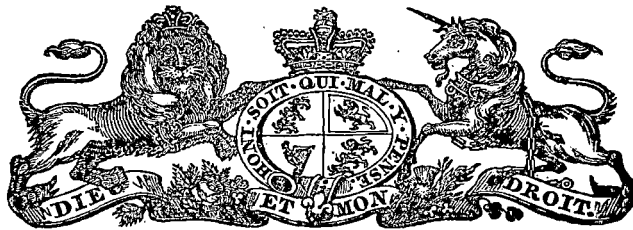


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## POST OFFICE RETURNS.

1.—*RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877.*

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1870*	15,490	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
1871	12,329	17	10	—	—	—	3160	6	11
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	—	—	—

2.—*RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1870	40,020	—	—
1871	37,893	—	2127
1872	39,889	1996	—
1873	42,879	2990	—
1874	41,340	—	1539
1875	42,956	1616	—
1876	43,348	392	—
1877	44,012	664	—

3.—*RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1870	114,053	—	—
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	—

4.—*RETURN of the Number of Inland Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
			Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
1870	446,610	12,188	—	—	—	—
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	—	—

\* On the 1st November, 1870, the Inland Letter Postage Rate was reduced from Four Pence to Two Pence per Half Ounce, and the Intercolonial Letter Postage Rate from Six Pence to Three Pence per Half Ounce.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

## 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 1876-77.*

	1876.	1877.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	177	180
Number of Persons employed .....	277	290
Miles of Post Roads .....	1359	1460
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	481,512	500,697

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>
	1876..	1,050,450	195,880	294,234	43,588	32,578	709,765	264,430	1,540,564	76,166	974,195	1,023,612	120,680	254,808	216,249	47,889	768	7478	950,219	238,071	1,615,349	56,135
1877..	1,203,788	192,515	332,660	47,843	39,533	879,531	296,478	1,728,963	87,376	1,176,009	1,102,211	148,045	287,251	221,915	49,411	1485	8700	1,081,282	241,762	1,759,422	59,596	1,323,044

	1876.	1877.
Revenue (estimated)* .....	£ s. d. 14,450 0 0	£ s. d. 16,000 0 0
Expenditure .....	21,349 18 0	24,082 15 0

\* It is impossible to give the actual Post Office Revenue, as Postage Stamps are used on Bills of Exchange, &c. under "The Stamp Act," but the estimated Revenue given above is believed to be as near as possible the actual Post Office Revenue for the years 1876-77.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

## POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

A RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Post Office Money Orders issued and paid, and the Amount of Commission collected, at the respective Money Order Offices in Tasmania during the Years 1876-77.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town	2427	2896	9321 17 8	10,700 10 10	3457	4227	12,584 15 2	15,204 18 2	169 7 6	197 0 6
Bothwell	121	120	398 11 3	353 12 10	23	45	104 0 8	161 17 0	5 7 6	5 10 6
Branxholm <sup>a</sup>	19	10	98 10 0	49 0 0	1	2	4 8 6	12 0 0	1 5 0	0 12 0
Brighton	63	58	220 2 3	190 8 10	31	51	123 10 0	191 6 6	2 18 6	2 15 6
Burnie	239	289	1014 10 9	1,213 18 8	15	26	73 13 3	71 1 7	11 2 6	13 12 6
Campbell Town	137	182	549 4 4	458 15 5	77	86	327 16 4	309 18 2	7 4 0	7 13 0
Circular Head	179	206	656 4 4	833 14 0	68	60	241 8 3	198 3 5	9 11 6	10 17 6
Deloraine	472	559	1927 10 0	2,126 18 10	123	134	573 17 1	603 0 2	19 10 0	22 19 0
Evandale	64	70	163 2 1	177 18 0	28	30	130 9 11	86 8 6	2 7 6	2 19 6
Fingal	133	150	412 14 0	340 16 3	45	59	186 3 2	269 7 6	7 3 0	7 2 0
Franklin	267	265	988 13 5	973 9 11	48	91	151 17 6	328 19 1	10 6 6	10 15 6
George's Bay	110	258	387 15 8	830 8 5	9	25	38 15 2	91 0 0	4 11 6	9 9 6
George Town	294	327	1071 3 8	1,175 8 9	85	68	401 4 7	329 7 4	14 11 0	16 1 0
Glenorchy	12	16	29 15 7	50 7 5	24	22	62 9 0	92 5 2	0 11 0	0 16 6
Gould's Country	160	725	716 14 8	3,403 3 5	—	19	—	85 15 0	6 12 6	29 14 6
Green Ponds	90	108	235 3 5	288 2 8	28	30	114 1 11	116 3 0	3 6 0	4 7 6
Hamilton	95	97	236 8 1	209 10 4	33	36	104 0 9	145 9 7	3 3 6	3 5 6
Jerusalem	52	57	129 3 0	112 1 1	26	35	99 2 6	111 17 5	1 8 6	1 17 0
Krushka's Bridge <sup>b</sup>	—	212	—	982 15 1	—	3	—	12 13 6	—	11 9 6
Latrobe	251	346	908 1 0	974 19 7	85	135	312 14 9	509 5 11	10 19 6	14 4 0
Launceston	1584	2198	5930 0 11	8300 11 11	1861	2265	6565 4 4	7522 17 6	96 8 6	130 1 6
Leven	102	162	311 9 6	398 10 11	68	64	196 16 8	169 18 9	3 19 0	5 17 0
Longford	191	220	659 10 7	746 18 1	100	128	312 12 1	407 8 9	10 10 0	13 10 6
Mount Bischoff	72	451	329 15 3	1,961 13 1	1	16	0 9 9	43 0 3	4 9 6	26 2 6
New Norfolk	235	266	1011 0 2	932 18 11	112	149	451 10 5	567 16 3	10 7 6	10 9 6
Nine Mile Springs <sup>c</sup>	—	782	—	3,001 15 3	—	28	—	119 12 3	—	42 4 0
Oatlands	186	184	685 17 0	381 9 11	66	107	235 14 9	315 11 10	8 12 6	6 12 6
Ouse	20	45	22 15 1	136 7 4	—	4	—	10 17 9	0 8 0	1 6 0
Penguin Creek	5	44	4 5 9	92 6 7	—	14	—	40 6 0	0 3 0	1 11 6
Perth	41	54	102 16 8	115 18 8	22	25	86 4 11	101 7 6	1 13 0	2 8 6
Port Arthur	94	48	224 3 11	142 9 10	12	4	31 13 6	7 5 0	2 18 6	1 10 6
Port Cygnet	79	146	297 12 10	554 4 6	17	58	64 6 0	264 4 3	2 15 0	4 12 0
Reedy Marsh	95	172	302 8 10	547 19 0	14	19	89 6 6	93 2 5	3 8 6	6 15 0
Richmond	69	83	263 3 4	304 9 4	46	58	173 7 9	201 18 5	3 12 0	4 3 6
Ross	143	156	408 5 1	380 19 5	75	43	328 0 0	132 17 11	7 0 0	7 3 0
Ruby Flat <sup>d</sup>	—	98	—	476 9 9	—	—	—	—	—	5 12 6
Sorell	47	77	106 7 0	211 1 1	42	45	169 13 1	152 0 0	1 8 6	3 0 0
Spring Bay <sup>e</sup>	—	44	—	202 9 6	—	11	—	69 0 10	—	2 5 0
St. Mary's <sup>f</sup>	—	38	—	146 14 11	—	10	—	36 6 10	—	2 4 0
Swansea	115	124	367 13 9	337 4 11	31	47	133 2 0	213 8 5	5 10 6	5 9 0
Thomas's Plains <sup>g</sup>	—	35	—	179 4 3	—	3	—	12 12 6	—	1 15 0
Three Hut Point	23	5	113 9 6	23 5 0	14	9	19 16 0	46 6 6	1 3 6	0 7 6
Torquay	245	328	645 19 7	986 18 7	107	105	519 17 7	454 8 8	9 3 6	13 1 6
Westbury	182	173	607 7 2	616 15 3	123	108	441 15 7	453 18 10	7 13 0	8 3 0
Wynyard	138	184	567 3 6	648 15 8	36	40	105 6 0	209 17 11	6 6 0	8 2 0
TOTALS	8851	13,068	32,426 10 7	47,273 12 0	6953	8544	25,559 5 5	30,577 2 4	478 17 0	687 9 6

