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To His Excellency Sir ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have the honour to present to your Excellency the following Report of the operations of the Postal Department during the year 1876.

TORRES STRAITS MAIL SERVICE.

In the report for the year 1875 it was stated that by the time-table arranged for 1876 a saving in time would be effected, and, although instructions were, it is understood, issued by the Eastern and Australian Company to the captains of their mail steamers not to anticipate the time of arrival at Brisbane by more than 24 hours, the average duration of the inward voyages from Singapore to Brisbane has not been much longer than in the preceding year.

In order to induce the Eastern and Australian Company to continue the previous practice of running the contract steamers at a high rate of speed, it was proposed that a premium should be given for every twenty-four hours' earlier arrival at Brisbane than that shown in the time-table arranged in terms of the contract; but the contractors declined to make any arrangement to this effect.

The accompanying tables show that the average time occupied from Brisbane to London *via* Brindisi was 53 days 9 hours, and *via* Southampton 61 days 13 hours. Owing to the early arrival of the steamer at Singapore a detention occurred at that place on four occasions of upwards of 4 days, and on three occasions of over 3 days.

The inward transit has occupied an average of 50 days 6 hours *via* Brindisi, and 58 days 13 hours *via* Southampton.

These averages compare very favourably with the services *via* Melbourne and San Francisco, as will be seen in the following table:—

TABLE showing the AVERAGE Number of DAYS occupied in the TRANSMISSION of MAILS by the TORRES STRAITS, SAN FRANCISCO, and MELBOURNE-SUEZ ROUTES, in 1876.

—	MAIL ROUTE.	INWARDS FROM LONDON TO BRISBANE.						OUTWARDS FROM BRISBANE TO LONDON.					
		Average.											
		<i>Via</i> Brindisi.		<i>Via</i> Southampton.		<i>Via</i> San Francisco.		<i>Via</i> Brindisi.		<i>Via</i> Southampton.		<i>Via</i> San Francisco.	
		Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Queensland ...	Torres Straits ...	50	6	58	13	Days.	Hours.	53	9	61	13	Days.	Hours.
New South Wales...	San Francisco ...	...	...	53	22	...	...	...	...	49	22	...	...
Victoria ...	Melbourne-Suez	51	7	59	20	...	...	53	1	62	1	...	...

The following tables show the duration of the voyages of the mail steamers between Brisbane and London during the year 1876; and also the time of arrival at, and departure from Singapore, of the steamers.

The average detention of the mails at Singapore was, on the inward trip, 1 day 17 hours, and on the outward, 2 days 21 hours.

INWARD.

Left London via Brindisi	P. and O. Com- pany's Steamer from Galle.	Arrived at Singapore.	Detention of Mails at Singapore.	Left Singapore.	E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Brisbane.	Duration of Voyage.
			Hours.				Days. Hrs.
12 Nov.	Malwa ...	13 Dec., ¹ 10 a.m. ...	6	13 Dec., ^e 4 p.m. ...	Singapore	31 December, 2 p.m.	48 17
10 Dec.	Gwalior ...	12 Jan., ² 11 a.m. ...	5	12 Jan., ^a 4 p.m. ...	Normanby	1 February, 1:30 a.m.	52 4½
7 Jan.	Lombardy ...	7 Feb., ¹ 0:15 p.m. ...	122	12 Feb., ^d 3 p.m. ...	Singapore	29 February, 6:15 p.m.	52 21½
4 Feb.	Geelong ...	5 Mar., ² 0:0 p.m. ...	24	6 March, ^b 0:0 p.m. ...	Somerset	26 March, 12:30 p.m.	50 15½
3 Mar.	Gwalior ...	2 April, ¹ 11:15 a.m. ...	19	3 April, ^a 6 a.m. ...	Queensland	21 April, 1:30 p.m. ...	48 16½
31 Mar.	Lombardy ...	30 April, ¹ 9 a.m. ...	21	1 May, ^a 6 a.m. ...	Bowen	20 May, 3:15 a.m. ...	49 6½
28 April	Teheren ...	27 May, ² 0:0 p.m. ...	42	29 May, ^a 6 a.m. ...	Brisbane	17 June, 10 a.m. ...	49 13
26 May	Peshawur ...	24 June, ² 9 a.m. ...	33	25 June, ^b 6 p.m. ...	Normanby	16 July, 3 p.m. ...	50 18
23 June	Siam ...	22 July, ² 10 a.m. ...	44	24 July, ^a 6 a.m. ...	Singapore	12 August, 7:15 p.m.	49 22½
21 July	Kashgar ...	19 Aug., ² 10:50 a.m. ...	78	22 Aug., ^c 5 p.m. ...	Brisbane	9 Sept., 7:30 p.m. ...	49 22½
18 Aug.	Deccan ...	16 Sept., ² 8 a.m. ...	70	19 Sept., ^c 6 a.m. ...	Bowen	7 October, 8:15 p.m.	49 23½
15 Sept.	Lombardy ...	15 Oct., ¹ 9 a.m. ...	45	17 Aug., ^c 6 a.m. ...	Singapore	4 Nov., 11:55 p.m.	50 3
13 Oct.	Malwa ...	12 Nov., ² 11 a.m. ...	25	13 Nov., ^b 0:0 p.m. ...	Somerset	3 Dec., 4:30 p.m. ...	50 19½

Average duration of trip, 50 days 6 hours and 30 minutes.

¹ Arrived on contract date.

² Two days before.

³ One day late.

^a Left on due date.

^b One day early.

^c One day late.

^d Three days late, owing to stranding of the "Brisbane."

^e Two days before date named in Time Table.

OUTWARD.

Left Brisbane.	E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Singapore.	Detention of Mails at Singapore.	Left Singapore.	P. and O. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at London via Brindisi.	Duration of Voyage.
			Hours.				Days.
6 January, 1 p.m. ...	Bowen ...	23 January, ² 8 a.m. ...	104	27 Jan., ^b 4 p.m.	Kashgar ...	27 Feb. ...	52
3 February, 1 p.m. ...	Somerset	22 Feb., ¹ 5 p.m. ...	47	24 Feb., ^b 4 p.m.	Gwalior ...	25 March ...	51
2 March, 1 p.m. ...	Normanby	21 March, ¹ 5 p.m. ...	47	23 Mar., ^b 4 p.m.	Lombardy	23 April ...	52
31 March, 1 p.m. ...	Singapore	16 April, ³ 0:0 p.m. ...	100	20 April, ^b 4 p.m.	Geelong ...	21 May ...	51
23 April, 4 a.m. ...	Brisbane	11 May, ¹ 11 a.m. ...	53	13 May, ^a 4 p.m.	Gwalior ...	18 June ...	56
21 May, 4 a.m. ...	Normanby	8 June, ² 6 p.m. ...	46	10 June, ^a 4 p.m.	Lombardy	16 July ...	56
18 June, 4 a.m. ...	Singapore	5 July, ² 8 a.m. ...	104	9 July, ^b 4 p.m.	Thibet ...	13 August ...	56
17 July, 2 p.m. ...	Brisbane	2 August, ² 8:20 a.m.	103	6 Aug., ^b 4 p.m.	Peshawur ...	9 Sept. ...	54
13 August, 4 a.m. ...	Bowen ...	29 August, ³ 6:30 p.m.	94½	2 Sept., ^a 4 p.m.	Siam ...	6 Oct. ...	54
10 September, 4 a.m.	Singapore	28 September, ¹ 5 p.m.	47	30 Sept., ^a 4 p.m.	Kashgar ...	5 Nov. ...	56
12 October, 1 p.m. ...	Brisbane	30 October, ² 6 a.m. ...	83	2 Nov., ^b 4 p.m.	Geelong ...	2 Dec. ...	51
9 November, 1 p.m. ...	Bowen ...	28 Nov., ¹ 7:30 a.m. ...	56½	30 Nov., ^b 4 p.m.	Lombardy	1 Jan. ...	53
7 December, 1 p.m. ...	Singapore	26 December, ¹ 6 p.m.	22	27 Dec., ^a 4 p.m.	Malwa ...	28 Jan. ...	52

Average trip 53 days 9 hours.

¹ One day before contract date.

² Two days before contract date.

³ Three days before contract date.

^a On date shown in P. and O. Time-table for arrival from China.

^b One day after shown in P. and O. Time-table for arrival from China.

Advantage was taken of the calling of the Torres Straits mail steamers at Cooktown to make arrangements for landing and shipping English and other mails, and the necessary action was taken in connection with the London and other offices. The steamers have called regularly since August, 1876, without any extra expense being incurred by the Government.

Cairns, at Trinity Bay, and Thornsborough, at the Hodgkinson River, have been included in the sorting lists; and correspondence for these places is now sent *via* Cooktown.

During the past year the average time of the inward trips from Singapore to Brisbane was 19 hours less than that allowed by the time-table, and the average time of the outward trips from Brisbane to Singapore was 2 days and 17 hours less than the average of the time allowed by the time-table.

The outward trip was performed, on the average, during 1876, in 2 days 8 hours less time than during the preceding year, whilst the average time occupied in performing the inward trips was about the same in both years.

No action was taken during the past year with reference to the forwarding of mails by the Messageries Maritimes line of steamers.

The following tables show the times occupied between the several ports of call between Brisbane and Singapore :—

INWARDS (INCLUDING DETENTION AT PORTS).

E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Singapore to Batavia, 550 Miles.		Thence to Somerset, 2,225 Miles.		Thence to Townsville, 625 Miles.	Thence to Bowen, 108 Miles.	Thence to Keppel Bay, 285 Miles.	Thence to Brisbane, 345 Miles.	TOTAL. Deviation 4,138 Miles. 62 " 4,200 Miles.	
	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Normanby	10	20½	98½	13½	49	42½	19	8
Singapore	10	19½	81	13	28½	35½	17	8
Somerset	11	4	113	13½	44½	37½	19	20
Queensland	10	5	92	22	32	41	18	0
Bowen	11	2½	94½	16½	35	29	18	9
Brisbane	10	2	104	18½	34½	36	18	5
Normanby	14	13½	83	13½	32½	43½	21	18
Singapore	11	8½	112½	13½	38	36½	19	17
Brisbane	11	1	79½	12	29½	37½	17	15
Bowen	10	21½	89½	11	28½	42	18	0
Singapore	10	20	79	24	31	49	18	11
Somerset	10	6½	91	52	46	45½	20	1
Normanby	12	9½	93	14½	48	34	20	7
Average trip	11	4½	93	18½	37½	39	18	23

Cooktown (331 miles from Somerset and 294 from Townsville), not included in mail service, but generally called at. Average time from Somerset to Cooktown, 52 hours; and from Cooktown to Townsville, 35 hours.

