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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Report of the Postmaster for Jamaica, for the year 1883-84.

By command,

J. ALLWOOD, Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 24.

General Post Office, 13th December, 1884.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

REVENUE.

1. The cash receipts during the year amounted to £21,377 6s. 5½d and compare with the 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.
1831-82	13,993	9	0¼	184	0	3¼	3,313	5	8	301	16	2	17,792	11	2¼
1832-83	14,855	15	5½	203	1	9¼	3,767	10	6½	237	7	2	19,063	14	11¼
1883-84	16,231	15	10¼	250	6	9	4,508	16	10	386	7	0	21,377	6	5½

2. The above shows that the collections of the year under review exceed those of the year 1882-83 by the sum of £2,313 11s. 6½d. thus:—

Postages	...	£1,376	0	5½
Commissions on Money Orders	...	47	4	11¼
Miscellaneous	...	148	19	10
Telegraphs	...	741	6	3½
		£2,313	11	6½

3. The following is an approximate analysis of the item of Postages:—

Year.	Packet Postages.		Inland Postages.	Total.
	To credit of United Kingdom.	To credit of Jamaica.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1881-82 ...	562 16 3½	3,165 19 6½	10,264 13 3	13,993 9 0½
1882-83 ...	627 13 6½	3,647 14 1½	10,580 7 9½	14,855 15 5½
1883-84 ...	685 12 4½	4,322 10 5½	11,223 13 0½	16,231 15 10½

4. This analysis shews that of the increase under "Postages" the sum of £57 18s. 9½d. is in respect of the collections on behalf of the Imperial Post Office; the sum of £674 16s. 4½d. in respect of the Packet Postages to the credit of this Island, and the sum of £643 5s. 3d. on account of Inland Postages.

5. The exodus of labourers hence to Colon, to which I referred in my last year's Report, paragraph 5, and which has continued during this year, has been the principal cause of the increase in the amount of Packet Postages to the credit of this Colony.

6. I subjoin, as interesting, a statement shewing the number and value of the letters despatched to the United States of Colombia since the year 1880-81:—

Year.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
1881-82 ...	21,141	388 17 11
1882-83 ...	41,919	705 0 9
1883-84 ...	82,088	1,380 2 7½

7. In addition to the sum which appears in the above analysis to have been placed to the credit of the United Kingdom, the sum of £2,973 was paid through the Crown Agents for the Colonies to the Imperial Post Office on account of the loss sustained by the Imperial Exchequer to the 31st March, 1883, consequent on the entry of Jamaica into the Universal Postal Union.

8. The sum of £19 0s. 9d. was also paid to the French Post Office for Sea and Territorial Transit Rates during the year ended 31st December, 1883.

9. The increase under the head of Commissions on Money Orders is attributable to the reduction of the scales of Commission on Money Orders to the United Kingdom and United States respectively to which I referred in my last Report.

10. The collections under the head of "Miscellaneous" principally consist of the following:—

Rent of Private Letter Boxes at Kingston, Montego Bay and Falmouth	£69 8 0
Conveyance of private Letter Bags ...	14 14 0
Fines inflicted on Mail Contractors ...	76 15 7
Commission at the rate of ten per cent. on Mail Coach transactions at the Head Station, Kingston ...	66 8 6
Gratuity paid by the United States Government through the Atlas Company on Correspondence conveyed from New York to Jamaica by the Company's Steamers ...	153 16 11

11. The Postage Stamps sold during the year amounted to £15,757 4s. 2d. thus:—

By the Department ...	£13,098 7 8
By the Stamp Commissioner to authorized Vendors at 5 o/o discount ...	2,658 16 2

Of the amount sold by the Post Office the sum of £66 11s. is on account of Penny Savings Deposits and has been placed to the credit of the Government Savings Bank.

12. Postage Stamps to the value of £267 8s. 5½d. were purchased from the Public at the rate of 2½ per cent. discount: the amount, £7 1s. 2½d., so realised being placed to the credit of "Postages."

