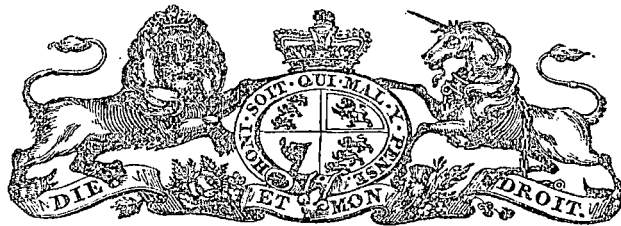


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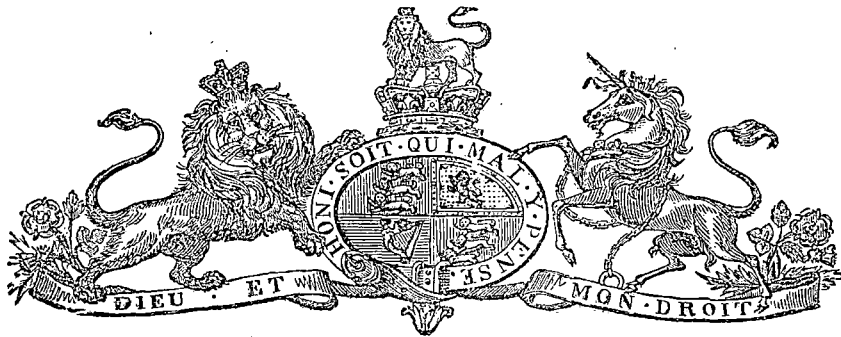
[SECOND SESSION.]

T A S M A N I A.

MAIL PACKET SERVICE.

DESPATCH.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 20 August, 1863.



CIRCULAR.—TASMANIA.

Downing-street, 24th June, 1863.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you the copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Secretary to the Board of Treasury, relative to the amounts which will be payable by the Australian Colonies and New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service for the year from the 1st of January to the 31st December, 1863.

I request that you will lay this despatch before your Responsible Advisers, with a view of obtaining at the proper period a settlement of the claim against the Colony under your Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.

(Copy.)

Mr. Peel to Sir F. Rogers.

Treasury Chambers, 23rd May, 1863.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Postmaster-General, dated 14th instant, together with copy of its enclosures relative to the amounts which will be payable by the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, for the year from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1863, in aid of the cost of the Packet Service; and I am to request that you will move the Duke of Newcastle to cause the necessary communications to be made to the Governments of the several Australian Colonies, and of New Zealand, with a view of obtaining a prompt settlement of these claims.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) F. PEEL.

Sir F. ROGERS, *Bart.*

General Post Office, 14th May, 1863.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of a Report from the Receiver and Accountant-General of the Post Office, accompanied by an account of the sums which will be payable, under the terms of your Lordships' Minute of the 25th April, 1861, by each of the Colonies in Australia and New Zealand, for the year from the 1st of January to the 31st December, 1863, in aid of the Packet Service.

I request that your Lordships will be good enough to cause these particulars to be communicated to the Governments of the several Colonies, with a view to their taking steps for remitting the amounts due, in each case, previous to the 31st December next.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STANLEY OF ALDERLEY.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Copy of a Report from the Receiver and Accountant-General of the General Post Office, London, dated the 5th May, 1863.

1. I beg to render an account of the sums due from the Australian Colonies and New Zealand in aid of the cost of the Packet Service to 31st December next. The account is in continuation of that which I rendered on the 19th August, 1861, and which ran to 31st December last.

2. Tables A and B show the sums chargeable on each of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand in the years 1862 and 1863, respectively, for a proportion of the cost of the service between Southampton and Point de Galle. The total sum chargeable for each year is £15,058.

3. In dividing this charge for the year 1862, I have used the data (as to proportion of correspondence) which were employed in raising the other charges against each Colony for the years 1860, 1861, and 1862; but for the purpose of raising and dividing this and other charges for the year 1863, I have, in obedience to the Treasury Minute of 15th November, 1858, prepared a fresh estimate of the proportions of correspondence, which fresh estimate will continue to be employed for similar purposes until the close of the year 1865.

4. In Table C, the charge for the year 1863, on account of the service between Point de Galle and King George's Sound, viz., £42,223 19s 7d., is divided (upon the fresh estimate of correspondence) between all the Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

In Table D, the charge on account of the service between King George's Sound and Melbourne, viz., £17,572 0s. 6d., is divided between Victoria, New South Wales, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Queensland.

In Table E, the charge for the service between Melbourne and Sydney, viz., £7539 19s. 11d., is divided between New South Wales, New Zealand, and Queensland.