OUTWARD (INCLUDING DETENTION AT PORTS).

E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Brisbane to Keppel Bay, 345 miles.	Thence to Bowen, 285 miles.	Thence to Townsville, 108 miles.	Thence to Somerset, 625 miles.	Thence to Batavia, 2,225 miles.	Thence to Singapore, 550 miles.		TOTAL. Deviation 4,138 Miles. 62 " 4,200 Miles.	
	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Hours.	Days.
Bowen	29½	38½	9½	67	...	10	6	16	6½
Somerset	36	33	10½	71	...	12	20½	19	3
Normanby	34½	29	10½	73½	...	12	23½	19	3
Singapore... ..	32	26½	10½	69	...	10	0½	15	17½
Brisbane	45½	26½	9½	131	...	10	2	18	22½
Normanby	31½	31	11	90	...	10	10	17	5½
Singapore	30½	31½	12½	98	...	10	1	17	5
Brisbane	103½	27½	10	66	...	9	6½	17	21½
Bowen	29½	27	11½	81	...	10	6½	16	11½
Singapore	33½	28½	16½	113	...	10	8½	18	8½
Brisbane	36	27½	12	76	...	9	21	16	4½
Bowen	41	30½	10½	80	...	10	12	17	6
Singapore	44½	28½	11½	80	...	10	12	17	8
Average trip	40½	29½	11½	84½	...	10	13½	17	11

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* TORRES STRAITS were DUE in BRISBANE, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED; also the TIME occupied on the VOYAGE during the Year 1876.

NAME OF VESSEL.	DUE IN BRISBANE.		ARRIVED IN BRISBANE.		LATE.			BEFORE APPOINTED TIME.			DURATION OF VOYAGE.			
	Date.	Time.	Date.	Time.	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.	<i>Via</i> Brindisi.		<i>Via</i> Southampton.	
											Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Singapore	January 3	Midnight	December 31	2 p.m.	...	...	...	3	10	...	48	17	57	
Normanby	January 31	"	February 1	1:30 a.m.	...	...	1	30	...	...	52	4½	60	11½
Singapore	February 28	"	February 29	6:15 p.m.	...	...	18	15	...	...	52	21½	61	4½
Somerset	March 27	7 a.m.	March 26	12:30 p.m.	...	...	...	...	18	30	50	15½	58	22½
Queensland	April 23	"	April 21	1:30 p.m.	...	...	...	1	17	30	48	16½	56	23½
Bowen	May 21	"	May 20	3:15 a.m.	...	...	...	1	3	45	49	6½	57	13½
Brisbane	June 18	"	June 17	10 a.m.	...	...	...	...	21	...	49	13	57	20
Normanby	July 16	"	July 16	3 p.m.	...	...	8	...	...	...	50	18	59	1
Singapore	August 13	"	August 12	7:15 p.m.	...	...	...	...	11	45	49	22½	58	5½
Brisbane	September 10	"	September 9	7:30 p.m.	...	...	...	...	11	30	49	22½	58	5½
Bowen	October 8	"	October 7	8:15 p.m.	...	...	...	...	10	45	49	23½	58	6½
Singapore	November 5	"	November 4	11:55 p.m.	...	...	...	...	7	5	50	3	58	9½
Somerset	December 4	"	December 3	4:30 p.m.	...	...	...	...	14	30	50	19½	59	2½

Average Time of Voyage *via* Brindisi, 50 days 6 hours 30 minutes.
 " " " *via* Southampton, 58 " 13 " 24 "

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STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* TORRES STRAITS DESPATCHED from BRISBANE were DUE in LONDON, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED at DESTINATION; also the TIME OCCUPIED on the VOYAGE during the Year 1876.

NAME OF VESSEL.	Date and Hour of Despatch.		VIA BRINDISI.		Late.	Before appointed Time.	VIA SOUTHAMPTON.		Late.	Before appointed Time.	DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
			Due in London.	Arrived in London.			Due in London.	Arrived in London.			<i>Via</i> Brindisi.	<i>Via</i> Southampton.
Bowen	January 6	1 p.m.	February 28	February 27	...	1 day	March 6	March 6	...	...	52 days	59 days.
Somerset	February 3	"	March 27	March 25	...	2 "	April 3	April 3	...	...	51 "	60 "
Normanby	March 2	"	April 24	April 21	...	1 "	May 1	May 1	...	...	52 "	60 "
Singapore	March 31	"	May 22	May 21	...	1 "	May 29	May 28	...	1 day	51 "	58 "
Brisbane	April 23	4 a.m.	June 19	June 18	...	1 "	June 26	June 27	1 day	...	56 "	65 "
Normanby	May 21	"	July 17	July 16	...	1 "	July 24	July 24	...	...	56 "	64 "
Singapore	June 18	"	August 14	August 13	...	1 "	August 21	August 21	...	...	56 "	64 "
Brisbane*	July 17	2 p.m.	September 11	September 9	...	2 "	September 18	September 17	...	1 day	54 "	62 "
Bowen	August 13	4 a.m.	October 9	October 6	...	3 "	October 16	October 13	...	3 days	54 "	61 "
Singapore	September 10	"	November 6	November 5	...	1 "	November 13	November 13	...	...	56 "	64 "
Brisbane	October 12	1 p.m.	December 4	December 2	...	2 "	December 11	December 12	1 day	...	51 "	61 "
Bowen	November 9	"	January 1	January 1	...	...	January 8	January 8	...	...	53 "	61 "
Singapore	December 7	"	January 29	January 28	...	1 "	February 5	February 6	1 day	...	52 "	61 "

Average time occupied per voyage throughout the year { *Via* Brindisi, 53 days 9 hours.
 { *Via* Southampton, 61 " 13 "

* Royal Mail Steamer "Brisbane" detained in Moreton Bay through stress of weather.

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* MELBOURNE and GALLE from BRISBANE and MELBOURNE were DUE in LONDON, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED at DESTINATION; also the TIME OCCUPIED on the VOYAGE during the Year 1876.

DESPATCHED FROM BRISBANE.		DESPATCHED FROM MELBOURNE.		VIA BRINDISI.		DAYS.		VIA SOUTHAMPTON.		DAYS.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
Name of Steamer.	Date.	Name of Steamer.	Date.	Due in London.	Arrived in London.	Late.	Before Time.	Due in London.	Arrived in London.	Late.	Before Time.	Melbourne to London.		Brisbane to London.	
				Date.	Date.			Date.	Date.			Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton
	1876.		1876.	1876.	1876.			1876.	1876.						
Governor Blackall	January 11	Mongolia	January 27	March 13	March 13	...	...	March 20	March 21	1	...	46 days	54 days	55 days	63 days.
"	February 16	China	February 24	April 10	April 8	...	2	April 17	April 17	...	...	44	53	52	61
Egmont	March 18	Sumatra	March 23	May 8	May 6	...	2	May 15	May 15	...	...	44	53	49	58
Edina	April 8	China	April 18	June 5	June 4	...	1	June 12	June 11	...	1	47	54	57	64
City of Brisbane	May 10	Bangalore	May 16	July 3	July 3	...	...	July 10	July 11	...	1	48	56	54	62
Egmont	June 7	Sumatra	June 13	July 31	July 31	...	...	August 7	August 13	...	6	48	61	54	67
Alexandra	July 4	China	July 11	August 28	August 26	...	2	September 4	September 3	...	1	46	54	53	61
Governor Blackall	August 2	Bangalore	August 8	September 25	September 24	...	1	October 2	October 1	...	1	47	54	53	60
City of Brisbane	August 29	Assam	September 5	October 23	October 22	...	1	October 30	October 30	...	...	47	55	54	62
Governor Blackall	September 26	China	October 2	November 20	November 20	...	...	November 27	November 30	...	3	46	56	55	65
Edina	October 27	Bangalore	November 2	December 18	December 16	...	...	December 25	December 29	...	4	44	57	50	63
City of Brisbane	November 22	Tanjore	November 30	1877.	1877.			1877.	1877.						
"	December 20	Assam	December 28	January 15	January 13	...	...	January 22	January 21	...	1	44	52	52	60
"		"	"	February 12	February 10	...	2	February 19	February 19	...	...	44	53	52	61

Average time occupied per voyage from Melbourne to London *via* Brindisi, 45 days 16 hours 36 minutes; *via* Southampton, 54 days 16 hours 36 minutes.
 " " Brisbane " " 53 " 1 " 50 " " " 62 " 1 " 50 "

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which MAILS *via* GALLE and MELBOURNE were due in MELBOURNE, and the DATES upon which they arrived there and in BRISBANE; also the TIME occupied on the VOYAGE during the Year 1876.

Name of Steamer.	Due in Melbourne.		Arrived in Melbourne.		Duration of Voyage from Galle.			Late.			Before appointed Time.			Duration of Voyage from London to Melbourne.		Arrived in Brisbane.		Duration of Voyage from London to Brisbane.	
	Day	Time	Day	Time	Days	Hrs.	Mins.	Days	Hrs.	Mins.	Days	Hrs.	Mins.	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.	Day	Time	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.
Mongolia	11	January 9 p.m.	11	January 12:25 a.m.	21	10	15	...	...	...	20	35	46 days	54 days	17	January 7 a.m.	52 days	60 days	
China*	8	February	19	February 8 12 a.m.	24	1	42	10	11	12	...	...	57	65	24	February 6 p.m.	62	70	
Sumatra	7	March	6	March 5 p.m.	22	8	50	...	...	1	4	...	45	53	13	March 8:30 p.m.	52	60	
China†	4	April	10	April 11:40 a.m.	22	16	30	5	14	40	...	...	52	60	16	April 3:5 p.m.	58	66	
Bangalore	2	May	29	April 4:25 a.m.	20	15	25	...	...	3	16	35	43	...	51	4	May 10:20 p.m.	48	56
Sumatra‡	30	May	6	June 6:30 a.m.	20	8	10	6	9	30	...	...	46	...	61	12	June 7:30 a.m.	52	67
China	27	June	24	June 4:10 p.m.	21	6	25	...	...	3	4	50	43	...	51	1	July 9 a.m.	50	58
Bangalore	25	July	20	July 9:25 a.m.	19	12	10	...	...	5	11	35	41	...	49	27	July 8 50 a.m.	48	56
Assam	22	August	17	August 11:15 a.m.	19	17	45	...	...	5	9	45	41	...	49	27	August 9 a.m.	51	59
China	19	September	16	September 3:15 p.m.	22	6	55	...	...	3	5	45	43	...	51	22	September 3:50 p.m.	49	57
Bangalore	17	October	12	October 4:30 p.m.	19	19	5	...	...	5	4	30	41	...	49	20	October 7 a.m.	49	57
Tanjore	14	November	9	November 1:30 a.m.	19	7	30	...	...	5	19	30	41	...	49	16	November 5:15 p.m.	48	56
Assam	12	December	8	December 9:30 p.m.	21	1	15	...	...	3	23	30	42	...	50	14	December 7:40 p.m.	48	56

* Left Galle on 16th January, but returned to that place disabled, leaving Galle again on 20th January.
 † Left Galle six days behind time, owing to detention of the "Bangalore" on account of small-pox being on board that vessel.
 ‡ Left Galle nine days behind time, owing to breaking of the shaft of the "Sarat," and consequent detention of the mail steamer at Galle from 7th to 16th May.

