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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 ended 30th September, 1881.  
By command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
14th February, 1882.

EDWARD NEWTON,  
Colonial Secretary.

No. 198.

General Post Office,  
13th February, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1881.

## REVENUE.

2. The total cash collections of this Department during the year amounted to £16,948 14s. 4½d., and compared with the cash collections of the two preceding years, as under:—

Year.	Postages.			Commissions on Money Orders.			Telegraphs.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1878-79	13,599	12	5½	279	10	7	...	...	...	343	3	10	14,222	6	10½
1879-80	13,838	11	11	158	14	8½	953	17	5	203	10	8	15,154	14	8½
1880-81	13,734	7	7¼	145	11	10	2,626	5	8	442	9	3	16,948	14	4¼

3. It will be observed that, in comparison with the previous year, there was a decrease in the item of "Postages," and, on referring to the Approximate Analytical Statement of the item which will be found subjoined to paragraph 8, it will be seen that such decrease has taken place under the head of "Packet Postages," (in the amount of postages collected in Jamaica on behalf of the United Kingdom, and placed to the credit of the Imperial Post Office), and under the head of "Inland Postages."

4. The collections under the head of Commissions on Money Orders also exhibit a decrease of £13 2s. 10½d.

5. To account for the apparent falling-off which has taken place in the collections under the head of Commissions on Money Orders during the two years ended 30th September, 1880 and 1881 respectively, as compared with the receipts in the year 1878-79, it is necessary to repeat the explanation furnished in the 4th paragraph of the last Annual Report, i.e., that the receipts on account of Commissions on Money Orders for the years 1879-80 and 1880-81 represent the net Commissions, after deducting the premium of ¾ per cent. paid to the Imperial Government for Money Order Remittances through its Treasury Chest here. The premium paid in 1879-80 amounted to £100 10s. 0d. while the sum paid during 1880-81 was £95 5s. 0d. For the purpose of comparison, therefore, the above amounts must be added to the collections.

6. Under the head of "Telegraphs" there has been an increase of £1,672 8s. 3d., due to the completion of the Telegraphic Circuit of the Sea-coast, as well as to the extension of the benefits of the Telegraphic System to certain districts in the interior.

7. The item of £442 9s. 3d. under the head of "Miscellaneous" (being an increase over last year's collections under the same head of £238 18s. 7d.) consists chiefly of the payments, amounting to £293 13s. 7d., made during the year by the Agents of the Atlas Company on account of the sums received by them from the United States Government for the conveyance by their steamers, under contract with this Island, of the correspondence contained in the mails from New York to Jamaica: of the sum of £93 9s. 0d., derived from the rent of "Lock-Boxes" at the General Post Office, Kingston, and at the Montego Bay Post Office; and of £34 7s. 8d. Fines collected from Mail Contractors, &c. It is pleasing to remark that while the fines for the previous year amounted to £151 6s. 6d., those for the year under review only reached the sum stated above.

8. An approximate analysis of Postages shews as under:—

Year.	Packet Postages.			Inland Postages.	Total.							
	To credit of the United Kingdom.		To credit of Jamaica.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
1878-79 ...	1,170	12	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,886	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10,542	19	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13,599	12	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
1879-80 ...	870	3	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,198	8	9	10,769	19	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	13,838	11	11
1880-81 ...	856	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,603	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10,274	4	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	13,734	7	7 $\frac{1}{4}$

9. The increase in amount of Packet Postages to the credit of Jamaica is the effect of the working of the Postal Union and the credit under this head may, in part, be written off as against the subsidy and other contributions paid by Jamaica as a member of the Postal Union.

10. The amount paid by the Colony during the year on account of the contribution towards the additional loss sustained by the Imperial Government by the entry of Jamaica into the Universal Postal Union was £2,164, and was in respect of the transactions of the year ended 31st March, 1879. The sum of £88 4s. 1d. was also placed to the credit of the United Kingdom to cover the sea transit rates on the correspondence contained in closed mails despatched from Jamaica by British packets to certain countries of the Postal Union between the 1st April, 1877, and the 31st December, 1880.

11. It has also been possible during the year to obtain a more accurate analysis of the amount of the Sea-postage on Foreign correspondence, and to eliminate such amount from the item of Inland Postages, and this has also tended to shew an increase under the head of Packet Postages to the credit of Jamaica.

