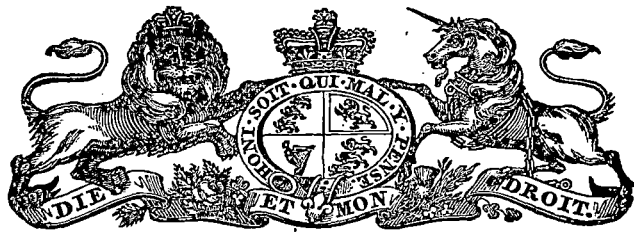


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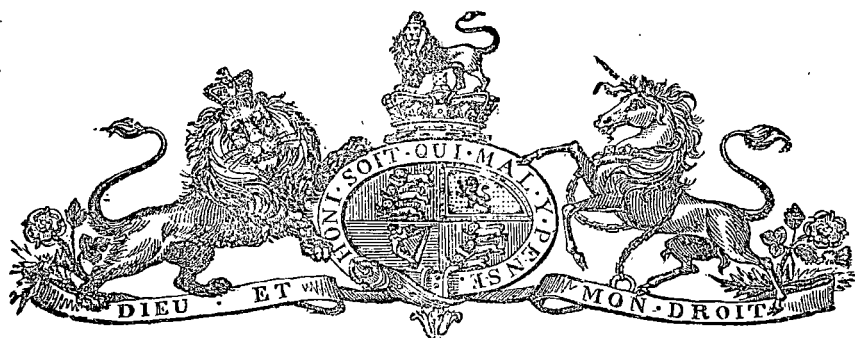
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

POST OFFICE,

RETURNS FOR 1875.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1876.



POST OFFICE RETURNS.

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

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	—	—	—

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

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	—

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

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	—

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

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	—	—

* 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.

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 1874-75.

	1874.	1875.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	163	170
Number of Persons employed	186	267
Miles of Post Roads	1530	1293
Miles of Post Roads travelled	—	436,536

YEAR.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.											
	LETTERS.			PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			LETTERS.				PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.		
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.	Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Franked.	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.
1874 ..	771,193	175,807	257,062	26,542	23,518	510,339	217,513	1,204,062	50,060	727,853	780,886	101,366	221,375	179,227	27,736	979	6084	781,877	208,711	1,282,854	34,617	990,588
1875 ..	888,941	187,535	262,468	34,397	28,635	583,392	249,891	1,338,044	63,032	833,233	881,885	111,991	239,181	109,731	36,142	673	6548	872,570	228,970	1,432,788	43,363	1,101,549

	1874.	1875.
Revenue (estimated)*	£ s. d. 12,700 0 0	£ s. d. 13,500 0 0
Expenditure	20,000 5 1	20,002 7 11

* 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 1874-75.

