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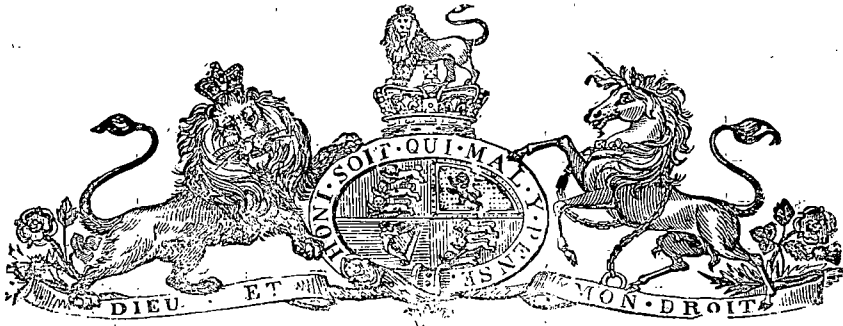
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**COMPARATIVE RETURNS OF POST OFFICE BUSINESS  
DURING THE YEARS 1871 AND 1879.**

*No. 1.—NUMBER of Post Offices and Receiving Houses, Number of Persons employed, Miles of Post Roads, Miles of Post Roads travelled, Number and Amount of Inland Mail Contracts, Inland Mails, Sale of Stamps, and Expenditure.*

ITEMS.	1871.	1879.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses .....	144	198
Number of Persons employed .....	167	308
Miles of Post Roads .....	1400	1720
Ditto travelled .....	Not calculated in 1871	658,040
Number of Mail Contracts .....	51	88
Amount of Mail Contracts .....	£5489	£9339
Inland Mails received and despatched daily ..	41	92
Four times a week .....	—	8
Three times a week .....	28	26
Twice a week .....	41	57
Once a week .....	18	11
Fortnightly .....	—	3
Uncertain .....	3	1
Sale of Stamps .....	£12,329 17 10	£24,184 3 2
Expenditure .....	£16,817 8 1	£26,675 6 1

No. 2.—RETURN showing Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched during the Years 1871 and 1879 respectively; and also Number of Unclaimed Letters returned to the Writers thereof.

Year.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.												
	Letters.			Packets.		Newspapers.		TOTAL.			Letters.				Packets.			Newspapers.		TOTAL.			Returned Letters.
	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.	
1871..	610,846	153,032	188,934	16,348	10,148	472,468	212,688	952,812	26,496	685,156	585,024	78,613	161,120	173,732	18,990	340	3452	723,598	167,222	998,489	22,782	890,820	3032
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	1,706,469	8611

GRAND TOTAL of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched.

	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1871.....	1,951,301	49,278	1,575,976.
1879.....	4,056,226	194,899	3,062,847.

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No. 3.—RETURN showing the Money Order Business transacted during the Years 1871 and 1879 respectively, and estimated business for 1880, calculated from the actual transactions of the half-year ended 30 June, 1880.

Year.	Number of Offices.	Number of Orders issued.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount of Commission collected.			Amount of Orders issued.			Amount of Orders paid.			Total Transactions.	Remittances from Chief Office to Postmasters.			Remittances from Postmasters to Chief Office.				
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1871.....	28	5685	4411	322	13	6	21,015	19	3	16,467	13	7	37,806	6	4	4634	10	10	9298	12	6
1879.....	51	17,065	11,024	874	2	6	61,152	10	8	37,382	13	0	99,409	6	2	8233	0	0	32,949	18	3
1880*.....	51	18,220	12,714	924	17	0	64,618	12	10	44,173	15	6	109,717	6	2	12,994	0	0	33,947	12	4

\* At same rate as half-year to 30th June.

NOTE.—30 additional Offices to be opened 1st August proximo.

The year 1871 was the first year after reduction of Inland and Intercolonial rates of postage and is therefore taken for the purpose of comparison.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

General Post Office, 15 July, 1880.

## 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, 1879.*

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	—	—	—
1879	24,184	3	2	801	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 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879.*

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	—
1876	43,348	392	—
1877	44,012	664	—
1878	46,964	2952	—
1879	46,535	—	429

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, 1879.*

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	—
1876	222,157	15,856	—
1877	252,587	30,430	—
1878	274,403	21,816	—
1879	279,245	4842	—

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, 1879.*

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	—	—
1879	1,508,915	70,470	93,886	6146	—	—

\* 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 1878-79.*

	1878.	1879.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	191	198
Number of Persons employed .....	301	308
Miles of Post Roads .....	1719	1720
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	621,768	658,040

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>
1878 ..	1,274,776	220,000	350,003	58,364	47,565	999,783	313,406	1,844,779	105,929	1,313,189	1,250,943	165,806	309,758	237,291	63,086	1238	10,744	1,333,681	275,813	1,963,798	75,068	1,609,494
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	1,706,469

	1878.			1879.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Revenue (estimated)* .....	17,000	0	0	17,800	0	0
Expenditure .....	26,221	9	7	26,675	6	1

\* 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 1878-79.

