



SUPPLEMENT  
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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
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THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report on the Post Office Department for the year 1875-76.

By command,

J. MACKGLASHAN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA TO THE  
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

General Post Office,  
18th April, 1877.

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SIR,

I have the honor to submit the Ninth Annual Report on the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1876.

2. The Cash Collections for the year amounted to £15,751 16s. 7d. being considerably in excess of the Collections during the preceding year, as will more clearly appear by the following Comparative Statement :

Financial Year.	Postage.	Commission on Money Orders.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
				£. s. d.
1874-75	£. s. d. 14,307 10 11	£. s. d. 440 9 1	£. s. d. 110 6 3	£. s. d. 14,868 6 5
1875-76	14,856 6 2½	281 13 7	613 16 9½	5,761 16 7

3. With regard to the transactions of the last Financial Year, I have to offer the following remarks :—

REVENUE.

4. The large increase under the head of Miscellaneous is owing to the sum of £506 4s. 2d. having been received through the Agents of the Atlas Line of Steamers, on account of Gratuities on Ship Letters carried by them between Jamaica and New York under their Contract with the Jamaica Government.

5. The increase of £548 15s. 3½d. under the head of Postages, is to be attributed to the natural growth of the Department.

6. The falling off of £158 15s. 6d. under the head of Commission on Money Orders, is the result of the action of the Colonial Bank, who, in October, 1875, commenced to issue small Bills of Exchange at sight

on London at the rate of Exchange equal 1¼ per cent. being ¼ per cent. lower than the rate of Commission chargeable on Money Orders issued by the Post Office.

EXPENDITURE.

7. The Cash Expenditure, as shown by the records of the Post Office, was £16,730 10s. 9d. in 1875-76, against £16,067 16s. 3d. in the previous year. The total increase of £662 14s. 6d. was divided as under :

Salaries	...	£137 9 4
Mail Conveyance	...	272 16 9
Services	...	252 8 5

8. The establishment of five new District Offices, and a slight increase to the pay of certain of the smaller Offices already existing, together with the natural result of the Increment system of Salaries at the Head Office, caused the increase stated under the head of Salaries.

9. Under Mail Conveyance there were three new Services established in connection with new Post Offices ; but the chief items of increase were on account of Contracts entered into during the preceding year, and which had only come into full effect during the present period. The cost of certain special necessities, such as sign plates, iron chests, and lamps for District Offices, Mail Bags, and Locks for Mail Carts, &c. increased the item of services to the extent of £160; the balance is attributable to the growth of the Department.

MONEY ORDERS.

10. The transactions of the Money Order Branch compare as under with those for the preceding year.

1874-75.		1875-76.	
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue, payable in United Kingdom ... ..	4990 36,027 11	43367 21,644 8 1	
United Kingdom Issue, payable in Jamaica ... ..	258 958 13 3	220 881 3 8	
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ... ..	... 440 18 1	... 281 13 7	

## CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

11. The Estimates taken of the number of Letters passing through the Office during the year gave the following results :

## HEAD OFFICE, (KINGSTON).

## INLAND MAILS.

	Outwards.	Inwards.
ORDINARY LETTERS.		
Public	313,400	201,200
Official	23,900	30,900
REGISTERED LETTERS.		
Public	10,677	20,419
Official	5,682	4,397

## OCEAN MAILS.

	Outwards.	Inwards.
ORDINARY LETTERS.		
United Kingdom	92,000	96,000
United States	11,300	13,500
Inter-Colonial	26,500	29,400
Ship	3,900	7,100
Registered Letters	1,753	1,956
Total Head Office	489,112	404,872

## DISTRICT OFFICES.

12. Between District Post Offices there passed, other than Letters to or from Kingston—

Ordinary Letters	296,700
Registered Letters	23,000

13. The Vessels carrying Ocean Mails were as under :—

	Outwards.	Inwards.
KINGSTON.		
Under Contract	115	128
Not under Contract	51	130
OUT PORTS.		
Under Contract	Nil	Nil
Not under Contract	Nil	22

## RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

14. In the Returned Letter Branch the work done during the year was as under :—

LETTERS.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Returned to United Kingdom	675	1565
Reposted to Writers resident in Kingston	1936	743
Resident in the Country	3561	2550
Destroyed, being illegible or anonymous	449	625
Destroyed, Writers not having been found	1304	1529

## NEWSPAPERS.

Returned to United Kingdom	489	847
Returned to Publishers within the island	1362	88

Upon the above there had to be written off, as irrecoverable, the sum of £42 18s. 11d. on Letters, 7s. 2½d. on Newspapers.