Average time occupied per voyage throughout the year from London to Melbourne *via* Brindisi 45 days 16 hours 36 minutes.
 Ditto ditto ditto Southampton 54 " 16 " 36 "
 Ditto ditto ditto Brisbane *via* Brindisi 51 " 7 " 23 "
 Ditto ditto ditto Southampton 59 " 20 " 18 "

STATEMENT showing the DATE upon which the MAILS *via* AUCKLAND and SAN FRANCISCO, despatched from BRISBANE and SYDNEY, were due in LONDON, and the DATES upon which they arrived at destination; also the TIME occupied on the VOYAGE, during the Year 1876.

DESPATCHED FROM BRISBANE.		DESPATCHED FROM SYDNEY.		Due in London.	Arrived in London.	Late.	Before appointed Time.	DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
Name of Steamer.	Date.	Name of Steamer.	Date.					From Sydney.	From Brisbane.
	1876.		1876.	1876.	1876.				
Alexandra* ...	11 January ...	Mikado ...	14 January ...	2 March ...	...	...	...	...	...
Florence Irving ...	8 February ...	Colima ...	11 February ...	30 March ...	29 March ...	...	1 day ...	47 days ...	50 days ...
Governor Blackall ...	7 March ...	Grenada ...	10 March ...	27 April ...	29 April ...	2 days ...	...	50 " ...	53 " ...
"	5 April ...	Zealandia ...	7 April ...	25 May ...	23 May ...	...	2 days ...	46 " ...	48 " ...
City of Brisbane ...	2 May ...	Australia ...	5 May ...	22 June ...	24 June ...	2 days ...	...	50 " ...	53 " ...
"	31 May ...	City of New York ...	2 June ...	20 July ...	18 July ...	...	2 days ...	46 " ...	48 " ...
Florence Irving ...	26 June ...	"	30 June ...	17 August ...	18 August ...	1 day ...	...	49 " ...	53 " ...
City of Melbourne ...	25 July ...	Zealandia ...	28 July ...	14 September ...	12 September ...	...	2 days ...	46 " ...	49 " ...
City of Brisbane ...	21 August ...	City of Sydney ...	25 August ...	12 October ...	10 October ...	...	2 " ...	46 " ...	50 " ...
Governor Blackall ...	19 September ...	Australia ...	22 September ...	9 November ...	7 November ...	...	2 " ...	46 " ...	49 " ...
City of Brisbane ...	17 October ...	City of New York ...	20 October ...	7 December ...	5 December ...	...	2 " ...	46 " ...	49 " ...
"	14 November	Zealandia ...	17 November	4 January ...	2 January ...	...	2 " ...	46 " ...	49 " ...
"	13 December	City of Sydney ...	15 December	1 February ...	30 January ...	...	2 " ...	46 " ...	48 " ...

The average time occupied per voyage was—from Sydney 47 days, from Brisbane 49 days 22 hours.
 * Reached Sydney too late for mail steamer; mail forwarded *via* Melbourne.

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* SAN FRANCISCO and AUCKLAND were DUE in SYDNEY, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED there and in BRISBANE; also the TIME occupied on the VOYAGE, during the Year 1876.

NAME OF VESSEL.	IN SYDNEY.		ARRIVED IN BRISBANE.	AT SYDNEY.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
	Arrived.	Due.		Late.	Before appointed Time.	To Brisbane.	To Sydney.
Mikado ...	5 January ...	7 January ...	11 January ...	2 days ...	...	50 days ...	54 days.
Grenada ...	2 February ...	6 February ...	14 February ...	4 " ...	...	52 " ...	60 " "
City of Melbourne ...	1 March ...	7 March ...	10 March ...	6 " ...	...	54 " ...	57 " "
Mikado ...	29 March ...	29 March ...	1 April ...	...	...	48 " ...	51 " "
City of San Francisco ...	26 April ...	4 May ...	9 May ...	8 days ...	...	56 " ...	61 " "
City of New York ...	24 May ...	24 May ...	29 May ...	...	...	48 " ...	53 " "
Zealandia ...	21 June ...	19 June ...	22 June ...	...	2 days ...	46 " ...	49 " "
City of Sydney ...	19 July ...	20 July ...	22 July ...	1 day ...	...	49 " ...	51 " "
Australia ...	16 August ...	16 August ...	21 August ...	...	...	48 " ...	53 " "
City of San Francisco ...	13 September ...	14 September ...	17 September ...	1 day ...	...	49 " ...	53 " "
City of New York ...	11 October ...	11 October ...	16 October ...	...	...	48 " ...	53 " "
Zealandia ...	8 November ...	9 November ...	14 November ...	1 day ...	...	49 " ...	54 " "
City of Sydney ...	6 December ...	6 December ...	10 December ...	...	...	48 " ...	52 " "

Average time occupied per voyage, throughout the year { From London to Sydney, 49 days 14 hours 46 minutes.
 " " " Brisbane, 53 " 22 " 9 " }

STATEMENT showing the cost of ENGLISH MAILS *via* SAN FRANCISCO and MELBOURNE, during the Year 1876, together with the Amount charged to NEW SOUTH WALES and VICTORIA for conveyance *via* TORRES STRAITS.

	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Dr. For New South Wales Correspondence <i>via</i> Torres Straits.			Cr. For Queensland Correspondence <i>via</i> San Francisco.			Dr. For Victorian Correspondence <i>via</i> Torres Straits.			Cr. For Queensland Correspondence <i>via</i> Melbourne.		
	No.	Weight.	Amount.	No.	Weight.	Amount.	No.	Weight.	Amount.	No.	Weight.	Amount.
		lbs. oz.	£ s. d.		lbs. oz.	£ s. d.		lbs. oz.	£ s. d.		lbs. oz.	£ s. d.
Letters ...	55,571	1,437 5	2,042 7 1	19,193	473 8½	748 7 3	12,830	492 7½	552 4 2	33,743	803 2½	1,315 5 2
Packets ...	3,313	1,211 9½		1,395	345 6		1,068	269 8½		2,784	1,280 4	
Newspapers ...	23,900	5,345 10		27,504	4,715 2½		8,839	915 13½		48,136	8,075 8½	
Total ...	86,374	8,024 8½	2,042 7 1	48,062	5,534 1½	748 7 3	22,737	1,578 13½	552 4 2	84,063	10,138 15½	1,315 5 2

	£ s. d.
Balance against New South Wales ...	1,293 19 10
Amount payable by New Zealand, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia ...	77 6 7
	1,371 6 5
Less Balance in favour of Victoria ...	763 1 0
Net Balance in favour of Queensland—31st December, 1876...	608 5 5

STATEMENT showing the APPROXIMATE COST to QUEENSLAND of OCEAN MAILS for the Year 1876.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subsidy, Torres Straits Service ...	...	20,000 0 0
Gratuities on English Mails <i>via</i> San Francisco and Melbourne ...	179 12 3	
One-fourth of subsidy—Rockhampton and Keppel Bay ...	250 0 0	
		429 12 3
		20,429 12 3
Less estimated proportion of Postage due by the United Kingdom ...	3,806 14 7	
Less Amount due by Straits Settlements ...	93 5 5	
Less Net Balance in favor of Queensland, according to foregoing Account...	608 5 5	
		4,508 5 5
Net estimated cost in 1876 of the three services ...	...	15,921 6 10
Actual cost in 1875 of the three services ...	19,224 10 9	
Less Postage collected in the United Kingdom and not yet received, say ...	3,700 0 0	
		15,524 10 9

The estimate of Postage collected in Queensland has not been included.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS, PACKETS, and PAPERS, RECEIVED and DESPATCHED beyond the COLONIES by the three Ocean Mail Routes, during the Years 1875-6.

RECEIVED.

YEAR.	VIA TORRES STRAITS.			VIA MELBOURNE.			VIA SAN FRANCISCO.		
	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.
1875 ...	137,975	26,642	217,518	18,731	2,367	33,497	7,799	720	7,873
1876 ...	110,206	27,501	191,584	20,305	2,252	34,839	9,852	1,158	18,572

DESPATCHED.

1875 ...	114,382	2,009	105,157	9,852	210	7,918	8,696	157	7,505
1876 ...	110,756	2,104	127,384	11,562	432	10,601	9,246	236	8,735

STATEMENT showing NUMBER and WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE DESPATCHED FROM PORTS of CALL—QUEENSLAND *via* TORRES STRAITS—per E. and A. COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, during the Year 1876.