12. The above approximate analysis also exhibits a decrease in the item of Inland Postages which is likewise disclosed in the estimated numerical return given below. It is proper here to remark that while there has undoubtedly been a falling-off in the actual amount as well in the number of Inland Letters which passed through the Post Office during the year, the decrease is also referable to the more accurate analysis already noted and to the entrance into the Postal Union of certain places on the correspondence of which Inland Postages had hitherto been collected.

#### CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

13. The following are the results of the Estimates which have been taken during the year of the number of Letters and Post Cards which passed through the Jamaica Post Office:—

	OUTWARDS.			INWARDS.		
	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
<b>HEAD OFFICE, KINGSTON.</b>						
<b>INLAND MAILS.</b>						
<i>Ordinary Letters—</i>						
Public ...	315,000	207,000	288,300	194,700	255,100	221,600
Official ...	32,800	41,000	43,600	27,400	42,900	35,700
Post Cards ...	6,000	8,500	11,500	3,100	5,300	4,600
<i>Registered Letters—</i>						
Public ...	7,634	5,500	5,800	16,000	16,900	16,400
Official ...	7,421	7,649	6,211	6,211	6,815	7,275
<b>OCEAN MAILS.</b>						
<i>United Kingdom—</i>						
Ordinary Letters ...	100,500	107,500	105,700	106,300	126,900	127,500
Post Cards ...	652	1,213	942	435	600	870
<i>United States—</i>						
Ordinary Letters ...	20,800	30,900	30,500	22,800	30,600	28,900
Post Cards ...	111	293	242	50	145	148
<i>Inter-Colonial—</i>						
Ordinary Letters ...	25,700	27,500	29,800	23,300	30,200	30,000
Post Cards ...	...	21	49	...	7	4
<b>SHIP MAILS.</b>						
Ordinary Letters ...	927	1,081	947	6,606	5,222	4,218
Registered Letters ...	2,311	2,619	2,687	3,018	3,648	3,617
	519,856	440,776	526,278	409,920	524,337	480,832

NOTE.—In the Return embodied in last year's Report, the number of Inland Registered Letters, received at and despatched from Kingston, included, through a clerical error, the number of Registered Letters despatched to and received from places abroad, which error has been rectified in the above Return.

Between District Offices there passed Letters and Post Cards other than those to or from Kingston the following :—

	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Ordinary Letters ... ..	282,400	476,100	389,100
Post Cards ... ..	5,928	8,788	8,216
Registered Letters ... ..	12,800	9,000	8,700
	301,128	493,888	406,016

14. This return exhibits a decrease in the circulation of Inland Correspondence.

15. The decrease will be found under the head of letters received at Kingston from the District Post Offices for delivery, as well as in the number of letters which were exchanged by the District Offices. On the other hand an increase is shewn in the estimated number of letters despatched from Kingston to the several District Post Offices.

16. Of the number of letters which circulated between the District Post Offices it is estimated that 91,500 passed through the Kingston Office; and it is here necessary that I should again point out that, for the purpose of comparison with the number of Inland letters which were despatched and received during the year 1878-79 and the preceding years, the number of such transit letters must be added to the number despatched from Kingston during 1880 and 1881.

17. There has not been any material increase or decrease in the estimated number of Foreign Letters and Post Cards despatched and received.

18. The decrease in the estimated number of Inland Letters has not been confined to the Ordinary Correspondence. It also appears in the estimated number of Inland Registered Letters not being official letters despatched from and received at Kingston, as well as in the estimated number exchanged between District Post Offices. There is, I think, little doubt that the facilities which are afforded to the public for making remittances through the post, by means of Treasury Inland Money Orders, has continued to decrease the number of Registered Letters passing through the post.

19. The public continue to avail themselves to a considerable extent of Postage Stamps as a medium of remittance through the Post; for instance, during the year under review the amount of Postage Stamps purchased from the Public at the General Post Office amounted to £325 2/; the discount, at the authorised rate of 2½ per cent., being £8 11/2. Many of the letters containing such remittances are still unregistered.

20. Under the Post Office Law this Department is not liable for the contents of any Registered Letter or other packet which might miscarry in the course of post; but, in order to give effect to one of the requirements of the Postal Union Treaty, it was announced on the 1st January, 1881, that the Postmaster for Jamaica would be prepared to make good the contents of a Registered Letter lost, while passing through the post, to the extent of Two Pounds, provided the necessary conditions had been fulfilled.

