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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report of the Post Office Department for the year ended 30th September, 1889.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER, Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 31st March, 1890.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Post Office Department being that for the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1889.

REVENUE.

2. The Cash collections during the year amounted to £22,879 7s. 2d. A comparison of such collections with those of the two years preceding gives the following results:—

Year.	Postages.			Commissions on Money Orders.			Telegraphs.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1886-87	16,133	4	11½	374	18	10	4,058	5	3	184	3	2	20,750	12	2¼
1887-88	16,690	17	11	434	8	10	4,447	18	0	222	12	5	21,795	17	2
1888-89	17,447	14	9	409	13	0	4,794	13	9	227	5	8	22,879	17	2

3. It will be observed from the above that there has been a total increase of £1,083 10s., and that such increase is under the following heads of Revenue:—

Postages	...	...	£756	16	10
Telegraphs	...	...	346	15	9
Miscellaneous	...	...	4	13	3
			£1,108	5	10
<i>Decrease.</i>					
Commission on Money Orders	...	...	24	15	10
			£1,083	10	0

4. I subjoin the usual approximate analysis of the collections under the head of "Postages" which compares with the similar approximate analysis for the two years previously as under:—

Year.	Packet Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1886-87	4,890 17 10½	11,242 7 1½	16,133 4 11½
1887-88	5,017 15 0	11,073 2 11	16,090 17 11
1888-89	4,987 4 10½	12,460 0 10½	17,447 14 9

5. From the above it will be ascertained that while there has been an increase of £787 6s. 11½d. under the head of "Inland Postages" the collections under the head of "Packet Postages" exhibit a falling off to the extent of £30 10s. 11½d.

6. I respectfully submit that the increase under the head of "Inland Postages" notwithstanding the reduction in the rates of postage on Book-packets and Parcels for Inland circulation to which I referred in the 15th paragraph of my last Annual Report and which came into force on the 1st February, 1887, is most gratifying and justifies, if justification be needed, the action of His Excellency the Governor in Privy Council in reducing on the 1st January, 1890, the rates of Postage on Inland Letters and Post-Cards as follows: Letters, from 2d. per half-ounce to 1d. per half ounce; Post-Cards, single, from 1d. to ½d. each; Reply-paid, from 2d. to 1d. each.

7. The reductions referred to, although authorised during the year under review, did not come into operation until the date stated, and, therefore, do not come properly within the scope of this Report; but as the information will be of great interest to the Public who are naturally anxious to know the effect of such reduction on the Postal-Revenues, I may be permitted to state that the total amount of Postages collected during the months of January and February last, only exhibits a falling off to the extent of £423 15s. 0½d., being 14 per cent. less than the collections for the corresponding period of the year 1888. This is much less than might have been expected seeing that the rates in question have been reduced by 50 per cent.; and, I hope I may be excused for adding, confirms me in my oft-expressed opinion, based on the experience of the past, that the Postal-Revenue is resilient, and that in the near future there will not be any loss consequent on the reduction of Inland Postages.

8. The small extent to which Packet Postages have been adversely affected is due, for the most part, to the falling off in the amount of correspondence despatched to the United States of Colombia in consequence of the cessation of the exodus of the inhabitants of this Island to Colon and the return of a very great many, as a result of the discontinuance of work on the Panama Canal.

9. With respect to Packet Postages, the Imperial Post Office claims and has been credited with the sum of £1,127 19s. 2d. for the sea conveyance of correspondence from Jamaica to the United Kingdom, to British Colonies and to other Countries in the Postal Union. Similar payments were also made to the following Countries:—

United States of America	...	£208 13 9
Belgium	...	9 12 1
British Guiana	...	0 5 1
		£218 10 11

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

Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	£67 16 0
Private Letter Bags	...	24 3 0
Fines	...	42 12 0
Mail Coach Commissions	...	92 14 8
		£227 5 8

11. The decrease in the collections on account of Commissions on Money Orders is the result of the reduction in the scale of Commission on Money Orders drawn on the United States of America to which I shall refer more at length under the head of Money Orders.