13. By order of His Excellency the Governor in Privy Council the rates of postage on Letters between Kingston, Up-Park Camp, Gordon Town, Coldspring, Halfway-Tree, Spanish Town, Old Harbour and Port Royal, being places in daily communication with Kingston, were reduced as under on the 29th April last:—

Not exceeding ½ ounce ...	1d.
Above ½ ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce ...	2d.
For each additional ounce or fractional part thereof ...	2d.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

14. The following is an estimate of the number of the Letters and Post Cards which have passed through the several Post Offices in this Island during the year, as compared with the estimated number during last year.

15. I cannot, as usual, submit a three years' Comparative Statement, because, as pointed out in the 15th paragraph of my last year's Report, the result of the "Counts" which were taken during 1881-82 were either lost or destroyed during the Fire of the 11th December, 1882.

	Outwards.		Inwards.	
	1882-83.	1883-84.	1882-83.	1883-84.
<i>Head Office, Kingston—Inland Mails.</i>				
Ordinary Letters—				
Public
Official
Post Cards
Registered Letters—				
Public
Official
<i>Ocean Mails—By Vessels under Contract.</i>				
United Kingdom—				
Ordinary Letters
Post Cards
United States of America—				
Ordinary Letters
Post Cards
Intercolonial—				
Ordinary Letters
Post Cards
<i>By Vessels not under Contract.</i>				
Ship Letters
Registered Letters—				
Packet and Ship
	597,891	681,441	560,718	600,368

16. Between District Post Offices there passed Letters and Post Cards, not including those to or from Kingston, the following:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.
Ordinary Letters	455,800	458,800
Post Cards	9,542	10,744
Registered Letters	9,900	10,805
	475,242	480,349

17. It will be observed that there has been an increase over 1882-83 in the number of Letters and Post Cards despatched from and received at the Head Office, Kingston, during the year under review, as well as in the number exchanged between the District Post Offices.

18. The very large increase which appears under the head of Intercolonial Ordinary Letters, inwards and outwards, occurs in the correspondence exchanged between Jamaica and the United States of Colombia since the exodus of labourers from this Island to Colon.

19. I would point out that the decrease in the number of Letters exchanged with the United States of America by Vessels under contract has been caused by the conveyance of Mails by non-contract Vessels which plied during the year between this Port and New York, for instance Vessels of the "United States Mail," "Frank Brothers," "Henry Brothers," &c.

20. A larger amount of correspondence was received from the United States than was despatched by non-contract Vessels because, in many cases, they did not return to New York direct.

21. The number of Letters exchanged between New York and Jamaica by non-contract Vessels is included under the head of ordinary Ship Letters.

OCEAN MAILS.

22. The number of Vessels which conveyed Mails to and from Jamaica during 1883-84, compared with the number during 1881-82 and 1882-83, as under:—

	OUTWARDS.						INWARDS.					
	1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.		1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract ...	167	938	135	927	231	1,048	207	1,226	217	1,169	258	1,175
Non-contract ...	55	60	33	58	15	66	82	82	101	101	92	96
<i>Outports—</i>												
Contract ...	...	...	13	13	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Non-contract ...	...	...	13	13	...	...	16	16	18	18	20	20

23. The number of Mails which were exchanged by other Countries through the medium of the Jamaica Post Office was 1,049.

24. The Mail Service between this Island and the Ports of Miragoane, Jeremie and Jacmel in the Republic of Hayti, which was suspended on the 22nd of August, 1883, in consequence of their having been blockaded by the Government of that Republic, was resumed on the 11th February, on my being advised by the Haytian Consul here that such ports had been re-opened to Foreign Commerce.

MONEY ORDERS.

25. The transactions of the Money Order Branch during the year under review compare with those of the two years preceding as follows:—

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND UNITED KINGDOM.

	1881-82.			1882-83.			1883-84.					
	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jamaica issue payable in the United Kingdom ...	3,412	14,508	11	8	4,289	21,968	6	3	5,526	32,426	13	1
United Kingdom issue payable in Jamaica ...	401	1,294	1	1	410	1,348	1	4	504	1,511	9	5
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...		261	16	10	.	315	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	.	412	19	10

26. The Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom, it will be observed, are in excess of the transactions of the preceding year by 1,237 in the number, and by £10,458 6s. 10d. in the amount. The issues of the United Kingdom payable in Jamaica are also in excess by 94 in the number, and by £163 8s. 1d. in amount.

