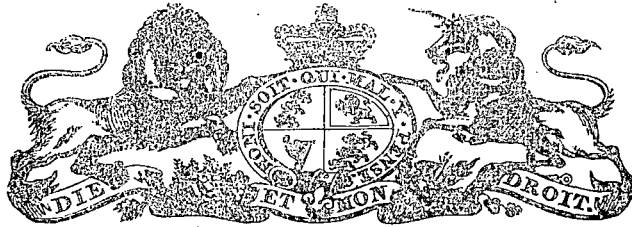


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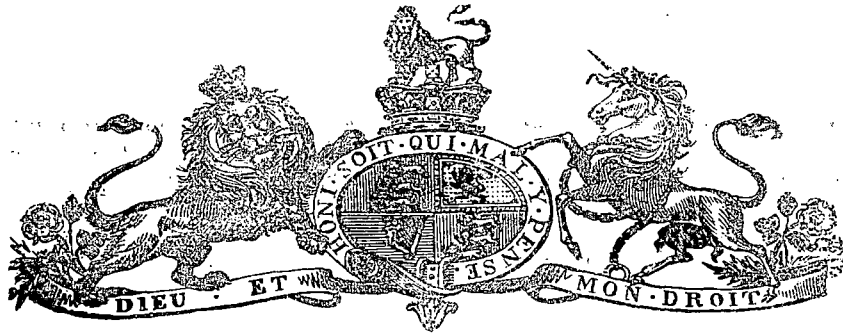


1885.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

**POST OFFICE RETURNS, INCLUDING MONEY
ORDER AND SAVINGS BANK RETURNS:**

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



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, 1882, 1883, 1884.*

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.						
	7755	1	7						
15 April to 31 Dec.—Postage Stamps	13,670	11	11	27,549	3	0	3364	17	10
Ditto—Revenue Stamps	6123	9	6						
1881—Postage Stamps	20,143	0	7	30,121	13	7	2572	10	7
Revenue Stamps	9978	13	0						
1882—Postage Stamps	22,916	12	7	32,525	9	6	2403	15	11
Revenue Stamps*	9608	16	11						
† 1883—Postage Stamps	23,516	0	0	33,157	3	5	631	13	11
Revenue Stamps	9641	3	5						
† 1884—Postage Stamps	25,070	2	0	33,991	17	1	834	13	8
Revenue Stamps	8921	15	1						

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

* Amount of Revenue Stamps affected by abolishment of several items of duty imposed in former years.

† Estimated.—The actual Post Office Revenue cannot be given, as postage stamps are used for Revenue Stamp purposes and vice versa.

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, 1882, 1883, 1884.*

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	—	492
1880	48,903	2368	—
1881	53,849	4946	—
1882	55,515	1666	—
1883	65,073	9558	—
1884	78,849	13,776	—

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, 1882, 1883, 1884.*

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	—
1882	385,917	48,694	—
1883	428,341	42,424	—
1884	430,448	2143	—

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, 1882, 1883, 1884.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.	
				Letters.	Post Cards.	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	—	—
1882	2,035,685	31,268	137,810	228,444	31,268	24,585	—	—
1883	2,164,739	43,033	185,126	129,054	11,765	47,316	—	—
1884	2,268,237	75,570	230,435	103,498	32,537	45,309	—	—

*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 1883-84.

	1883.	1884.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	222	234
Number of Persons employed	358	391
Miles of Post Roads	1968	2106
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	701,438	736,278

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1883 ..	1,852,961	393,056	518,171	36,397	176,229	102,369	1,433,769	417,885	2,764,188	36,397	278,593	1,851,654
1884 ..	1,995,963	407,914	546,304	49,183	221,989	92,401	1,644,470	471,222	2,950,181	49,183	314,390	2,115,692

YEAR.	DESPATCHED.													
	LETTERS.				POST CARDS.	PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Franked.		Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1883 ..	1,832,903	331,836	453,618	442,723	43,033	181,710	3416	31,485	1,917,017	383,108	3,061,080	43,033	216,611	2,300,125
1884 ..	1,934,146	334,091	471,110	466,866	75,570	221,146	9289	38,223	2,340,681	519,295	3,206,213	75,570	268,658	2,859,976

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1883-84.

	1883.	1884.
Revenue	£ s. d. 23,516 0 0	£ s. d. 25,070 2 0
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	33,841 1 7	37,535 14 8

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 Years 1882-83-84.