12. Postage-labels, Post Cards, and Newspaper Wrappers to the total value of £17,026 12s. 9d. were sold, of which the sum of £2,390 14s. 6d. was sold by the Stamp Commissioner to authorized Vendors at 5 per cent. discount—such discount amounts to £109 0s. 4d. The amount of Poundage at the rate of one per cent. allowed to District Postmasters on Stamps sold at their respective Offices is £143 9s. 3d.

13. The total amount of Stamps sold during the year exceeds that of the year 1887-88 by the sum of £776 14s. 5½d.

14. Under the system of the unification of the Postage and Revenue Stamps referred to in my last Annual Report as having been given effect to under Law No. 18 of 1887, Unified Postage and Revenue Stamps of the 1dy. and 2dy. denominations have been imported and issued.

15. The Stamp Commissioner was paid the sum of £1,170, being the annual payment which it has been arranged the Post Office shall make as representing the average annual receipts on accounts of Stamp-duties paid by means of Adhesive Stamps.

16. The sum of £264 3s. 3d. in Postage Stamps was purchased from the public during the year under review, and the discount thereon, at the rate of 2½ per cent. amounting to £6 18s. 9d. appears to the credit of the Revenue under the head of "Postages."

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

17. The following is the usual comparative statement of the estimated number of Letters and Post Cards which have been received and despatched from the several Post Offices during the year ended 30th September, 1889.

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
<i>Head Office, Kingston.—Inland Mails.—</i>						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public	361,900	369,160	391,200	265,800	279,900	296,900
Official	48,800	54,700	59,000	52,100	44,200	42,800
Post Cards	12,000	15,600	18,900	6,600	7,200	8,100
Registered Letters—						
Public	7,697	8,384	7,473	18,544	20,150	20,726
Official	11,103	12,169	12,607	10,127	11,094	10,938
<i>Ocean Mails.—By Vessels under Contract.—</i>						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters	122,700	128,200	129,900	145,000	155,500	161,903
Post Cards	1,742	1,930	2,040	1,690	1,300	1,498
Inter-Colonial, British West Indies, &c.—						
Ordinary Letters	50,400	50,580	52,600	102,500	97,200	80,300
Post Cards	139	136	149	18	11	75
<i>(By Vessels not under Contract.)</i>						
United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters	36,840	39,281	43,186	50,145	46,390	64,097
Post Cards	738	758	1,003	468	468	692
Colon, Panama, &c.—						
Ordinary Letters	58,498	41,815	33,440	9,549	7,674	4,254
Post Cards	358	273	366	...	...	...
Registered Letters—Packet	4,726	5,191	5,864	6,280	6,050	5,407
	747,641	731,226	754,728	668,821	677,227	696,900

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

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Ordinary Letters	472,500	508,651	543,100
Post Cards	11,973	8,723	11,200
Registered Letters	9,807	9,463	9,436
	494,280	526,837	563,736

OCEAN MAILS.

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

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1886-87.		1887-88.		1888-89.		1886-87.		1887-88.		1888-89.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	56	644	60	717	83	769	73	841	70	870	83	1,085
Non-Contract	184	334	158	387	165	400	194	269	159	289	159	225
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-Contract	4	33	25	25	71	71	.	.	.	.	.	.

20. The number of Mails which were exchanged by other Countries via the Jamaica Post Office is 342.

21. The frequent opportunities to which I referred in the 22nd paragraph of my last Annual Report for Mail communication with the United States of America, and with the United Kingdom, and with other parts of the World via the United States has, I am glad to say, continued during the year

under review : in Kingston by means of the Steamers of the "Atlas Steamship Company" and of the Anchor Line, and at the Outports principally by those of Messrs. J. E. Kerr & Co., and of Messrs. E. J. Wessels & Co.

22. The contract between the Imperial Post Office and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of the Mails between the United Kingdom and the British and Foreign West Indies expiring on the 30th June next, the two Tenders, i. e., that of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and that of the Atlas Steamship Company for the new service to commence on the 1st July next, were submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council of this Colony with the result that the Tender of the Royal Mail Company, whose Steamers have performed the service in the past with most commendable punctuality, was recommended for acceptance : a recommendation which was also made by the other West India Colonies concerned, and which has resulted in the acceptance of the Tender in question.

