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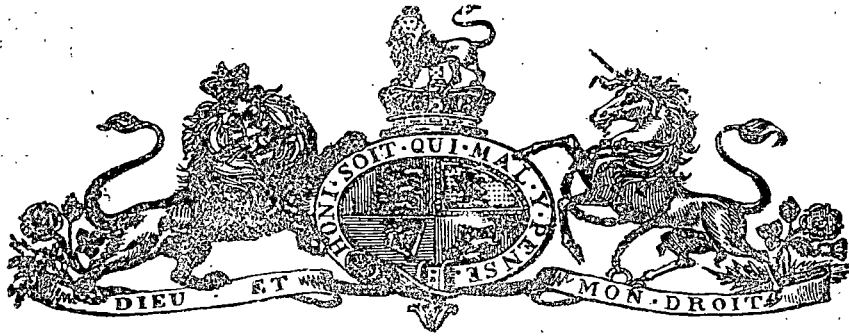
1882.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

POST OFFICE RETURNS.

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POST OFFICE RETURNS.

1.—*RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881.*

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1871	12,329	17	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
1872	13,321	5	11	991	8	1	—	—	—
1873	14,657	4	1	1335	18	2	—	—	—
1874	16,975	14	1	2318	10	0	—	—	—
1875	17,524	9	9	548	15	8	—	—	—
1876	19,289	14	6	1765	4	9	—	—	—
1877	21,952	17	4	2663	2	10	—	—	—
1878	23,382	15	8	1429	18	4	—	—	—
1879	24,184	5	2	801	9	6	—	—	—
1880—1 Jan. to 15 April—Postage and Revenue Stamps combined.....	£	s.	d.						
15 April to 31 Dec.—Postage Stamps	7755	1	7	27,549	3	0	3364	17	10
Ditto—Revenue Stamps	13,670	11	11						
1881—Postage Stamps	6123	9	6	20,143	0	7	2572	10	7
Revenue Stamps	9978	13	0			

NOTE.—Rates of Postage on Intercolonial Letters reduced from 3*d.* to 2*d.* from 1 January, 1881.

2.—*RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1871	37,893	—	—
1872	39,889	1996	—
1873	42,879	2990	—
1874	41,340	—	1539
1875	42,956	1616	—
1876	43,348	392	—
1877	44,012	664	—
1878	46,964	2952	—
1879	46,535	—	429
1880	48,903	2368	—
1881	53,849	4946	—

3.—*RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1871	126,523	12,470	—
1872	142,510	15,987	—
1873	169,099	26,589	—
1874	183,962	14,863	—
1875	206,301	22,339	—
1876	222,157	15,856	—
1877	252,587	30,430	—
1878	274,403	21,816	—
1879	279,245	4842	—
1880	292,827	13,582	—
1881	337,223	44,396	—

4.—*RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
			Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
1871	585,024	18,990	138,414	6802	—	—
1872	622,238	21,029	37,214	2039	—	—
1873	773,744	25,673	151,506	4644	—	—
1874	882,252	32,301	108,508	6628	—	—
1875	993,876	36,815	111,624	4514	—	—
1876	1,144,292	48,657	150,416	11,842	—	—
1877	1,250,256	50,896	105,964	2239	—	—
1878	1,415,029	64,324*	164,773	13,428	—	—
1879	1,508,915	70,470	93,886	6146	—	—
1880	1,637,906	88,609	128,991	18,139	—	—
1881	1,807,241	113,225	169,335	24,716	—	—

* Town Letters posted at Launceston have not been included in Return No. 4 for previous years, consequently the *actual* increase in 1878 over 1877 is 97,449; the difference in gross increase consisting of 67,919 Town Letters posted at Launceston.

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Post Offices, Persons employed, Extent of Post Roads, and Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, for the Years 1880-81.