21. It may be as well here to repeat what these conditions are, viz. :—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of registration required.
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope, and, if it contained money, that it was enclosed in one of the special Registered Envelopes approved by the Post Office for the purpose.
3. That the application was made to the Postmaster for Jamaica immediately after the loss was discovered. When the complaint is that the contents of a letter have been abstracted the envelope must accompany the application otherwise the question cannot be entertained.
4. That the Postmaster for Jamaica, whose decision shall be final, is satisfied that the loss occurred while the letter was in the custody of the Jamaica Post Office and was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender.

22. The above conditions are similar to those enforced by the Imperial Post Office.

23. The Special Registered Envelopes, referred to in condition No. 2, have been imported and can be obtained at the General Post Office at the following rates :—

Size G at ½d. each or 5d. per dozen.  
 " H " ¾d. " 7d. "

#### OCEAN MAILS.

24. The following is a statement of the number of vessels which conveyed Packet and Ship Mails to and from the several ports in this Island :—

	OUTWARDS.			INWARDS.		
	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
KINGSTON—						
Under Contract	130	139	160	149	155	198
Non Contract	50	56	61	113	92	90
OUTPORTS—						
Under Contract	...	...	...	28	31	21
Non Contract	...	...	...			

25. In addition to the number of Direct Mails carried by such vessels, there were 1,401 transit mails, that is to say, this Post Office was made by the Post Office of certain other countries the medium of exchange for their mails to the extent stated, and which is in excess of the number so exchanged during the preceding year by 648.

26. Besides the fortnightly Mail Service between this port and that of New York, maintained by the Atlas Company under contract with the Government of this Island, increased opportunity to communicate with the United States has been afforded by the Monthly Service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, performed by the "Belize." Such increased opportunity does not, on turning to the Numerical Return appear, however, to have increased the estimated number of letters which were exchanged between this Colony and the United States of America.

27. During the year the Atlas Company also ran a steamer between Saint Ann's Bay and New York in connection with a service styled the "North Jamaica, Grey Town and Port Limon Service." In performing the service between Saint Ann's Bay and Port Limon and *vice versa*, the steamer called at the intermediate ports in this Island of Montego Bay, Lucea, Savanna-la-Mar and Black River; but, in consequence of the Agents being unable to furnish this Department with a Fixed Time Table, the opportunity could not be availed of for regular Postal Communication between New York and the ports named, although it did, sometimes, happen that Mails were received at Saint Ann's Bay by such opportunity.

28. Commencing with the steamer which left Kingston on the 15th September last, the same Company established communication between Jamaica, Turks Islands and Nassau, via Fortune Island, in connection with the main line of steamers between Jamaica and New York. Opportunity was accordingly availed of to exchange mails with Turks Islands and Nassau direct.

#### MONEY ORDERS.

29. The following is a comparative statement of the transactions of the Money Order Branch :--

	1878-79.		1879-80.		1880-81.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jamaica Issue payable in United Kingdom ...	3,342	16,222 14 7	3,216	15,077 13 9	3,070	13,724 5 10
United Kingdom Issue payable in Jamaica ...	323	1,115 8 8	384	1,406 12 0	402	1,240 10 8
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	279 10 7	...	259 4 8½	...	240 16 10

30. On comparison with the preceding year's transactions, it will be noticed that there has been a decrease in the *number* as well as in the *amount* of Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom during the year 1880-81; and that while the *number* of Orders drawn on Jamaica by the United Kingdom has increased the *amount* thereof has decreased.

31. This decrease in the amount of Money Orders, drawn by the United Kingdom and Jamaica respectively, had the effect of lessening the amount of Commissions accruing to the Colony to the extent of £18 7s. 10½d. If the sum of £95 5s. 0d. being the premium of  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. paid to the Imperial Government for remittances through its Treasury Chest, be deducted from the total amount of Commissions which accrue to Jamaica, the net profit, *i.e.*, £145 11s. 10d. to Jamaica on Money Order Account for the year, will be obtained.

