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THE Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the accompanying Report of the Postmaster of Jamaica on the working of the Post Office Department for the year 1886-87.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER, Colonial Secretary.

No. 44.

SIR,

General Post Office, 20th February, 1888.

I have the honor to submit the Twentieth Annual Report of the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1887.

REVENUE.

2. The Cash Receipts during the Year amount to £20,750 12s. 2½d., and, on comparison with the collections of the three years preceding, give the following results:

Year.	Postages.			Commissions on Money Orders.			Telegraphs.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1884-85	16,115	7	11½	280	12	0	4,248	6	11½	320	6	6	20,964	13	5½
1885-86	15,681	4	8½	313	18	4	4,054	16	9	295	8	4	20,355	8	1½
1886-87	16,133	4	11½	374	18	10	4,058	5	3	184	3	2	20,750	12	2½

3. It will be observed that the collections of the year under review exceed those of 1885-86 by the sum of £495 4s. 1½d., thus:

	<i>Increase.</i>		
Postages	...	...	£452 0 3½
Commissions on Money Orders	...	...	61 0 6
Telegraphs	...	...	3 8 6
			£516 9 3½
	<i>Decrease.</i>		
Miscellaneous	...	...	21 5 2
			£495 4 1½

4. As customary, I subjoin an Approximate Analysis of the Collections as shown above, under Postages:

Year.	Packet Postages.			Island Postages.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1884-85	4,918	17	7½	11,166	10	4½	16,115	7	11½
1885-86	4,623	17	6	11,057	7	2½	15,681	4	8½
1886-87	4,890	17	10½	11,242	7	1½	16,133	4	11½

5. Of the increase of £452 0s. 3½d. in the above item of Postages, the sum of £267 0s. 4½d. is in respect of "Packet Postages," while the sum of £184 19s. 10½d is under the head of "Inland Postages."

6. It will also be noticed that the collections under Inland Postages exceed those of the year 1884-85 by the sum of £75 16s 9d.

7. The collections under the head of "Commissions on Money Orders" are in excess of the preceding year's collections by the sum of £61 0s. 6d.

8. The "Miscellaneous" Receipts are as under:—

Fines	...	£53 14 0
Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	48 11 6
Conveyance of Private Letter Bags	...	17 1 3
Commissions on Mail Coach Transactions	...	64 16 5
		£184 3 2

9. As will be seen on reference to the Return of Gross Revenue and Expenditure, enclosed herewith, the amount of Postage Labels, and Post Cards, which have been sold during the year is £15,673 8s. 5½d, of which the sum of £13,043 15s. 2½d was sold by the Department and £2,629 13s. 3d. by the Stamp Commissioner to Authorized Vendors, at 5 per cent. discount, which discount amounted to £132 17s. 3d. Of the sum disposed of by the Post Office £6 1s. represents the amount used by the Public under the authorised system of Penny Savings Bank Deposits by means of Postage Stamps, which system, having been so little availed of, has caused the Government to authorise its discontinuance at the end of the year under review.

Circulation of Correspondence.

10. The following is a Comparative Statement of the estimated number of Letters and Post Cards which were received at and despatched from the several Post Offices during the three years ended 30th September, last:—

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
<i>Head Office, Kingston.—Inland Mails.</i>						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public	356,530	393,200	361,900	254,000	262,200	265,800
Official	59,300	55,500	48,000	39,200	40,700	32,100
Post Cards	13,100	15,400	12,000	5,500	5,200	6,000
Registered Letters—						
Public	7,081	6,954	2,637	18,475	18,294	18,544
Official	11,218	10,601	11,103	9,450	10,913	10,127
<i>Ocean Mails.—(By Vessels under Contract).</i>						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters	113,400	115,000	122,700	140,000	154,000	145,000
Post Cards	1,225	1,280	1,742	1,045	1,280	1,690
United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters	6,439	.	.	3,544	.	.
Post Cards	87	.	.	35	.	.
Intercolonial—						
Ordinary Letters	82,088	45,800	50,400	101,076	120,200	102,500
Post Cards	1	102	139	69	65	18
<i>(By Vessels not under Contract).</i>						
Letters	53,790	63,378	95,338	37,921	43,924	59,694
Post Cards	672	640	1,096	343	572	468
Registered Letters—Packet.	4,439	4,318	4,726	4,490	5,285	6,280
	709,316	717,173	717,641	614,248	642,063	663,821

11. The estimated number of Letters and Post Cards exchanged between District Post Offices, not including correspondence to or from Kingston, is as under:—

	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
Ordinary Letters	456,000	442,500	472,500
Post Cards	9,282	11,803	11,973
Registered Letters	9,543	9,334	9,807
	474,825	463,637	494,280

12. There has been an estimated increase in the number of letters received and despatched from the Head Office Kingston, as well as in the number exchanged between District Offices.