23. Steam communication between Jamaica, Bermuda, Halifax and Turks Islands has been most regularly maintained during the year by the Steamers of Messrs. Pickford and Black of Halifax under the contract with this Government to which I referred in the 21st paragraph of my last Annual Report.

24. The Steamers of the Atlas Steam Ship Company have, also, from time to time, afforded opportunities for the exchange of Mails between the Republic of Hayti and this Colony.

25. Arrangements were concluded during the year under review for the exchange of Mails between the Cayman Islands and Jamaica by the Schooners which ply between the two places. The rates of Postage in Jamaica, Inland and Foreign, apply equally to correspondence posted in the Cayman Islands.

INLAND MAIL CONVEYANCE.

26. There has not been, I am glad to be able to report, any interruption of the Inland Conveyance of Mails which it gives me much pleasure again to record has been, on the whole, performed with creditable regularity by the several Mail Contractors.

27. A new Mail Service came into force on the 6th March, 1889, between Port Maria and Hampstead in the Parish of St. Mary, in connection with the establishment of a new Post Office at the latter place.

28. On the 4th March, 1889, the Mail Service between Kingston and the several Offices on the Lines of Railway, as well as between the intermediate Offices on such Lines, was increased to the extent of despatching and receiving Mails by each Passenger Trains. Formerly Mails were only despatched by the first and second Passenger Train, although the Department had the right to use any train for the conveyance of its Mails.

MONEY ORDERS.

29. The transactions of the Money Order Branch during the year under review compare as under with those of the years ended 30th September, '87 and '88, respectively :—

United Kingdom.

Year.	Jamaica Issue.		Payable in Jamaica.		Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1886-87	8,841	52,264 2 1	678	1,713 14 8	650 9 9
1887-88	10,419	61,547 9 10	673	1,834 16 1	759 17 0
1888-89	11,026	67,747 5 11	778	1,994 13 5	826 7 6

United States of America.

1886-87	2,090	12,670 7 8	195	601 19 1	201 10 6
1887-88	2,508	14,691 0 6	184	646 3 3	233 17 8
1888-89	2,827	16,792 14 5	226	632 19 9	208 13 5

Dominion of Canada.

1886-87	395	2,994 10 1	44	257 10 7	49 9 3
1887-88	482	3,819 16 8	36	193 10 9	62 6 9
1888-89	514	3,745 18 7	71	332 1 0	63 1 11

British Guiana.

1886-87	10	23 0 8	62	166 10 0	1 5 5
1887-88	5	19 0 10	48	121 10 9	0 15 11
1888-89	27	158 6 7	42	111 3 1	1 13 0

Barbados.

Year.	Jamaica Issue.		Payable in Jamaica.		Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
1886-87	103	£ s. d. 240 5 10	31	£ s. d. 39 7 2	£ s. d. 2 15 4
1887-88	85	190 10 11	44	119 1 5	3 4 3
1888-89	94	347 14 6	110	369 4 5	5 0 9

Leeward Islands.

1886-87	27	31 12 8	14	53 19 9	1 0 3
1887-88	22	22 19 7	9	22 15 1	0 14 7
1888-89	4	5 4 0	22	65 7 5	0 8 5

30. From the above details it may be ascertained that the total number and the amount of Money Order drawn by Jamaica on other Countries are 14,492 and £88,797 4s. 0d. respectively, being 1,035 in number and £8,506 5s. 8d. in amount, in excess of the transactions of 1887-88; and that the Issues in the contrary direction, payable in Jamaica, are 1,249 in number and £3,595 9s. 1d. in amount, and exceed those of the year preceding by 255 in number and £567 9s. 6d. in amount.

31. The increase, above referred to has occurred principally in the exchanges with the United Kingdom and the United States of America, but there has also been an increase in the transactions between British Guiana and Barbados.

32. The total amount of Money Order Commissions which occurred to Jamaica is £1,105 5s. 0d. deducting from this amount the cost of remittances of balances, the net profit to the Colony is £391 10s. 8d., being £49 3s. 10d. less than the net profit during the year 1887-88. The following are the details of the accrued Commissions account and of the Premiums paid on Remittances:—

Accrued Commissions.