DESPATCHED FROM BRISBANE.							DESPATCHED FROM ROCKHAMPTON.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
7 January ...	6,061	2,339	71	28 10	7,362	905 6½	7 January ...	1,363	461½	16	4 10½	984	154 6
3 February ...	6,432	2,634½	151	66 10	7,665	984 8	3 February ...	1,239	495½	26	8 13½	1,144	188 15½
2 March ...	5,572	2,208½	95	47 2	7,532	933 10	2 March ...	1,253	437½	24	5 12½	1,038	197 1
31 March ...	6,954	2,777½	214	78 15	8,964	1,014 5	1 April ...	1,399	508	12	2 2	1,072	187 0½
22 April ...	4,910	1,978½	52	17 2	6,107	837 7	23 April ...	1,031	335½	30	15 12½	890	161 0½
21 May ...	5,721	2,661½	85	21 10	8,072	962 2	21 May ...	1,233	432	15	3 14	1,156	203 15
17 June ...	5,631	2,373½	167	115 4	7,656	1,047 2	18 June ...	1,357	488½	20	4 15½	1,072	140 15
17 July ...	5,686	2,243½	133	154 4	7,393	947 7	16 July ...	1,468	549½	19	6 2	1,273	125 7
12 August ...	5,988	2,361	160	76 0	8,046	1,095 7	13 August ...	1,245	417	18	4 15	1,071	189 2
9 September ...	5,892	2,245½	116	71 12	8,539	1,465 8	10 September ...	1,471	538	28	9 4	1,181	297 11½
12 October ...	7,338	2,922½	178	97 9	8,789	1,292 10	12 October ...	1,632	622½	30	6 3	1,297	186 4½
9 November ...	5,726	2,261½	54	39 11	5,600	1,041 3	10 November ...	1,283	448½	15	1 1	1,090	193 6½
7 December ...	5,972	2,327½	129	120 6	5,110	936 4	8 December ...	1,367	477½	26	3 3	1,113	175 1
	77,883	31,334½	1,605	932 15	102,155	13,582 15½		17,406	6,186½	279	76 11½	14,385	2,290 5

DESPATCHED FROM BOWEN.							DESPATCHED FROM TOWNSVILLE.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
8 January ...	313	105½	1	0 5	192	28 2	8 January ...	660	246	8	3 8	528	97 8
6 February ...	348	120	4	1 0	196	28 5	6 February ...	741	283	2	1 3	590	99 19
4 March ...	287	108	5	0 12	226	32 7	6 March ...	594	254½	4	1 0	691	95 15
2 April ...	563	211	11	3 4	258	30 13	3 April ...	897	300	3	0 9	763	118 11
25 April ...	293	292	10	1 1	130	25 0	25 April ...	652	257	7	1 10	495	86 11½
23 May ...	298	107	8	0 12	151	25 8	24 May ...	697	126½	3	1 0	468	80 6
20 June ...	234	82	3	0 10	192	30 7	20 June ...	884	347½	8	1 12	579	113 4
20 July ...	320	115	6	2 0	185	31 5	20 July ...	800	236	36	1 3	505	90 11
15 August ...	266	89	4	0 7	177	33 0	15 August ...	708	255	14	2 8	442	84 1
12 September ...	357	123	6	1 4	157	27 12	12 September ...	873	313	9	1 7	549	113 14
14 October ...	332	116	4	0 9	226	37 3	15 October ...	797	284	4	0 18	583	108 3
11 November ...	218	90	...	0 0	160	31 11	13 November ...	713	272	7	2 0	603	132 8
9 December ...	201	71	1	0 8	184	32 8	9 December ...	640	255	30	6 4	430	80 11
	3,910	1,619½	63	12 8	2,444	400 1		9,656	3,430½	135	24 12	7,226	1,302 1½

DESPATCHED FROM COOKTOWN.							DESPATCHED FROM SOMERSET.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
6 March ...	69	31	...	...	15	2 15	January ...	46	20	2	0 5	8	1 6
4 April ...	80	39½	...	...	23	4 4½	February ...	42	25	...	...	4	0 8
29 April ...	137	52	1	0 2½	149	18 2	March ...	21	12	...	...	2	0 4
25 May ...	87	33	...	...	125	15 15½	April ...	45	26	...	...	9	0 14
22 June ...	130	52½	...	...	116	16 9	May ...	38	25	4	0 7½	6	0 10
21 July ...	156	61½	...	...	122	18 3½	June ...	35	28	...	...	1	0 3½
17 August ...	151	49½	2	0 7½	76	16 14½	July ...	56	39	...	...	4	0 12
16 September ...	153	55½	1	0 1½	134	18 0	August ...	27	13	1	0 5½	3	0 6
17 October ...	141	55½	1	0 1	141	21 7½	September ...	39	16½	...	...	7	1 5½
14 November ...	129	45½	2	0 6	89	18 13½	October ...	53	21½	1	0 3	1	0 2
12 December ...	181	50½	1	0 5½	134	19 8	November ...	49	24	...	...	3	0 9
	1,414	525½	9	0 1½	1,124	170 12½	December ...	36	27½	5	1 2½	2	0 6½
								487	267½	13	2 7½	50	7 6½

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Books.	Papers.
1876.			
January ...	8,443	98	9,074
February ...	8,862	183	9,603
March ...	14,750	342	16,788
April ...	9,917	126	9,996
May ...	8,079	116	9,978
June ...	8,271	198	9,616
July ...	8,486	194	9,482
August ...	8,385	199	9,815
September ...	8,785	160	11,569
October ...	10,263	218	11,037
November ...	8,118	78	10,545
December ...	8,397	192	9,973
	110,756	2,104	127,384

STATEMENT showing NUMBER and WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED at PORTS of CALL—QUEENSLAND *via* TORRES STRAITS—per E. and A. COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, during the Year 1876.

RECEIVED AT BRISBANE.							RECEIVED AT ROCKHAMPTON.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
1 February ...	6,217	2,227½	1,825	473 0	11,212	1,868 8	30 January ...	1,279	504½	221	73 12½	1,825	335 13
29 February ...	8,753	2,922	8,048	526 6	11,282	1,879 12	28 February ...	1,130	422½	245	107 7½	1,771	344 9
28 March ...	8,975	2,755	2,348	485 3	11,192	1,865 0	25 March ...	1,046	421½	240	64 4	2,281	311 14
21 April ...	7,319	2,461	1,983	410 0	11,101	1,859 0	19 April ...	897	340½	141	46 12	1,743	318 0
20 May ...	8,285	2,798	1,785	490 7	11,146	1,857 2	19 May ...	1,049	385	207	46 8½	1,758	241 0
17 June ...	7,314	2,455	1,629	435 9	11,023	1,837 0	14 June ...	1,247	364½	290	61 8	1,541	312 0
16 July ...	8,046	2,721	1,922	390 12	11,259	1,876 10	15 July ...	1,043	405	157	156 12	2,100	305 2
12 August ...	7,097	2,675	2,675	316 15	11,570	1,928 0	11 August ...	1,022	367½	182	50 13½	1,862	327 15
9 September ...	7,068	1,497	1,407	396 2	10,961	1,727 0	8 September ...	1,045	379½	196	73 0	1,689	309 6
7 October ...	6,694	1,890	1,830	395 5	10,895	1,801 0	6 October ...	1,056	351	104	42 10	1,624	305 10
4 November ...	7,416	2,775	2,775	401 14	11,097	1,846 0	3 November ...	1,065	401	190	68 1	1,734	301 10
3 December ...	7,632	2,079	2,072	411 10	11,246	1,874 0	2 December ...	1,045	433	265	91 13	2,530	341 10
	89,916	31,149	23,416	5,160 3	133,894	2,210 0	30 December ...	1,076	430½	214	68 0	1,807	392 1
								14,000	5,209	2,562	951 6	24,235	4,148 10

RECEIVED AT BOWEN.							RECEIVED AT TOWNSVILLE.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
28 January ...	471	181	84	32 4	777	156 0	27 January ...	740	297	54	48 2	752	233 9
26 February ...	605	208	93	40 12	842	169 0	26 February ...	662	195	36	55 14	1,805	296 0
23 March ...	474	172	72	30 8	879	149 0	22 March ...	739	225	34	22 14	1,830	220 4
18 April ...	411	161½	38	23 3	844	123 8	17 April ...	653	199½	112	29 4	2,217	265 2
17 May ...	398	153	60	26 4	793	121 4	17 May ...	940	282½	46	17 4	1,891	204 8
14 June ...	336	118½	30	18 0	840	127 12	13 June ...	661	220	126	15 12	1,879	196 0
13 July ...	464	181	28	20 0	877	142 0	12 July ...	653	187	70	24 10	1,824	213 0
9 August ...	384	158	21	14 9	773	123 0	9 August ...	856	210	27	9 2	1,453	186 9
6 September ...	324	117	45	27 0	796	139 4	6 September ...	577	175	52	13 9	1,618	202 2
5 October ...	329	118½	15	17 15	753	105 10	4 October ...	632	194½	41	22 9	1,543	181 8
1 November ...	369	118	31	15 4	670	110 6	31 October ...	757	218	56	12 0	1,801	212 11
29 November ...	348	132	16	18 5	707	109 12	28 November ...	803	245½	96	19 15½	1,846	217 4
28 December ...	420	165	44	25 6	800	135 6	27 December ...	678	230	102	18 12	1,963	230 8
	5,273	1,983½	577	399 6	10,351	1,702 14		9,371	2,789	852	308 11½	22,422	2,804 8

RECEIVED AT COOKTOWN.							RECEIVED AT SOMERSET.						
Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Books.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	January ...	20	6	5	1 0	62	12 10
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	February ...	36	12½	2	0 6	49	8 0
15 April ...	22	12½	...	...	...	...	March ...	40	13½	0	0 0	51	6 9
14 May ...	29	18	...	...	...	...	April ...	31	10½	9	3 4	35	6 12
29 December ...	188	118½	11	2 15	162	26 10	May ...	52	29	3	2 5	39	7 10
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June ...	23	6	6	1 10	30	4 12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	July ...	59	16	0	0 0	57	10 4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	August ...	38	9½	4	1 1	60	9 12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	September ...	25	8	8	1 14	25	3 3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	October ...	22	7½	0	0 0	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	November ...	31	12	9	3 6	61	9 4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	December ...	30	14½	7	2 1	51	5 15
	239	149	11	2 15	162	26 10		407	144½	53	16 15	520	84 11

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Books.	Papers.
1876.			
January ...	2,510	364	3,418
February ...	17,403	4,319	26,961
March ...	10,374	2,694	16,203
April ...	9,333	2,283	15,940
May ...	10,753	1,111	15,627
June ...	9,581	1,991	15,313
July ...	10,265	2,177	16,117
August ...	9,397	2,909	15,714
September ...	9,039	1,768	15,089
October ...	9,510	2,106	16,526
November ...	9,972	3,117	16,115
December ...	11,069	2,722	18,559
	119,206	27,501	191,584

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and WEIGHT of LETTERS, PACKETS, and NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED AT, and DESPATCHED FROM, the GENERAL POST OFFICE, BRISBANE, per PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, *via* MELBOURNE and GALLE, during the Year 1876.

