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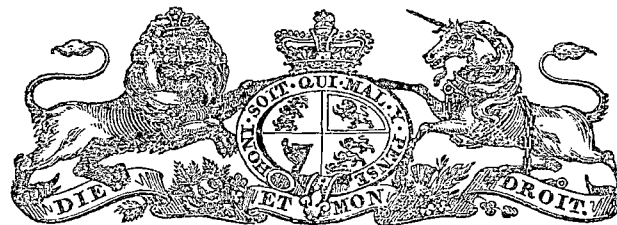
[SECOND SESSION.]

T A S M A N I A.

MAIL STEAM COMMUNICATION.

Return to an Order of the House. (Mr. Chapman, 28 August.)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 3 September, 1863.



A RETURN showing Expenses connected with the Mail Steam Communication with the United Kingdom for the Years 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, and 1863, respectively, as ordered by Parliament on the 28th of August, 1863.

Year.	Amounts voted by Parliament for defraying the Cost of Mail Steam Communication with the United Kingdom.		Amounts paid by the Government of Tasmania to the Imperial Government towards defraying the Cost of Mail Steam Communication.		Amounts due to the Imperial Government for Mail Steam Communication.		Amounts annually voted by Parliament for conveying the English Mails to and from Launceston and Melbourne.		Amounts annually paid by the Government of Tasmania for conveying the English Mails to and from Launceston and Melbourne.		Amounts claimed by the Government of Tasmania from the Imperial Government, for the Proportion of Inter-Colonial Service.		
	AMOUNT.		AMOUNT.		PERIOD.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNT.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1857.	7500	0 0	—		1 Jan., 1857, to 30 June, 1858.	5227	18 10	These are included in the Votes of Parliament for the respective years, under the head of Steam Postal Communication with the United Kingdom.	299	15 4	1 Jan., 1857, to 30 Sept., 1858.	386	11 9½
1858.	7500	0 0	—		1 July, 1858, to 30 Sept., 1858.	1164	16 2		687	9 0			
1859.	7500	0 0	5672	0 2	1 Oct., 1858, to 28 Feb., 1859.	1941	6 11		2285	10 7	1 Oct., 1858, to 31 Mar., 1861.	2905	7 2½
1860.	6000	0 0	—		1 July, 1858, to 28 Feb., 1859.*	1208	17 4		2550	0 0			
1861.	5000	0 0	5090	7 8	1 March to 31 Dec., 1859.	3777	15 0		2550	0 0	1 April, 1861, to 31 Dec., 1863.	2412	16 10½
1862.	4000	0 0	—		1 Jan. to 30 June, 1860.	1826	2 0		1400	0 0			
1863.	4220	0 0	—		1 July, 1860, to 31 Mar., 1861.	2049	7 4		70	10 6†			
					1 April, 1861, to 31 Mar., 1862.	3291	16 9		1400	0 0			
					1 April, 1862, to 31 Dec., 1862.	2087	4 11		12	0 0†			
					1 Jan. to 31 Oct., 1863.	4334	11 6						
	41,720	0 0	10,762	7 10		26,909	16 9		‡11,255	5 5		§5704	15 10½

NOTE.—The item in the 3rd column marked thus * is the Tasmanian proportion of the half guarantee of £6000 per month against loss (eight months.)

† Transhipment of Mails at Hobson's Bay.

‡ There is a further sum of £154 6s. 4d. which has been expended for Contingencies under this Service; viz.,—Advertising for Tenders for Conveyance of English Mails to and from Launceston and Melbourne, Freight and Cartage of empty Mail-boxes returned, Travelling Expenses of Postmaster-General to and from Melbourne, and for the Mail Coach travelling on Saturday night instead of Sunday. The last mentioned is in dispute.

§ There is a further sum of £3141 16s. 8d. claimed by Tasmania from the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, being the amount of their proportion of the moiety of the cost from 1st January, 1857, to 31st March, 1861, under the Treasury Minute of November, 1855. There will however, in all probability, be counter claims forwarded from Queensland and New Zealand. A claim from South Australia, for a portion of the time, has already been received. From the 1st April, 1861, this arrangement ceased; and from that date the expenses of the Branch Services are divided equally between Great Britain and the respective Colonies concerned.

*General Post Office, Hobart Town, Tasmania,
3rd September, 1863.*

S. T. HARDINGE, Secretary.