United Kingdom	...	...	£ s. d. 826 7 6
United States of America	...	...	208 13 5
Canada	...	...	63 1 0
British Guiana	...	...	1 13 0
Barbados	...	...	5 0 9
Leeward Islands	...	...	0 8 5
			£1,105 5 0

Less Premium on Remittances.

United Kingdom	...	£ s. d. 517 10 0	
United States of America	...	161 18 2	
Canada	...	34 6 2	713 14 4
			£391 10 8

33. The decrease in the profit to Jamaica on Money Order Commission Account is due to the reduction from 2 per cent. to 1½ per cent. which was made on the 1st October, 1888, at the instance of the Government of the United States of America in the scale of Commissions chargeable on Money Orders drawn by Jamaica on the United States of America which reduction similarly explains the large increase of £2,101 13s. 11d. in the amount of Orders drawn on the United States during the period under review: an increase which would have diminished the loss on commission account but for the fact that the cost of remitting, at the rate of 1 per cent., the balances to Washington by means of the Island Treasurer's Bills on the Crown Agents for the Colonies, remains unaltered.

POSTAL ORDERS.

34. In my last Annual Report under the head of Postal Orders I announced that His Excellency Sir Henry Norman, as Governor of Jamaica, had been pleased to authorise the adoption in this Colony of the Postal Order System which has proved so useful and of such convenience in the mother country and elsewhere for the transmission of small sums of money through the post, as well as being a medium of exchange generally; and I had hoped to be able to record, in this Report, the inauguration of the System; but, in consequence of the necessary Postal Order Forms not having been received within the period under review I cannot do so; but I am, however, glad to be able to add that the Forms in question have since been received, and that the 1st April proximo has been fixed as the date of the commencement of the System. In this connection I would add that in addition to the respective denominations of Sixpence; One shilling; One shilling and sixpence and Two shillings and sixpence, His Excellency Sir H. A. Blake has authorised the importation of a further supply of Postal Orders of the higher values of Five shillings and Ten shillings respectively, and which will be issued as soon as they shall have been received from England. Upon each of such higher denomination of Postal Order a commission of one penny and two pence respectively will be charged—the commission on the lower denominations being one half penny for each Order.

EXPENDITURE.

35. A comparison of the Post Office Expenditure during the year under review which amounts to £17,168 12s. 2½d. affords the following results:—

Year.	Salaries.		Mail Conveyance.		Services.	Total.
	Head Office.	District Offices.	Inland.	Ocean.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1886-87	4,352 9 2	2,109 4 10	6,991 10 0	951 13 10	1,314 9 6½	15,719 7 4½
1887-88	4,380 0 10	2,113 16 8	6,941 17 2	1,984 17 10	1,441 1 0	16,961 13 6
1888-89	4,451 10 11	2,126 17 0	6,984 12 1	1,843 3 2	1,762 17 0½	1,768 12 2½

36. The above exhibits an increase of £306 18s. 8½d. over the expenditure of the preceding year which is explained as under.

		Increase.		£ s. d.
Salaries, Head Office	71	2 1
“ District Offices	13	0 4
Inland Mail Conveyance	42	14 11
Services	321	16 0½
			448	13 4½
		Decrease.		£ s. d.
Ocean Mail Conveyance	141	14 8
			£306	18 8½

The only item of increase which I submit may be regarded as abnormal and therefore requiring explanation is that in respect of Services. Turning to the details of the expenditure for Services which will be found in the return of the Gross Revenue and of the Expenditure which accompanies this Report it will be ascertained that such increase is principally under the head of Manufacture of Stamps.

38. The cost of manufacturing Postage Stamps has been greater in consequence of the Unification of the Postage and Revenue Adhesive Stamps to which I have already referred.

39. As pointed out in the 13th paragraph of my last Annual Report, advantage has been taken of the wearing out of the 1d. and 2d. Postage-Stamp-Plates to have new Plates prepared for the combined Postage and Revenue Stamps of the denominations stated above, such Plates cost, with the new original Die, the sum of £95; this, with the additional cost of printing the stamps in *doubly* instead of *singly* fugitive inks—the difference in cost being as 10d. is to 2s. 3d. per thousand—has caused the increased expenditure in question.