	LETTERS.			PACKETS.			POST CARDS.	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.				
1882	2,476,721	467,814	418,796	137,810	67,579	21,767	31,268	1,588,891	391,038	275,089	£ 22,916	s. d. 12 7	£ 32,095	s. d. 17 5
1883	2,607,462	518,171	453,618	185,126	102,369	31,485	43,033	1,917,017	417,885	383,108	23,516	0 0	33,841	1 7
1884	2,735,103	546,304	471,110	230,435	92,401	38,223	75,570	2,340,681	471,222	519,295	25,070	2 0	37,535	14 8

N.B.—1882. Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 2,614,058 were stamped, 441,036 were franked.

1883.	"	"	"	2,834,968	"	442,723	"
1884.	"	"	"	3,008,005	"	466,866	"

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—continued.

OFFICE.	Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1883	1884	1883	1884	1883	1884	1883	1884	1883	1884
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sorell.....	162	199	378 16 6	384 15 8	34	52	102 0 5	107 13 9	3 15 9	4 14 0
Stanley.....	312	500	894 0 4	1214 16 0	108	134	392 15 11	413 13 9	12 9 6	14 17 3
St. Leonard's.....	32	56	90 14 3	144 13 0	15	60	27 3 0	320 19 2	1 1 3	1 18 6
St. Mary's.....	254	268	841 15 4	693 17 5	39	66	144 13 4	270 10 2	8 13 6	7 0 0
Swansea.....	184	270	564 13 9	691 9 3	64	74	219 5 6	183 19 9	5 14 0	7 16 6
Torquay.....	284	330	507 1 2	706 6 4	155	156	806 5 3	890 9 6	7 8 3	8 2 6
Triabunna.....	81	135	285 4 2	406 10 8	38	38	95 16 1	116 18 4	2 3 6	3 4 0
Tunbridge.....	86	102	147 12 9	139 4 10	19	20	80 11 5	60 13 0	1 14 6	1 15 3
Tunnack.....	103	175	229 1 4	340 13 5	27	39	86 7 2	211 1 5	2 1 0	3 7 3
Ulverstone.....	543	652	1082 9 1	1153 18 8	137	217	372 1 11	612 4 2	14 6 9	15 2 0
Victoria.....	17	32	63 4 6	123 11 3	46	26	112 0 10	54 8 5	0 10 9	1 3 6
Waratah.....	2045	2103	6150 3 2	6497 10 8	223	218	828 5 4	649 19 7	78 11 3	79 0 0
Weldborough.....	359	297	1577 14 1	1420 11 7	20	31	70 16 9	124 6 0	17 15 6	16 2 9
Westbury.....	263	348	753 6 11	912 10 11	368	321	983 18 9	798 14 7	8 17 0	11 1 3
Wynyard.....	311	364	772 9 11	898 8 8	88	84	383 5 8	333 16 11	8 8 9	10 6 9
TOTALS.....	33,812	38,145	100,576 10 2	105,071 5 0	24,834	30,817	71,770 2 4	81,560 8 6	1333 11 9	1375 0 3

RETURN showing the Number and the Amount of Money Orders issued in Tasmania, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn on Tasmania, during the Year 1884.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania.....	25,348	60,329 15 1	Tasmania.....	25,348	60,329 15 1
New South Wales.....	1900	6299 11 9	New South Wales.....	1896	5392 4 2
New Zealand.....	748	3266 13 1	New Zealand.....	656	2910 2 7
Queensland.....	164	708 15 6	Queensland.....	292	1502 6 5
South Australia.....	286	958 2 5	South Australia.....	259	1252 15 9
Victoria.....	7198	24,956 6 5	Victoria.....	2376	7836 0 2
Western Australia.....	14	41 12 0	Western Australia.....	14	59 0 0
Cape of Good Hope.....	2	13 0 0	Cape of Good Hope.....	1	10 0 0
India.....	35	230 14 0	India.....	41	257 7 2
United Kingdom.....	2947	8002 13 4	United Kingdom.....	566	2286 7 2
United States of America.....	103	264 1 5	United States of America.....	14	25 16 11
TOTALS.....	38,145	105,071 5 0	TOTALS.....	30,963	81,861 15 5

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Years 1882, 1883, and 1844 classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

Inland.				Intercolonial.		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.				Total.	Amount.
£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.		
9608	4802	862	1818	8592	2532	953	670	93	239	30,229	£ s. d.
12,112	5126	1000	1838	9412	2139	1095	664	109	317	33,812	100,576 10 2
16,342	5838	1104	2064	8299	2011	1298	743	134	312	38,145	105,071 5 2

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

RETURN showing the Name of the various Branches, the Date of their Establishment, the Number of Accounts opened, the Number of Accounts closed, and the Total Number and Amount of Deposits and Withdrawals, during the Year 1884; also the Amount at the Credit of Depositors on the 31st December, 1884.