27. The large increase which has taken place since 1881-82 in the number and amount of Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom is principally the result of the reduced commission, which took effect on the 1st April, 1883, and to which I have already referred in the 9th paragraph of this Report, as well as in my last year's Report.

28. As a consequence of the increase in the Money Order transactions between Jamaica and the United Kingdom the amount of commissions which accrued to Jamaica during the year under review exceeds that of the preceding year by the sum of £97 3s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

29. Of the sum of £412 19s. 10d. which accrued to Jamaica on commission account, £236 5s. was paid at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. to the Imperial Government for remittance of Money Order balances through its Treasury Chest in this Island; the net amount placed to credit of revenue was, therefore, £176 14s. 10d.

30. In addition to the net amount on Commission Account the sum of £1 14s. 8d. for forfeited Money Orders was also placed to the credit of Revenue.

31. Of the amount of Orders drawn on the United Kingdom £5 was re-paid to the Remitters in this Country by request.

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

	1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica issue payable in the United States ...	521	£ s. d. 2,574 5 8	978	£ s. d. 4,936 17 6	1,519	£ s. d. 8,748 3 0
United States issue payable in Jamaica ...	63	257 2 9	143	536 6 0	164	710 5 11
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...		52 11 0		91 13 6		148 12 7

32. The Money Orders drawn on the United States during the year under review exceed the drafts of the preceding year by 541 in number and by £3,811 5s. 6d. in amount, while the drafts of the United States on Jamaica are in excess by 21 in number and £173 19s. 11d. in amount.

33. The proportion of commissions accruing to Jamaica is in excess of the sum which accrued during the preceding year by £56 19s. 1d. Of the commission, £148 12s. 7d., the sum of £67 7s. 7d. was paid to the Island Treasurer at the rate of one per cent. for bills on the Crown Agents for the Colonies for remittance of the balances due to the United States Government, leaving the sum of £81 5s. as the net return revenue from exchange of Money Orders with the United States.

34. Of the amount of Money Orders drawn on the United States during the year the sum of £5 4s. 6d. was re-paid in this Country at the request of the Remitters.

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND BRITISH GUIANA.

	1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica issue payable in British Guiana ...	4	£ s. d. 9 17 5	2	£ s. d. 4 10 0	6	£ s. d. 20 15 1
British Guiana issue payable in Jamaica ...	26	69 1 9½	38	122 5 0	53	216 18 6
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...		0 12 5		0 13 0		1 3 9

35. It will be noticed from the above that there has only been a slight increase over last year in the Money Order transactions between British Guiana and this Colony, and that as pointed out in my Reports for the years ended respectively 30th September, 1882 and 1883, the system is not much availed of.

36. The entire amount, £1 3s. 9d., of the accrued commissions was carried to credit of revenue, as there were not any charges for remittances of balances, which were forwarded in cash.

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

	1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica issue payable in Canada	£ s. d. ...	30	£ s. d. 216 13 7	134	£ s. d. 814 8 1
Canadian issue payable in Jamaica	4	15 16 5	34	204 15 9
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica	3 5 10	...	16 7 6

37. As pointed out in the 31st paragraph of my last Report, the extension of the Money Order System in this Island to the Dominion of Canada only dates from 1st July, 1883, hence it is that the year 1881-82 does not appear in the above Comparative Statement; and in order to compare the trans.

actions of the year under review with those of the year 1882-83 it will be necessary to add to the figures in that year a proportionate sum for the period 1st October, 1882, to 30th June, 1883.

38. Although the Money Order Exchanges between this Island and the Dominion have not been very extensive, I submit they may be accepted as sufficient proof that such an Exchange was needed and has been taken advantage of.

39. Of the accrued commission of £16 7s. 6d. the sum of £6 8s. 5d. was paid at the rate of one per cent. for the Island Treasurer's Bills of Exchange on the Crown Agents for the Colonies in settlement of the balances due to the Dominion, the net amount carried to the credit of revenue was therefore £9 19s. 1d.

BETWEEN JAMAICA AND BARBADOS.

	1881-82.		1882-83.		1883-84.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jamaica issue payable in Barbados	9	18 14 3	36	142 13 4
Barbados issue payable in Jamaica	4	8 14 4	46	114 7 4
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica	0 6 5	...	1 15 4

40. As in the case of the Dominion of Canada the system of Money Order Exchanges between this Colony and Barbados only took effect on 1st July, 1883, therefore for purpose of comparison of transactions of 1883-84 with those of 1882-83, it must be borne in mind that the latter has reference only to the three months ended 30th September, 1883.

