moneague and Rio Bueno.
21st ..	Kingston	Black River	103	Time calculated from Man. to B. R.	2	15	Savanna-la-Mar Bag fell off on journey, and caused delay.
21st ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	... Sav-la-Mar to G.H	2	13	Heavy Rains and swollen state of two Rivers.
24th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Moneague and Linstead	...	52	Mail cart broken down. Mail arrived too late to be forwarded on by 7.30 a. m. Train from Spanish Town. Mail reached Kingston 10.10 a.m. Actual delay one Hour and forty Minutes. Contractor charged cost by Road, 16s.
24th ..	Branch	Post	12	Green Island and Lucea	1	...	Severe Weather.
24th ...	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of Line	10	45	Heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
25th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Spanish Town and Rio Bueno	5	33	Mail Cart previously disabled. Contractor hired a Buggy which broke down from excessive weight of Mails as is alleged. Contractor since relieved of Contract from Moneague and Rio Bueno.
25th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Rain.
26th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Clarendon and Old Harbour	6	50	Dry River flooded.
27th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and Rio Bueno	1	28	Contractor fined and relieved of Contract.
27th ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Savanna-la-Mar	1	15	Contractor complains of difference in time pieces between the two towns.
27th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Heavy Rains.
28th ...	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Clarendon and Old Harbour	6	35	Dry River flooded.
29th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rains.
1st November, 1871	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Dry Harbor and Rio Bueno	1	3	New Contractor. Mules not yet accustomed to the work.
1st ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rains during the Night.
2nd ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Moneague	2	...	New Contractor. Mules not yet accustomed to the work.
3rd ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Moneague and Rio Bueno	1	23	Ditto. Ditto.
4th ...	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	St. Ann's Bay and Clarendon	2	30	Ditto. Ditto.
5th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Goshen and Lacovia	2	25	Roads heavy. Van broke down.
3rd ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Port Morant and Plan. Gar. River	1	15	Harbor Head River flooded.
3rd ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Buff Bay and Port Antonio	1	...	Heavy Rains during the Night.
6th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Clarendon and Old Harbour	6	40	Heavy Rains, and Roads consequent'y heavy. Dry River flooded.
7th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	5	8	Rivers flooded.
7th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	10	30	Heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
8th ..	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of Line	11	55	Ditto. Ditto.

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8th November, 1871	Spanish Town	Branch Post Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno Rio Bueno and Falmouth	...	48	Heavy Mail, and new Contractor's mules not yet accustomed to the work.
					1	15	Mule got a piece of broken bottle fastened into her hoof, rendering her very lame.
8th ...	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Old Harbour and Mandeville	14	..	Heavy Rains. Dry River flooded.
9th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	At Black River	1	30	Late departure from Black River awaiting the arrival of the Mail from Savanna-la-Mar
9th ...	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Along the Line	4	50	Heavy Roads. Dark night. Very heavy rains, and Dry River flooded
9th ..	Old Harbour	Black River	78	Morant Bay and St. David's	6	..	Yallahs River flooded.
10th ...	Black River	Spanish Town	90	Old Harbour and Clarendon	10	15	Heavy rain. Dry River flooded.
10th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Mandeville and Black River	1	30	Ditto.
10th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	On length of Line	6	30	Mail Cart got broken. Dark night. Heavy rains.
11th ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Ditto.	8	30	Heavy Rains. Dark night. Rivers flooded.
11th ..	Old Harbour	Black River	78	St. David's and Morant Bay	4	55	Rivers flooded.
14th ..	Old Harbour	Black River	78	Morant Bay and St. David's	5	20	Ditto.
15th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Old Harbour and Mandeville	1	..	Heavy sand in Dry River. Courier had to obtain assistance in taking the Van over.
16th ..	Black River	Old Harbour	78	On length of Line	1	15	Rain, and Mule became lame on journey.
				Porus and Old Harbour	..	55	Heavy Roads consequent on recent rains. Mails too late for 6.30 a. m. Train. Carried to Spanish Town by Road, and brought on to Kingston by 10 a. m. Train. Actual delay in reaching Kingston two hours thirty minutes.
17th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	8	New Contractor. Mules not yet accustomed to the work.
17th ...	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Length of Line	2	10	Heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
18th ..	Old Harbour	Black River	78	Clarendon and Porus	2	30	Roads very heavy, and horse got sick on journey.
17th ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	5	..	Rivers flooded, and Courier reports mule sick.
17th to 19th	Bath	Branch Post Plantain Garden River	8	Detention at Bath	41	..	Rivers impassable.
17th to 19th	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Detention at Plan. Garden River	46	..	Ditto.
19th to 20th				Plan. Gar. River and St. David's	17	45	Rivers flooded.
17th to 20th	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	77	..	Heavy Weather. Rivers flooded.
17th	Annotto Bay	Branch Post Richmond	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	..	Heavy Rains.
17th to 20th	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	Detention at Port Antonio	67	15	Rivers Impassable.
20th to 21st				On length of Line	20	56	Rivers flooded.
17th ..	Richmond	Branch Post Annotto Bay	9	Richmond and Annotto Bay	15	40	Heavy Rains. Rivers flooded.
20th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Salt Gut and Annotto Bay	1	10	Courier reports rivers very high.