These three charges, viz. £42,223 19s. 7d., £17,572 0s. 6d., and £7539 19s. 11d., make up £67,336, which is a moiety of the cost of the Packet Service between Point de Galle and Sydney.

5. In Tables F and G, the charge for the cost of mail boxes and the charge for Egyptian transit rate are divided between all the Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

The charge for mail boxes is a moiety of the cost of those boxes; and the charge for Egyptian transit rate is, as the Secretary will remember, in accordance with the Treasury Instructions of the 12th October, 1860, in Packet Minute, 1166 L.

6. Table H is an account of the sums to be allowed to each of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand in consideration of overcharges in previous accounts

7. In Table I is charged against the Colonies a moiety of the sum awarded to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company by the recent decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, with interest and costs.

The division is made on the principle and on the data employed in raising the charge on the Colonies in the account rendered for the years 1857—1859, at which time it will be remembered that the expenses were divided between the Colonies in proportion to the number of letters, irrespective of distance.

8. Table K is an abstract of all the preceding tables, and gives the total of the charges raised on each Colony in Tables A to G, and Table I, the allowances to each Colony on account of overcharges specified in Table H, and the net result or difference between the charges on, and allowances to, each Colony.

9. In Table L the charges raised against each Colony in previous accounts, extending from 1st January, 1857, to 31st December, 1862, and in the account now rendered up to 31st December, 1863, are recapitulated and aggregated; credit is given to each Colony for the remittances made by it up to the present time, and for any counter-claims which have been allowed; and the net balance payable by each Colony before 31st December next is shown.

10. I think the account is very satisfactory. The total sum to be paid by all the Colonies before 31st December next is £241,056 18s. 3d., and the charges raised in the account now submitted make up £109,939 12s. 3d., so that the amount standing over from previous accounts is only £131,117 6s., whereas, when the last account was rendered by me in 1861, the Colonies were in arrear to the extent of nearly £400,000.

11. It will be observed that New South Wales, South Australia, and Queensland have cleared off all the charges raised against them in previous accounts, but that Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Western Australia are still in arrear in those accounts.

The arrear due from Victoria on those accounts amounts to nearly £100,000, the arrear due from New Zealand is about £20,000, and the arrear due from Tasmania is about £12,000. The arrear due from Western Australia is inconsiderable.

A.—AMOUNT chargeable on Australian Colonies and New Zealand for proportion of Packet Service between Southampton and Point de Galle, year ended 31st December, 1862, £15,058.

COLONIES.	No. of Letters in 1860.	Percentage for each Colony.	Amount chargeable for Year to 31st Dec. 1862.
			£ s. d.
Victoria	1,257,400	54,622	8224 19 7
New South Wales	438,600	19,053	2869 0 1
South Australia	178,300	7745	1166 4 10
New Zealand	266,700	11,586	1744 12 5
Tasmania	93,400	4058	611 1 1
Queensland	39,100	1698	255 13 8
Western Australia	28,500	1238	186 8 4
	2,302,000	100,000	15,058 0 0

B.—AMOUNT chargeable for above Service, year ending 31st December, 1863.

COLONIES.	Estimated No. of Letters in 1863.	Percentage for each Colony.	Amount chargeable for year to 31st Dec. 1863.
			£ s. d.
Victoria	1,270,400	49,323	7427 1 2
New South Wales	459,900	17,855	2688 12 2
South Australia	209,400	8130	1224 4 3
New Zealand	420,200	16,314	2456 11 3
Tasmania	103,200	4006	603 4 6
Queensland	79,700	3094	465 17 10
Western Australia	32,900	1278	192 8 10
	2,575,700	100,000	15,058 0 0

C.—AMOUNT chargeable on Account of Service between Point de Galle and King George's Sound, year to 31st December, 1863.

			£ s. d.
Victoria	1,270,400	49,323	20,826 2 10
New South Wales	459,900	17,855	7539 1 9
South Australia	209,400	8,130	3432 16 1
New Zealand	420,200	16,314	6888 8 5
Tasmania	103,200	4006	1691 9 10
Queensland	79,700	3094	1306 8 3
Western Australia	32,900	1278	539 12 5
	2,575,700	100,000	42,223 19 7

D.—AMOUNT chargeable on Account of Service between King George's Sound and Melbourne.

			£ s. d.
Victoria	1,270,400	54,444	9566 18 3
New South Wales	459,900	19,709	3463 5 4
New Zealand	420,200	18,008	3164 7 5
Tasmania	103,200	4423	777 4 2
Queensland	79,700	3416	600 5 4
	2,333,400	100,000	17,572 0 6

E.—AMOUNT chargeable on Account of the Service between Melbourne and Sydney.