32. On the 1st September last, the Money Order System in Jamaica was extended to British Guiana at the instance of the Government of that Colony. During that month, the last in this Island's Financial Year, there were not any Money Orders drawn on British Guiana, while the number received for payment was *one*, and the amount \$19 92 cts.

33. Advantage was taken of this extension to negotiate with the United States and Canada for an exchange of Money Orders between those countries and this Colony; and, in return to the communication which I was authorized to address to the Postmaster-General of the United States, an Officer of the United States Post Office was detailed to Jamaica, to confer with this Department on the subject.

34. Mr. Harrison, the officer selected for such special mission arrived here on the 29th July last, and returned to Washington on the 4th August last: the terms of a convention for the exchange of Money Orders between the United States of America and Jamaica having been agreed on, which convention, having been approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and signed by His Excellency the Governor, was submitted to and confirmed by the President of the United States, and came into operation on the 1st January, 1882.

35. The much-needed opportunity for remitting small sums of money to the United States of America has, therefore, been afforded to the Public; and I trust to be able to shew, at the end of the current Financial Year, that the results of the Money Order transactions with the United States justify the conclusion of the Treaty.

36. The similar proposal made to Canada is still under consideration.

EXPENDITURE.

37. The following is an Abstract of the Expenditure for the year as compared with that of the two years preceding :—

Year.	Head Office.	District Offices.	Mail Conveyance.		Miscellaneous.	Total.
			Inland.	Ocean.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1878-79	3,812 1 2	2,008 12 0	6,739 14 5	1,627 11 7	1,073 9 2	15,260 18 4
1879-80	3,845 1 10	1,995 17 5	6,737 14 5	5,019 5 5	898 1 9	18,496 0 10
1880-81	3,893 9 9	1,936 19 6	6,781 14 10	5,014 2 11	1,075 0 10	18,701 7 10

38. The expenditure for the year 1881-82 exhibits an increase of £205 7s. 0d. over that for the preceding year.

39. An increase of £48 7s. 7d. under "Head Office" is the result of the Incremental System as applied to the Salaries of the Staff at the General Post Office.

40. An increase of £44 in the item of Inland Mail Conveyance is the result of the additional rates paid for mail services, which expired during the year, and which were duly offered for public competition, as well as the cost of new mail services in connection with the opening of District Post Offices.

41. The item of "Miscellaneous" has increased by £176 18s. 1d. Under the head of Travelling Charges there was a larger expenditure consequent on a more complete survey of District Post Offices.

42. The large increase, which will be observed on comparing the expenditure of the year ended 30th September, 1879, with that for the two succeeding years, is explained by stating that the expenditure for 1879-80 and 1880-81, respectively, include payments of subsidy for the whole year to the Atlas Company, while that for 1878-79 only includes one month's subsidy of £340, as pointed out in my report for last year. The amount paid to the Atlas Company during the year under report was £4,028 15s. : the difference between this amount and the subsidy of £4,080 per annum, viz., £51 5s. being represented by fines imposed upon the Company for overtime.

NEW DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

43. The following District Post Offices have been opened during the year :—

On the 15th January 1881, "Devon," in the mountains of Manchester and distant from Mile Gully six miles.

On the 7th March, 1881, "Cave Valley," in the Dry Harbour mountains of the Parish of Saint Ann and eight miles distant from Alexandria. "Lluidas' Vale," in the Upper Saint John's district of the Parish of Saint Catherine and eight miles distant from Ewarton. "Ulster Spring," in the mountains of Trelawny and fourteen miles distant from the district of Clark's Town.

44. The mail service is in each case performed by foot-messenger.

MAIL COACH.

45. The amount collected by this Department, and credited to the Contractor for the Mail Coach Service between Kingston and Mandeville, was as under :—

Passengers' Fares	...	£444 10 0
Freight on Parcels	...	55 19 0
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		£500 9 0

46. The amount collected on account of Passengers' Fares, exceeds the receipts of 1879-80 by £42 10s. 0d. and, on Freight Account, by £18 15s. 9d. This evidence of the continued appreciation by the Public of the Mail Coach cannot, I submit, be considered otherwise than as satisfactory.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

47. The following is a statement of the correspondence which was dealt with by the Returned Letter Branch during the year :—

Class of Correspondence.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	1,208	717
" reported to Writers in Kingston	2,159	895
" " " Country	3,867	2,567
" destroyed being illegible or anonymous	588	485
" " Writers not found	842	1,335
Newspapers returned to Publishers	1,955	—

48. The total loss on the above, as represented by Unpaid Postages, which it was not possible to collect, was £38 14s. 9d. The number of letters found to contain value to the amount of £1,336 13s. 10d. and which were registered and re-posted, was 117. One letter alone contained a Bill of Exchange for £750.