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 1878-79.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town	3129	2967	11,587 4 1	10,961 19 6	4597	5023	16,229 12 3	17,164 13 5	205 18 6	198 18 6
Beaconsfield <sup>a</sup>	584	879	1989 12 7	2928 8 8	59	78	286 3 9	275 11 0	26 4 6	41 16 0
Bothwell	79	121	316 1 9	375 12 0	50	69	110 5 2	270 16 5	4 0 6	4 17 6
Bowood <sup>c</sup>	—	21	—	51 5 7	—	2	—	4 10 0	—	0 18 0
Brighton	99	140	348 4 6	587 6 9	56	62	303 5 11	216 1 5	4 4 0	6 4 6
Burnie	306	290	1203 16 8	843 5 1	76	105	252 9 5	345 8 5	14 6 6	12 1 6
Campbell Town	234	211	662 12 2	481 9 0	96	136	346 13 7	562 4 4	10 5 0	8 3 6
Carrick <sup>b</sup>	23	29	33 5 0	104 0 8	1	11	3 0 0	36 5 5	0 18 0	1 13 0
Chudleigh <sup>d</sup>	—	32	—	102 9 6	—	3	—	8 18 8	—	1 0 0
Circular Head	194	302	724 3 5	946 4 10	86	96	368 3 4	409 7 2	10 2 6	14 18 0
Cressy <sup>e</sup>	—	26	—	57 18 8	—	3	—	0 4 6	—	0 18 6
Deloraine	646	562	2487 1 2	2110 19 9	166	164	628 12 7	591 15 3	24 10 6	21 16 0
Don <sup>f</sup>	—	22	—	54 12 3	—	4	—	8 3 0	—	0 17 0
Evandale	99	74	216 0 1	151 1 8	47	52	146 16 3	191 0 2	3 12 0	2 15 6
Fingal	202	210	584 17 7	733 17 1	56	67	208 12 7	233 6 9	9 6 6	10 7 6
Forth <sup>g</sup>	—	56	—	168 14 0	—	8	—	34 5 2	—	2 8 0
Franklin	285	263	971 17 10	794 10 7	100	79	343 13 7	285 10 9	10 10 0	9 12 0
George's Bay	256	232	817 11 6	729 14 7	54	104	230 2 9	387 1 9	8 19 0	8 0 0
George Town	204	186	629 6 11	478 14 0	62	73	160 9 7	246 13 0	7 6 0	5 17 0
Glenorchy	25	27	46 17 2	106 2 0	37	43	170 15 0	118 0 11	1 3 0	1 4 0
Gould's Country	405	345	2131 13 1	1518 15 8	24	23	97 18 6	89 9 4	18 10 0	13 2 0
Green Ponds	121	172	384 8 11	592 18 9	59	36	257 14 3	112 6 6	4 18 0	6 18 6
Hamilton	185	162	429 17 2	459 10 7	40	37	118 1 3	84 0 2	4 16 0	5 1 0
Jerusalem	96	140	207 14 9	369 13 6	31	41	93 13 11	129 16 8	3 7 0	4 9 6
Krushka's Bridge	498	490	2228 10 1	1954 13 3	22	11	97 13 5	42 6 2	26 15 0	24 1 0
Latrobe	370	452	973 1 8	1325 4 2	150	177	471 6 10	569 15 3	15 8 6	19 14 0
Lanncoston	2283	2628	8514 19 9	9964 16 8	2914	3258	9598 18 0	10,373 5 6	135 14 0	160 2 0
Leven	231	253	537 10 9	669 6 9	43	47	169 11 7	152 18 4	8 12 6	9 15 0
Lisle <sup>h</sup>	—	275	—	1301 16 1	—	11	—	42 12 4	—	13 19 6
Longford	277	304	875 8 8	1003 10 6	188	160	671 0 3	634 18 11	14 13 0	15 13 0
Mount Bischoff	1162	1576	4613 8 0	6249 8 2	25	39	78 8 10	126 13 2	63 18 0	32 8 0
New Norfolk	311	390	991 14 3	1282 13 2	139	132	434 11 9	400 15 11	12 5 0	19 4 6
Nine Mile Springs	559	387	1947 2 1	1143 10 2	31	44	106 16 4	149 0 9	28 11 0	16 16 6
Oatlands	178	201	390 19 4	498 18 2	80	74	293 3 7	188 11 1	7 11 6	7 9 0
Ouse	74	78	238 4 4	218 5 4	3	6	4 7 9	6 7 6	3 0 6	2 7 6
Penguin Creek	85	99	284 17 5	229 16 3	13	10	58 7 0	30 0 6	3 6 6	3 8 6
Perth	54	52	154 12 4	112 7 3	35	43	114 12 9	97 0 11	1 18 0	1 18 0
Port Cygnet	199	177	700 5 10	586 6 5	24	39	84 7 0	191 2 10	6 13 0	5 10 6
Reedy Marsh	194	174	609 5 7	656 8 2	13	15	39 8 6	61 8 3	7 6 0	6 18 6
Richmond <sup>i</sup>	77	82	264 11 1	244 9 1	63	79	205 16 3	274 16 10	3 4 6	3 7 0
Ross	133	173	356 14 6	445 16 11	61	56	196 4 0	166 7 2	5 15 0	7 3 6
Shipwright's Point <sup>j</sup>	—	51	—	148 6 6	—	15	—	70 12 9	—	1 11 6
Sorell	76	81	218 15 10	230 19 9	40	53	219 19 6	275 2 0	2 15 6	3 4 0
Spring Bay	38	76	121 9 8	327 4 2	38	12	239 10 5	34 8 8	1 9 6	3 12 0
St. Mary's	92	101	340 16 8	367 9 3	16	25	81 15 1	115 13 8	3 18 6	4 0 0
Swansea	126	156	397 3 0	485 3 5	33	20	168 13 0	80 13 6	5 6 0	6 0 6
Thomas's Plains	395	579	2139 7 0	3591 18 7	11	10	40 19 6	106 0 6	20 6 0	37 12 6
Three Hut Point	16	17	43 3 3	40 1 0	11	8	36 17 0	35 16 0	0 16 6	0 19 0
Thorquay	289	259	883 7 1	725 12 1	143	170	573 0 7	749 5 5	10 16 6	10 8 6
Westbury	174	231	599 12 2	704 16 10	137	147	493 1 11	448 11 1	9 14 6	11 17 6
Wynyard	224	254	712 3 6	934 7 11	53	38	282 8 4	146 17 10	9 2 6	11 4 0
TOTALS	15,237	17,065	54,909 10 2	61,152 10 8	9983	11,024	35,117 2 10	37,382 13 0	781 15 0	874 2 6