	1880.	1881.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	201	206
Number of Persons employed.....	817	324
Miles of Post Roads.....	1831	1802
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	678,968	689,100

YEAR.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.											
	LETTERS.			PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			LETTERS.				PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.		
	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>
	1880..	1,471,858	281,586	383,293	79,917	48,246	1,033,752	345,678	2,136,737	128,163	1,379,430	1,461,347	176,559	327,827	333,303	86,950	1659	13,112	1,601,749	248,316	2,299,036	101,721
1881..	1,590,089	352,144	424,251	89,692	57,442	1,079,687	381,451	2,366,484	147,134	1,461,138	1,572,140	235,101	373,524	389,132	110,653	2672	16,788	1,409,396	259,102	2,569,397	130,113	1,668,498

	1880.	1881.
Revenue.....	£ s. d. 19,484 15 4	£ s. d. 20,143 0 7 ^o
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	27,154 1 8	29,613 0 11

* Rates of Postage on Intercolonial Letters reduced from 3*d.* to 2*d.*, from 1st January, 1881.

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Inland Letters, Packets, and Newspapers posted, also the Number of Ship Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, together with the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, during the Year 1881.

LETTERS.			PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.			REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.
<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Letters.)	<i>Ship.</i>		<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Packets.)	<i>Ship.</i>		<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Newspapers.)	<i>Ship.</i>			
	Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.		
2,196,373	424,251	373,524	113,325	57,442	16,788	1,409,396	381,451	259,102	£ s. d. 20,143 0 7	£ s. d. 29,613 0 11

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 2,310,878 were stamped, 389,132 were franked.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

A RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Post Office Money Orders issued and paid, and Amount of Commission collected, at the respective Money Order Offices in Tasmania during the Years 1880-81.