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16th to 21st Nov.	Grange Hill	Branch Post Green Island	13	Grange Hill and Green Island	11	10	Mail due at Green Island at 6.50 p. m. on the 20th. Arrived 6 a. m. on the 21st. Cause of delay Rivers impassable, delay having occurred during the night. The public inconvenience was comparatively small.
14th to 20th	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	On length of Line	40	15	Rivers flooded, and heavy Roads. Sunday intervening the actual public inconvenience was fifteen hours.
18th to 20th	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	30	30	Heavy weather and Rivers flooded. Sunday intervening the actual public inconvenience was six hours thirty minutes.
21st Nov. 1871	Black River	Old Harbour	78	Clarendon and Old Harbour	2	15	Dry River flooded. Mail too late for 6.30 a. m. Train. Carried to Spanish Town by Road and brought to Kingston by 10 a. m. Train. Actual delay in reaching Kingston two hours thirty minutes.
21st ..	to } Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Detention at Plantain Gar. River. St. David's and Kingston	16	40	Caused by Rivers being flooded.
22nd ..		Kingston			2	45	
14th to 21st	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of Line	16	10	Rivers flooded.
21st ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	At Spanish Town	1	20	Mail Cart broke down at the Rail Road Station.
21st ..	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	St. David's and Morant Bay	6	10	Rivers flooded.
22nd ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Sav.-la-Mar	1	45	Mule became lame on journey in consequence of Road being newly metalled.
22nd ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	8	...	Rivers flooded.
22nd ..	Plantain Garden River	Kingston	46	Port Morant and Kingston	3	...	Ditto.
22nd to 23rd	Grange Hill	Branch Post Green Island	13	Grange Hill and Green Island	7	55	Rivers impassable.
23rd ..	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Flint River and Lucea	1	36	Horse dropped a shoe on the journey and became lame.
23rd ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Ocho Rios and Annotto Bay	1	5	The mule that was in readiness to proceed on the journey broke the rope and got away.
23rd ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Courier reports Road and River crossings bad.
24th ..	Annotto Bay	Branch Post Richmond	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	30	Very muddy Roads.
24th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	18	Mule refused to work.
24th ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Sav.-la-Mar	1	25	Mule became lame on the journey.
24th ..	Montego Bay	Lucea	25	Montego Bay and Lucea	1	11	Courier in charge of Mails absconded. A stranger had to be employed for the journey and thus lost time. Courier that absconded ordered to be prosecuted.
24th ..	Goshen	Branch Post Malvern	10	Goshen and Malvern	1	10	Delay caused through carelessness of Courier. Fined 2s. 6d.
1st Dec. 1871	Mandeville	Branch Post Lilliput	20	Mile Gully and Lilliput	1	55	Mule fell down with Courier, and got away.
1st to 2nd	Grange Hill	Green Island	13	Grange Hill and Green Island	12	10	Heavy rains. Mail due at Green Island at 6.50 p. m. on 1st, arrived 7 a. m. on the 2nd.
2nd ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	...	Heavy Rains.

