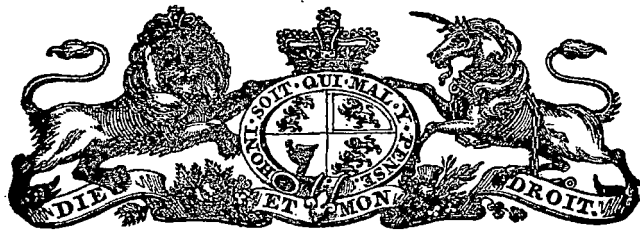


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1878.

TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

POST OFFICE:

RETURNS FOR 1878.

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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, 1878.*

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	—	—	—
1878	23,382	15	8	1429	18	4	—	—	—

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, 1878.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
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	—	—	—
1878	46,964	2952	—	—	—

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, 1878.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
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	—	—	—
1878	274,403	21,816	—	—	—

4.—*RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.*

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	—	—
1878	1,415,029	64,324†	164,773	13,428	—	—

* 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.

† 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.

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 1877-78.

	1877.	1878.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	180	191
Number of Persons employed	290	301
Miles of Post Roads	1460	1719
Miles of Post Roads travelled	500,697	621,768

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>
	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	237,251	221,915	49,411	1485	8700	1,081,232	241,762	1,759,422	69,596
1878 ..	1,274,776	220,000	350,003	53,364	47,565	999,783	313,406	1,844,779	105,929	1,313,189	1,250,943	165,806	309,753	237,291	63,086	1238	10,744	1,333,681	275,813	1,963,798	75,068	1,609,494

	1877.	1878.
Revenue (estimated)*	£ s. d. 16,000 0 0	£ s. d. 17,000 0 0
Expenditure	24,082 15 0	26,221 9 7

* 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 1877-78.

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 1877-78.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.													
	1877.	1878.	1877.		1878.		1877.		1878.		1877.		1878.									
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
Hobart Town	2896	3129	10,700	10	10	11,587	4	1	4227	4597	15,204	18	2	16,229	12	3	197	0	6	205	13	6
Bothwell	120	79	353	12	10	316	1	9	45	50	161	17	0	110	5	2	5	10	6	4	0	6
Branxholm ^a	10	—	49	0	0	—	—	—	2	—	12	0	0	—	—	—	0	12	0	—	—	—
Brandy Creek ^b	—	584	—	—	—	1989	12	7	—	59	—	—	—	286	3	9	—	—	—	26	4	6
Brighton	58	99	190	8	10	348	4	6	51	56	191	6	6	303	5	11	2	15	6	4	4	0
Burnie	289	306	1213	18	8	1203	16	8	26	76	71	1	7	252	9	5	13	12	6	14	6	6
Campbell Town	182	244	458	15	5	662	12	2	86	96	309	18	2	346	13	7	7	13	0	10	5	0
Carrick ^c	—	23	—	—	—	33	5	0	—	1	—	—	—	3	0	0	—	—	—	0	18	0
Circular Head	206	194	833	14	0	724	3	5	60	86	198	3	5	368	3	4	10	17	6	10	2	6
Deloraine	559	646	2126	18	10	2487	1	2	134	166	603	0	2	628	12	7	22	19	0	24	10	6
Evandale	70	99	177	18	0	216	0	1	30	47	86	8	6	146	16	3	2	19	6	3	12	0
Fingal	150	202	340	16	3	584	17	7	59	56	269	7	6	208	12	7	7	2	0	9	6	6
Franklin	265	285	973	9	11	971	17	10	91	100	328	19	1	343	13	7	10	15	6	10	10	0
George's Bay	258	256	830	8	5	817	11	6	25	54	91	0	0	230	2	9	9	9	6	8	19	0
George Town	327	204	1175	8	9	629	6	11	68	62	329	7	4	160	9	7	16	1	0	7	6	0
Glenorchy	16	25	50	7	5	46	17	2	22	37	92	5	2	170	15	0	0	16	6	1	3	0
Gould's Country	725	405	3403	3	5	2131	13	1	19	24	85	15	0	97	18	6	29	14	6	18	10	0
Green Ponds	108	121	288	2	8	384	8	11	30	59	116	3	0	257	14	3	4	7	6	4	18	0
Hamilton	97	135	209	10	4	429	17	2	36	40	145	9	7	118	1	3	3	5	6	4	16	0
Jerusalem	57	96	112	1	1	207	14	9	35	31	111	17	5	93	13	11	1	17	0	3	7	0
Krushka's Bridge ^d	212	498	982	15	1	2228	10	1	3	22	12	13	6	97	13	5	11	9	6	26	15	0
Latrobe	346	370	974	19	7	973	1	8	135	150	509	5	11	471	6	10	14	4	0	15	8	6
Launceston	2198	2283	8300	11	11	8514	19	9	2265	2914	7522	17	6	9598	18	0	130	1	6	135	14	0
Leven	162	231	398	10	11	537	10	9	64	43	169	18	9	169	11	7	5	17	0	8	12	6
Longford	220	277	746	18	1	875	8	8	128	188	407	8	9	671	0	3	13	10	6	14	13	0
Mount Bischoff	451	1162	1961	13	1	4613	8	0	16	25	43	0	3	78	8	10	26	2	6	63	18	0
New Norfolk	266	311	932	18	11	991	14	3	149	139	567	16	3	434	11	9	10	9	6	12	5	0
Nine Mile Springs ^e	782	559	3001	15	3	1947	2	1	28	31	119	12	3	106	16	4	42	4	0	28	11	0
Outlands	184	178	381	9	11	390	19	4	107	80	315	11	10	293	3	7	6	12	6	7	11	6
OUSE	45	74	136	7	4	238	4	4	4	3	10	17	9	4	7	9	1	6	0	3	0	6
Penguin Creek	44	85	92	6	7	284	17	5	14	13	40	6	0	58	7	0	1	11	6	3	6	6
Perth	54	54	115	18	8	154	12	4	25	35	101	7	6	114	12	9	2	8	6	1	18	0
Port Arthur ^f	48	—	142	9	10	—	—	—	4	—	7	5	0	—	—	—	1	10	6	—	—	—
Port Cygnet	146	199	554	4	6	700	5	10	58	24	264	4	3	84	7	0	4	12	0	6	13	0
Reedy Marsh	172	194	547	19	0	609	5	7	19	13	93	2	5	39	8	6	6	15	0	7	6	0
Richmond	83	77	304	9	4	264	11	1	58	63	201	18	5	205	16	3	4	3	6	3	4	6
Ross	156	133	380	19	5	356	14	6	43	61	132	17	11	196	4	0	7	3	0	5	15	0
Ruby Flat ^g	98	—	476	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	12	6	—	—	—
Sorell	77	76	211	1	1	218	15	10	45	40	152	0	0	219	19	6	3	0	0	2	15	6
Spring Bay ^h	44	38	202	9	6	121	9	8	11	38	69	0	10	239	10	5	2	5	0	1	9	6
St. Mary's ⁱ	38	92	146	14	11	340	16	8	10	16	36	6	10	81	15	1	2	4	0	3	18	6
Swansea	124	126	337	4	11	397	3	0	47	33	213	8	5	168	13	0	5	9	0	5	6	0
Thomas's Plains ^j	35	395	179	4	3	2139	7	0	3	11	12	12	6	170	19	6	1	15	0	20	6	0
Three Hut Point	5	16	23	5	0	43	3	3	9	11	46	6	6	36	17	0	0	7	6	0	16	6
Torquay	328	289	986	18	7	883	7	1	105	143	454	8	8	573	0	7	13	1	6	10	16	6
Westbury	173	174	616	15	3	599	12	2	108	137	453	18	10	493	1	11	8	3	0	9	14	6
Wynyard	184	224	648	15	8	712	3	6	40	53	209	17	11	282	8	4	8	2	0	9	2	6
TOTALS	13,068	15,237	47,273	12	0	54,909	10	2	8544	9983	30,577	2	4	35,117	2	10	687	9	6	781	15	0