OFFICE.	No. of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		No. of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.		1881.		1880.		1881.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Hobart, C.O.....	3096	3636	11,149	14 2	12,110	5 4	6152	6589	20,602	19 8
Avoca	44	133	101	8 2	410	10 1	6	28	10	12 6
Beaconsfield	873	1666	2865	7 1	5368	7 5	116	242	364	16 2
Bishopsbourne	10	15	39	5 4	44	9 10	1	5	5	0 0
Blue Tier	67	171	233	8 3	607	10 11	3	4	4	10 0
Bothwell	147	109	454	17 4	369	13 0	63	72	249	7 7
Bowood	21	46	55	1 9	87	15 7	6	9	26	15 2
Branxholm	35	218	122	5 3	970	13 8	6	24	31	0 7
Bream Creek	9	4	24	7 10	13	18 6	1	9	2	19 6
Bridgewater, North	1	17	0	4 0	59	5 0	—	4	—	—
Brighton	119	101	470	0 10	385	6 4	56	65	233	17 0
Broadmarsh	4	12	9	6 0	36	5 6	1	1	1	16 10
Brown's River	13	30	42	7 1	96	3 6	9	42	36	3 0
Burnie	313	365	864	12 11	889	7 11	167	243	414	14 7
Campbell Town	233	278	551	0 2	871	0 8	143	181	528	15 10
Carrick	45	61	126	16 3	191	12 1	29	32	86	6 5
Chudleigh	182	187	494	1 8	685	10 9	22	26	96	13 5
Circular Head	260	269	781	14 11	748	8 0	116	111	371	0 2
Corinna ^a	—	21	—	—	118	9 4	—	3	—	—
Cranbrook	4	17	13	13 10	61	19 11	—	1	—	—
Cressy	77	75	205	15 0	205	14 4	18	26	30	19 7
Deloraine	524	570	1969	4 1	1988	0 6	168	261	573	13 0
Don	43	107	107	17 0	292	16 9	68	106	280	0 10
Ellesmere	77	120	259	1 10	443	3 9	4	30	23	0 0
Evandale	65	85	126	0 3	216	17 11	66	64	226	18 1
Exton	18	36	31	13 11	106	13 9	1	12	3	5 0
Fingal	179	175	569	7 8	446	10 3	70	89	267	19 2
Forcett	19	26	42	10 6	72	13 7	1	2	0	16 0
Formby	35	95	68	6 1	166	1 5	5	29	11	15 0
Forth	220	308	621	11 7	719	19 4	49	89	135	7 5
Franklin	324	338	1169	13 4	1172	17 1	94	127	271	6 1
Geeves Town	53	172	169	7 5	531	16 4	1	16	10	0 0
George's Bay	250	256	823	7 6	689	15 4	56	80	180	18 5
George Town	204	202	483	14 11	578	15 8	76	55	224	16 10
Gladstone ^b	—	452	—	—	1859	3 9	—	10	—	—
Glenora	26	53	48	10 0	86	10 6	4	2	16	8 4
Glenorchy	33	52	144	11 10	206	18 8	35	109	88	5 7
Gould's Country	241	202	873	0 8	720	0 8	11	17	30	8 6
Green Ponds.....	169	161	604	8 7	507	7 10	50	50	159	7 3
Hagley	26	45	64	0 9	116	15 0	3	24	13	3 6
Hamilton	136	138	415	3 3	299	5 4	37	37	99	16 2
Jerusalem	187	289	474	2 10	804	1 1	34	47	151	7 4
Kangaroo Point	5	26	25	19 0	71	19 9	7	25	40	0 0
Kentishbury	74	188	166	18 5	458	9 9	9	38	25	19 4
Krushka's Bridge	890	909	4774	18 9	6234	2 1	31	20	172	2 11
Latrobe	414	470	1079	19 5	1252	4 0	286	437	929	19 3
Launceston	2906	3684	10,335	3 11	13,012	12 9	4193	5514	12,381	6 11
Leven	315	434	807	9 3	999	7 0	81	111	361	7 11
Lisdillon	24	106	65	1 0	433	7 9	4	6	13	2 3
Lisle	488	222	2238	7 7	912	4 3	19	24	89	13 6
Longford	260	280	737	13 6	821	10 9	165	161	648	18 0
Macquarie Plains	31	81	109	7 10	314	3 5	5	15	12	3 9
Mount Bischoff	1635	2083	5801	7 10	7477	1 11	71	85	318	19 4
New Norfolk	491	475	1668	2 11	1443	17 9	237	316	698	17 1
New Town	30	100	97	3 1	242	5 9	9	40	27	12 0
Nine Mile Springs	758	1485	2110	6 3	4562	11 10	67	91	297	19 0
Northdown	9	23	16	7 0	38	7 1	4	12	15	5 1
Oatlands	231	264	388	15 7	552	1 5	110	128	296	15 4
Ouse.....	108	141	258	12 9	382	17 10	10	19	25	15 0
Penguin Creek.....	100	143	183	12 8	344	13 11	22	52	40	3 8
Perth	77	69	147	2 11	142	12 8	33	57	95	3 11
Piper's River, Lower	15	43	25	12 6	118	9 3	—	5	—	—
Port Cygnet	168	196	571	0 9	654	16 1	40	52	137	0 6
Port Esperance	16	64	33	9 10	144	18 10	1	12	0	10 0
Prosser's Plains	16	35	22	0 3	78	18 7	1	3	1	15 0
Reedy Marsh	128	97	396	10 5	236	0 8	6	64	12	1 3
Richmond	93	126	246	6 3	345	9 4	86	97	247	6 9
Ross	213	187	461	10 8	434	1 9	57	73	134	17 8
Sandy Bay	4	36	13	19 0	40	19 3	4	17	8	19 5
Shipwright's Point	90	73	283	3 1	219	14 8	13	19	64	8 5
Somerset	44	93	96	0 5	275	7 5	2	7	5	2 0
Sorell	106	61	294	10 4	166	0 3	43	52	136	7 4
Spring Bay	66	57	193	13 3	200	10 6	19	25	62	14 6
St. Leonard's	13	30	29	3 0	83	10 6	8	15	46	4 2
St. Mary's	161	140	571	15 10	424	15 0	25	52	99	0 0
Swansea	161	158	390	0 5	480	12 10	26	59	100	15 6
Thomas's Plains	721	548	4864	16 2	3342	15 5	18	13	107	1 8
Three Hut Point	13	38	35	3 10	125	18 11	10	8	56	10 6
Torquay	179	203	454	7 0	569	10 9	124	162	479	18 6
Tunbridge.....	21	43	42	15 6	95	12 1	3	14	5	13 6
Tunnack	26	58	73	17 3	184	12 7	2	32	10	3 10
Victoria	2	7	2	19 4	27	18 8	6	20	15	15 8
Westbury	201	198	562	12 8	528	7 4	190	293	588	5 10
Wynyard	208	232	604	15 2	637	10 9	67	54	245	5 2
TOTALS	19,902	25,219	68,948	19 5	85,471	15 3	13,862	17,272	45,423	15 11