Date of Establishment—1 July, 1882.

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1883.		Number of Accounts opened during 1884.	Number of Accounts closed during 1884.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1884.	Total Deposits, including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1884.	
	£	s. d.				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	£	s. d.
Hobart	2377	5 9	251	100	244	926	6274 8 10	352	4227 16 5	4423	18 2
Alberton ^a	—	—	13	2	11	28	279 15 2	4	54 13 7	225	1 7
Avoca	242	8 5	4	20	15	29	113 9 4	31	249 3 1	106	14 8
Beaconsfield	907	2 9	43	35	67	278	1219 12 1	76	1193 19 8	932	15 2
Bellerive	27	1 7	1	—	2	5	38 1 3	1	5 0 0	60	2 10
Bishopsbourne	39	15 8	—	1	—	—	0 4 6	1	40 0 2	—	—
Blue Tier	94	16 10	5	6	8	15	92 6 11	15	118 15 0	68	8 9
Bothwell	159	1 7	4	4	22	30	222 16 11	6	78 13 10	303	4 8
Bowood	7	0 0	—	—	1	—	0 4 9	—	—	7	4 9
Bradshaw's Creek ^b	—	—	3	1	2	7	89 17 5	3	28 15 10	61	1 7
Branxholm	1125	2 9	22	30	30	85	903 18 9	52	1117 8 1	911	13 5
Bream Creek	13	18 2	—	3	—	1	1 2 11	3	15 1 1	—	—
Bridgewater, North	2	7 0	1	—	4	2	0 17 7	—	—	3	4 7
Brighton	124	3 10	4	1	13	23	18 5 9	4	50 10 8	91	18 11
Broadmarsh, Upper	8	2 7	3	1	3	5	124 11 7	1	15 7 6	117	6 8
Burnie	154	16 5	16	8	16	55	407 3 9	14	329 17 0	232	3 2
Campania	5	16 8	2	1	6	27	38 10 11	3	9 13 10	34	13 9
Campbell Town	67	17 10	14	12	33	45	173 3 10	25	60 15 6	180	6 2
Carrick	—	—	5	—	5	14	28 19 8	2	6 10 0	22	9 8
Chudleigh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cranbrook	2	18 1	4	1	10	23	62 18 6	2	7 10 0	58	6 7
Cressy	—	—	1	—	1	2	3 0 11	—	—	3	0 11
Deloraine	243	6 4	48	7	65	127	648 6 1	19	192 3 5	699	9 0
Don	4	17 1	3	5	5	8	75 1 10	6	21 10 6	58	8 5
Ellesmere	467	8 10	33	22	43	101	731 7 3	50	690 13 5	508	2 8
Evandale	46	16 5	7	8	7	27	133 12 8	13	142 6 10	37	2 3
Exton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fingal	36	6 8	1	2	7	55	18 8 1	12	47 15 4	6	19 5
Forcett	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Formby	5	17 8	4	3	11	28	46 11 4	3	2 14 3	49	14 9
Forth	78	10 5	9	10	18	39	56 2 3	10	23 12 5	111	0 3
Franklin	373	0 6	38	20	54	142	815 11 3	50	382 8 5	806	3 4
Geeves Town	171	19 3	9	7	38	59	206 10 9	14	137 8 0	241	2 0
George's Bay	106	6 6	12	4	18	31	89 13 2	8	149 17 3	46	2 5
George Town	9	6 8	6	1	11	28	55 6 4	2	19 19 8	44	13 4
Gladstone	235	7 9	2	4	4	2	36 0 11	9	230 17 7	40	11 1
Glenora	141	3 0	10	9	23	46	158 17 0	14	82 13 3	217	6 9
Glenorchy	0	11 0	—	—	1	3	1 13 7	—	—	2	4 7
Gordon	116	8 1	—	—	4	13	39 16 2	3	12 0 0	144	4 3
Gould's Country	395	16 6	5	14	15	43	296 13 2	20	384 17 1	307	12 7
Green Ponds	85	1 6	2	—	9	19	56 14 8	2	20 0 0	121	16 2
Hagley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hamilton	—	—	2	2	1	3	62 7 8	3	18 0 0	44	7 8
Jerusalem	120	14 7	23	6	27	75	196 4 3	17	78 17 11	233	0 11
Kingston	33	14 9	—	2	7	23	18 3 3	5	23 5 3	23	12 9
Latrobe	161	8 2	57	28	70	217	864 13 6	46	507 3 11	518	17 9
Launceston	3879	17 11	177	134	230	767	5455 19 10	315	4471 1 3	4864	16 6
Lefroy	1022	7 5	20	39	36	100	754 3 9	84	1047 14 3	723	16 11
Lisdillon	2	6 0	10	—	13	18	4 10 7	—	—	6	16 7
Lisle	134	4 7	—	1	5	2	34 2 9	2	45 12 5	122	14 11
Longford	184	14 0	48	14	79	292	564 19 11	35	365 6 4	384	7 7
Macquarie Plains	4	5 11	4	—	8	17	37 13 1	2	1 10 0	40	9 0
Mathinna	—	—	1	—	4	6	11 19 3	—	—	11	19 3
Mole Creek ^c	—	—	1	—	1	1	5 0 10	—	—	5	0 10
Moorina	255	17 5	1	7	11	4	78 19 4	7	196 13 4	138	3 5
New Norfolk	613	2 5	46	36	92	283	626 0 9	82	560 17 6	678	5 8
New Town	17	11 7	5	2	12	23	25 3 8	8	31 16 3	10	19 0
Northdown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oatlands	250	3 8	14	7	41	94	267 19 4	17	170 1 2	348	1 10
Ouse	157	5 5	2	3	3	9	49 12 10	11	116 2 2	90	16 1
Penguin Creek	64	19 5	11	3	20	40	60 5 1	13	52 6 7	72	17 11
Perth	31	18 5	4	2	6	14	41 7 2	3	5 0 1	68	5 6
Piper's River, Lower	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Port Cygnet	50	4 7	7	7	9	17	135 17 4	14	133 6 2	52	15 9