13. As explained in the 20th paragraph of my last Annual Report, the number of Letters and Post Cards which have been despatched to and received from the United States of America, since the determination of the Contract with the Atlas Steam Ship Company, appears in the above Statement under the head of Ocean Mails. "By Vessels not under Contract."

14. For purpose of comparison, I subjoin a Statement showing the Letters and Post Cards which have been sent to and received from the United States of America during the years 1885-86 and 1886-87.

				Despatched.	
				1885-86.	1886-87.
Letters	...	...		33,766	36,840
Post Cards	...	...		636	738
				Received.	
				1885-86.	1886-87.
Letters	...	...		43,279	50,145
Post Cards	...	...		572	468

15. A large number of Letters has also been exchanged by Vessels not under Contract between the United States of Colombia and this Colony.

OCEAN MAILS.

16. The number of Vessels which conveyed Mails from Jamaica during the year under review and the two years preceding is as under:—

	OUTWARDS.						INWARDS.					
	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.		1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston</i> —												
Contract	7	793	73	717	56	644	90	859	80	886	73	841
Non-contract	...	292	107	251	184	334	166	275	160	314	143	269
<i>Outports</i> —												
Contract	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Non-contract	...	38	46	10	48	11	33	30	30	20	20	50

17. The number of Mails exchanged by other Countries, via Jamaica, is 508 being 2,737 less than the number exchanged during the preceding year, 1885-86, the decrease being due to the United States having ceased to use Jamaica as an intermediary for the despatch of Mails to the United States of Colombia and the South Pacific, the direct Mail Service between New York and Colon having been resumed.

18. The Mail Service between the United States and this Colony has been maintained principally by means of the Steamers of the Atlas Steam Ship Company, and by those of the firm of Messrs. J. E. Kerr & Co., the mails by the latter Steamers being sent via Ports of the Northside of the Island (chiefly that of Port Maria); but each other opportunity from Kingston and the Outports has been availed of for the despatch of Mails to the United States of America and to Great Britain, &c., via the United States.

19. The Steamers of the Atlas Steam Ship Company have also afforded opportunities, besides those by the Steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the frequent exchange of Mails with the United States of Colombia and other places in Central America.

20. A Monthly Mail Service between Jamaica, Port-au-Prince, Havana and Vera Cruz has been maintained throughout the year by means of the Non-Contract Steamer of the R. M. S. Packet Co., known as the "Gulf Steamer" and which leaves Kingston every twenty-eight days.

INLAND MAIL CONVEYANCE.

21. There has not been, I am glad to say, any interruption to the Inland Mail Service such as was experienced during 1885-86, as a result of the floods during that year.

22. The removal on the 13th January, 1887, of the Halfway-Tree Post Office to the Main-road, enabled me to bring the Post Office at Up-Park-Camp into direct daily Mail Communication with Halfway-Tree, Gordon Town and Cold Spring. Formerly correspondence posted at Up-Park-Camp, or at any of the above mentioned places for Camp, had to be sent via Kingston. A further effect of the removal has been to include Halfway-Tree in the Mail Service between Kingston and Port Antonio, via Annotto Bay, enabling correspondents to reply, by return of post, to correspondence from Golden Spring, Annotto Bay, Buff Bay, Hope Bay, Port Antonio, and Port Maria which they could not do formerly.

MONEY ORDERS.