1876.		RECEIVED.																
		FROM LONDON.						FROM OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.				
		<i>Via</i> Southampton.			<i>Via</i> Brindisi.			Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.		
		Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.											
Month.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.			
													lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
January ...	639	112	1,428	1,116	65	1,098	190	...	43	1,945	177	2,569	41	11½	69	10	428	0
February ...	485	81	1,830	1,111	28	1,722	192	...	54	1,788	109	3,606	37	7½	28	0	601	0
March ...	987	87	1,392	912	20	1,104	205	...	127	1,504	107	2,623	32	9½	61	6	437	11
April ...	336	255	1,278	1,006	80	1,104	149	...	84	1,491	335	2,466	31	7	95	8	411	8
May ...	143	37	1,368	969	30	1,170	196	...	78	1,308	67	2,616	32	12½	84	7	436	5
June ...	427	264	1,392	812	42	1,422	258	...	115	1,497	306	2,929	38	8	77	4	488	0
July ...	752	335	2,468	2,011	116	1,942	400	...	177	3,163	451	4,587	66	10½	171	4	903	8
August ...	366	78	1,272	969	37	1,326	170	...	30	1,505	115	2,628	31	12	49	2	438	0
September ...	416	59	1,482	899	36	1,680	162	...	57	1,477	95	3,219	30	15	80	14	536	8
October ...	354	180	1,434	838	14	1,116	165	...	130	1,357	194	2,680	28	5½	72	13	446	8
November ...	328	64	1,320	1,079	11	1,134	160	...	107	1,567	75	2,561	33	8	39	12	410	4
December ...	538	212	1,482	972	9	852	193	...	21	1,703	221	2,355	36	7	71	0	392	6
	5,171	1,764	18,146	12,694	488	15,670	2,440	...	1,023	20,305	2,252	34,839	442	2	901	0	5,929	10
		DESPATCHED.																
		TO LONDON.						TO OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.				
		<i>Via</i> Southampton.			<i>Via</i> Brindisi.			Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.		
		Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.											
Month.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.			
													lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
January ...	426	15	456	202	1	11	73	5	9	701	21	476	17	9	6	13	80	50½
February ...	543	21	691	219	...	12	41	4	7	803	25	710	22	14½	11	1	109	8
March ...	498	10	531	378	...	12	33	5	8	909	15	551	21	10½	6	2	106	0
April ...	291	11	570	184	2	14	18	12	2	493	25	586	6	9	203	10	47	9
May ...	512	14	627	286	1	9	38	1	5	836	16	641	23	13¾	4	13	107	5
June ...	347	10	508	235	1	15	31	2	9	613	13	532	17	7½	8	6	89	14
July ...	1,232	156	1,517	524	7	38	118	3	23	1,874	166	1,578	52	0½	18	9	267	5
August ...	724	27	1,977	350	2	50	56	2	16	1,130	31	2,043	29	5½	7	4	315	9
September ...	831	68	679	367	1	23	67	...	17	1,265	69	719	31	14½	15	14	131	14
October ...	655	10	855	382	5	47	64	1	7	1,101	16	909	32	2½	13	7	134	11
November ...	568	19	995	344	5	28	50	2	12	962	26	1,035	25	15¾	8	10	123	12
December ...	569	4	798	264	1	14	42	4	9	875	9	821	29	3	4	12	108	7
	7,196	365	12,204	3,735	26	273	631	41	124	11,562	432	10,601	310	9¾	309	5	1,632	13½

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and WEIGHT of ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LETTERS, PACKETS, and NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED AT, and DESPATCHED FROM, the GENERAL POST OFFICE, BRISBANE, per ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS *via* SYDNEY and SAN FRANCISCO, during the Year 1876.

1876.						RECEIVED.															
						FROM LONDON.			FROM OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.						
						Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		
															lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	
January	...	...	...	...	...	614	33	444	277	...	732	891	33	1,176	19	11½	18	8	191	8
February	...	...	...	...	...	407	156	389	310	...	370	717	156	759	16	15½	27	7	177	14½
March	...	...	...	...	...	429	54	1,749	366	...	246	795	54	1,995	17	15¼	21	12	369	8
April	...	...	...	...	...	279	44	326	280	...	592	559	44	918	12	5	11	14	172	4
May	...	...	...	...	...	771	196	733	566	...	2,918	1,337	196	3,651	30	5	47	4	421	4
June	...	...	...	...	...	454	178	384	298	...	1,116	752	178	1,500	16	8½	23	0	286	0
July	...	...	...	...	...	508	37	366	305	...	510	813	37	876	18	12½	9	13½	148	0
August	...	...	...	...	...	496	41	387	303	...	1,546	799	41	1,933	17	6¾	14	0	254	8
September	...	...	...	...	...	413	302	272	300	...	1,337	713	304	1,609	16	4½	15	5	232	5
October	...	...	...	...	...	662	50	285	254	...	1,010	916	50	1,295	21	5	10	8	212	8
November	...	...	...	...	...	470	26	381	256	...	1,040	726	26	1,421	17	10¾	5	3	268	9
December	...	...	...	...	...	586	39	415	248	...	1,024	834	39	1,439	21	9	16	3½	245	4
						6,089	1,156	6,131	3,763	2	12,441	9,852	1,158	18,572	226	13¼	220	14	3,029	8½	
						DESPATCHED.															
						TO LONDON.			TO OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.						
						Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		
															lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	
January*
February	...	...	...	...	...	198	4	235	144	6	191	342	19	426	10	2	9	6	83	13
March	...	...	...	...	...	370	16	416	260	6	240	630	22	656	15	1¼	9	5	96	3
April	...	...	...	...	...	764	1	657	551	29	462	1,315	30	1,119	31	13½	6	8	208	2
May	...	...	...	...	...	874	2	607	396	4	294	1,270	6	901	35	3¾	5	8	189	3
June	...	...	...	...	...	898	10	706	364	26	327	1,262	36	1,033	33	1¼	11	8	159	5
July	...	...	...	...	...	573	9	514	240	8	307	813	17	821	30	4¼	40	15	157	5
August	...	...	...	...	...	615	10	535	280	4	240	895	14	775	21	11¼	3	1	155	7
September	...	...	...	...	...	606	34	516	275	15	410	881	49	926	23	0½	13	1	185	14
October	...	...	...	...	...	427	2	486	270	27	337	697	29	823	17	2	10	7	159	12
November	...	...	...	...	...	325	5	351	219	5	282	544	10	633	14	9½	4	8	132	2
December	...	...	...	...	...	377	3	338	220	10	284	597	13	622	16	2	11	2	117	2
						6,027	96	5,361	3,219	140	3,374	9,246	236	8,735	248	3½	125	5	1,644	4	

* Alexandra arrived in Sydney too late for R.M.S. Mikado; London mails forwarded *via* Melbourne.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of MAILS, LETTERS, &c., RECEIVED at, and DESPATCHED from, the GENERAL POST OFFICE, BRISBANE, together with the NUMBER of STEAMERS ARRIVED at, and DESPATCHED from, BRISBANE with MAILS during the Years 1875 and 1876; also showing INCREASE or DECREASE.

STEAMERS ARRIVED IN BRISBANE, AND MAILS RECEIVED AT GENERAL POST OFFICE.																					
		WITHIN THE COLONY.					BEYOND THE COLONY.					BEYOND THE COLONY.					INCREASE OR DECREASE, 1876.				
		INLAND.		NORTHERN PORTS.			ENGLISH AND OTHER MAILS.					AUSTRALIAN MAILS, &c.									
		Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.
1875	...	17,140	451,930	178	688	192,638	41	525	131,172	25,252	198,114	171	1,881	194,811	14,024	234,702	...	...	...	...	...
1876	...	19,874	484,513	222	804	225,972	43	540	121,056	26,870	186,852	186	2,231	204,308	14,971	242,972	...	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1876	...	2,734	32,583	44	116	33,334	2	15	...	1,618	...	15	350	9,497	947	8,270	61	3,215	65,298	2,565	...
Decrease, 1876	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,116	...	11,262	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,992
DESPATCHED.																					
1875	...	20,788	513,500	180	903	202,491	49	594	98,746	1,915	98,694	178	2,097	210,167	5,895	109,012	...	...	...	...	...
1876	...	22,170	572,680	212	1,104	219,261	130	712	99,187	2,272	121,342	165	2,229	233,392	7,755	136,724	...	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1876	...	1,382	59,180	32	201	16,770	81	118	441	357	22,648	...	132	23,225	1,960	27,712	100	1,833	99,616	2,217	50,360
Decrease, 1876	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

LOOSE SHIP LETTERS RECEIVED AT BRISBANE.

From Southern Ports.						From Northern Ports.					
1875	...	...	...	...	8,696	1875	...	...	...	...	9,391
1876	...	...	...	...	8,150	1876	...	...	...	...	11,824

STATEMENT showing the COST of INLAND and COASTWISE, INTERCOLONIAL, and BRITISH and FOREIGN MAIL SERVICES, the INLAND, INTERCOLONIAL, and BRITISH and FOREIGN LETTERS POSTED, and the COST and NUMBER of each description of CORRESPONDENCE PER HEAD of the POPULATION, together with the TOTAL COST and TOTAL LETTERS from each Year from 1860 to 1876.