41. The accrued amount of commission was passed to credit of the revenue, cash remittances having been made in settlement of balances.

EXPENDITURE.

42. The following is an Abstract of the Expenditure during the year under review, as compared with that of the years ended respectively 30th September, 1882 and 1883:—

Year.	Salaries.		Mail Conveyance.		Services.	Total.
	Head Office.	District Offices.	Inland.	Ocean.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1881-82 ...	3,993 5 4	1,986 0 8	7,114 17 8	662 4 8	814 19 0½	14,571 7 4½
1882-83 ...	4,112 8 4	2,004 0 0	7,162 2 4	1,009 12 10	1,379 6 1½	15,667 9 7½
1883-84 ...	4,212 2 2	2,076 1 4	7,046 14 0	820 8 1	1,210 5 4	15,365 10 11

43. In previous Reports the amounts paid to the Atlas Company for Steam Service between Kingston and New York have been included in the Abstract of Expenditure, but as this Department only administers the Vote, which is not chargeable against the Post Office, I have to prevent misconception with regard to the actual expenditure, as well as with a view to an equitable comparison of the expenditure with cash receipts, caused such amounts to be eliminated from Ocean Mail Conveyance under which head they appeared.

44. The amounts paid by the Crown Agents for the Colonies to the Imperial Government as contribution towards the additional loss consequent on the entry of Jamaica into the Postal Union Treaty are also not included in the above Abstract.

45. I have also omitted the premiums on Money Order Remittances which have hitherto been included under the head of "Services," as I have ascertained that they do not appear as expenditure in the published Finance Accounts, because they are deducted from the total commission accruing to the Colony and the net result is credited to revenue.

46. If the expenditure of £15,365 10s. 11d. as stated be compared with the total receipts on account of Postages, Commission on Money Orders and Miscellaneous, which amount to £16,868 9s. 7½d.—see paragraph 1—it will result that such receipts exceed the expenditure by the sum of £1,502 18s. 8½d., which amount would have appeared as net revenue but for the fact that it has been absorbed by the payment of £2,973 made during the year for Postal Union Contribution to 31st March, 1883.

47. The payments made during the years ended 30th September, 1882 and 1883, and charged against this Department for Postal Union Contributions were, respectively, £2,903 for the year ended 31st March, 1880, and £5,909 for the two years ended 31st March, 1882.

48. On comparing the Expenditure as above stated with that of the preceding year, it will be observed that there has been a net decrease of £301 18s. 8½d., thus:—

		DECREASE.			
Inland Mail Conveyance	£115	8	4
Ocean " " "	189	4	9
Services	169	0	9½
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			£473	13	10½
		INCREASE.			
Salaries—Head Office	...	£99	13	10	
District Offices	...	72	1	4	171 15 2
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Net Decrease			...	£301	18 8½

49. The increase under the head of Salaries at the Head Office is the result of the Annual Incremental System, and that under the head of Salaries at District Offices is due to the establishment of Post Offices at "Laughlands," in the Parish of St. Ann, and at Up-Park Camp, as well as to the fact that certain personal allowances to District Postmasters, which were formerly charged to "Pensions," have been added to "Salaries."

50. The decrease under the head of Mail Conveyance is the result of the falling in of certain Mail Contracts, which on being advertised were secured at cheaper rates.

51. The decrease under the head of Ocean Mail Conveyance is due principally to the absence of any payment for Sea and Territorial Transit rates to the United Kingdom and United States respectively, the accounts therefor not having been rendered within the period.

52. The decrease under the head of "Services" is thus explained:—

		DECREASE.			
Contingencies	...	...	£98	5	7½
Travelling Charges	236	10	0
Rent	11	9	11
Twine and Wax	21	6	3
Dated Stamps	22	13	6
Furniture	7	4	9
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			£397	10	0½
		INCREASE.			
Allowance to Officers for Service out of Office hours	...	£3	17	7	
Making and Repairing Bags	...	11	19	5	
Manufacture of Stamps	...	118	0	7	
Special Mail Services	...	63	11	7	
Commission on Sale of Stamps	...	31	0	1	228 9 3
			<hr/>		
Net Decrease			...	£169	0 9½

53. The Votes for Steam Communication with the United States and for Steam Communication round the Island were administered by this Department. The sum of £3,045 5s. was paid to the Atlas Company for the former service, £1,034 15s. having been deducted for penalties for overtime and other breaches of contract, and the sum of £2,000 was paid to the same Company for the latter service.

