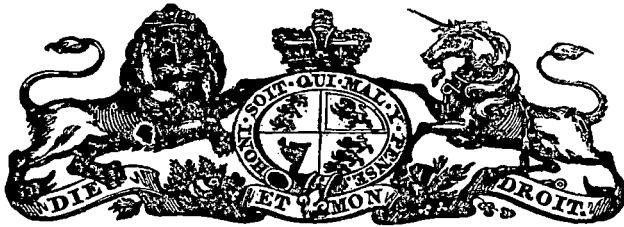


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TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

POST OFFICE RETURNS.

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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.*

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.....	£ 7755	s. 1 d. 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				

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.*

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	—	429
1880	48,903	2368	—

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.*

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	—

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.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
			Letters.	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	—	—

† 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 1879-80.

	1879.	1880.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	198	201
Number of Persons employed	308	317
Miles of Post Roads	1720	1831
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	658,040	678,968

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>
	1879 ..	1,344,991	245,126	372,430	66,554	46,099	1,021,955	334,433	1,962,547	112,652	1,356,378	1,338,712	170,203	312,677	272,087	68,509	1961	11,777	1,429,341	277,128	2,093,679	82,247
1880 ..	1,471,858	281,586	383,293	79,917	48,246	1,033,752	345,678	2,136,737	128,163	1,379,430	1,461,347	176,559	327,827	333,303	86,950	1659	13,112	1,601,749	248,316	2,299,036	101,721	1,850,065

	1879.	1880.
Revenue (estimated)*	£ s. d. 17,800 0 0	£ s. d. 19,484 15 4
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	26,675 6 1	27,154 1 8

* It is impossible to give the actual Post Office Revenue, as Postage Stamps were used on Bills of Exchange, &c. under "The Stamp Act," to 15th April, 1880, but the estimated Revenue given above is believed to be as near as possible the actual Post Office Revenue for the years 1879-80.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in Tasmania, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn on Tasmania, during the Year 1880.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
<i>Where payable.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Where issued.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	10,180	30,404 5 0	Tasmania	10,180	30,404 5 0
New South Wales	854	3120 11 0	New South Wales	841	3327 0 3
New Zealand	368	1787 11 5	New Zealand	667	3130 2 5
Queensland	79	476 5 7	Queensland	169	791 15 8
South Australia	237	741 9 2	South Australia	240	1025 19 4
United Kingdom	1625	6352 12 5	United Kingdom	341	1612 7 0
Victoria	6555	26,040 14 10	Victoria	1461	5067 10 11
Western Australia	4	25 10 0	Western Australia	11	76 10 6
TOTALS	19,902	68,948 19 5	TOTALS	13,910	45,435 11 1

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1880, 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>		
8529	1651	6198	1899	730	559	71	265	19,302	£ 68,948 19 5

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, 1880; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>No. of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Amount of Commission.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders issued.</i>	<i>No. of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Total Amount of Transactions.</i>
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1865	1201	85 18 6	4485 1 2	741	2824 10 7	7309 11 9
1866	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2030	8669 11 5	19,944 10 8
1867	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,332 17 5	22,061 18 4
1868	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9	23,789 3 6
1869	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4	29,658 6 5
1870	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7	33,888 8 2
1871	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7	37,483 12 10
1872	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9	40,196 2 0
1873	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5	45,301 3 3
1874	7131	396 10 0	27,063 4 5	5908	22,667 7 7	49,730 12 0
1875	7539	422 5 0	28,115 8 4	6179	22,218 9 10	50,333 18 2
1876	8851	478 17 0	32,426 10 7	6953	25,559 5 5	57,985 16 0
1877	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4	77,850 14 4
1878	15,237	781 15 0	54,909 10 2	9983	35,117 2 10	90,026 13 0
1879	17,065	874 2 6	61,152 10 8	11,024	37,382 13 0	98,535 3 8
1880	19,902	983 13 6	68,948 19 5	13,862	45,423 15 11	114,372 15 4

NOTE.—During the year 1880 the Money Order System was extended to 30 additional Offices.

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Controller.*

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 1880.

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.		
1,961,918	383,293	337,118	88,609	48,246	13,112	1,601,749	345,678	248,306	£ 19,484	s. d. 0 0
									£	s. d. 27,154 .1 8

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 2,400,757 were stamped, 933,301 were franked.

* It is impossible to give the exact Post Office Revenue for the whole year, as the same description of Stamps were used for the purposes of the Post Office and of the Stamp Act to 15 April, 1880; but the estimate given above is believed to be as near the actual Revenue as possible.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

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