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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report of the Postmaster for Jamaica for the year 1878.
By command,

EDWARD NEWTON,
Colonial Secretary.

THE POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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No. 107.

General Post Office, 9th January, 1879.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the Eleventh Annual Report on the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1878.

2. The Cash collections during the year compare as under with those for each of the two preceding years:—

Year.	Postages.			Commission on Money Orders.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1875-76	14,856	6	2½	281	13	7	613	16	9½	15,751	16	7
1876-77	14,536	18	1	269	5	5	92	3	0	14,898	6	6
1877-78	13,880	4	11	239	8	8	325	1	0	14,444	14	7

3. Under the head of Postages, the apparent falling off is owing to the reduction of postage between Jamaica and all places included in the General Postal Union as stated in the 5th paragraph of the last Annual Report, and the result of which will more clearly appear by the further Return set out below; whilst under the head of Miscellaneous, the receipt of £161 2s. 10d. on account of Sea Postage paid by the United States Government on letters carried by the Contract Line of Steamers between Jamaica and New York, from 2nd July, 1875, to 31st March, 1877, causes an increase.

4. In continuation of the Comparative Statement furnished in the last Annual Report, I submit the following Return :—

Parish.	PACKET POSTAGES.						Inland Postages.	Total Postages.		
	To Credit of United Kingdom.			To Credit of Jamaica.				£	s.	d.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1875-76	3,529	4	3	2,004	2	7½	9,322	19	4	
1876-77	2,584	7	7½	1,773	10	0	10,179	0	5½	
1877-78	1,491	2	2	1,720	2	10	10,668	19	11	

5. The Packet Postages collected on account of the United Kingdom have fallen to the amount estimated at the admission of Jamaica within the Postal Union, leaving a balance of £2,000 between that and the former rate of collection to be provided by Jamaica ; but no statement of account or claim under this head has yet been presented by the Imperial Post Office.

6. The item of Inland Postages shews a continuance of the steady increase referred to in my last Report, a result which is confirmed by the figures in the Numerical Return set out below.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

7. The Estimates taken of the number of letters passing through the Post Office during the year gave the following results :—

	OUTWARDS.			INWARDS.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
HEAD OFFICE KINGSTON.						
INLAND MAILS.						
ORDINARY LETTERS—						
Public	313,400	340,000	366,800	201,200	220,000	234,600
Official	23,900	25,300	36,200	30,900	36,500	37,400
REGISTERED LETTERS—						
Public	10,677	12,125	6,000	20,419	17,391	18,300
Official	5,682	7,256	8,800	4,397	5,897	6,100
Post Cards	----	3,200	4,900	----	2,800	3,100
OCEAN MAILS.						
UNITED KINGDOM—						
Ordinary Letters	92,000	96,300	97,000	96,000	98,800	104,000
Post Cards	----	264	360	----	156	280
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—						
Ordinary Letters	11,300	12,900	15,200	13,500	15,200	17,400
Post Cards	----	39	40	----	----	----
INTER-COLONIAL—						
Ordinary Letters	26,500	28,700	24,900	29,400	27,600	26,400
SHIP MAILS—						
Ordinary Letters	3,900	1,300	2,300	7,100	4,800	5,200
Registered Letters	1,753	2,083	2,000	1,956	1,833	2,300
Total Head Office	489,112	529,467	564,500	404,872	430,977	455,080

Between District Offices there passed letters other than those to or from Kingston as under :—

DISTRICT OFFICES.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Ordinary Letters	296,700	311,000	303,000
Registered Letters	8,500	9,700	6,400
Post Cards	----	5,000	6,300
Total District Offices	305,200	325,700	315,700

8. In 1876-77, an over-estimate would appear to have been made of the number of letters passing between District Offices, one of the actual counts taken having been for the week ended 19th February, which must have included Valentines. A careful comparison of the estimates since taken has led me to this conclusion, and I believe that 300,000 would more accurately represent the number of ordinary letters passing between District Offices in 1876-77, than the 311,000 stated; with that correction there has been a steady increase in the correspondence between District Offices as well as between those Offices and Kingston.

9. Under the head of Registered Letters posted in Kingston by the public for transmission to the country, there has been a considerable falling off, which, as far as I have been able to ascertain, is chiefly owing to the large remittances formerly made by post for the purchase of coffee having been discontinued.

OCEAN MAILS.

10. The vessels carrying Ocean Mails were as under:—

	OUTWARDS.			INWARDS.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
KINGSTON—						
Under Contract	115	108	117	128	121	132
Not under Contract	51	31	44	130	117	111
OUTPORTS—						
Not under Contract	--	--	--	22	26	23

MONEY ORDERS.