23. The following is a comparative statement of the transactions of the Money Order Branch during the year under review and the two years preceding:—

Between Jamaica and the United Kingdom.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue payable in United Kingdom ...	6,153	£ s. d. 36,721 10 2	7,509	£ s. d. 43,509 2 5	8,841	£ s. d. 52,264 2 1
United Kingdom Issue payable in Jamaica ...	535	1,498 1 2	603	1,662 5 3	678	1,713 14 8
Proportions of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	456 5 11	...	546 6 6	...	650 9 9

Between Jamaica and the United States.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue payable in United States ...	1,664	£ s. d. 10,997 14 8	1,682	£ s. d. 10,342 17 5	2,090	£ s. d. 12,570 7 8
United States Issue payable in Jamaica ...	152	496 3 5	188	603 1 10	195	601 19 1
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	170 3 11	...	165 9 9	...	201 10 6

Between Jamaica and the Dominion of Canada.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue payable in Canada ...	207	£ s. d. 1,373 9 6	319	£ s. d. 2,372 7 6	395	£ s. d. 2,994 10 1
Canadian Issue payable in Jamaica ...	38	114 14 3	43	228 14 3	45	270 6 8
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	24 18 10	...	40 1 7	...	49 9 3

Between Jamaica and British Guiana.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue payable in British Guiana ...	15	£ s. d. 21 0 4	16	£ s. d. 60 12 6	10	£ s. d. 23 0 8
British Guiana Issue payable in Jamaica ...	47	143 13 4	57	140 15 6	62	166 10 0
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	1 3 0	...	1 9 5	...	1 5 5

Between Jamaica and Barbados.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Jamaica Issue payable in Barbados ...	50	£ s. d. 157 13 6	63	£ s. d. 100 17 10	103	£ s. d. 240 15 10
Barbados Issue payable in Jamaica ...	37	81 9 9	63	154 14 7	31	29 7 2
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica ...	...	2 11 6	...	2 14 5	...	2 15 4

Between Jamaica and the Leeward Islands.

	1884-85.		1885-86.		1886-87.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jamaica Issue payable in the Leeward Islands	10	30 8 8	27	31 12 8
Leeward Islands Issue payable in Jamaica	8	16 13 1	14	53 19 9
Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica	0 7 2	...	1 0 3

24. Of the above stated transactions, those between Jamaica and the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the Dominion of Canada appear only to call for any comment, as the transactions with British Guiana, Barbados and the Leeward Islands continue to be small.

25. There has been a total increase of 1,816 in the number and of £11,704. 12s 6d. in the amount of Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom; the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada thus:—

	No.	Amount.
United Kingdom ...	1,332	£8,754 19 8
United States of America ...	408	2,327 10 3
Dominion of Canada ...	76	622 2 7
Total Increase ...	1,816	£11,704 12 6

while there has not been any material difference in the number and amount of the drafts of those Countries upon Jamaica.

26. The total sum which accrued to the Colony in respect of Money Orders issued and paid is £906 10s. 6d., of which the amount of £359 10s. 6d. was carried to the credit of the Revenue—the difference of £547 0s. 0d. representing the cost of remittance of balances to the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, thus:—

Accrued Commissions.

	£	s.	d.
United Kingdom ...	650	9	9
United States of America ...	201	10	6
Dominion of Canada ...	49	9	3
British Guiana ...	1	5	5
Barbados ...	2	15	4
Leeward Islands ...	1	0	3
	£906	10	6

Less Premium on Remittances.

	£	s.	d.
To United Kingdom ...	397	10	0
“ United States of America ...	121	10	7
“ Canada ...	29	19	5
	£359	10	6

27. Remittances to the United Kingdom are made by means of Commissariat Certificate for which $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent is paid to the Imperial Exchequer; those to the United States and Canada by means of Bills on the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for which the Island Treasurer is paid 1 per cent. Remittances to other places are made in Cash.

EXPENDITURE.

28. The expenditure of the year under review compares with that of the two preceding years as under:—

Year.	Salaries.		Mail Conveyance.		Services.	Total.
	Head Office.	District Offices.	Inland.	Ocean.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1884-85	4,273 14 11	2,108 18 8	6,973 7 8	1,209 8 4	1,174 2 5½	15,733 12 0½
1885-86	4,280 9 0	2,108 9 7	6,925 11 6	1,067 5 7	1,569 15 7½	15,891 11 3½
1886-87	4,352 9 2	2,109 4 10	6,991 10 0	951 3 10	1,314 9 6½	15,719 7 4½

29. The above Abstract shows that there has been a net decrease of £172 3s. 11d. in the expenditure of the year under review as compared with that of the preceding year, but, it must be borne in mind, that the figures do not include so much of the annual payments to the Imperial Post Office for Mail Subsidy as has been charged against this Department. The amounts so charged during the three years under comparison are, as under:—