^a Branxholm closed 31st March, 1877. ^b Brandy Creek (Beaconsfield) opened 1st May, 1878. ^c Carrick opened 1st January, 1878. ^d Krushka's Bridge opened 1st July, 1877. ^e Nine Mile Springs opened 1st February, 1877. ^f Port Arthur closed 31 December, 1877. ^g Ruby Flat closed 31st December, 1877. ^h Spring Bay opened 1st June, 1877. ⁱ St. Mary's opened 1st May, 1877. ^j Thomas's 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 1878.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.				
						£	s.	d.	£
On Tasmania	6763	21,633	12	0	Issue of Tasmania	6802	21,737	9	6
New South Wales	720	2495	3	5	New South Wales	633	2727	5	0
New Zealand	244	1241	15	4	New Zealand	438	2098	16	5
Queensland	111	607	10	9	Queensland	157	858	1	4
South Australia	151	621	9	2	South Australia	149	617	6	8
United Kingdom	1434	4937	6	8	United Kingdom	258	1259	7	1
Victoria	5813	23,369	12	10	Victoria	1544	5810	11	10
Western Australia	1	3	0	0	Western Australia	2	8	5	0
TOTALS	15,237	54,909	10	2	TOTALS	9983	35,117	2	10

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1878, 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>		
5455	1308	5483	1557	722	485	68	159	15,237	£ 54,909 s. 10 d. 2

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, 1878; 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	3919	214 0 0	11,720 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	25,550 5 5
1877	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4
1878	15,237	781 15 0	54,909 10 2	9983	35,117 2 10

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 1878.

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.				
1,654,040	350,003	309,758	64,324	47,565	10,744	1,333,681	313,406	275,813	£ 17,000	s. d. 0 0	£ 26,221	s. d. 9 7

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 1,801,575 were stamped, 237,291 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 the Stamp Act ; but the estimate given above is believed to be as near the actual Revenue as possible.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*