^a Opened September, 1881. ^b Opened May, 1881.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in Tasmania, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn on Tasmania, during the Year 1881.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
<i>Where payable.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Where issued.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	13,380	39,271 19 0	Tasmania	13,380	39,271 19 0
New South Wales	1112	3943 0 3	New South Wales	986	3777 2 7
New Zealand	424	2086 4 10	New Zealand	595	2788 11 5
Queensland	76	399 18 0	Queensland	162	810 1 5
South Australia	185	627 0 0	South Australia	226	985 2 10
United Kingdom	1815	6671 9 3	United Kingdom	948	1655 17 6
Victoria	8225	32,464 14 11	Victoria	1714	5931 0 8
Western Australia	2	7 9 0	Western Australia	11	59 9 0
TOTALS	25,219	85,471 15 3	TOTALS	17,422	55,279 4 5

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1881, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

<i>Inland.</i>				<i>Intercolonial.</i>		<i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.</i>				<i>Total.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
<i>£2 and under.</i>	<i>Between £2 and £5.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £7.</i>	<i>Between £7 and £10.</i>	<i>£5 and under.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £10.</i>	<i>£2 and under.</i>	<i>Between £2 and £5.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £7.</i>	<i>Between £7 and £10.</i>		
2085	9149	185	1961	7763	2261	872	590	86	267	25,219	£ s. d. 85,471 15 3

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA from the Commencement of the System, 1st May, 1865, to 31st December, 1881; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>No. of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Amount of Commission.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders issued.</i>	<i>No. of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Total Amount of Transactions.</i>
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1865	1201	85 18 6	4485 1 2	741	2824 10 7	7309 11 9
1866	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2030	8669 11 5	19,944 10 8
1867	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,332 17 5	22,061 18 4
1868	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9	23,789 3 6
1869	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4	29,658 6 5
1870	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7	33,888 8 2
1871	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7	37,483 12 10
1872	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9	40,196 2 0
1873	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5	45,301 3 3
1874	7131	396 10 0	27,063 4 5	5908	22,667 7 7	49,730 12 0
1875	7569	422 5 0	28,115 8 4	6179	22,218 9 10	50,333 18 2
1876	8851	478 17 0	32,426 10 7	6953	25,559 5 5	57,985 16 1
1877	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4	77,850 14 4
1878	15,237	781 15 0	54,909 10 2	9983	35,117 2 10	90,026 13 0
1879	17,065	874 2 6	61,152 10 8	11,024	37,382 13 0	98,535 3 8
1880	19,902	983 13 6	68,948 19 5	13,862	45,423 15 11	114,372 11 4
1881	25,219	1176 6 0	85,471 15 3	17,272	54,641 0 4	141,289 1 7

NOTE.—Revised Rates of Commission on Inland Money Orders came into operation on 1st October, 1881.

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Controller.*