			£ s. d.
New South Wales	459,900	47,916	3612 17 3
New Zealand	420,200	43,780	3301 0 3
Queensland	79,700	8304	626 2 5
	959,800	100,000	7539 19 11

F.—*AMOUNT chargeable on Account of Moiety of the Cost of Mail Boxes.*

COLONIES.	Estimated No. of Letters in 1863.	Percentage for each Colony.	Amount chargeable for year to 31st Dec. 1863.
Victoria	1,270,400	49,323	£ s. d. 616 10 9
New South Wales	459,900	17,855	223 3 9
South Australia	209,400	8130	101 12 6
New Zealand	420,200	16,314	203 18 6
Tasmania	103,200	4006	50 1 6
Queensland	79,700	3094	38 13 6
Western Australia	32,900	1278	15 19 6
	2,575,700	100,000	1250 0 0

G.—*AMOUNT chargeable on Account of Egyptian Transit Rate on Newspapers sent via Southampton.*

COLONIES.	Estimated No. of Newspapers in 1863, via Southampton.	Percentage for each Colony.	Amount chargeable for year to 31st Dec. 1863.
Victoria	781,800	43,954	£ s. d. 1428 10 1
New South Wales	282,700	15,891	516 9 2
South Australia	153,400	8619	280 2 4
New Zealand	367,800	20,679	672 1 4
Tasmania	109,000	6129	199 3 10
Queensland	55,200	3104	100 17 8
Western Australia	28,800	1624	52 15 7
	1,778,700	100,000	3250 0 0

H.—*STATEMENT of Amounts overcharged in the first Account prepared in this Office, to be credited to the Colonies in the present Account.*

COLONIES.	POST OFFICE STATEMENT.			CORRECTED STATEMENT.				Amounts overcharged in Post Office Account.
	From 1st Oct. 1858 to 28th Feb. 1859, 5 months Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Contract.	Guarantee from 1st July, 1858, to 28th Feb. 1859.	TOTAL.	From 1st Oct. 1858, to middle of Feb. 1859, Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Contract, 4½ months.	Guarantee from 1st July, 1858, to middle of Feb. 1859, 7½ months.	From 12th to 28th Feb. 1859, at Peninsular and Oriental Steam Packet Company's Contract, £180,000.	TOTAL.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	22,482 10 3	14,000 0 0	36,482 10 3	20,234 5 3	13,125 0 0	2445 3 11	35,804 9 2	678 1 1
New South Wales	8773 4 10	5463 2 0	14,236 6 10	7895 18 3	5121 13 1	954 3 6	13,971 14 10	264 12 0
South Australia	2800 8 9	1743 16 8	4544 5 5	2520 7 11	1634 16 11	304 11 6	4459 16 4	84 9 1
New Zealand	2194 11 3	1366 11 0	3561 2 3	1975 2 1	1281 2 10	238 13 8	3494 18 7	66 3 8
Tasmania	1941 6 11	1208 17 4	3150 4 3	1747 4 3	1133 6 3	211 2 7	3091 13 1	58 11 2
Western Australia	349 11 4	217 13 0	567 4 4	314 12 3	204 0 11	38 0 5	556 13 7	10 10 0
	38,541 13 4	24,000 0 0	62,541 13 4	34,687 10 0	22,500 0 0	4191 15 7	61,379 5 7	1162 7 9

I.—*AMOUNT chargeable on each of the Colonies for Moiety of Balance of Subsidy due to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for Conveyance of Australian Mails between 1st July and 4th May, 1859, together with Interest at 4 per cent. per annum from 25th November, 1859, to date of Payment and Costs of Suit.*

COLONIES.	No. of Letters, 1857—1859.	Percentage for each Colony.	Amount chargeable on each Colony.
Victoria	798,000	58,333	£ s. d. 5337 9 5
New South Wales	311,400	22,763	2032 16 3
South Australia	99,400	7266	664 16 9
New Zealand	77,900	5694	521 0 0
Tasmania	68,900	5037	460 17 9
Western Australia	12,400	907	82 19 10
	1,368,000	100,000	9150 0 0

True Copy.