NEW DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

54. The undermentioned Post Offices have been established during the year, viz.:—

"Laughlands," in the Parish of Saint Ann, on the 1st November, 1883.

"Up-Park Camp," on the 29th April, 1884.

MAIL COACHES.

55. The Collections on Mail Coach Account were as under:—

Service.	Passengers' Fares.		Parcels.		Total.	
	1882-83.	1883-84.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1882-83.	1883-84.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kingston and Mandeville	479 0 6	416 12 6	80 13 3	90 2 0	559 13 9	536 14 6
Kingston and St. Ann's Bay	680 10 0	844 17 9	112 10 6	130 7 3	793 0 6	975 5 0
	1,159 10 6	1,291 10 3	192 3 9	229 9 3	1,352 14 3	1,511 19 6

56. The collections in the case of the service between Kingston and Mandeville are £22 19s. 3d. less than those of 1882-83, while in the case of the service between Kingston and St. Ann's Bay they exceed those of the previous year by the sum of 182 4s. 6d.

57. The amounts collected have been lodged to credit of the Contractors after deducting ten per cent as remuneration to District Postmasters at booking stations, and for the work performed at the Head Office, Kingston. The amount retained for services at the Head Station, Kingston, has been placed to the credit of the Revenue.

58. During the year arrangements have been concluded with Mr. A. W. Douet for the extension of his Mail Coach Service from St. Ann's Bay, where it now terminates, to Montego Bay, on the completion of the Railway to Ewarton, for the same amount as he now receives, namely, £400 per annum, and for a Mail Coach Service to Sav-la-Mar from Porus, when the Railway extension to that place shall have been completed, for the sum of £300 per annum; in each case the Contractor being responsible for the conveyance of Mails and Parcels between Kingston and Ewarton or Porus, as the case may be. The existing Services will in the meantime be maintained at their present cost.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

59. The Correspondence dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch was as under:—

Class of Correspondence.	No. of Paid.	No. of Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	569	132
Letters returned to Postal Union Countries	2,495	287
Letters re-posted to Writers in Kingston	3,429	886
Letters re-posted to Writers in Country	6,364	2,233
Letters destroyed, addresses being illegible or anonymous	1,687	898
Letters destroyed, Writers not found	2,767	1,958
Newspapers returned to Publishers	2,879	10

60. The amount of Postage which was not recoverable in respect of the above was £68 5s. 3d.

61. The number of Letters which were found to contain value to the amount of £144 10s. 9½d. was 227. They were duly re-posted to the Writers.

TELEGRAPHS.

62. The gross receipts of the Telegraph Branch compare with those of the two years preceding, as under:—

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stamps Sold	3,306 2 3	3,712 5 0	4,507 7 9
Additional Charges on Books containing Message Forms ..	4 4 6	4 1 3	4 12 9
Cash collected subsequent to Fire of 11th December, 1882, in absence of stamps ... ..	...	60 17 10	...
	3,310 6 9	3,777 4 1	4,512 0 6

63. The Receipts of the year under review exceed those of 1882-83 by the sum of £734 16s. 5d., and are in excess of the Estimates for 1883-84 by the sum of £512 0s. 6d.

64. 80,544 Messages were sent and received, as against 67,530 during 1882-83, being an increase of 13,014.

65. The following is a statement of the Expenditure on account of Telegraphs as compared with that for the years 1881-82 and 1882-83:—

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	1,933 8 11	2,143 18 9	2,304 12 9
Wages	350 12 9	382 19 3½	430 17 1
Services	1,005 12 8½	1,182 9 4½	988 17 9
	3,289 14 4¼	3,709 7 5	3,724 7 7

There having been a net increase over the previous year 1882-83 of £15 0s. 2d. thus:—

INCREASE.		
Salaries ... ..	...	£160 14 0
Wages ... ..	...	47 17 9½
		<u>208 11 9½</u>
DECREASE.		
Services ... ..	...	193 11 7½
		<u>£15 0 2</u>

66. The increase under Salaries is partly in respect of the Annual Increments to the Salaries of the Superintendent of Telegraphs and the two Assistants to the Superintendent, and partly in respect of the Salaries of the Operators at the four new Stations which have been opened during the year and hereinafter referred to at paragraph 69.