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1882.	Number of Accounts opened during 1884.	Number of Accounts closed during 1884.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1884.	Total Deposits including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1884.
					Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
Port Esperance.....	£ s. d. 196 4 8	5	2	16	56	£ s. d. 97 11 5	6	133 12 9	£ s. d. 160 3 4
Prosser's Plains.....	81 0 7	2	2	9	11	55 7 6	10	87 0 10	49 7 3
Richmond.....	137 4 8	7	11	10	50	278 13 10	17	201 13 6	214 5 0
Ringarooma, Upper.....	1 0 0	2	—	3	28	79 18 6	1	5 0 0	75 18 6
Ross.....	151 15 5	3	3	11	21	112 15 6	5	32 14 1	231 16 10
Sandy Bay.....	175 17 11	10	7	14	47	26 1 6	9	186 6 5	15 13 0
Sheffield.....	2 4 6	7	2	9	15	88 1 9	3	1 2 1	89 4 2
Shipwrights' Point.....	—	2	1	1	4	23 8 9	2	2 0 0	21 8 9
Somerset.....	1 10 5	4	0	6	12	1 10 7	—	—	3 1 0
Sorell.....	150 8 2	6	6	14	26	105 16 1	15	171 2 1	85 2 2
Stanley.....	81 16 4	3	1	6	10	88 8 4	3	80 3 1	90 1 7
St. Leonard's.....	2 11 2	1	1	2	7	3 16 7	1	1 15 4	4 12 5
St. Mary's.....	337 6 7	5	6	18	34	267 0 6	14	183 0 8	421 6 5
Swansea.....	799 6 1	32	8	107	226	308 9 11	38	448 8 7	659 7 5
Torquay.....	32 15 7	9	10	18	40	72 2 8	13	62 8 4	42 9 11
Triabunna.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tunbridge.....	29 17 9	—	2	4	1	0 6 11	2	28 18 4	1 6 4
Tunnack.....	35 15 5	1	—	5	37	77 0 1	1	9 15 11	102 19 7
Ulverstone.....	89 19 11	26	7	47	108	146 2 7	17	112 8 10	123 13 8
Victoria.....	17 2 6	—	—	3	1	6 12 0	1	15 0 0	8 14 6
Waratah.....	2059 19 10	46	39	80	395	1929 7 4	86	1712 7 9	2276 19 5
Weldborough.....	734 14 3	13	10	24	62	623 17 3	31	435 10 4	923 1 2
Westbury.....	226 10 5	5	5	17	34	163 6 3	17	86 9 8	303 7 0
Wynyard.....	212 11 1	14	6	39	80	269 15 9	20	179 5 10	303 1 0
TOTAL.....	£ 20,420 9 7	1224	764	1964	5621	27,680 13 7	1806	22,152 7 8	25,948 15 6

^a Opened 1st February, 1884.
^b Opened 1st February, 1884.
^c Opened 1st September, 1884.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*