				£	s.	d.
1884-85	...	...	...	2,957	0	0
1885-86	...	...	...	3,000	0	0
1886-87	...	...	...	6,387	0	0

30. The payment of £6,387 during the year under review includes the sum of £3,387, being the balance due to the Imperial Post Office to 30th June, 1885, from which date it was agreed, in connection with the new Mail Contract with the Royal Mail Company, to make a fixed annual payment of £4,163 per annum, of which £1,163 is charged against "Miscellaneous" expenditure in the Public Accounts.

31. The net decrease of £172 3s. 11d. in the expenditure, as above referred to, is accounted for thus:—

<i>Decrease.</i>				£	s.	d.
Ocean Mail Conveyance	...	...	...	165	11	9
Services	...	...	...	195	6	1
				<hr/>		
				£310	17	10
<i>Increase.</i>				£	s.	d.
Salaries Head Office	...	...	...	72	0	2
Salaries District Offices	...	...	...	0	15	3
Inland Mail Conveyance	...	...	...	65	18	6
				<hr/>		
				138	13	11
				<hr/>		
				£172	3	11

32. The expenditure under Mail Conveyance includes the sum of £900 remitted to the Imperial Post Office on account of Postages collected in the Colony.

33. The details of the expenditure under the head of Services will be found in the Return of Gross Revenue and Expenditure.

34. This Department also administered the vote for Steam Communication round the Island and mail to the Atlas Company for such service the sum of £2,000 during the year; but the item does not form any part of the Post Office expenditure.

NEW DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

35. A District Post Office has been established, under guarantee, at "Croft's Hill" in the Parish of Clarendon, on the 9th August, 1887, the Mail Service being maintained by a Branch Foot-Post from Lluidas Vale.

MAIL COACHES.

36. The following is a comparative statement of Mail Coach earnings during 1884-85, 1885-86 and 1886-87:—

Lines of Coach.	Passengers' Fares.			Parcels.			Totals.		
	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I.—Kingston and Savanna-la-Mar	480 2 6	373 10 6	467 0 6	97 3 3	124 12 3	169 15 3	577 6 9	498 3 9	636 15 9
II.—Kingston and Montego Bay	823 10 0	726 3 0	808 15 3	136 15 0	239 8 9	302 1 0	961 5 0	955 11 9	1,110 16 3
III.—Montego Bay and Lucrea	...	14 8 0	32 11 0	...	3 12 0	6 6 0	...	18 0 6	38 17 0
IV.—Kingston and Port Antonio	...	102 3 0	297 11 0	...	18 0 9	85 1 0	...	120 3 9	382 12 0
V.—Kingston and Annotto Bay	...	93 3 0	112 10 0	...	7 11 3	24 19 3	...	100 14 3	137 9 3
Total	1,303 13 6	1,329 8 0	1,718 7 9	233 18 3	393 0 0	528 2 6	1,537 11 9	1,712 13 0	2,306 10 3

37. It will be observed that there has been on each Line of Coach an increase in the collections on account of Passengers Fares and of Parcels, which I submit may fairly be accepted as evidence that the several Coaches continue to find favor as a conveyance for travellers and for the transmission of parcels.

38. I would here remark that the existence of the Mail Coaches has most materially contributed to the successful working of the Parcels Post System with the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The Contractors in each case are paid at the rate of two pence per pound for the inland conveyance of parcels to and from places over-sea.

39. On the 1st February last year, the Mail Coach Service between Kingston and Manchester was extended to Port Antonio by Mr. A. C. James, the Mail Contractor and proprietor of the Coach, who, through this Department, obtained the sanction of the Government to the Coach proceeding through

to Port Antonio on the night of Saturday, instead of halting at Plantain Garden River until the morning of Monday. This concession has been granted for the convenience of travellers by the Coach; but on the distinct understanding, that, while the rule laid down by His Excellency Sir John Peter Grant to the effect that there shall not be any "collection, conveyance, or delivery" of Inland Mail matter on Sundays is waived to the extent of the "Conveyance," there is *not* to be any delivery of correspondence on the arrival of the Coach at Port Antonio on the morning of Sunday.

