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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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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.	Commis- Money (aior Ord	on lers.	Mie	eou		Tot	al.	
16=4 =4	£ s. d.	€,	S. 0	d. 1	£.	a. 6	d. 5	£. 14,868	6	d. 5
1874-75 1875-76	14,856 6 24			7	613			5,751		

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 Miscella. been 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

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

on London at the rate of Exchange equal 13 per cent. being & 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:

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

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 necessaries, 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 der with those for the preceding year.

compare as under w	TUIL DE	1030 4						_
	1874-75.			1875-76.				
	No.	Amo	unt.		No.	Amo	ount	
Jamaica Issue. payable in United Kingdom	4990	36,027	11	4	3367	21,644	8	1
United Kingdom Is- sue, payable in Ja- maica	258	956	13	3	220	881	3	8
Proportion of Com- mission 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 Official	313,400 23,900	201,200 30,900
REGISTERED LETTERS. Public Official	10,677 5,682	20,419 4,397
OCEAN N	IAILS.	
ORDINARY LETTERS. United Kingdom United States Inter-Colonial Ship Registered Letters	92,000 11,300 26,500 3,900 1,753	96,000 13,500 29,400 7,100 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-

296,700 Ordinary Letters Registered Letters 23,000

13. The Vessels carrying Ocean Mails were as un-

KINGSTON.	Outwards.	Inwards.
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 :-

	77 . 1	** **
	Paid.	Unpaid.
Returned to United King-	675	1565
Reposted to Writers resident in Kingston	1936	743
Resident in the Country	3561	2550
Destroyed, being illegible	449	625
Destroyed, Writers not hav-	1304	1529
NEWSPAPERS.		
Returned to United King-	489	847
Returned to Publishers }	1362	88
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ove there had to be written off, as irrecoverable, the sum of £42 18s. 11d. on Letters, 7s.

21d. on Newspapers.

15. Amongst the Uunclaimed Letters not registered, one hundred and twenty-nine were found to contain value to the extent of £1699 9s. Sd. 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 Savanan-la-Mar, required no special

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 ?o. 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 Jamaiea.

The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Statement shewing the Transactions of the Returned	1 Letter	Branch of the	General	Post Office,	for the	Financial	Year end	ling 30th September, 1876.

Total o	of Letters lited King	Retur				rs, &c. Return Kingdom.	n- Lett	ters Repos sident i	ted t	to Writers Re- lingston.			ted to Write n Country.	ers			s Reposted to Jamaica.	The second second second	s Destr	oyed. legible	being Ano- Signature.
Paid.	ī	Jnpaid.		Paid.	U	Inpaid.	Pai	aid.	U	npaid.	Paid.		Unpaid.		Paid.	7	Inpaid.	Paid.	1	Unp	said.
No.	No.) An	ount.	No.	No.	Amount.	N	io. No		Amount.	No.	No.	Amount		No.	No.	Amount.	No.	N	0.	Amount.
675	1565	£25	2 6	489	847	£4 17	7 19	936 74	13	£11 12 10	3561	2550	£42 3	3	5497	3293	£53 16 1	449	62	25 3	28 14 14
Return	ed Letter	rs Destr	oyed, b	eing Un-	Inland Po	ostage not Re	irn- not	Recoveral	ble f	rom Writers	Total L	oss to R Letters	evenue on	Tot Po	ublishers	on Newspas Unclai	apers Returne med or Refus overable.	ten not	ts of U Registe	nclaim red, bu	unt of Con- ed Letters it found to id Reposted
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130	1	529	£25	3 31	£	7 14 7		£1	6	11	£	42 18	11	13	62	88	£0 7	24	129	£16	9 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.

	JAMAIC	A ISSUE.				COMMISSION ACCOUNT.				
Payable in United Kingdom.		Void Order	Account.	Payable i	n Jamaica.	Paid in	ı Jamaica.	Void Order Account.	Cotal Commissions Collected on Orders Issued in Jamaica on United Kingdom.	
Number.	Amount.	Forfeited to Ke- venue.	Repaid to Re-	Number. Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Amount.		
3367	£21,644 8 1	£2 0 0	£11 4 0	220	£881 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 Cre dit 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

Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom 62 Postage on Unpaid Ship Letters 62 Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from Foreign Places 7 Fostage on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office 29 Redirected Packet Letters 1 Stamps Sold by the Department	028 5 9½ 271 12 11 625 8 0 72 10 2½ 298 6 9½ 14 15 2 021 16 11 273 7 9	Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, and Office Woman Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers Salaries of District Postmasters Travelling Supervisor's Salary CONVEYANCE OF MAILS—	£. s. d. 592 10 0 2019 2 b 113 14 8 490 7 7 53 10 6 1795 12 11 200 15 1 5,265 13 2 0455 0 2 170 19 3 94 13 8
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Rent of Subscribers' Boxes 6			3557 9 9 M
	CA 14 C	SERVICES—	10,278 2 10
Commissions on Money Orders 28	60 14 6	Making and Repairing Mail Bags Locks imported for District Offices	101 15 0 30 11 0
	281 13 7	Candle and Oil Account	6 6 3 10 1 6
Fees for Detention of Packet Letters in Kingston 2	25 17 6	Rent of Stables	39 0 0 32 7 8
me Account 4	44 18 0	Yard Cleaner	5 12 0
fiscellaneous 1	11 17 31	Lamps imported for District Offices Allowance to Officers for Services performed out of Office Hours	140 7 7
Tratuity paid by the United States' Government upon Letters conveyed be- tween Jameica and New York by the Vessels of the "Atlas Mail Steam 50 bbip Company"	506 4 2	Materials for Stamping Pads Letter Carriers Uniforms Repairs to Couriers' Watches Iron Chests imported for District Offices	3 0 0 49 5 9 19 5 0 20 0 0
orfeited Money Orders	2 0 0	Water Supply at the General Post Office Supervisor's Travelling Charges Sign Plates imported for District Offices Stores imported through the General Post Office Agency, London Taxes on Post Office Premises Contingencies Poundage on Stamps sold by District Postmasters and at the General Post Office Discount on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner Travelling Charges	4 0 0 262 10 0 42 1 3 31 4 8 0 18 2 83 5 1 107 19 9 112 15 7 78 14 6 1,186 14 9
		DRAWBACK ENTRIES— Redirected Letters Unclaimed Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch Redirected and Packet Dead Letters Specimen Postage Stamps transmitted to Foreign Countries	365 7 51 178 7 21 14 15 2 7 9 6 565 19 4
£ 16,53	539 8 7		£17,296 10 1
		FRED. SULLIVAN, Postm	ractor for lamaica.