<sup>a</sup> Opened 1 May, 1878. <sup>b</sup> 1 January, 1878. <sup>c</sup> 1 June, 1879. <sup>d</sup> 1 September, 1879. <sup>e</sup> 1 September, 1879. <sup>f</sup> 1 August, 1879. <sup>g</sup> 1 September, 1879. <sup>h</sup> 1 September, 1879. <sup>i</sup> 1 April, 1879.

THOS. H. MAGRATH, Controller.

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 1879.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
Tasmania	7798	£ 24,279 19 9	Tasmania	7798	£ 24,279 19 9
New South Wales	930	3703 11 10	New South Wales	651	2550 0 6
New Zealand	310	1442 15 2	New Zealand	618	2891 14 0
Queensland	94	510 1 10	Queensland	132	613 17 3
South Australia	204	798 15 8	South Australia	200	898 9 4
United Kingdom	1573	5668 0 8	United Kingdom	252	1162 6 9
Victoria	6154	24,739 5 9	Victoria	1401	5074 19 0
Western Australia	2	10 0 0	Western Australia	7	39 2 3
TOTALS	17,065	61,152 10 8	TOTALS	11,059	37,510 8 10

THOS. H. MAGRATH, Controller.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—*continued.*

*RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1879, 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.		
6418	1380	5921	1773	730	586	66	191	17,065	£ 61,152 s. 10 d. 8

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Controller.*

*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, 1879; 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	12,990 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	25,559 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
1879 .....	17,065	874 2 6	61,152 10 8	11,024	37,382 13 0

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 1879.*

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.		
1,774,207	372,430	319,472	70,470	46,099	11,777	1,429,341	334,433	277,128	£ 17,800 s. 0 d. 0	£ 26,675 s. 6 d. 1

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 1,903,839 were stamped, 272,087 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.*