YEAR.	POPULATION.	INLAND AND COASTWISE.				INTERCOLONIAL.				BRITISH AND FOREIGN.				TOTALS.				YEAR.																
		MAIL SERVICES.		LETTERS POSTED.		MAIL SERVICE.		LETTERS POSTED.		OCEAN MAIL SERVICES.		LETTERS POSTED.		MAIL SERVICES.		LETTERS POSTED.																		
		Total Cost.	Cost per Head.	Total No.	No. per Head.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head.	Total No.	No. per Head.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head.	Total No.	No. per Head.	Total Cost for all Mails.	Cost per Head.	Total No.	No. per Head.																	
£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.															
1860 ...	28,056	9,715	16	2	6	11	112,840	4	1	234	9	9	2	63,800	2	2	962	4	6	0	8½	22,438	0	7	10,912	10	5	7	9¼	199,168	7	0	...	1860
1861 ...	34,367	12,478	3	8	7	3½	274,571	8	1	341	4	0	2½	105,369	3	0	1,559	15	4	0	10½	39,668	1	1	14,379	3	0	8	4½	419,608	12	2	...	1861
1862 ...	45,077	11,628	6	8	5	1½	374,968	8	3	467	7	6	2½	128,381	2	8	1,612	9	9	0	8½	50,301	1	1	13,708	3	11	6	0½	553,650	12	2	...	1862
1863 ...	61,640	14,059	16	9	4	6½	499,901	8	1	319	5	7	1¼	118,082	1	9	2,361	16	9	0	9¼	80,874	1	3	16,740	19	1	5	5½	698,857	11	3	...	1863
1864 ...	74,036	14,160	10	4	3	9½	665,796	9	1	365	12	0	1¼	112,926	1	5	4,908	9	5	1	3½	110,447	1	4	19,434	11	9	5	3	889,169	12	0	...	1864
1865 ...	87,804	16,224	0	11	3	8½	847,599	9	4	851	17	4	2½	135,179	1	5	4,609	2	4	1	0½	116,154	1	3	21,685	0	7	4	11	1,098,932	12	2	...	1865
1866 ...	96,201	20,396	10	7	4	2½	998,187	10	4	667	0	0	1½	136,771	1	4	10,184	8	2	2	1½	127,322	1	3	31,247	18	9	6	5½	1,262,280	13	1	...	1866
1867 ...	99,849	18,793	3	9	3	9½	973,746	9	8	819	10	2	1½	129,239	1	2	13,076	12	11	2	7½	103,688	1	0	32,689	6	10	6	6½	1,206,673	12	0	...	1867
1868 ...	107,427	21,025	4	3	3	10½	1,144,434	10	7	449	2	1	1	153,817	1	4	14,181	1	10	2	7½	99,266	0	9	35,655	8	2	6	7½	1,397,517	13	0	...	1868
1869 ...	109,897	24,369	13	0	4	5¼	1,177,695	10	7	252	10	5	½	158,090	1	4	13,549	11	7	2	5¼	94,436	0	8	38,171	15	0	6	11½	1,430,221	13	0	...	1869
1870 ...	115,567	23,435	14	6	*4	0½	1,177,884	10	2	373	1	11	¾	135,645	1	1	12,034	10	9	2	0½	93,826	0	8	35,843	7	2	6	2½	1,407,355	12	1	...	1870
1871 ...	125,146	21,645	15	9	3	5½	1,258,137	10	2	559	1	4	1	160,763	1	2	13,082	7	4	2	1½	97,463	0	7	35,287	4	5	5	7½	1,516,363	12	1	...	1871
1872 ...	133,553	24,262	17	1	3	7½	1,512,098	11	4	656	12	4	1½	272,501	2	0	14,513	2	7	2	2¼	111,837	0	8	39,432	12	0	5	10½	1,896,486	14	2	...	1872
1873 ...	146,690	25,603	13	5	3	5½	1,738,199	11	9	732	2	10	1½	265,229	1	8	14,019	13	7	1	10½	115,316	0	7	40,355	9	10	5	6	2,118,744	14	4	...	1873
1874 ...	163,517	33,044	10	7	4	0½	1,996,750	12	2	808	1	0	1½	311,682	1	9	16,216	12	6	1	11¼	119,352	0	7	50,069	4	1	6	1½	2,427,784	14	8	...	1874
1875 ...	181,288	38,689	9	1	4	3¼	2,208,089	12	3	915	1	0	1¼	344,270	1	9	19,224	10	6	2	1½	131,930	0	7	58,829	0	10	6	5½	2,684,289	14	9	...	1875
1876 ...	187,003	43,821	0	10	4	8½	2,554,066	13	6	1,254	15	6	1½	397,922	2	1	†20,106	18	6	2	1½	131,564	0	7	65,182	14	10	6	11½	3,083,552	16	5	...	1876

* Subsidy of £4,420 per annum to A.S.N. Co. for Coastwise Mail Service commenced 2nd May, 1874. Increased from 1st June, 1875, to £5,420. † Subject to future reduction.

MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN BRISBANE AND NORTHERN PORTS.

On the 16th December last, a contract, in lieu of that terminating in January, 1877, was entered into with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, substituting a weekly for a fortnightly service between Brisbane and the northern ports, including Cairns, from the 1st January, 1877, for the sum of £7,400 per annum for three (3) years, terminable after one year by six months' notice from either party.

TRAVELLING POST OFFICES ON THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Some years ago it became a practice to send letters by the railway guards for the purpose of being posted at the terminal stations. The number of letters so sent became so numerous that, although the practice was considered to be irregular, additional accommodation was afforded by means of post office boxes attached to the guards' vans, and the guards were controlled by regulations, and paid twelve pounds per annum each, for duties connected with this matter, and also for acting as mail guards, and delivering and receiving mails, at each station. It was found, however, that this interfered too much with the guards' proper duty, and the Commissioner for Railways intimated to this office, in August, 1876, that after the close of the year, the attention of the guards on the Southern and Western Railway must be given exclusively to railway duties. It therefore became necessary to provide for the post office work, and arrangements were made for the establishment of travelling post offices under the charge of mail officers appointed by this Department, at which all the ordinary business could be transacted, such as the purchase of stamps, registration, and posting. As this system only came into operation on the first of January, 1877, further remarks on this subject must be deferred until the next annual report.

INLAND MAIL SERVICE.

The following table gives a comparison of the inland mail services during the years 1875 and 1876:—

Year.	Extent in Miles.	Total Miles Travelled.	Cost of Conveyance, including Landing and Shipping.	Average Cost per Mile.	Number of Post Offices.
1875	14,702	1,889,778	£ 33,161 5 9	d. 41	162
1876	15,539	1,973,486	37,988 6 2	4½	175
Increase in 1876 over 1875 ...	837	83,708	4,827 0 5		13

It will be observed that there is a considerable increase in the extent of miles travelled during 1876, as compared with 1875. The increased average cost per mile is principally owing to additional expense for coach services, rendered necessary for the purpose of carrying the increased weight of mails.

POSTAL ROUTES DISCONTINUED, 1876.

Barrington (New South Wales) and Enngonia (New South Wales), on the Charleville and Enngonia Line, 13 miles.
 Brisbane and Moggil, 17 miles.
 Brisbane and West End, from 10th March.
 Indooroopilly and Brookfield, 6 miles.
 Texas and Bonshaw (New South Wales), on the Leyburn and Bonshaw line, from 10th March, 17 miles.
 Thorgomindah and Chastleton, 140 miles (re-established with extension to Innaminka from 15th August).

ALTERATIONS IN POSTAL SERVICES ON EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES, 1876.

Brisbane and Dalby—Increased to twice a day from 25th October.
 Duaringa and Springsure to Dingo and Springsure, from 6th September.
 Herbert's Creek and Copperfield to Boolburra and Copperfield, from 30th January to 31st May, then to Duaringa and Copperfield to 5th September, and then Dingo to Copperfield.
 Rockhampton and Herbert's Creek—Extended to Duaringa, 1st April, thence to Dingo, 6th September.

EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS IN POSTAL SERVICES, 1876.

Beenleigh and Nindooimbah—Extended to Brayford's, from 22nd August.
 Beenleigh and Nindooimbah, *via* Tambourine—Extended to Brayford's, from 22nd August.
 Blackall and Welford Downs—Altered to Blackall and Jundah.
 Bowen and Bowen Downs route—Changed to *via* Mount Wyatt, St. Ann's old station and the Bridge, instead of *via* Conway's.
 Bowen Downs and Hughenden route—Changed from *via* Tower Hill and Lammington to *via* Tower Hill, Buchanan's, Rookwood, and Christison's Sheep Station, from 13th August.
 Bowen and Mackay—Altered to *via* Glencoe, Gordon's Glen, Crystal Brook, Happy Vale, and Bromby Park, instead of *via* Proserpine, Happy Vale, and Gogango, from 1st January.

Clermont and Aramac to Mistake Creek and Aramac, from 1st January.
 Clermont and Springsure, *via* Beaufort—To include Rolfe's and Mistake Creek Barracks, from 1st January.
 Condamine and Surat—To include Beta, from 1st January.
 Cooktown and Palmer, to *via* Byerstown and Maytown—Coach service to Byerstown, from 1st July.
 Duaringa and Springsure—From twice a week by horse to once a week by horse, and once a week by coach, from 1st January.
 Elliott and Kilkivan—Extended to Neureum, from 30th September.
 Eulo and Beechal—Increased from fortnightly to weekly, and extended to Tintinchilla, once a fortnight, from 1st January.
 Eulo and Hoodsville—Extended to Hungerford's, from 1st January.
 Gayndah and Banana—Altered to include Lockaber, Eidsvold, Eureka, and Culeraigie, omitting Dalgangal.
 Gladstone and Banana—To include Galloway Plains and Mount Alma, from 1st January.
 Gladstone and Rockhampton—To call at Calliope.
 Goondiwindi and Mungindi—From weekly to twice a week, from 1st September.
 Gympie and Kilkivan—Extended to Neureum, from 30th September.
 Harrisville and Scell's Farm—Increased from twice to three times a week.
 Ipswich and Scell's Farm—Altered to Ipswich and Harrisville, omitting Scell's Farm, and increased from once to twice a week, from 1st January.
 Isis Downs and Welford Downs—To Isis Downs and Jundah Police Barracks, from 1st August.
 Marlborough and Lilyvale—To include Clifton Station, from 1st January.
 Maryborough and Bundaberg—From twice a week by horse to once a week by coach and once a week by horse, from 1st December.
 Maryborough and Gympie—From six times a week by horse to three times a week by coach, and three times by horse, from 1st January.
 Maryborough and Yengarie—Extended to Mary River Saw Mills, from 1st January.
 Richmond Downs and Cloncurry, *via* Eddington and Fort Constantine—Altered to *via* Eddington and Fisher's Creek, and increased from monthly to fortnightly, from 1st January.
 Roma and Charleville—From twice a week by horse to once a week by horse, and once by coach, from 1st January.
 Springsure and Blackall route—Altered to go *via* main road to Mantuan Downs.
 Stanthorpe and Bookookooraru—To Stanthorpe and Wilson's Downfall, from 1st January.
 Tingalpa and Doughboy Creek—Extended to Lytton, once a week, from 29th April.
 Tingalpa and Doughboy Creek—Increased from twice to three times a week.
 Thorgomindah and Hoodsville—Extended to Hungerford's, from 1st January.
 Warwick and Leyburn—To include Talgai Receiving Office, from 1st January.
 Welford Downs and Mackhara—Altered to Jundah Police Barracks and Mackhara, from 1st August.
 Wivenhoe and Bellvue—From once to twice a week, from 1st January.

ADDITIONAL POSTAL ROUTES, 1876.