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1st Dec. 1871	Goshen	Branch Post Malvern	10	Detention at Goshen	1	..	Fined 2s 6d.
4th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	13	One Mule became lame on the journey.
4th to 5th	Lucea	Branch Post Green Island	12	Lucea and Green Island	13	30	Heavy Rain. Mail due at Green Island at 5.45 p. m. on 4th arrived 7.15 a. m. on 5th.
5th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Linstead and Moneague	1	8	Horse taken sick on journey.
6th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	Salt Gut and Annotto Bay	1	22	Mule fell lame on journey.
6th ..	Mandeville	Branch Post Lilliput	20	Detention at Mandeville	1	25	No Conveyance ready for transport of the Mail. Contractor fined 2s. 6d.
6th to 7th	Lucea	Branch Post Green Island	12	Lucea and Green Island	12	15	Mail due at Green Island at 5.45 p. m. on 6th arrived at 6 a. m. on 7th. Heavy Rain.
7th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Spanish Town and Moneague	1	20	Heavy Rain and dark night.
7th to 8th	Ditto	Ditto	107	Moneague and Rio Bueno	1	53	Mule lame.
8th ..	Lucea	Montego Bay	25	Flint River and Montego Bay	1	21	Continuous Rains. Bridge between Lucea and Flint River impassable.
8th ..	Lucea	Branch Post Green Island	12	Lucea and Green Island	3	50	Very heavy Rain.
8th ..	St. Ann's Bay	Annotto Bay	49	St. Ann's Bay and Annotto Bay	6	50	Heavy rains. Rivers impassable.
8th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	14	..	Rivers impassable.
8th ..	Annotto Bay	Branch Post Richmond	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	4	..	Ditto.
9th ...	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	Length of Line	42	50	Rivers impassable. Bag Mule carried away in Rio Grande. Courier had to swim to recover it.
11th	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	2	13	Courier states that one Mule refused to work
12th to 13th	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	2	13	Mule refused to work.
13th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Rivers heavy.
15th ...	Kingston	Plantain Garden River	46	Morant Bay and Plan. Gar. River	2	45	Mules knocked up. (Under inquiry.)
15th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Very dark night.
16th ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Sav.-la Mar	1	3	Stated to be difference between the Kingston and local time.
17th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	2	..	Rain, and Rivers Heavy.
20th ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Ditto	1	..	Rivers Heavy.
20th ..	Annotto Bay	St. Ann's Bay	49	Port Maria and Salt Gut	1	10	Jack's River impassable.
22nd ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	Claremont and Rio Bueno	1	23	Under inquiry.
21st ...	Dry Harbour	Branch Post Brown's Town	7	Dry Harbour and Brown's Town	1	15	Courier was sick and unable to travel at usual rate.
22nd ...	Old Harbour	Black River	78	Old Harbour and Mandeville	1	..	Regular Courier got sick and a substitute had to be employed
22nd ...	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Raining, and dark morning.

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25th Dec. 1871	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	28	(Under inquiry.)
				Rio Bueno and Montego Bay	2	15	Mule lame.
23rd ...	Spanish Town	Black River	90	Old Harbour and Mandeville	1	40	Regular Courier got sick, a stranger had to be employed.
25th ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Sav.-la Mar	1	28	Under inquiry.
26th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Detention at Spanish Town	1	..	Mails arrived too late for 7.30 a. m. Train. Delay occurred in obtaining a conveyance for their transmission to Kingston.
25th to 26th	Port Antonio	Kingston	60	On length of Line	1	..	Heavy Rains.
27th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	1	..	Heavy Rains.
29th ..	Spanish Town	Montego Bay	107	St. Ann's Bay and Rio Bueno	1	13	(Under inquiry.)
29th ..	Black River	Grange Hill	39	Black River and Sav.-la-Mar	2	50	(Under inquiry.)
29th ..	Kingston	Port Antonio	60	Annotto Bay and Port Antonio	5	..	Rivers flooded.
		Branch Post.					
29th ..	Annotto Bay	Richmond	9	Annotto Bay and Richmond	1	40	Heavy rain and deep mud.
29th ..	Montego Bay	Spanish Town	107	Rio Bueno and Moneague	1	8	(Under inquiry.)

General Post Office, 26th January, 1872.

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