## INLAND TELEGRAPHS.

49. As pointed out in the 6th paragraph of this report, the Telegraphic Circuit of this Island has been completed, and the following is a list of the Stations which had been opened from the commencement of the system up to the 30th September 1881:—

1879-80.		1880-81.	
Kingston	On the 20th October, 1879.	Mandeville	On the 23rd October, 1880.
Saint Ann's Bay	" 20th " "	Porus	" 30th " "
Linstead	" 23rd " "	Black River	" 5th November "
Spanish Town	" 29th " "	Lacovia	" 18th " "
Moneague	" 29th November, "	May Pen	" 27th " "
Dry Harbour	" 6th December, "	Chapelton	" 2nd December "
Port Maria	" 18th " "	Alley	" 8th " "
Annotto Bay	" 26th " "	Old Harbour	" 11th " "
Buff Bay	" 1st January, 1880.	Santa Cruz	" 14th " "
Port Antonio	" 8th " "	Shooter's Hill	" 12th January, 1881.
Falmouth	" 28th February, "	Morant Bay	" 18th February "
Montego Bay	" 4th March, "	Port Morant	" 22nd " "
Duncans	" 23rd " "	Bath	" 26th " "
Brown's Town	" 30th " "	Plantain Garden River	" 1st " "
Lucea	" 25th June, "	Manchioneal	" 4th March "
Savanna-la-Mar	" 5th August. "	Prestman's River	" 19th September. "
Grange Hill	" 12th " "		

50. In accordance with the determination of Government to close all such stations as were not self-supporting, and in respect of which a guarantee against loss could not be obtained from persons most interested in their maintenance, the undermentioned Stations have been closed:—

Grange Hill, on the 22nd December, 1880.

Lacovia, on the 12th September, 1881.

Port Morant, on the 15th September, 1881.

51. The Station at Duncans remained closed on the 30th September last, but has since been reopened on the necessary guarantee being obtained.

52. The cost of maintaining Stations of the above class is estimated at £40 per annum.

53. The Station at Bath does not earn its working expenses, but it has been kept open in consequence of the importance of Bath as an Assize Town and of the usefulness of the Station for Judicial and Police purposes.

54. The Stations at Shooter's Hill, Plantain Garden River and Priestman's River respectively have also been guaranteed.

55. The gross receipts of the Telegraph Branch were as under:—

Stamps Sold	...	£2,592	10	9
Additional charge on books containing Message Forms			3	9
			<hr/>	
			£2,595	19
				9

And the total number of Messages which was sent and received during the year was 46,859, as will be seen on reference to the Abstract of Messages sent from and received at each Station during the year herewith submitted.

56. When it is borne in mind that all the Stations have not been in existence during the whole year, I submit that the financial results of the Telegraph System in Jamaica continue to bear testimony to the usefulness of the lines to the Public.

57. Taking the transactions of the past four months as a basis of calculation, I find that they afford an estimate of messages for the year 1881-82, the value of which may be stated at £3,200, while the amount of revenue from "Telegraphs" is stated in the approved Estimates at £3,000.

58. The total expenditure by this Department on account of Telegraphs was £3,276 1s. 10½d., the details of which are given in the "Return of the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department," hereunto appended.

59. The following was the numerical staff of the Telegraph Branch on the 30th September last:—

- 1 Superintendent.
- 2 Assistant Superintendents.
- 37 Telegraph Clerks.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

60. A set of "Lock Boxes," similar to those in use at the General Post Office, Kingston, has been imported from America, and erected at the Montego Bay Post Office.

61. The Post Offices and Telegraph Stations at Montego Bay and Falmouth were removed on the 27th and 31st August last, respectively, from the Court Houses in which they had been kept previously, to premises rented by the Department for the purpose, in order to give effect to the rule requiring Telegraph Clerks to reside on the premises at which the Stations are kept, so that they may, if necessary, be communicated with out of office hours, or on Sundays, which rule, with very few exceptions, has been carried out.