40. The question has been often asked why the Mail Coaches between Kingston and Annotto Bay and Kingston and Port Antonio are timid to travel *at night*. I therefore, take this opportunity to explain that these Mail Coach Services, unlike those on the Northside and Southside of the Island, are undertaken by special permission, by the Mail Contractors for the conveyance of the Inland Posts, and are, therefore, performed in connection with the Ordinary Tri-Weekly Mail Services. To make any alteration in the Tri-Weekly Post Time Tables in question, so that the Coaches might depart and arrive during daylight, would be to interfere materially with the course of Post throughout the Island, for correspondence would be delivered at the respective Termini and intermediate Offices during the day or late in the evening, instead of early in the morning as at present, and the return Mail be despatched in the morning instead of at the close of the business day as is now arranged. The inconvenience which would result to correspondents is obvious.

41. It must be remembered that the Mail Coaches on the Northside and Southside of the Island, while affording an additional and intermediate Mail Service three times a week, do not run in connection with the Ordinary Tri-Weekly Inland Post—indeed the weight and bulk of the Mails render such an arrangement impracticable.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

42. The correspondence dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch during the year is as under :—

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom ...	575	126
Letters returned to Postal Union Countries ...	2,702	316
Letters reposted to Writers in Kingston ...	4,131	1,393
Letters reposted to Writers in Country ...	5,521	3,522
Letters destroyed Writers not found ...	3,294	3,963
Letters destroyed being illegible or anonymous ...	1,391	1,201
Newspapers returned to Publishers ...	2,621	4

43. The amount of Postage which has been written off as irrecoverable in respect of unclaimed correspondence is £93 10s 1½d.

44. The number of letters which were found to contain value to the extent of £235 17s. 7½d. is 174. They have been registered and reposted to the writers in due course.

TELEGRAPHS.

45. The gross receipts of the Telegraph Branch of this Department, as shewn by the amount of Stamps sold, compared with the receipts of 1884-85 and 1885-86 as under :—

	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stamps sold ...	4,241 8 9	4,050 2 6	4,053 9 6
Additional charge on Books containing Message Forms ...	3 18 9	5 6 9	4 15 9
	4,245 7 6	4,055 9 3	4,058 5 3

46. It will be seen that while the gross receipts are less than those of 1884-85 they exhibit a slight increase over those of 1885-86.

47. The number of messages sent and received is 73,781 as against 73,622 sent during the preceding year 1885-86, being an increase of 159.

48. The expenditure on account of the working expenses of the Telegraph Branch during the year amounts to £4,001 14s 8d., and compares with the expenditure during the two year, as under :—

	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries ...	2,493 3 8	2,504 15 6	2,506 11 8
Wages ...	461 15 9	467 19 3	483 16 3
Services ...	981 7 9½	855 19 8	911 6 9
	3,936 7 2½	3,828 5 5	4,001 14 8

49. The increase over the expenditure of 1885-86 is £173 9s. 3d. and is accounted for thus:—

			£	s.	d.
Salaries	...	...	101	16	2
Wages	...	...	16	6	0
Services	...	...	55	7	1
			<hr/>		
			£173	9	3

50. A Telegraph Station was established at Halfway-Tree on the 13th January, 1887, simultaneously with the removal of that Post Office to the Main-road as referred to in the 32nd paragraph of this Report.

51. Foreign Telegrams to the number of 819 and to the value of £1,452 4s. 2d. were sent over the Inland Telegraph wires during the year, and the amount was paid by the Island Treasurer to the Clerk in charge of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company out of the lodgments on that account made by this Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

52. I furnish below a Statement showing the Parcels Post transactions between this Colony and the United Kingdom and the British West Indies, as compared with similar transactions during 1885-86, the latter being the first year of the establishment of a Parcels-Post between this Island and Places over-sea.

Parcels Received.

FROM.	Consignments.		Parcels.		Import Duty Collected.		Postage accruing to Jamaica.		Declared Value of Parcels.	
	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	25	29	3,029	4,605	267 11 2	310 18 11	120 1 7	203 11 11½	2,777 5 6½	4,852 11 0¼
British West Indies	4	.	4	52	0 2 6	1 19 9	...	...	1 2 6	26 11 4
	29	29	3,033	4,657	267 13 8	312 18 8	120 1 7	203 11 11½	2,778 8 0½	4,879 2 4¼

Parcels Despatched.