11. The transactions of the Money Order Branch compare as under with those for each of the two preceding years:—

	1875-76.			1876-77.			1877-78.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jamaica Issue payable in United Kingdom	3,367	21,644	8 1	3,341	19,904	9 3	2,964	15,936	6 0
United Kingdom Issue payable in Jamaica	220	881	3 8	297	1,115	7 1	338	1,245	3 3
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica	--	281	13 7	--	269	5 5	--	239	8 8

12. From 1st April, 1878, the privilege hitherto enjoyed by this Department of remitting on Money Order Account through the Commissariat Chest by Treasury Bills at par ceased, and a premium of $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. has since been paid on such remittances.

13. In view of such additional liability which reduced the Jamaica credit on Money Orders issued to $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., it became necessary to readjust the scale of charges, and His Excellency the Governor was pleased accordingly to authorise a Scale framed on an uniform charge of 6d. in the £ in lieu of the former Scale, which was at the rate of

1s. for an Order not exceeding	£2
2s. " " over £2 and not exceeding	5
3s. " " " 5 " "	7
4s. " " " 7 " "	10

14. The new Scale has worked satisfactorily and the charges under it are more fairly graduated than those of the former Scale.

15. At the same time the extra charge on Money Orders issued on packet day was reduced from 50 per cent. on the ordinary rate of Commission to an uniform fee of 6d. for each Order.

EXPENDITURE.

16. The Cash Expenditure of the Post Office was as under, as compared with previous years :—

Year.	Head Office.			District Offices.			MAIL CONVEYANCE.						Miscellaneous.	Total.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Inland.			Ocean.				£	s.	d.	£	s.
1875-76	3,414	16	3	1,827	8	11	6,455	0	2	3,652	3	5	1,381	2	0	16,730	10	9
1876-77	3,475	19	11	2,095	18	10	6,522	0	8	2,786	2	4	964	2	8	15,844	4	5
1877-78	3,615	0	5	1,978	16	1	6,567	3	8	1,654	4	5	1,073	15	1	14,888	19	8

17. The principal item for notice is that of Ocean Mail Conveyance, which has fallen from £2,786 2s. 4d. in last year to £1,654 4s. 5d. in this, consequent on the lower rate of Sea Postage to be accounted for to the United Kingdom under the Postal Union.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

18. On the 1st December, 1877, a Post Office was established at a place called Trinity Ville, at the head of the Blue Mountain Valley, in the Parish of St. Thomas.

MAIL CONVEYANCE.

(By Railway.)

19. On 5th August, 1878, by agreement within the Jamaica Railway Company, Mail Communication was established by each Train between Kingston, Spanish Town, and Old Harbour. The marked increase in the correspondence between those places shows that the arrangement has been appreciated.

(By Mail Coach.)

20. Although the service did not actually commence within the financial period under remark, it may not be out of place to note that arrangements had been concluded between this Department and Mr. Heron, for the establishment of a Mail Coach Line between Kingston and Mandeville, for the conveyance of Mails, Passengers, and Parcels, and that at the date of this Report the Coach runs with regularity three times a week to and fro between Old Harbour and Mandeville. The rate of charge is moderate, and the public have proved their appreciation of the effort made for their accommodation by patronizing the line to an extent that has already made the experiment a financial success, although the Coach only commenced to run on 4th November, two months since.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

21. The work done in the Returned Letter Branch was as under :—

LETTERS.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Returned to United Kingdom	581	361
Reposted to Writers resident in Kingston	2,248	821
“ “ resident in the Country	3,632	2,624
Destroyed being illegible or anonymous	479	585
“ writers not having been found	1,092	1,742
Newspapers returned to Publishers within the Island	1,097	142

22. Upon the above there had to be written off as irrecoverable the sum of £43 12s. 7d. on Letters, and on Newspapers 12s. 1½d. Amongst the Unclaimed Letters not registered were 46, which were found to contain value to the amount of £436 8s. 10d. These were carefully returned to the respective writers.

22. The usual Returns in connection with the Transactions of the year under remark are herewith transmitted.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

STATEMENT shewing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office for the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1878.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				UNITED KINGDOM ISSUE.				COMMISSION ACCOUNT.	
Payable in United Kingdom.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commission 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.	
2964	15,936 6 0	16 0 0	338	1,245 - 3 3	336	1,251 11 11	--	385 5 0

C O M M I S S I O N A C C O U N T.

Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the Credit of the United Kingdom.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to Credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on United Kingdom Issue placed 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.
158 16 5	226 8 7	12 9 1	0 11 0	239 8 8	239 8 8

HENEAGE W. H. GIROD,
In Charge Money Order Office.

(Signed,)

FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

STATEMENT shewing the Transactions of Returned Letter Branch of the General Post Office, for the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1878.