15. Amongst the Unclaimed Letters not registered, one hundred and twenty-nine were found to contain value to the extent of £1699 9s. 8d. These were returned in due course to the Writers.

## DISTRICT OFFICES.

16. Five new Post Offices were established during the year as under :—

On 1st October, 1875—"Petersfield," in the Parish of Westmoreland.

On 1st March, 1876—"Adelphi," in the Parish of St. James.

On 1st March, 1876—"King's," in the Parish of St. Elizabeth.

On 7th March, 1876—"Middle Quarters," also in St. Elizabeth.

On 1st April, 1876—"Hayes," in the Parish of Clarendon, (District of Vere.)

17. Consequent on the establishment of "Petersfield" the Mail Service between Montego Bay and Savanna-la-Mar was diverted from its former route, so as to include the new Office.

18. "Adelphi" had to have a new Service established to connect it with the Head Office of Montego Bay, and, so as to afford the greatest possible convenience to the District, a Branch Line was opened between Adelphi and Hampden, thus placing Falmouth and Montego Bay in connection by a Service through the Interior, in addition to the Main Line of Post on the Sea Coast.

19. "King's" being on the Main Post Road between Black River and Savanna-la-Mar, required no special service.

20. Upon the establishment of "Middle Quarters," on the Main Post Road between Mandeville and Black River, advantage was taken of its position to abandon the previously existing Mail Service between Black River and New Market, and to connect the latter office with Middle Quarters. This placed New Market in a considerably better position with regard to its Kingston Correspondence, although it did away with the direct communication previously existing between that place and Black River, its Market Town.

21. The Mails for the lower part of the Parish of Clarendon, (late Vere), used to be carried from Old Harbour to the Alley, but the establishment of a Post Office at May Pen, close to the Dry River Bridge (which latter, I may be permitted incidentally to remark, has been a very great advantage to the Corresponding community of the Southside, by facilitating the transport of Mails in heavy weather), enabled this Department to carry those Mails from May Pen, and to establish a Post Office at Hayes, on the line of road between May Pen and the Alley.

## RETURNS.

22. The usual Returns, in connection with the transactions of the year under remark, are herewith submitted; but, in view of the admission of Jamaica within the General Postal Union, formed by Treaty, signed at Berne on 9th October, 1874, between Great Britain and certain other Countries for the formation of a single Postal Territory for the reciprocal exchange of Correspondence between their respective Post Offices, and which admission is, at the date of this Report, an accomplished fact, I think it desirable to submit Comparative Returns of Revenue and Expenditure for the sixteen years ended 30th September, 1876, as also of the Transactions of the Money Order Branch, shewing the growth of the Department since 1860, in which year its management was transferred from Imperial to Local control.

23. The facts hereby exhibited are very satisfactory, and show that the principles which govern Postal progress elsewhere are not inapplicable to Jamaica.

I am, &c,

(Signed)

FRED. SULLIVAN,  
Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Honorable the Acting Colonial  
Secretary, Kingston.

Statement shewing the Transactions of the Returned Letter Branch of the General Post Office, for the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1876.

Total of Letters Returned to United Kingdom, &c.			Total of Newspapers, &c. Returned to United Kingdom.			Letters Reposted to Writers Resident in Kingston.			Letters Reposted to Writers Resident in Country.			Total of Letters Reposted to Writers in Jamaica.			Letters Destroyed, being Anonymous, or illegible Signature.		
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.
675	1565	£25 2 6	489	847	£4 17 7	1936	743	£11 12 10	3561	2550	£42 3 3	5497	3293	£53 16 1	449	625	£8 14 11

Returned Letters Destroyed, being Unclaimed by Writers.			Inland Postage not Recoverable on Letters Returned to United Kingdom.	Inland Postage for Redirection 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.	
Paid.		Unpaid.				Paid.		Unpaid.		
No.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	No.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1304	1529	£25 3 3½	£7 14 7	£1 6 11	£42 18 11	1362	88	£0 7 2½	129	£1699 9 8

FRED. SULLIVAN, *Postmaster for Jamaica.*

Statement shewing the Transactions of the Money Order Office of the General Post Office, Jamaica, for the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1876.

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 United Kingdom.
Number.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Amount.	
3367	£21,644 8 1	£2 0 0	£11 4 0	220	£381 3 8	219	£848 11 4	£11 11 2	£488 9 6

COMMISSION ACCOUNT.

Proportion of Jamaica Commissions placed to Credit of the United Kingdom.	Proportion of Jamaica Commissions placed to Credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commissions on United Kingdom, Issue 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.
£216 8 10	£272 0 8	£8 11 11	£1 1 0	£281 13 7	£281 13 7

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