TO.	Consignments.		Parcels.		Postage accruing to Jamaica.		Declared Value of Parcels.	
	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1886-87.
United Kingdom	26	27	779	1,035	22 12 8	29 0 1½	770 9 7	900 2 5
British West Indies	2	.	4	176	0 1 6	1 7 4	3 18 0	70 19 0
	28	27	783	1,211	22 14 2	30 7 6½	774 1 7	970 12 5

53. The total credit to the Colony from Parcels Post transactions is as follows:—

Postages	£233	19	5
Customs-duty	512	18	8
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			£746	18	1

The increase over last year's business, which is shown by the above statement, is, I submit, proof that the Parcels-Post System is of great convenience to, and has been duly appreciated by, the Public.

54. Referring to the 108th paragraph of the Annual Report for 1885-86, I have now much pleasure in stating here that the negotiations which I had, with the consent of the Government, opened up with the United States Post Office for the establishment of a Parcels-Post Exchange between this Island and the United States of America, have resulted in the execution of a Parcels Post Convention by the President of the United States and the Governor of this Colony; and that the Parcels-Post system with the United States of America is now in full operation.

55. Besides the Customs-duty collected on the parcels by the Parcels-Post, a further sum of £40 10s. 3d. was collected on Packets in the Mails which were detained for examination by the Customs. 368 Packets were so detained, and the contents valued at £322 3s. 1d.

56. The usual Returns are herewith submitted.

I have &c.,

FRED SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

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, 1887.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				UNITED KINGDOM ISSUE.				COMMISSION ACCOUNT.					
Payable in United Kingdom.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on United Kingdom.				
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.				
8,841	52,264 2 1	...	22 17 3	678	1,713 14 8	680	1,797 16 11	4 9 6	993 2 0				
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of the United Kingdom.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on United Kingdom issue placed to credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to the United Kingdom.	£ s. d.
	261 10 7		641 11 5		8 18 4		...		650 9 9		252 19 9		297 10 0

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with the United States of America for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1887.

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 the United States.				
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.				
2,993	12,570 7 8	...	14 17 4	195	691 19 1	191	574 16 10	...	292 2 5				
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of the United States.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on United States issue placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to the United States of America.	£ s. d.
	95 7 3		196 15 3		4 15 3		...		201 10 6		79 19 11		121 10 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, 1887.

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.				
395	2,994 10 1	...	...	44	257 10 7	45	270 6 8	...	64 0 0		
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Canada.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on Canada issue placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to the Dominion of Canada.	£ s. d.
	15 16 0		44 4 0		1 5 3		...		49 9 3		21 9 10		27 10 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, 1887.

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.				
10	23 0 8	...	...	62	166 10 0	58	150 10 8	...	0 11 0		
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of British Guiana.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on British Guiana issue placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to British Guiana.	£ s. d.
	0 2 3		0 8 9		0 15 8		...		1 5 5		1 5 5		...

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with Barbados for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1887.

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.				
103	240 5 10	...	...	31	39 7 2	31	40 3 10	...	2 16 0		
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Barbados.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on Barbados issue placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to Barbados.	£ s. d.
	0 14 1		2 1 11		0 13 5		...		2 15 4		2 15 4		...

Statement showing the Transactions of the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office, Jamaica, with the Leeward Islands for the Financial Year, ended 30th September, 1887.

JAMAICA ISSUE.				LEEWARD ISLANDS ISSUE.				COMMISSION ACCOUNT.					
Payable in Leeward Islands.		Void Order Account.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Void Order Account.	Total Commissions collected on Orders issued in Jamaica on the Leeward Islands.				
No.	Amount.	Forfeited to Revenue.	Repaid to Revenue.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
27	31 12 8	...	...	14	53 19 9	13	53 17 11	...	0 19 0		
Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of the Leeward Islands.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Jamaica Commission placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Proportion of Commission on Leeward Islands issue placed to the credit of Jamaica.	£ s. d.	Additional credit to Jamaica being Commission on Transfer of Orders.	£ s. d.	Total amount which accrued to Jamaica Commission Account.	£ s. d.	Actual amount paid to credit of Revenue on Commission Account during the period.	£ s. d.	Amount of Premiums paid on Remittances to the Leeward Islands.	£ s. d.
	0 3 2		0 15 10		0 4 5		...		1 0 3		1 0 3		...