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 1874-75.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town	1994	2301	7785 7 10	8938 5 2	3139	3202	12,235 7 5	12,151 7 1	141 2 0	161 7 6
Bothwell	123	111	482 19 8	315 2 1	33	30	159 5 2	137 4 9	6 4 6	5 4 0
Brighton	75	68	344 13 7	235 18 6	20	29	67 7 0	93 4 11	4 0 0	3 7 6
Campbell Town	119	128	483 13 6	492 16 4	34	66	125 10 0	140 0 2	8 3 0	8 0 0
Circular Head	186	237	791 13 4	869 16 5	35	39	158 16 4	184 12 6	9 16 0	12 11 0
Deloraine	424	443	1883 8 3	1812 0 6	149	108	601 11 5	522 4 7	18 3 0	18 5 0
Evandale	74	74	219 13 6	230 14 1	37	35	183 5 0	117 17 0	3 10 0	3 13 6
Fingal	76	99	236 8 10	313 12 10	24	26	122 4 11	110 7 6	4 7 0	5 6 0
Franklin	216	268	966 4 7	988 12 7	40	39	129 13 10	84 7 3	8 6 0	9 17 0
George Town	92	165	269 7 7	670 0 5	50	56	211 13 10	210 1 6	3 17 0	9 0 6
Glenorchy	14	11	23 19 5	20 9 10	11	12	49 17 9	47 16 6	0 10 0	0 8 0
Green Ponds	72	76	235 18 2	236 12 10	18	17	57 5 10	73 1 3	3 14 0	3 0 6
Hamilton	73	90	196 12 8	269 0 0	16	20	55 15 6	127 3 3	2 7 0	3 2 0
Jerusalem	252	63	970 7 4	211 12 4	11	17	41 6 10	82 3 8	10 7 6	2 0 6
Latrobe	249	212	908 19 3	731 14 8	44	62	192 6 3	223 14 8	9 14 6	8 19 6
Launceston	1297	1420	5134 13 11	5572 6 9	1593	1649	5612 12 7	5683 15 5	82 5 0	90 8 0
Leven*	—	58	—	118 3 1	—	43	—	27 6 11	—	2 1 0
Longford	181	211	668 6 6	790 5 0	119	97	475 19 6	319 17 11	10 10 6	11 9 6
New Norfolk	202	178	684 6 3	805 15 9	70	106	262 19 8	360 19 7	8 2 0	7 9 6
Outlands	210	172	781 12 7	673 9 10	77	65	430 14 5	324 11 0	9 19 0	8 10 0
Perth†	—	28	—	62 2 1	—	9	—	28 14 5	—	1 3 0
Port Arthur	44	76	135 7 4	232 13 9	4	6	4 9 6	19 14 6	1 7 0	3 4 0
Port Cygnet	79	116	365 10 1	535 2 1	5	15	36 13 10	63 0 6	2 17 6	4 4 6
Reedy Marsh	194	124	407 4 9	271 10 2	11	25	35 13 0	116 13 0	7 4 6	4 3 6
Richmond	61	57	289 15 7	218 13 4	31	32	112 12 2	99 11 6	4 1 0	2 8 6
Ross	183	126	750 13 6	328 18 2	23	44	71 6 6	190 6 5	9 17 0	5 7 0
Sorell	39	36	111 1 6	76 9 7	48	43	181 7 6	161 12 0	1 6 6	1 3 0
Swansea	73	73	243 4 1	233 2 8	14	26	44 19 6	71 1 9	3 6 0	3 17 6
Three Hut Point	16	30	38 18 3	129 1 8	19	11	122 17 5	69 12 3	0 13 6	1 13 6
Torquay	271	245	881 9 8	792 12 7	90	101	374 18 0	432 17 3	10 7 6	9 11 0
Westbury	135	142	411 5 9	464 5 9	117	126	393 16 9	412 18 7	5 14 0	5 12 6
Wynyard	107	131	360 7 2	474 7 6	26	23	115 0 2	130 10 3	4 17 6	5 16 6
TOTALS	7131	7569	27,063 4 5	28,115 8 4	5908	6179	22,667 7 7	22,218 9 10	396 10 0	422 5 0

* Leven opened 1st February, 1875.
† Perth opened 1st May, 1875.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA during the Year 1875.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.
On Tasmania	3376	£ 11,226 13 11	Issue of Tasmania	3364	£ 10,355 9 3
New South Wales	393	1762 4 10	New South Wales	522	2432 2 6
New Zealand	182	888 3 0	New Zealand	568	2705 8 4
Queensland	68	68 0 0	Queensland	107	496 5 0
South Australia	78	308 7 8	South Australia	130	528 1 3
United Kingdom	1206	4329 18 1	United Kingdom	234	1035 15 7
Victoria	2254	9454 8 11	Victoria	1247	4623 16 1
Western Australia	12	77 11 11	Western Australia	7	41 11 10
TOTALS	7569	28,115 8 4	TOTALS	6179	22,218 9 10

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1875, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

Inland.		Intercolonial.		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.				Total.	Amount.		
£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.				
2712	664	2165	822	573	419	70	144	7569	£	s.	d.
									28,115	8	4

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, 1875; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

Period.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Orders issued.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount of Orders paid.
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	2030	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	12,090 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

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