40. The net decrease with respect to the Ocean Mail Conveyance is due to the fact that while payments, during the year under report, for Ship Letter Gratuities are proper to the period, those during 1887-88 include the amount which was paid to the Atlas Steamship Company in settlement of their claim for correspondence conveyed from Jamaica to New York, &c., since the determination of their contract with the Government of this Island.

41. The above comparative statement of expenditure does not include this proportion of the annual contribution of £5,000 to the Imperial Exchequer for the additional lease consequent on Jamaica joining the Universal Postal Union. Such amount has always been stated separately. In the year under review the proportion charged against the Post Office is £3,750, being £750 in excess of the similar charge which appears in the accounts for 1887-88. Such excess must not, however, be regarded as an increase in the annual payment required, as it is merely the result of an alteration which has taken place in the period of payment.

42. Formerly the claim of the Imperial Post Office was settled on the last day of the financial year, i. e., 30th September, and was in respect of the amount due for the twelve months ended 30th June. Now the Imperial Post Office requires the contribution to be paid on the last day of each quarter and to be up to date, hence the balance remaining unsettled at the end of the year ended 30th September, 1888, had to be paid on the last day of the quarter ended 31st December, 1888, and appears in the contribution for the year 1889.

New District Post Offices.

43. The following new District Post Offices have been established during the year:—
 “St. Margaret’s Bay” in the Parish of Portland on the 13th February, 1889.
 “Hampstead” in the Parish of St. Mary on the 6th March, 1889.

Mail Coaches.

44. The following is a statement of the several lines of Mail Coaches as compared with similar earnings during the years 1886-87 and 1887-88.

I.—Kingston and Savanna-la-Mar.

Year.	Passengers Fares.			Parcels.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1886-87	467	0	6	169	15	3	636	15	9
1887-88	542	14	6	201	10	6	744	5	0
1888-89	566	3	3	190	9	0	756	12	3

II.—Kingston and Montego Bay.

1886-87	808	15	2	302	1	0	1,110	16	3
1887-88	933	14	9	333	9	6	1,267	4	3
1888-89	947	14	3	336	17	9	1,284	12	0

III.—Montego Bay and Lucea.

1886-87	32	11	0	6	6	0	38	17	0
1887-88	55	2	0	9	4	9	64	6	9
1888-89	64	4	0	9	0	6	73	4	6

IV.—Kingston and Port Antonio.

1886-87	297	11	0	85	1	0	382	12	0
1887-88	344	5	6	126	17	9	471	3	3
1888-89	393	11	6	136	5	0	529	16	6

V.—Kingston and Annotto Bay.

1886-87	112	10	0	24	19	3	137	9	3
1887-88	194	16	0	40	11	3	235	7	3
1888-89	204	18	0	38	16	9	243	14	9

45. The above shows that the total earnings amounts to £2,888, i. e., Passengers Fares, £2,176 11s. 0d., Freight for Parcels, £711 9s., and are in excess of the total earnings of the preceding year by the sum of £105 13s. 6d. due entirely to an increase in the number of passengers.

46. Of the earnings above stated the Post Office retained the sum of £289 17s. 6d. as remuneration for the work done at Kingston, and by the several District Postmasters. The amount which has been carried to the credit of the Revenue for the work done at the Head Office is £92 14s. 8d.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

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

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	751	...
Letters returned to Postal Union Countries	2,033	...
Letters reposted to Writers in Kingston	3,675	1,159
Letters reposted to Writers in the Country Districts	5,375	2,450
Letters destroyed, the Writers not being found	1,700	1,670
Letters destroyed being illegible or anonymous	934	574
Newspapers returned to Publishers	1,692	...

48. The value of the Postage which was not recoverable from the writers in respect of the above is £58 2s. 8d.; and the number of letters which were found to contain value to the extent of £244 4s. is 283. Such letters and their contents were duly reposted to the writers.

TELEGRAPHS.

49. The gross receipts of the Telegraph Branch, as shown by the sale of Stamps compare with similar receipts of the two years preceding as under:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stamps sold	4,033 9 6	4,442 8 3	4,788 0 6
Additional charge on Books containing Message Forms	4 15 9	5 9 9	6 13 3
	4,038 5 3	4,447 18 0	4,794 13 9

50. It will be observed that the above comparison shows that the receipts during the year under review exceeds those of the year 1887-88 by the sum of £346 15s. 9d.