67. The increase under the head of Wages is due to the approved increase of Wages from 8s. to 10s. per week of the Messengers at the Head Office, and to the employment of Messengers at new Stations.

68. The decrease under Services is chiefly in respect of Telegraph Instruments and Stores, it having been necessary in the preceding year to replace the articles destroyed by the Fire of 11th December, 1882.

69. The undermentioned Telegraph Stations were opened during the year : -

“Up-Park Camp” on the 28th April, 1884.

“Claremont,” in the Parish of St. Ann, on 11th June, 1884.

“Oracabessa” in the Parish of St. Mary, on 21st June, 1884.

“Newport,” in the Parish of Manchester, on 15th July, 1884.

70. All the Stations with the exception of that at Up-Park Camp have been guaranteed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

71. 400 Packets from places abroad were detained for inspection by the Customs Authorities, and were found to contain articles to the value of £393 13s. 4d., upon which duty to the amount of £46 7s. 8d. was collected.

72. On the 1st October, 1883, the name of the “Goshen” Post Office was altered to that of “Santa Cruz.”

73. On the 2nd June last the name of the Post Office at “Mount Charles” was altered to that of “Hagley Gap,” to the neighborhood of which place it was removed.

74. I have not been able to adjust the figures in this Report which relate to Receipts and Expenditure with the figures which will appear in the Financial Accounts to be published by the Treasury, because I have been informed by that Department that such Accounts have not yet been completed, but I would point out that the figures in question have been taken from the Monthly Accounts which have been submitted to the Auditor General.

75. In conclusion I submit the usual Annual Returns.

I have, &c.,

FRED. SULLIVAN.

The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with the United Kingdom for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

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.	Repaid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
5,526	32,426 13 1	1 14 8	5 0 0	504	1,511 9 5	470	1,427 9 6	1 6 0	565 14 0
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 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 the United Kingdom.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
160 0 3	405 13 9	7 3 10	0 2 3	412 19 10	176 14 10	236 5 0			

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with the United States for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				UNITED STATES ISSUE.					Commission Account.
Payable in the United States.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on U. S. A.
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,519	8,748 3 0	...	5 4 6	164	710 5 11	152	659 6 0	...	208 7 6
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of the United States.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on United States 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 the United States of America.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
65 3 8	143 3 10	5 3 9	0 5 0	148 12 7	81 5 0	67 7 7			

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with the Dominion of Canada for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				CANADA ISSUE.					COMMISSION ACCOUNT.
Payable in Canada.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on Canada.
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
134	844 8 1	...	...	34	204 15 9	32	203 17 6	...	19 1 6
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of the Dominion of Canada.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on Canada issue placed to credit of Jamaica.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica on Commission Account.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to the Dominion of Canada.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
3 14 4	15 7 2	1 0 4	...	16 7 6	9 19 1	6 8 5			

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with British Guiana for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				BRITISH GUIANA ISSUE.					COMMISSION ACCOUNT.
Payable in British Guiana.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on British Guiana.
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
6	20 15 1	...	...	53	216 18 6	47	192 14 6	...	0 6 6
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of British Guiana.	Proportion of Jamaica Commissions placed to credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on British Guiana 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 British Guiana.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
0 2 0	0 4 6	0 19 3	...	1 3 9	1 3 9	...			

Statement of the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with Barbados for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1884.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				BARBADOS ISSUE.					COMMISSION ACCOUNT.
Payable in Barbados.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on Barbados.
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Remitter.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
36	142 13 4	...	...	46	114 7 4	29	83 10 10	...	1 19 0
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Barbados.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to credit of Jamaica.	Proportion of Commission on Barbados 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 Barbados.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
0 14 3	1 4 9	0 10 7	...	1 15 4	1 15 4	...			