Aramac and Cork, Diamantina River, *via* Budgereegar, Mount Cornish, Darr Water, Oondooroo, Viudex, Elderslie, and the junction of Western and Diamantina Rivers—From 1st March.
 Beechal and Tintinchilla—Once a fortnight, from 1st January, 111 miles.
 Brisbane and South Brisbane—Three times a day, from 29th March.
 Byerstown and Thornsborough, Hodgkinson River—Weekly service, by horse, from 1st July.
 Dalby and Cooranga—Twice a week, by horse, from 1st October, 34 miles.
 Gowrie Junction and Meringandan—Once a week, from 26th April, 6 miles.
 Gympie and Newsa—By coach, once a week, from 7th October.
 Indooroopilly and Moggill, *via* Brookfield and Pullenvale, 10 miles.
 Ipswich and Deep Creek—From 9th October, 10 miles.
 Maryborough and Pialba, Hervey's Bay—Once a week, by coach, from 27th January.
 Maryborough, Post Office and Wharf—(Not previously inserted in schedule).
 North Pine and Redcliffe (Humpy Bong)—Once a week, from 10th July, 10 miles.
 Rosewood (S. and W. Railway) and Tallegalla, Dart's—Bi-weekly mail, from 1st May.
 St. Lawrence, Post Office and steamers at the Wharf—(Not previously inserted), 5 miles.
 Thorgomindah and Innaminka—Once a fortnight, from 15th August, 210 miles.
 Welford Downs and Mackhara, *via* Galway Downs, Dryland's, Whitula, Morney Downs, and Farrar's Creek—From 1st March.
 Yatala and Pimpama Island—Once a week, 14 miles, from 28th October.

POST OFFICES, 1876.

Offices Opened.	Offices Closed.	Number of Offices, 31st December, 1876.
Albion Brookfield Byerstown Cairns Cooper's Plains Cork Dingo Geham Gowrie Junction Haughton	Hodgson Loganholme Lytton Morven Neureum South Brisbane Specimen Gully Thornborough Walkerstown Wittown.	175
	Boolburra Frestone Creek Hodgson Isis Downs Kilkivan Kingston Valley of Lagoons.	

NUMBER OF OFFICES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1876.

Number of Post Offices.	NUMBER OF RECEIVING HOUSES.		NUMBER OF RECEIVERS FOR LETTERS ONLY.	
	Brisbane.	Country.	Brisbane.	Country.
175	4	68	12	12

An appendix is attached, showing the names of Post Offices and Postmasters in 1876.
 An iron receiver was erected in Brunswick street, Brisbane.
 Two receiving-boxes were erected at Cooktown.

REGISTRATION.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED LETTERS RECEIVED and DESPATCHED at the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1875 and 1876.

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1875	39,877	39,629
1876	43,391	43,238
Increase in 1876	3,514	3,609

NOTE.—Number of letters registered at country offices, 48,420, and, at the General Post Office, Brisbane, 16,765, making a total of 65,185.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS containing COIN or VALUABLES REGISTERED by OFFICERS of the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1875 and 1876, under clause 32 of "The Postage Act."

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1875	291	291
1876	274	274

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS or PARCELS containing ENCLOSURES which, under clauses 35 to 42 of "The Postage Act," were OPENED, and the CONTENTS VALUED by HER MAJESTY'S CUSTOMS.

Year.	Letters and Parcels Opened.	Declared Duty Free.	Upon which Duty was Payable.	Value.	Ad Valorem Duty.
1875	234	78	156	£ s. d. 719 16 6	£ s. d. 35 8 0
1876	253	146	107	731 17 0	28 18 0
Increase in 1876	19	68	...	12 0 6	...
Decrease in 1876 ... ..	...	...	49	...	6 10 0

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED LETTERS—BRITISH, FOREIGN, and INTERCOLONIAL—RECEIVED at GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1876.

Year.	Number Received.
1876	3,608

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1876.

RECEIVED.				DISPOSED OF.		
Unclaimed.		Irregularly Posted.	Total.	Returned and Delivered.	Destroyed.	Total.
Queensland.	Ship.					
28,041	3,537	2,280	33,858	24,315	9,543	33,858

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED and UNREGISTERED LETTERS containing VALUE that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1876.

	RECEIVED.								DISPOSED OF.							
	On hand from 1875.		Registered.		Ordinary.		Total.		Returned and Delivered.		Paid into Treasury.		On Hand.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Cash, Notes, &c.	17	£ s. d. 12 13 8	58	£ s. d. 57 2 5	35	£ s. d. 58 17 5	110	£ s. d. 128 13 6	139	£ s. d. 103 14 1	...	£ s. d. ...	23	£ s. d. 24 19 5	162	£ s. d. 128 13 6
Drafts, Money Orders, Pro. Notes, &c.	7	16 15 0	120	252 11 6	111	1,832 4 6	238	2,101 11 0	170	2,053 17 0	...	...	16	47 14 0	186	2,101 11 0
	24	29 8 8	178	309 13 11	146	1,891 1 11	348	2,230 4 6	309	2,157 11 1	...	...	39	72 13 5	348	2,230 4 6

Attention is again directed to the very large value of contents of ordinary letters which passed into the Dead Letter Office during 1876.

STATEMENT showing NUMBER of APPLICATIONS for MISSING LETTERS, and RESULT of ENQUIRIES, for the Year 1876.

Number of Enquiries during 1876.	Number of Letters found, or traced satisfactorily.	Number of Letters of which no trace can be obtained.	Number of Enquiries still pending.	Total.
310	185	23	102	310

POSTAGE STAMPS.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED from the GENERAL POST OFFICE during the Year 1876.

Year.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	1s.	5s.	Total Value.
1876	1,269,736	2,219,667	44,620	73,665	168,136	23,170	809	£ s. d. 31,137 8 10

ISSUED to the undermentioned :—

Year.	Sale Clerk, Brisbane.	Country Postmasters.	Official Postmasters.	Total.
1876	£ s. d. 9,191 0 0	£ s. d. 9,036 18 10	£ s. d. 12,909 10 0	£ s. d. 31,137 8 10

VALUE of STAMPS SOLD to LICENSED VENDORS.

Year.	Brisbane.	Country.
1876	£ s. d. 8,250 10 0	£ s. d. 7,737 10 0

POSTAGES.

The postage rates to France, Algeria, Belgium, and Montenegro, and the extra charge for sending correspondence *via* Brindisi, were reduced in 1876.

Packets containing "Votes and Proceedings" of the Parliament of Queensland, and weekly parts of the Parliamentary Debates, are now sent free within the Colony if posted within seven days from date of issue from the Government Printing Office.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following statement shows the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, for the Years 1875 and 1876 :—

Year.	Sale of Stamps.	Fees for Private Boxes and Bags.	Postage on Unpaid Letters.	Money Order Commission.	Postage Collected in United Kingdom	Amounts Received from other Colonies for Conveyance of Mails <i>via</i> Torres Straits.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1875 ...	26,838 5 6	617 16 6	754 12 7	1,328 6 6	Not received*	1,058 0 0	30,597 1 1
1876 ...	29,536 2 8	710 3 9	801 1 5	1,482 10 10	Not received†	1,489 17 8	34,019 16 4
Increase	£ 2,697 17 2	92 7 3	46 8 10	154 4 4	...	431 17 8	3,422 15 3

* Estimated at £3,875.

† Estimated at £3,900.

The total amount of Revenue for 1876 will probably amount to £37,900.

The following statement shows the Expenditure of the Post Office Department on account of the Year 1876 :—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, including Country Postmasters throughout the Colony ... ..	...	19,350 10 1
Conveyance of Mails—		
Inland	37,561 18 11	
Gratuities	2,097 2 5	
Landing and Shipping	426 7 3	
Torres Straits Service	20,000 0 0	
Conveyance Coastwise	5,420 0 0	
Conveyance <i>via</i> Melbourne and Gallo	729 13 11	66,235 2 6
Contingencies—Incidentals	4,382 9 9	
" Repairs, Fittings, &c., Country Offices	190 18 6	4,573 8 3
	£	90,159 0 10

In addition to the above, the sum of £772 14s. 3d. was paid on account of previous years.

The Staff of the General Post Office on the 31st December, 1876, was as follows:—

Under Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chief Clerk and Cashier	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Superintendent, Mail Branch	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Superintendent, Money Order Office and Accountant	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Clerks	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Assistant Clerks	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sorters	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Assistant Sorter	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Letter Carriers	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Mailman	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Messenger	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Office-keeper	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	59

Aggregate Salaries £9,833 per annum.

The Country Post Offices, 31st December, 1876, were:—

Official	...	14	...	Aggregate Salaries	...	£7,368 per annum
Non-official	...	161	...	"	...	£3,405 "

Total number of persons employed by the Department, 277.

Bundaberg was made an official office on 1st July, 1876.

A clerical assistant was appointed at Cooktown on 1st January, 1876; and at Warwick, on 1st August, 1876.

A letter carrier was appointed at Cooktown on 1st January, 1876.

MONEY ORDERS.

The Money Order business between Queensland and India was commenced on 1st January, and between Queensland and the German Empire on 11th February, 1876. The commission on Inland Money Orders was reduced on 1st August, 1876; this reduction was made to enable remitters to send small sums without much expense, and there has been apparently a considerable increase in consequence.

STATEMENT showing the OPERATIONS of the MONEY ORDER OFFICE during the Year 1876.

YEAR.	Number of Offices on 31st December.	ORDERS ISSUED.		ORDERS PAID.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1875	49	22,696	£ 91,214 8 0	14,564	£ 56,244 8 11
1876	56	25,889	106,025 16 8	17,578	69,201 2 0
Increase	7	3,193	14,811 8 8	3,014	12,956 13 1

OFFICES OPENED.

Caboolture
Cleveland
Duarings
Inglewood

Maytown
Murphy's Creek
South Brisbane
Tiara.

OFFICES CLOSED.

Duarings.

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH ORDERS for the Year 1876.

Issued.	Number.	Amount.	
		£	s. d.
Inland	2,215	12,233	9 11
Intercolonial	958	6,042	13 1
	3,173	£18,276	3 0

Intercolonial, received, 370.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS from the COMMENCEMENT of the SYSTEM to the 31st December, 1876.

Year.	No. of Orders Issued and Paid in Queensland.	Amount.		Remarks.
		£	s. d.	
1862	574	2,296	7 3	System commenced 1st July, 1862.
1863	3,698	15,373	5 9	
1864	6,598	28,222	18 11	Increase 83 per cent.
1865	9,841	42,215	19 0	" 49 "
1866	12,158	52,360	6 8	" 24 "
1867	16,050	74,730	9 11	" 42 "
1868	19,310	88,129	15 0	" 18 "
1869	21,911	96,015	18 6	" 8 "
1870	19,923	85,295	16 11	Decrease 11 "
1871	21,100	88,739	7 9	Increase 4 "
1872	30,208	114,847	0 2	" 29 "
1873	33,508	133,465	15 2	" 16 "
1874	34,188	136,098	14 11	" 2 "
1875	37,260	147,458	16 11	" 8 "
1876	43,467	175,226	18 8	" 19 "

The following Appendices have been added to the Report, for the convenience of reference, viz. :—

APPENDIX A.—List of Postal Services, 1876.