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1887.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Post Office:						
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices	552	11	11			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office	121	12	11			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom	105	0	0			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and Foreign Countries	112	4	3½			
Postages on Unpaid Ship Letters	23	9	10			
Stamps sold by the Department	£13,043	15	2½			
Less amount sold on account of Savings Bank Deposits	6	1	0			
				13,037	14	2½
Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner	2,629	13	3			
Rent of Private Letter Boxes	53	14	0			
Fees for conveyance of Private Letter Bags	17	1	3			
Commissions on Money Orders	£906	9	11			
Less Premium on Remittances:—						
United Kingdom	£397	10	0			
United States	106	6	4			
Canada	27	14	9	531	11	1
				374	18	10
Fees for detention of Country Letters per Packet for delivery in Kingston	20	17	6			
Fine Account	48	11	6			
Carried forward	£17,997	9	6			

	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	
SALARIES:						
Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	800	0	0			
Salaries of Clerks	2,662	0	0			
Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, &c.	641	7	0			
Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers	77	2	2			
Packet Newspaper Sorters	145	10	0			
Salaries of District Postmasters	2,109	4	10			
Wages of Messenger conveying Mails between General Post Office and Railway Station	26	10	0			
				6,461	14	0
COMMISSIONS ON STAMPS SOLD:						
Poundage on Stamps sold by the Department	127	13	5			
Discount on Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner	132	17	3			
				260	10	8
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS:						
Contractors	6,837	11	6			
Special Mail Services	27	8	0			
Packet Mail Services	7	4	0			
Transit Rates payable to Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom						
Proportion of Postage placed to credit of the United Kingdom	900	0	0			
Ship Letter Gratuities	51	13	10			
Conveyance of Mails between Post Offices and Railway Stations	92	16	6			
Conveyance of Mails between the General Post Office and Park Camp	26	10	0			
				7,943	3	10
SERVICES:						
Contingencies	171	7	9½			
Letter Carriers' Uniforms	56	6	6			
Water Supply	9	12	0			
Lighting Account	8	6	6			
Advertising	43	13	0			
Mail Bags and Wrappers	30	6	7			
Travelling Charges	25	5	6			
Allowance for Services out of Office hours	266	2	7			
Rent of Post Offices	196	0	0			
Twine and Wax	82	6	5			
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	157	15	2			
Date Stamps and Type	6	16	10			
Private Letter Boxes						
				1,063	18	10½
				£15,719	7	4½

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure, &c., &c.—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	1,700	9	6								
Commissions on Mail Coach Collections	...	64	16	5								
Discount on Stamps purchased from the Public	...	10	4	2								
Registered Letter Envelopes sold	...	0	16	9½								
					17,173	6	10½					
TELEGRAPHS:												
Stamps sold	...	4,053	9	6								
Additional charge on A 1 and B Books	...	4	15	9								
					4,058	5	3					
POSTAL UNION CONTRIBUTION:												
Contribution to U. K. to meet additional loss consequent on joining Postal Union	...									6,387	0	0
DRAWBACK ENTRIES:												
Redirected Letters	...									142	7	3
Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch	...									130	12	2½
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries	...									8	17	0½
												231 16 6
TELEGRAPH BRANCH:												
SALARIES.												
Salary of Superintendent	...									400	0	0
Salaries of Assistants to Superintendent	...									400	0	0
Salaries of Operators	...									1,806	11	8
Wages of Messengers—Head Office	...									79	5	9
Ditto Branch Offices	...									404	10	6
												3,090 7 11
SERVICES:												
Porterage	...									101	10	7
Travelling Charges	...									172	15	3
Water Supply	...									7	14	0
Contingencies	...									73	15	9
Rent of Head Office	...									72	0	0
Rent of District Offices	...									365	0	0
Advertising	...									...
Messengers' Uniform	...									20	1	0
Telegraph Instruments and Stores	...									...
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...									93	10	2
Date Stamps and Type	...									...
												911 6 9
												4,001 14 8
Refunds	...									...
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries	...									...
VOTES ADMINISTERED BY P. O. DEPARTMENT:												
Steam Communication round the Island	...											£2,000 0 0
Office Furniture	...											14 0 7
					£21,221	12	1½					

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