62. The number of packets which were received from other countries, and which, on examination by the Customs, proved to contain jewelry and other dutiable articles to the value of £302 17s. 4d., was 223, and the amount of Import Duty paid thereon was £35 3s. 3d.

63. The transmission of such packets through the Post is contrary to the regulations of the Postal Union Treaty, and if the breach thereof be persisted in by the Public, it may become necessary to strictly enforce such regulations.

64. It is the practice of the Imperial Post Office to return such contraband articles to the countries of origin, but this Office has, hitherto, satisfied itself by calling the attention of the addressees to the irregularity and affording them the opportunity of paying the duty on the contents.

65. The usual Annual Returns are herewith submitted.

I have, &c.,

FRED. SULLIVAN,

Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1881.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices	692	7	11½				SALARIES :						
“ To Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom	95	4	0½				By Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	800	0	0			
“ Postage on Unpaid Ship Letters	99	14	8				“ Salaries of Clerks	2,296	11	5			
“ Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and Foreign Countries	112	5	1				“ Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, &c.	553	9	0			
“ Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office	197	0	3				“ Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers	78	12	10			
“ Stamps sold by the Department	10,894	14	0½				“ Allowance for Assistance	139	17	0			
“ Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	1,971	1	3				“ Salaries of District Postmasters	1,924	19	6			
“ Rent of Private Letter Boxes	93	9	0				“ Messenger from General Post Office to Railway Terminus	20	19	6			
“ Rent of Private Letter Bags	19	19	0				“ Messenger from Spanish Town P. O. to Railway Station	12	0	0	5,830	9	3
“ Commissions on Money Orders	145	11	10				COMMISSION ON SALE OF STAMPS :						
“ Fees for detention of Country Letters per Packet for delivery in Kingston	24	0	6				By Poundage on Stamps sold at the General Post Office and by District Postmasters	110	6	3			
“ Fine Account	34	7	8				“ Discount on Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner	99	0	9	209	7	0
“ Miscellaneous	1	0	0				SERVICES :						
“ Discount on Stamps purchased from the Public	8	11	2				By Mail Bags and Wrappers	42	9	8			
“ American Gratuity Account, being amount received from McDowell, Hankey & Co., Agents of the Atlas Steamship Company, on account of Gratuities paid by the United States Government to them on letters conveyed by the Atlas Company's Steamers under Contract with the Government of Jamaica	293	13	7				“ Lighting Account	8	3	8			
“ Sale of Foreign Postage Tables	1	2	0				“ Amount paid by Crown Agents	4	3	11			
“ Registered Letter Envelopes sold	2	7	4½	14,686	9	5½	“ Establishment of New Post Offices	23	0	3			
Carried forward				14,686	9	5½	“ Advertising	38	18	6			
							“ Yard Cleaner	5	4	0			
							“ Allowance to Officers for Services performed out of Office hours	144	9	1			
							“ Letter Carriers' Uniforms	30	11	6			
							“ Conveyance of Private Letter Bags	9	0	3			
							“ Office Furniture	17	1	0			
							“ Water Supply	13	10	0			
							“ Travelling Charges	232	5	0			
							“ Contingencies	141	7	2			
							“ Premium paid by Treasurer on Commissariat Certificates	95	5	0	805	10	0
							CONVEYANCE OF MAILS :						
							By Contractors	6,774	10	10			
							“ Special Expresses	69	3	10			
							“ Ship Letter Gratuities	26	1	3			
							“ Packet Mail Services	7	4	0			
							“ Proportion of Postage placed to credit of United Kingdom	959	6	8			
							“ Steam Communication with New York	4,028	15	0			
							“ Steam Communication round the Island	1,153	19	5	13,010	1	0
							DRAWBACK ENTRIES :						
							By Redirected Letters	128	11	5			
							“ Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch	142	15	9½			
							“ Specimens of Postage Stamps transmitted to Foreign Countries	1	1	2½	272	8	5
							Carried forward				20,127	15	8





Statement shewing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1881.

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.
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Pre-paid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
3,070	13,724 5 10	...	14 2 3	402	1,240 10 8	396	1,262 1 11	18 2 5	365 13 6

Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to credit of 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 which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to United Kingdom.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ c. d.
137 12 9	228 0 9	12 8 1	0 8 0	240 16 10	145 11 10	95 5 0

General Post Office,  
13th February, 1882.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

Statement shewing the Transactions of the Returned Letter Branch of the General Post Office for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1881.

