



SUPPLEMENT
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*Colonial Secretary's Office,
15th July, 1875.*

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Report from the Postmaster for Jamaica for the Year ended 30th September, 1874.

By command,

EDW. E. RUSHWORTH,
Colonial Secretary.

REPORT OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1874.

THE POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. 2308.

General Post Office, 6th April, 1875.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the Seventh Annual Report on the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year which ended on the 30th September, 1874.

REVENUE.

The Cash Collections were in excess of previous years, as shewn by the following Comparative Statement:—

Financial Year.	Postages.			Commission on Money Orders.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1871-72	13,077	19	7	459	18	2	286	0	9	13,823	18	6
1872-73	12,882	14	11	466	14	8	335	5	4	13,684	14	11
1873-74	14,020	13	9½	504	6	1	132	8	11½	14,657	8	10

I have again to note that no Remittance on Gratuity Account has yet been received for Letters carried to and from New York under the Contract of the Atlas Steam Ship Company with the Jamaica Government, but the Account is under adjustment.

EXPENDITURE.

The Expenditure of the Department, as shewn by its records, was £15,773 7s. 1d. as against £14,559 0s. 4d. in preceding year. The greater part of that increase will be found under the head of Conveyance of Mails. It having become necessary, in March, 1874, to cancel the Contract with the Jamaica Railway Com-

pany for the conveyance of Mails, the substituted Services by road involved an increased Expenditure of £122 4s. 10d. Services in connection with new Post Offices added £106 17s. 6d. and £402 7s. 0d. was the result of increased rates of payment under Contracts entered into during the preceding year. The remittance to the United Kingdom on account of Postages, &c. was also increased by £304 18s. 2d.

MONEY ORDERS.

The transactions of the Money Order Branch compare favorably with those of the preceding year.

	1872-73.			1873-74.		
	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£.	s. d.		£.	s. d.
Jamaica Issue, payable in United Kingdom	5,419	38,801	16 9	5,606	43,152	1 3
United Kingdom Issue, payable in Jamaica	262	1,008	3 0	222	863	11 7
Proportion of Commission payable to Jamaica	...	466	14 8	...	504	6 1

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Estimates taken of the number of Letters, &c. passing through the Office during the year gave the following result:—

INLAND MAILS.

KINGSTON.	Outwards.	Inwards.
Ordinary Letters	320,900	232,000
Registered Letters—		
Public	6,958	13,330
Official	6,194	3,190
Books	33,000	7,500
Newspapers	162,000	9,500
Gazettes	38,500	...

In addition to the above 1,926 Letters, supposed to be Valentines, were posted at the General Post Office on or about the 14th February, 1874.

Between District Offices there passed—

Ordinary Letters	...	206,850
Registered Letters	...	8,500
Books	...	12,500
Newspapers	...	16,200

OCEAN MAILS.

At KINGSTON.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
United Kingdom			
Outwards	96,300	3,900	33,800
Inwards	100,900	33,700	168,700
Intercolonial—			
Outwards	28,800	900	8,100
Inwards	26,400	4,700	11,000
United States—			
Outwards	12,000	100	2,500
Inwards	12,900	1,500	12,200
Ship Mails—			
Outwards	1,800	8	50
Inwards	5,800	...	...
At OUTPORTS			
Ship Mails—			
Outwards	...	...	...
Inwards	140	...	...

In connection with the number of Letters, &c. received from and despatched to places beyond the island during the year, I find that the number of Vessels carrying Mails was as under:

OUTWARDS.

Kingston—	Outports—
Under Contract 87	Not under Contract Nil
Not under Contract 77	

INWARDS.

Kingston—	Outwards—
Under Contract 95	Not Under Contract 20
Not under Contract 215	

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

In the returned Letter Branch the work performed was as under:—

LETTERS.

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Returned to the United Kingdom, &c.	758	1,649
Reposted to Writers resident in Kingston	1,664	839
Reposted to Writers resident in the Country	3,138	3,041
Destroyed, being anonymous or illegible	505	830
Destroyed, Writers not having been found	1,173	1,844

NEWSPAPERS.

Returned to Publishers as } Unclaimed or Refused }	2,148	551
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The total loss to the Revenue on the above, being—

Letters £52 1 3

Newspapers

£2 12 11½

Amongst the Unclaimed Letters not Registered were found 102 that contained value to the extent of £133 5s. 2d. These were returned to the Writers in due course, as Registered.

DISTRICT OFFICES.

Four new Post Offices were established during the year, viz:

On 5th December, 1873—"Ewarton," in the Parish of St. Catherine.

On 2nd February, 1874—"Guy's Hill," in the Parish of St. Mary.