51. The number of Messages sent and received during the year is 86,604, being an increase of 5,575 over the number sent and received during 1887-88.

52. The expenditure on account of Telegraphs during the year amounts to £4,441 9s. and exceeds that of the previous year by the sum of £228 13s. 8½d., as shewn by the following comparative statement:—

		1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	...	2,606 11 8	2,659 14 4	2,733 13 0
Wages	...	483 16 3	487 9 0	502 11 0
Services	...	911 6 9	1,065 11 11½	1,205 5 0
		4,000 14 8	4,212 15 3½	4,441 9 0

53. The increase will be found under the following heads:—

Salaries	...	£73 18 0
Wages	...	15 2 0
Services	...	139 13 8½
		£228 13 8½

54. The increase under the head of "Services" will be found on turning to the details of expenditure contained in the Return referred to in paragraph 37 to have taken place in the item for Services out of office hours—the expenditure for the year 1887-88 being for only a portion of the year.

55. A Telegraph Station was opened at Saint Margaret's Bay in the Parish of Portland on the 13th February, 1889.

56. The number of Foreign Telegrams sent from Inland Telegraph Stations during the year is 1,103 and the amount thereof £2,256 1s. 5d., which amount has been paid over to the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

57. The School of Telegraphy to which I referred in my last Annual Report as having been established in Kingston as a result of the provision in the Estimates for 1887-88 of the sum of £100 for "Clerical Assistance" has, I am glad to report, continued to work satisfactorily and to meet the object had in view.

58. The Department has never experienced any difficulty in obtaining Candidates to learn Telegraphy—indeed the applications are in excess of the requirements; and great care has to be exercised, in considering such applications, that only the right class of persons are admitted. In this connection, I have to point out that each Candidate, whose application may be considered satisfactory in other respects is required to undergo an examination in the following subjects:—

Arithmetic, up to Long-division, simple and compound; Writing from Dictation; and Reading aloud.

PARCELS POST.

59. The following is a comparative statement of the transactions of the Parcels Post Branch:—
Parcels Received.

FROM	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty Collected.		
	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
United Kingdom	...	26	26	4,605	5,740	6,137	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
British West Indies	...	42	45	55	52	73	510 18 11	722 5 7	776 13 7
United States	...	36	75	...	369	576	1 19 9	3 7 0	6 6 11
	48	108	156	4,657	6,162	6,812	512 18 8	769 18 4	838 16 9

FROM	Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared Value of Parcels.			
	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
United Kingdom	...	203 11 11½	269 5 4	296 7 9	4,852 11 0½	6,512 8 7	7,260 1 5½
British W. Indies	26 11 4	32 8 3	517 9 10½
United States	380 6 6	59 16 9½	
	203 11 11½	269 5 4	296 7 9	4,879 2 4½	6,925 3 4	7,837 8 1½	

To	Consignments.			Parcels.			Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared Value of Parcels.		
	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	27	26	26	1,035	1,347	1,385	29 0 14	37 11 11	38 12 04	900 2 5	1,318 14 11	1,195 15 64
British West Indies	24	63	79	176	89	144	1 7 4	3 16 0	2 6 2	70 10 0	69 6 6	60 0 7
United States of America	..	33	34	..	244	150	..	13 16 0	7 12 0	..	112 6 04	44 16 11
	51	122	139	1,211	1,680	1,679	30 7 54	55 3 11	48 10 24	970 12 5	1,500 7 6	1,300 13 04

60. There has been an increase of Parcel Post business with respect to the Parcels received from the United Kingdom, the British West Indies and the United States of America; but the Parcels despatched exhibit a falling off which has taken place principally in the number of Parcels sent to the United States of America.

61. The total credit to the Revenue resultant from Parcels Post business is £1,283 14s. 8½d., being £189 7s. 1½d., in excess of the similar credit for 1887-88, viz. :—

Postages	...	...	£444 17 11½
Duty	...	...	838 16 9
			<u>£1,283 14 8½</u>

62. Parcel Post Exchanges have been established between Jamaica and the following places during the year :—

- Danish West Indies on the 19th November, 1888.
- Turks Islands on the 21st September, 1889.