Total of Letters Returned to the United Kingdom.			Letters reposted to Writers resident in Kingston.			Letters reposted to Writers resident in the Country.			Total of Letters returned 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.	
1,208	717	9 18 5½	2,159	895	15 18 10½	3,867	2,567	43 16 3	6,026	3,462	59 15 1½	588	485	8 5 8	842	1,335	21 16 3	
Inland Postage not recoverable on Letters Returned to the United Kingdom, &c.			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.			REMARKS.			
Amount.			Amount.			Amount.			Paid.		Unpaid.	No.		Amount.	Total Number dealt with.			
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	No.	No.	Amount.							
		8 7 2½			0 4 10			38 14 9	1,955	.	.	117		1,336 13 10	Packet Letters ... 1,825 Inland Letters ... 12,739 Inland Papers ... 1,955			

General Post Office, 13th February, 1882.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

R E C E I V E D A T

SENT FROM	Kingston.	Spanish Town.	Linstead	Moneague.	Saint Ann's Bay.	Dry Harbour.	Brown's Town.	Duncans.	Falmouth.	Montego Bay.	Lucea.	Grange Hill.	Sav-la-Mar.	Black River.	Lacovia.	Santa Cruz.	Mandeville.	Shooter's Hill.	Porus.	May Pen.	Chapelton.	Alley.	Old Harbour.	Morant Bay.	Port Morant.	Bath.	Plan. Garden River.	Manchioneal.	Priestman's River.	Port Antonio.	Buff Bay.	Annotto Bay.	Port Maria.	Totals Sent.	Remarks.	
Kingston	1	863	583	148	616	66	277	19	746	1264	330	3	1002	479	42	55	792	66	327	95	286	267	446	240	21	44	65	37		624	166	410	598	10,888	(a.) Reopened 14th Oct., 1880.	
Spanish Town	767		188	73	46	3	23	3	17	19	6		25	12	1	7	83	5	8	44	46	15	76	26	1					21	9	30	60	1,619	(b.) Closed from 13th to 31st August, 1881.	
Linstead	595	176		73	67	1	32	6	21	68	8		2	2		2	8		4	4	1	13	3	8						3	1	3	7	1,137	(c.) Closed from 24th January to 6th May, 1881, and from 13th August to 30th September, 1881.	
Moneague (a.)	209	82	63		100	8	43	2	12	20	2		1	1		3	12			2	1	3	3		1	2	2				1		7	580	(c.) Closed from 24th January to 6th May, 1881, and from 13th August to 30th September, 1881.	
St. Ann's Bay	743	36	64	96		115	282	17	380	485	43		43	14	1	5	9		2		1	2	13	3	2	2	3	5	1	288	40	57	207	2,957	(c.) Closed from 24th January to 6th May, 1881, and from 13th August to 30th September, 1881.	
Dry Harbour	65	2	2	6	137		65	7	103	54	10		2	2	1						2	1								21		1	7	489	(c.) Closed from 24th January to 6th May, 1881, and from 13th August to 30th September, 1881.	
Brown's Town (b.)	272	16	25	32	245	54		21	269	106	8		4	3	1						14		3			3				28	1	2	11	1,120	(d.) Closed from 22nd December, 1880.	
Duncans (c.)	28	1	4	1	18	3	23		66	35			4	11																			1	198	(d.) Closed from 22nd December, 1880.	
Falmouth	866	13	11	16	351	91	235	62		1265	164		105	45		8	5		2	4		10	8	11	1		2			57	5	9	33	3,379	(e.) Opened 5th Nov., 1880.	
Montego Bay	1,401	22	64	5	466	68	76	33	1202		713	7	513	242	6	6	55	7	10	1	5	7	3	1		2	7			155	3	5	30	5,144	(e.) Opened 5th Nov., 1880.	