<sup>a</sup> Branxholm, closed 31st March, 1877. <sup>b</sup> Krushka's Bridge opened 1st July, 1877. <sup>c</sup> Nine Mile Springs opened 1st February, 1877. <sup>d</sup> Ruby Flat opened 1st August, 1877. <sup>e</sup> Spring Bay opened 1st June, 1877. <sup>f</sup> St. Mary's opened 1st May, 1877. <sup>g</sup> Thomas' Plains opened 1st June, 1877.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA during the Year 1877.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
On Tasmania	5583	17,619 5 4	Issue of Tasmania	5592	17,728 14 8
New South Wales	668	2242 19 10	New South Wales	592	2739 5 11
New Zealand	225	1033 16 7	New Zealand	481	2384 19 4
Queensland	102	378 8 6	Queensland	110	486 12 9
South Australia	130	571 4 0	South Australia	164	769 2 9
United Kingdom	1375	5009 13 0	United Kingdom	231	1017 6 5
Victoria	4977	20,393 2 8	Victoria	1368	5434 11 6
Western Australia	8	25 2 1	Western Australia	6	16 9 0
TOTALS	13,068	47,273 12 0	TOTALS	8544	30,577 2 4

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

*RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1877, 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>£5 and under.</i>	<i>Between £5 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>		
4570	1013	4768	1342	651	479	70	175	13,068	£ 47,273 s. 12 d. 0

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Comptroller.*

*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, 1877; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.*

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Number of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Amount of Commission.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Number of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders paid.</i>
1865 .....	1201	£ s. d. 85 18 6	£ s. d. 4485 1 2	741	£ s. d. 2824 10 7
1866 .....	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2080	8669 11 5
1867 .....	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,332 17 5
1868 .....	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9
1869 .....	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4
1870 .....	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7
1871 .....	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7
1872 .....	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9
1873 .....	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5
1874 .....	7131	396 10 0	27,063 4 5	5908	22,667 7 7
1875 .....	7569	422 5 0	28,115 8 4	6179	22,218 9 10
1876 .....	8851	478 17 0	32,426 10 7	6953	25,559 5 5
1877 .....	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Comptroller.*

## 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 1877.*

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.		
1,472,171	332,660	287,251	50,896	39,533	8700	1,081,282	296,478	241,762	£ 16,000	£ 24,082
									0 0	15 0

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 1,592,103 were stamped, 221,915 were franked.

\* It is impossible to give the exact Post Office Revenue, the same description of Stamps being used for the purposes of the Post Office and of Stamp Act ; but the estimate given above is believed to be as near the actual Revenue as possible.

**A. C. DOUGLAS, Secretary.**