63. Parcels between the United Kingdom and Turks Islands are also exchanged via this Colony.

64. The parcels (in addition to those stated above) which were found in the Mails and which were detained for examination of their contents by the Customs Authorities number 287, and the examination resulted in the payment of duty to the amount of £20 19s. 4d.

65. In conclusion I submit the usual Returns.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
POST OFFICE—						
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Offices ...	523	7	11			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received at the General Post Office	101	18	10			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United Kingdom	117	2	3			
Postages on Unpaid Correspondence received from British Possessions and from Foreign Countries ...	137	8	2½			
Postages on Unpaid Ship Letters ...	1	10	1			
Stamps Sold by the Department ...	14,635	18	3			
Stamps Sold by the Stamp Commissioner ...	2,390	14	6			
Rent of Private Letter Boxes ...	67	16	0			
Fees for Conveyance of Private Letter Bags ...	24	3	0			
Commissions on Money Orders	£1,129	10	8			
Less Premium on Remittances:						
United Kingdom	£517	10	0			
United States	163	17	0			
Canada	38	10	8	719	17	8
				409	13	0
Fees for detention of Country Letters per Packet for delivery in Kingston	19	17	0			
Fine Account ...	42	12	0			
Commissions on Mail Coach Collections ...	92	14	8			
Discount on Stamps purchased from Public ...	6	18	9			
Registered Letters Envelopes sold ...	1	9	1½	13,573	3	0½
TELEGRAPHS—						
Stamps sold ...	4,788	0	6			
Additional Charge on "A 1" and "B" Books ...	6	13	3	4,794	13	9

Department during the Financial Year ending 30th September, 1889.

SALARIES—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	...	800	0	0			
Salaries of Clerks	...	2,754	9	5			
Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, &c.	...	647	19	6			
Wages of Auxiliary Letter Carriers	...	78	0	0			
Packet Newspaper Sorters	...	144	14	0			
Salaries of District Postmasters	...	2,126	17	0			
Wages of Messenger conveying the Mails between General Post Office and Railway Station	...	26	0	0	6,577	19	11
Commission on Stamps sold:							
Poundage on Stamps sold by Department	...	143	9	3			
Discount on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	109	0	4	252	9	7
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS—							
Contractors	...	6,837	16	4			
Special Mail Services	...	22	18	6			
Packet Mail Services	...	7	10	0			
Proportion of Postage placed to credit of United Kingdom	...	1,300	0	0			
Ship Letter Gratuities	...	322	3	0			
Conveyance of Mails between General Post Offices and Railway Stations	...	90	7	3			
Conveyance of Mails between General Post Office and Up-Park Camp	...	26	0	0			
Transit Rates payable to Union Countries other than the United Kingdom	...	221	0	2	8,827	15	3
SERVICES—							
Contingencies	...	217	17	10½			
Letter Carriers' Uniforms	...	40	10	1			
Water Supply	...	3	6	0			
Lighting Account	...	11	10	9			
Advertising	...	58	11	7			
Mail Bags and Wrappers	...	34	4	8			
Travelling Charges	...	53	4	9			
Allowance for Services out of Office Hours	...	317	6	4			
Rent of Post Offices	...	199	16	8			
Twine and Wax	...	83	0	1			
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...	486	10	2			
Date Stamps and Type	...	4	9	1	1,510	7	5½
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POSTAL UNION CONTRIBUTION—							
Contribution to the United Kingdom to meet additional loss consequent on joining Postal Union	...				3,750	0	0
DRAWBACK ENTRIES—							
Redirected Letters	...	155	9	4½			
Letters sent through Return Letter Branch	...	188	16	0½			
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries	...	3	11	2	277	16	7
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TELEGRAPH BRANCH—SALARIES—							
Salary of Superintendent	...	400	0	0			
Salaries of Assistants to Superintendent	...	400	0	0			
Salaries of Operators	...	1,933	13	0			
Wages of Messengers, Head Office	...	77	15	9			
Wages of Messengers, District Offices	...	424	15	3	3,236	4	0
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SERVICES—							
Porterage	...	155	19	3			
Travelling Charges	...	181	6	11			
Water Supply	...	21	8	0			
Contingencies	...	92	8	11			
Rent of Head Office	...	36	0	0			
Rent of District Offices	...	385	4	10			
Messengers' Uniforms	...	10	9	6			
Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...	130	3	1			
Services out of Office Hours	...	192	4	6	1,205	5	0
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£4,441 9 0							
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Office Furniture	...				£12	2	0
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VOICES ADMINISTERED BY POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—							
Steam Communication round the Island	...				£1,785	14	3
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FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

RETURN showing the transactions of the Money Order Branch between Jamaica and other places during the Financial Year ended 30th September, 1889, as compared with those of 1887-88.