Lucea	399	11	13	1	20	9	7	3	129	721		9	312	27	9	1	6					2	1	1			5			16			6	1,708	(f.) Opened 13th Nov., 1880. Closed from 29th June to 14th July. Closed from 12th Sept., 1881.	
Grange Hill (d.)	7								6	12			8	3																			36	36	(f.) Opened 13th Nov., 1880. Closed from 29th June to 14th July. Closed from 12th Sept., 1881.	
Sav-la Mar	1,126	36	2	3	30	1	6	3	108	595	284	6		418	9	31	132	6	2	2	3	8	2	4	2	1	6			20	3	7	13	2,869	(g.) Opened 14th Dec., 1880.	
Black River (e.)	594	19	3		21	2	7	11	56	274	31	7	513		54	93	152	9	4	2		7	3	3	1		1			5		1	10	1,883	(g.) Opened 14th Dec., 1880.	
Lacovia (f.)	44	1	1		1	1	1		2	8			21	44		7	11			1														150	150	(h.) Opened 23rd Oct., 1880.
Santa Cruz (g.)	75	9	2	1	6	1			9	6	4		34	97	4		50	3	6				2	2										6	317	(h.) Opened 23rd Oct., 1880.
Mandeville (h.)	901	86	8	5	8		2	1	5	49	3		105	130	7	29		13	64	27	43	33	91	5			1					1	1	25	1,643	(i.) Opened 12th Jan., 1881.
Shooters Hill (i.)	122	2	2					2		9			5	8			16		10	4	3	1	13	2								4	1	1	205	(j.) Opened 30th Oct., 1880.
Porus (j.)	444	12	2		1			1	3	15			2	4		4	84	17		10	40	22	71		1					1	2	2	2	733	(k.) Opened 27th Nov., 1880.	
May Pen (k.)	139	56	3	1	1				3	3			5	2	1	1	35	5	7		69	33	28	4		1		1		2	1	1	2	404	(l.) Opened 2nd Dec., 1880.	
Chapelton (l.)	333	50	2		2	2	17		2	4	2		2				45		33	38		31	52	7									7	629	(m.) Opened 8th Dec., 1880.	
Alley (m.)	375	38	12		3	1	1	1	9	11	3		5	14			49	4	31	23	24		57		1		8				8	1	3	682	(n.) Opened 11th Dec., 1880.	
Old Harbour (n.)	568	86	39	1	12		3		9	5			6	7	1	4	88	14	49	20	48	29		3						1	2	1	6	1,002	(n.) Opened 11th Dec., 1880.	
Morant Bay (o.)	280	20	9		5		2		8	1			2	2			4	1		6	10		2		14	18	26	5		16	7	3	1	442	(o.) Opened 18th Feb., 1881.	
Port Morant (p.)	24	1		1	1				1	1			4	1			1		1	1			19			5	6	8		29	4	2		110	(p.) Opened 22nd Feb., 1881.	
Bath (q.)	49			1	2		4			1			1	2									15	1		7	8			19	1			111	(p.) Opened 22nd Feb., 1881. Closed from 8th March to 12th April. Closed from 15th Sept., 1881.	
Plan. Gar. River (r.)	92	1		2	3				3	10	10		4							2		8		19	9	9		33		21		1		227	(q.) Opened 26th Feb., 1881.	
Manchioneal (s.)	57				6		2			1			1							1	2			6	8	9	14			278	9	11	5	410	(q.) Opened 26th Feb., 1881.	
Priestman's River (t.)	1				2	1																								5			11	11	(r.) Opened 1st March, 1881.	
Port Antonio	839	18	1	1	341	18	35	1	59	145	14		19	6	3	1	2	1		2	1			22	20	13	16	261	6		239	165	149	2,393	(r.) Opened 1st March, 1881.	
Buff Bay	233	7	1		45		3	2	1	34			4	1			2	8		1		7	3	3	2	1	1	13		266		87	18	744	(s.) Opened 4th March, 1881.	
Annotto Bay	540	49	3	1	85	3	4		7	12			8				1		1	1		2	2	1	1		13		183	90		260	1,267	(t.) Opened 19th Sept., 1881.		
Port Maria	533	55	6	6	189	3	14	1	37	52	2		17	7	1	2	19	2			8	1	4	2			1	2		173	17	188		1,362	(t.) Opened 19th Sept., 1881.	
Totals received	12742	1768	1113	474	2830	452	1164	197	3264	5273	1658	32	2782	1584	141	259	1664	161	561	291	607	503	914	409	86	111	173	386	7	2235	641	992	1385	46,859		