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1884.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
POST OFFICE :																						
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices		593	1	6½				SALARIES :														
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office		149	3	8				Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	...	...	800	0	0							
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom		110	3	1				Salaries of Clerks	...	...	2,552	10	0							
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and Foreign Countries		153	19	6½				Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, &c.	...	...	603	19	1							
Postages on Unpaid Ship Letters		40	11	5				Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers	...	...	77	10	0							
Stamps sold by the Department	£13,098	7	8					Packet Newspaper Sorters	...	...	147	18	0							
Less amount sold on account of Savings Bank Deposits	66	11	0					Salaries of District Postmasters	...	...	2,064	1	4							
					13,031	16	8	Wages of Messenger conveying Mails between the General Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	25	5	1							
Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner					2,658	16	6	Wages of Messenger conveying Mails between the Spanish Town Post Office and Railway Station	...	...	12	0	0			6,288	3	6		
Rent of Private Letter Boxes					69	8	0	COMMISSIONS ON SALE OF STAMPS :														
Fees for Conveyance of Private Letter Bags					14	14	0	Poundage on Stamps sold by the Department	...	...	127	3	4							
Commissions on Money Orders	£512	5	2					Discount on Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner	...	...	131	8	9							
Less Premium Remittances :								CONVEYANCE OF MAILS :														
United Kingdom	£213	15	9					Contractors	...	...	7,039	10	0							
United States	71	8	10					Special Mail Services	...	...	100	2	5							
Canada	6	14	7		291	18	5	Packet Mail Services	...	...	7	4	0							
								Transit Rates payable to Postal Union Countries other than the United Kingdom	...	...	19	9	1							
								Proportion of Postage placed to credit of the United Kingdom	...	...	684	14	8							
								Ship Letter Gratuities	116	4	4					7,967	4	6		
								SERVICES :														
								Contingencies	...	...	149	4	7							
								Letter Carriers' Uniforms	...	...	40	16	0							
								Water Supply	...	...	4	10	0							
								Lighting Account	...	...	12	18	11							
								Advertising	...	...	33	11	0							
								Mail Bags and Wrappers	...	...	35	10	7							
								Travelling Charges	...	...	22	19	0							
								Allowance to Officers for Services performed out of office hours	...	...	148	15	1							
								Rent of Post Offices	...	...	172	1	8							
								Twine and Wax	...	...	59	11	7							
								Office Furniture	...	...	3	1	6							
								Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...	...	168	10	11							
Fees for detention of Country Letters per Kingston					27	19	6															
Fine Account					80	4	11															
Carried forward					£17,180	5	7													£15,365	10	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	17,180	5	7									
Commissions on Mail Coach Collections	65	8	6									
Discount on Stamps purchased from the Public	7	1	2½									
Registered Letter Envelopes sold	1	5	1½									
America's Gratuities Account	153	16	11									
Void Orders passed to Credit of Revenue	1	14	8	17,410	12	0						
TELEGRAPHS:												
Stamps sold by the Department	4,507	7	9									
Additional charge on A 1 and B Books	4	12	9	4,512	0	6						
POSTAL UNION CONTRIBUTION:												
Contribution to U. K. to meet loss consequent on joining Postal Union										£2,973	0	0
DRAWBACK ENTRIES:												
Redirected Letters										137	4	0
Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch										115	13	5
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries										9	12	7½
										£262	10	0½
TELEGRAPH BRANCH:												
Salary of Superintendent										388	6	8
Salaries of Assistants to Superintendent										363	6	8
Operators										1,552	10	5
Wages of Messengers—Head Office										80	12	7
Ditto Branch Offices										350	4	6
										2,735	9	10
SERVICES:												
Porterage										125	10	10
Travelling Charges										266	17	6
Water Supply										6	0	0
Contingencies										92	5	8
Rent of Head Office										72	0	0
Rent of District Offices										582	12	2
Advertising										3	18	6
Messengers' Uniforms										10	8	0
Telegraph Instruments and Stores										78	14	1
Office Furniture										0	11	0
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.										988	17	9
										£3,724	7	7
Refunds										£1	5	0
VOTES ADMINISTERED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT:												
Steam Communication with New York										3,045	5	0
Steam Communication round the Island										2,000	0	0
										£5,045	5	0
				£21,922	12	6						

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