Year	Jamaica Issue.		Payable in Jamaica.		Paid in Jamaica.		Total Commissions collected in Jamaica.	To Credit of Corresponding Office.	To Credit of Jamaica.	To Credit of Jamaica on account of Orders payable.	Total Credit to Jamaica.	Less Premium paid for Remittance.	Net Credit to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.							
UNITED KINGDOM--													
1887-88	10,419	£ s. d. 61,547 9 10	673	£ s. d. 1,834 16 1	690	£ s. d. 1,877 10 9	£ s. d. 1,058 14 6	£ s. d. 307 16 0	£ s. d. 750 18 6	£ s. d. 8 18 6	£ s. d. 759 17 0	£ s. d. 442 10 0	£ s. d. 317 7 0
1888-89	11,026	67,747 5 11	778	1,994 13 5	755	1,970 18 3	1,155 0 3	338 19 3	816 1 0	10 6 6	826 7 6	517 10 0	368 17 6
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA--													
1887-88	2,508	14,691 0 6	184	646 6 3	177	637 0 8	£ s. d. 339 3 6	£ s. d. 110 2 9	£ s. d. 229 0 9	£ s. d. 4 16 11	£ s. d. 233 17 8	£ s. d. 141 5 10	£ s. d. 92 11 10
1888-89	2,827	16,792 14 5	226	632 19 9	223	632 14 0	289 4 9	83 17 10	205 6 11	3 6 6	208 13 5	161 18 2	46 15 3
DOMINION OF CANADA													
1887-88	482	3,819 16 8	36	193 10 9	34	172 14 0	£ s. d. 80 9 6	£ s. d. 19 2 0	£ s. d. 61 17 6	£ s. d. 0 19 3	£ s. d. 62 6 9	£ s. d. 36 5 10	£ s. d. 26 0 11
1888-89	514	3,746 18 7	71	332 1 0	70	339 18 0	80 0 6	18 11 5	61 9 1	1 12 10	63 1 11	34 6 2	28 15 9
BRITISH GUIANA--													
1887-88	5	19 0 10	48	121 10 9	44	112 14 10	0 6 0	0 1 11	0 4 1	0 11 10	0 15 11	...	0 15 11
1888-89	27	158 6 7	42	111 3 1	41	118 4 4	1 17 0	0 15 9	1 1 3	0 11 9	1 13 0	...	1 13 0
BARBADOS--													
1887-88	85	190 10 11	44	119 1 5	41	117 0 7	£ s. d. 3 11 6	£ s. d. 0 19 0	£ s. d. 2 12 6	£ s. d. 0 11 9	£ s. d. 3 4 3	...	£ s. d. 3 4 3
1888-89	94	347 14 6	110	369 4 5	108	366 10 1	4 18 6	1 14 7	3 3 11	1 16 10	5 0 9	...	5 0 9
LEeward ISLANDS--													
1887-88	22	22 19 7	9	22 15 1	10	22 16 11	0 14 6	0 2 3	0 12 3	0 2 4	0 14 7	...	0 14 7
1888-89	4	5 4 0	22	65 7 5	22	65 7 5	0 2 6	0 0 6	0 2 0	0 6 5	0 8 5	...	0 8 5

VOID ORDER.

Country.	Repaid to Remitter.		Return to the Issuing Office.	
	1888-89.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1887-88.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	18 1 1	1 10 6	32 6 10	1 0 0
United States of America	18 18 6	33 8 4	2 19 0	5 4 2
Dominion of Canada	...	15 0 0	...	...
Barbados	...	3 0 0	4 11 8	...
British Guiana	...	...	0 4 2	...

General Post Office,
25th February, 1890.

FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