On 1st August, 1874—"Cold Spring," in the Parish of St. Andrew, near Military Station at Newcastle.

On 15th September, 1874—"Mount Charles," in the Parish of St. Andrew, on the interior Road between Gordon Town and Bath (St. Thomas.)

RETURNS.

In conclusion I beg to submit the several Returns for the year under review.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FRED. SULLIVAN, *Postmaster for Jamaica.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Kingston.*

RETURN, Shewing the Number of Vessels Carrying Mails, and the Number of Mails Carried to and from Jamaica during the two Financial Years ended respectively 30th September, 1873-1874.

	OUTWARDS.					INWARDS.			
	1872-73.		1873-74.			1872-73.		1873-74.	
	No. of Vessels.	No. of Mails.	No. of Vessels.	No. of Mails.		No. of Vessels.	No. of Mails.	No. of Vessels.	No. of Mails.
				KINGSTON.					
Contract Packets.....	91	389	87	429	Contract Packets.....	92	213	95	212
Ships.....	47	75	77	107	Ships.....	181	181	215	215
				OUT PORTS.					
Nil.....	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Ships.....	22	22	20	20

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NUMERICAL RETURN of Correspondence passing through the Jamaica Post Office during the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1874.

		Letters, Ordinary.	Registered Letters.		Books.	Newspapers.	Valentines.	Gazettes.					
			Ordinary.	Official.					Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.		
INLAND MAI LS,									CONTRACT PACKET AND SHIP MAI LS.				
Kingston	Outwards ...	320,900	6,958	6,194	33,000	162,000	1,926	38,500	KINGSTON.				
	Inwards ...	232,000	13,830	3,190	7,500	9,500	.....	.....	United Kingdom	Outwards ...	96,300	3,900	33,800
Between District Offices	...	206,850	8,500		12,500	16,200	.....	.....		Inwards ...	100,900	33,700	168,700
									Intercolonial	Outwards ...	28,800	900	8,100
										Inwards ...	26,400	4,700	11,000
									American Mail	Outwards ...	12,000	100	2,500
										Inwards ...	12,900	1,500	12,200
									Ship Mails	Outwards ...	1,800	8	50
										Inwards ...	5,800	.....	.....
									OUTPORTS.				
									Ship Mails	Outwards ...	.....	.....	.....
										Inwards ...	140	.....	.....
Total	... ..	759,750	38,172		53,000	187,700	1,926	38,500	Total	... ..	285,040	44,808	236,350

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE RETURNED LETTER BRANCH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, JAMAICA,
For the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1874.

Total of Letters Returned to United Kingdom, &c.			Total of Newspapers Returned to United Kingdom, &c.			Letters Reposted to Writers Resident in Kingston.			Letters Reposted to Writers Resident in the Country.			Total of Letters Reposted to Writers in Jamaica.			Letters Destroyed, being Anonymous, or with illegible Signatures.		
Paid.		Unpaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.
No.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.
758	1649	£30 5 10	472	620	£6 2 0½	1664	839	£12 12 2	3138	3041	£51 4 11	4802	3880	£63 17 1	505	830	£13 4 4½

Returned Letters Destroyed, being Unclaimed by Writers.			Inland Postage not Recoverable on Letters Returned to United Kingdom.	Inland Postage for Re-direction, not Recoverable from Writers in Jamaica.	Total Loss to Revenue on Letters.	Total Loss on Newspapers Returned to Publishers as Unclaimed or Refused, Postage irrecoverable.			Number and Amount of Contents of Unclaimed Letters not Registered, but found to contain Value, and Reposted to Writers.	REMARKS.
Paid.		Unpaid.				Paid.		Unpaid.		
No.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
1173	1844	£28 0 3½	£9 6 10	£1 9 9	£52 1 3	2148	551	£2 12 11½	102	£133 5 2

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE MONEY ORDER BRANCH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, JAMAICA,
For the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1874.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				UNITED KINGDOM ISSUE.					COMMISSION ACCOUNT.
Payable in United Kingdom.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions Collected on Orders Issued in Jamaica on the United Kingdom.
Number.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Amount.	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
5606	43,152 1 3		5 13 7	222	863 11 7	220	849 19 7	5 7 6	926 0 6

COMMISSION ACCOUNT.

Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to Credit of the United Kingdom.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to Credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on United Kingdom Issued to Credit of Jamaica.	Additional Credit to Jamaica, being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	Total Amount to be carried to Revenue on Commission Account.	Actual Amount Paid to Credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the Period.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
431 1 4	494 19 2	8 19 11	0 7 0	504 6 1	504 6 1

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