COLONIES.	A. Service between Southampton and Point de Galle, year to 31st Dec., 1862 (not previously charged).	B. Service between Southampton and Point de Galle, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	C. Service between Point de Galle & King George's Sound, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	D. Service between King George's Sound & Mel- bourne, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	E. Service between Melbourne and Sydney, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	F. Moiety of Cost of Mail Boxes, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	G. Egyptian Tran- sit Rate on Newspapers, via Southamp- ton, year to 31st Dec., 1863.	I. Moiety of Balance due to Royal Mail Steam Packet Com- pany for Australian Service, from 1st July, 1858, to 4th May, 1859.	TOTAL.	H. Over Charges in previous Ac- count.	Net Amount chargeable on each Colony, year to 31st Dec., 1863.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	8224 19 7	7427 1 2	20,826 2 10	9566 18 3	..	616 10 9	1428 10 1	5337 9 5	53,427 12 1	678 1 1	52,749 11 0
New South Wales	2869 0 1	2688 12 2	7589 1 9	3468 5 4	3612 17 3	223 8 9	516 9 2	2082 16 3	22,995 5 9	264 12 0	22,730 13 9
South Australia	1166 4 10	1224 4 3	3432 16 1	..	..	101 12 6	280 2 4	664 16 9	6869 16 9	84 9 1	6785 7 8
New Zealand	1744 12 5	2456 11 3	6888 8 5	3164 7 5	3301 0 3	203 18 6	672 1 4	521 0 0	18,951 19 7	66 3 8	18,885 15 11
Tasmania	611 1 1	603 4 6	1691 9 10	777 4 2	..	50 1 6	199 3 10	460 17 9	4393 2 8	58 11 2	4334 11 6
Queensland	255 13 8	465 17 10	1306 8 3	600 5 4	626 2 5	38 13 6	100 17 8	..	3393 13 8	..	3393 13 8
Western Australia	186 8 4	192 8 10	539 12 5	..	..	15 19 6	52 15 7	82 19 10	1070 4 6	10 10 9	1059 13 9
Total	15,058 0 0	15,058 0 0	42,223 19 7	17,572 0 6	7539 19 11	1250 0 0	3250 0 0	9150 0 0	111,102 0 0	1162 7 9	109,939 12 3

L.—AN ACCOUNT showing the Amounts charged on the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, from 1st January, 1857, to 31st December, 1863, on account of the Mail Packet Service, the Remittances received from the Colonies, the Claims of the Colonies for Branch Packet Services, and the Balances due from the Colonies to 31st December, 1863.

JAMES BARNARD,
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.

Dr. COLONIES.	Account from 1st Jan., 1857, to 31st Mar., 1861.	Account from 1st April, 1861, to 31st Mar., 1862.	Account from 1st April, 1862, to 31st Dec., 1862.	Account from 1st January to 31st Dec., 1863.	TOTAL.	COLONIES.	Remittances.	Branch Packet Services.	Sundries.	Balance to 31st Dec., 1863.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	206,431 3 9	40,033 11 6	26,764 19 8	52,749 11 0	325,979 5 11	Victoria	74,033 16 4* 50,000 0 0 20,000 0 0	—	—	151,385 2 2	325,979 5 11
New South Wales	78,776 9 8	18,442 7 0	12,655 13 5	22,730 13 9	132,605 3 10	Proceeds of Sale of Ex- hibition Gold	30,560 7 5 30,000 0 0* 4757 0 0†	—	*382 1 0	22,730 13 9	132,605 3 10
South Australia	26,612 2 2	4317 8 5	2729 1 0	6785 7 8	40,443 17 3	*Transferred to Queensland. South Australia	12,655 13 5 5752 9 9* 1215 0 1	2775 9 10	†278 14 4	6785 7 8	40,443 17 3
New Zealand	26,123 1 3	11,532 17 7	7883 5 4	18,885 15 11	64,425 0 1	New Zealand	16,590 8 2 1208 17 5 5000 0 0† 5000 0 0 5000 0 0 5000 0 0	—	—	39,425 0 1	64,425 0 1
Tasmania	17,196 3 7	3291 16 9	2087 4 11	4334 11 6	26,909 16 9	Tasmania	5752 0 2* 5090 7 8 1239 11 6	—	—	16,147 8 11	26,909 16 9
Queensland	1239 11 6	1589 16 9	1130 6 5	3393 18 8	7735 14 4	Queensland	382 1 0 1589 16 9 1130 6 5	—	—	3393 18 8	7735 14 4
Transferred from New South Wales	382 1 0	..	..	..	..	Western Australia	1151 2 6 1000 0 0† 1000 0 0 1429 15 7	—	—	1189 7 0	5770 5 1
Western Australia	3580 18 1	690 14 0	438 19 3	1059 13 9	5770 5 1		—	—	—	1189 7 0	5770 5 1
Total	360,341 11 0	79,898 10 0	53,689 10 0	109,939 12 3	603,869 3 3		353,538 9 10	8612 19 10	600 15 4	241,050 18 3	603,869 3 3