Total of Letters 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 with illegible signatures.			Returned Letters destroyed being unclaimed by Writers.		
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.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
581	361	6 16 6½	2248	821	13 8 8½	3632	2624	45 0 6½	5880	3445	58 9 3	479	585	10 2 7	1092	1744	26 5 4

Inland Postage not recoverable on Letters returned to the United Kingdom.	Inland Postage for re-directed 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 with value and re-posted to Writers.		Remarks.
Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Paid.		Unpaid.	No.	Amount.	
			No.	No.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
6 16 6½	1 16 4	43 12 7	1097	142	0 12 1½	46	436 8 10	

HENEAGE W. H. GIROD,
In Charge Returned Letter Branch,

(Signed,)

FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

RETURN shewing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1878.

	£	s.	d.
Postages on unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices ...	816	12	0½
Postages on unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom ...	119	7	7½
Postages on unpaid Ship Letters ...	166	9	4½
Postages on unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and Foreign Countries	93	13	11
Postages on unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office	221	12	3
Redirected Packet Letters ...	0	11	4½
Stamps sold by the Department ...	10,897	5	0½
Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner ...	1,906	8	0
Rent of Subscribers Boxes ...	59	17	0
Commissions on Money Orders ...	239	8	8
Fees for Private Letter Bags ...	9	9	0
Fees for detention of Packet Letters in Kingston ...	26	2	6
Fine Account ...	82	8	2
Miscellaneous ...	2	16	6
American Gratuity Account, being amount received from Messrs. McDowell, Hankey & Co., Agents of the Atlas Steam Ship Company, on account of Gratuities paid to them by the United States Government on Letters received by the Atlas Company's Steamers under their Contract with the Jamaica Government from 2nd July, 1875 to 31st March, 1877	161	2	10
Carried forward ...	£14,803	4	3½

SALARIES—

	£	s.	d.
Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica ...	783	6	8
Salaries of Clerks ...	1,944	5	2
Salary of Travelling Supervisor ...	209	3	4
Allowance for Assistance ...	131	14	0
Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers ...	74	17	6
Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, and Office Woman	526	5	9
Salaries of District Postmasters ...	1,947	12	1
			5,617 4 6

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS—

By Contractors ...	6,567	3	8
Special Expresses ...	97	12	0
Ship Letter Gratuities ...	21	4	9
Proportion of Postages placed to credit of the United Kingdom	1,501	15	10
American Gratuity Account, being amount paid Messrs. McDowell, Hankey & Co. at the rate of 2d. on each Letter conveyed by the non-contract Steamers of the Atlas Steam Ship Company to and from the port of Kingston, from 9th July, 1875 to 31st March, 1877	131	3	10
			8,319 0 1

SERVICES—

Making and Repairing Mail Bags ...	37	12	7
Candle and Oil Account ...	4	10	9
Carried forward ...			42 3 4
			£13,978 7 11

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE JAMAICA GAZETTE.

RETURN shewing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1878.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	14,803	4	3½
Discount on Stamps purchased from the Public ...	5	7	9½
<u>£14,808 12 1</u>			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SERVICES—continued.						
Brought forward ...				13,978	7	11
Stationery ...	1	5	4			
Advertising ...	42	13	6			
Yard Cleaner ...	4	8	0			
Allowance to Officers for services performed out of Office Hours ...	134	15	1			
Letter Carriers Uniforms ...	54	14	9			
Repairing Couriers Watches ...	13	11	0			
Water Supply at the General Post Office ...						
Travelling Charges ...	44	7	6			
Supervisor's Travelling Charges ...	159	0	0			
Poor Rates on portion of Post Office premises occupied by District Postmaster as a private Residence ...	0	18	3			
Stores imported through Agency of Post Office, London ...	32	8	2			
Contingencies ...	94	1	4			
Poundage on Stamps sold by District Postmasters and at the General Post Office ...	115	8	8			
Rent of Stables ...	12	0	0			
Discount on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner ...	94	18	2			
Papyrograph Machine imported for General Post Office ...	18	0	0			
Wages of Messenger to and from General Post Office and Railway Station ...	2	14	0			
Mail Carriers Uniforms ...	1	13	0			
Clocks imported for District Offices ...	50	0	0			
Premium paid on Commissariat Certificates for transmission to United Kingdom on account of Money Orders ...	33	15	0			
				<u>910</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
DRAWBACK ENTRIES—						
Redirected Letters ...	143	13	3½			
Unclaimed Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch ...	172	6	2½			
Redirected and Packet Dead Letters ...	0	11	4½			
Specimen Postage Stamps transmitted to Foreign Countries ...	4	17	6			
				<u>321</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4½</u>
				<u>£15,210</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0½</u>

(Signed,)

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.