APPENDIX B.—List of Country Post Offices and Postmasters, 1876.

APPENDIX C. to E.—Statements in connection with Money Order transactions.

APPENDIX F.—Statistics of the Postal Department from 1860 to 1876.

CHARLES STUART MEIN,

Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Brisbane, 29th June, 1877.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

LIST OF MAIL SERVICES, 1876.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
Allora P.O. and Railway Station ...	Horse ...	Twelve ...	3½	4,368	£ s. d. 45 0 0
Aramac and Cork, from 1 March ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	265	13,780	280 0 0
Bald Hills and Chinaman's Creek, From 1st August ...	" ...	Two ...	5	10,400	{ 16 0 0 20 0 0
Beenleigh and Nindooimbah ...	" ...	One ...	34	3,536	55 0 0
Extension to Brayford's, from 20 August...	" ...	One ...	2½	90	4 0 10
Beenleigh and Nindooimbah <i>via</i> Tambourine	" ...	One ...	34	3,536	4 15 7
Extension to Brayford's, 22 August ...	" ...	One ...	2½	90	65 0 0
Blackall and Bowen Downs ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	165	17,160	220 0 0
Blackall and Police Barracks, Lower Barcoo	" ...	One ...	187	10,274	200 0 0
Extension to Jundah, 1 August ...	" ...	One ...	25	20,508	880 0 0
Boolburra and Springsure <i>via</i> Rolleston ...	" ...	One ...	207	12,180	2,809 5 5
Boolburra and Copperfield, from 30 Jan. to 31 May ...	Coach ...	Two ...	174	17,836	270 0 0
Bowen and Bowen Downs ...	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	343	14,248	200 0 0
Bowen and Mackay ...	" ...	One ...	137	23,192	300 0 0
Bowen and Nebo ...	" ...	One ...	223	13,312	150 0 0
Bowen and Ravenswood ...	" ...	One ...	128	...	30 0 0
Bowen P.O. and Steamers at the Pier ...	Dray ...	To meet steamers and vessels carry- ing Mails	¼	...	...
Brisbane and Brown's Store, Breakfast Creek ...	Coach ...	Six ...	2½	1,560	26 0 0
Bowen Downs and Hughenden, to 12 August	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	145	7,900	130 0 0
Route altered to <i>via</i> Tower Hill and Rookwood, from 13 August ...	" ...	" ...	163	1,766	30 0 0
Brisbane and Brown's Blains ...	" ...	One ...	19	7,904	165 0 0
Brisbane and Cleveland ...	Coach ...	Three ...	20	26,208	1,980 0 0
Cleveland and Redland Bay ...	Horse ...	Two ...	8	2,912	56 10 0
Brisbane and Gympie ...	Coach ...	Two ...	126	1,872	26 0 0
Brisbane and Hamilton's, North Pine ...	Horse ...	One ...	28	44,928	...
Brisbane and Kelvin Grove ...	Coach ...	Six ...	3	1,872	26 0 0
Brisbane and Ipswich ...	Railway ...	Eighteen ...	24	3	1,872
Brisbane and Lutwyche ...	Coach ...	Six ...	3	29,016	900 0 0
Brisbane and Nerang Creek ...	" ...	Thrice to Nerang, six to Beenleigh	47	1,248	180 0 0
Brisbane G.P.O. and Railway Station ...	" ...	Twenty-four ...	½	1,442	26 0 0
Brisbane and South Brisbane, from 29 March, 1876 ...	Coach ...	Eighteen ...	1	14,976	200 0 0
Brisbane and Sandgate ...	" ...	Twelve ...	12	4,056	100 0 0
Brisbane and Veresdale ...	" ...	One ...	39	2	1,248
Brown's Store and Bulimba ...	" ...	Six ...	2	13,104	140 0 0
Bundaberg and Mount Perry ...	Horse ...	Two ...	63	3,120	400 0 0
Byerstown and Thornborough, from 1 July, 1876 ...	" ...	One ...	60	130	13,481
Caboolture and Black Snake ...	" ...	One ...	6	6,032	120 0 0
Addition to Service Geddes and Humberstone ...	" ...	" ...	6	137	14,248
Cambooya and Leyburn ...	" ...	Two ...	29	2,496	£150 to 30
Cambooya and Retreat ...	" ...	One ...	137	...	June
Cardwell and Lower Herbert ...	Boat ...	Twice a month ...	48	3,012	£190 from
Lower Herbert and Dungeness ...	" ...	As required ...	18	4	1 July
To New Post Office, Lower Herbert ...	" ...	Twice a month ...	4	238	12,376
Cardwell and Georgetown ...	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	238	156	16,224
Charleville and Tambo ...	" ...	One ...	156	269	27,976
Charleville and Enngonia ...	" ...	One ...	269	3	3,744
Charters Towers and Millichester ...	Coach ...	Twelve ...	3	4	2,496
Clermont and Copperfield ...	" ...	Six ...	4	253	26,312
Clermont and Springsure <i>via</i> Beaufort	Horse ...	One ...	253	9	5,616
Clifton and Spring Creek ...	" ...	Six ...	9	92	28,704
Condamine and Roma ...	Coach ...	Three ...	92	127	13,208
Condamine and Surat ...	Horse ...	One ...	127	107	12 6 0
Condamine and Taroom ...	" ...	One ...	107	235	24,440
Cooktown and Maytown <i>via</i> Palmer ...	" ...	One ...	235	3	336
Coomera Township and Upper Coomera ...	" ...	Three ...	3	167	16,328
Cunnamulla and Thorgomindah ...	" ...	One ...	167	76½	23,868
Dalby and Condamine ...	Coach ...	Three ...	76½	34	2,652
Dalby and Coorange, from 1 October ...	Horse ...	Three ...	34	141	14,664
Dalby and Gayndah ...	" ...	One ...	141	163½	17,004
Dalby and Goondiwindi ...	" ...	One ...	163½	...	227 10 0

LIST OF MAIL SERVICES, 1876—continued.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.		
					£	s.	d.
Dalby Post Office and Railway Station	Coach	Six	0½	156			
Dalby and St. George	Horse	One	267	27,768	400	0	0
Dalrymple and Cape River	"	One	81	8,684	113	9	1
Extension to Specimen Gully	"	One	10				
Dalrymple and Richmond Downs	"	Fortnightly	268	13,936	300	0	0
Dalrymple and Williams'	"	One	207	21,528	450	0	0
Didcot and Gayndah	Coach	Two	24	4,992	160	0	0
Duarina and Springsure, to 5 Sept.	"	Two	114	18,240	1,400	0	0
Dingo and Springsure, from 6 Sept.	"	Two	97	4,656	1,191	4	6
Dingo and Copperfield, from 6 Sept.	"	Two	144	5,760	2,324	8	4
Duarina and Copperfield, from 1 April to 5 Sept.	"	Two	167	13,694	2,695	5	1
Elliott and Gladstone	Horse	Two	161	33,488	371	0	0
Elliott and Kilkivan	"	One	70	7,280	125	0	0
Extension to Neureum, from 30 Sept.	"	One	3	54	5	7	1
Eulo and Fairlie Plains	"	One	80	14,092	273	0	0
Fairlie Plains and Tintinchilla	"	Fortnightly	111				
Eulo, Hoodsville, and Hungerford's	"	One	81	8,424	148	13	10
Gatton and Tent Hill	"	Three	5	1,500	25	0	0
Gayndah and Banana, to 30 April...	"	One	150	17,056	175	0	0
Including Eidsvold, from 1 May	"	One	14				
Gayndah and Mount Perry	"	Two	44	9,152	105	0	0
Gayndah and Nanango	"	One	97	10,088	128	0	0
Gayndah and Taroom	"	One	164	17,056	175	0	0
Georgetown and Charleston	Coach	One	30	840	104	0	0
Georgetown and Normanton	Horse	Fortnightly	249	12,948	300	0	0
Gladstone and Banana	"	One	139	14,456	130	0	0
Gladstone and Kariboe	"	One	109	11,336	145	0	0
Gladstone and Rockhampton	"	One	91	9,464	110	0	0
Gladstone and Rockhampton	"	Twice a month	91	4,672	60	0	0
Goondiwindi and Mungindi, to 31 Aug.	"	One	113	8,814	122	10	0
Ditto from 1 Sept.	"	Two	113	5,876	250	0	0
Gowrie Junction and Meringandan	"	One	6	624	20	0	0
Gracemere Post Office and Railway Station	"	Six	0½	156	13	0	0
Greenmount and Emu Creek	"	Six	8	4,992	52	0	0
Gympie and Kilkivan	"	One	46	4,784	96	0	0
Extension to Neureum, from 30 September	"	One	2½	45	6	5	2
Gympie and One-mile Creek	"	Six	1	624	45	0	0
Gympie and Newsa, from 7 Oct.	"	One	35	770	£3 per trip		
Gympie and Tewantin	"	One	46	4,784	85	0	0
Harrisville and Blantyre	"	Two	10½	252	26	0	0
Harrisville and Scell's Farm, from 20 Aug.	"	One	3½	133	14	0	0
Houghton and Charters Towers	Coach	Two	50	10,400	600	0	0
Hawkwood and Camboon	Horse	One	68	7,072	100	0	0
Herbert's Creek and Copperfield, to 29 June	"	Two	179	2,864	2,890	0	0
Hidden Valley and Natal Downs	"	Fortnightly	110	4,620	140	0	0
Indooroopilly and Moggill	"	Two	10	2,080	36	0	0
Ipswich and Bellevue	"	Two	27	4,368	88	0	0
Ipswich and Kholo	"	One	10	1,040	12	0	0
Ipswich and Fassifern	"	One	up 39 down 31	3,640	40	0	0
Ipswich Post Office and Railway Station	Coach	Meet every train		0½	780	78	0	0
Ipswich and Redbank Plains	Horse	Two	7	1,456	25	0	0
Ipswich and Harrisville	"	Two	up 17 down 26	4,472	55	0	0
Ipswich and Seven-mile Creek	"	Two		7	28	0	0
Extension to Mount Walker	"	One	11	2,600	15	0	0
Ipswich and Toowoomba	Railway	Twelve	78	97,344			
Ipswich and Kooralbyn	Horse	One	53	5,512	52	10	0
Ipswich and Unumgar	"	One	84	8,736	65	0	0
Isis Downs and Welford Downs	"	Fortnightly	165	9,330	150	0	0
(altered to Jundah), from 1 Aug.	"	Two	63	11,024	125	0	0
Jondaryan and Nanango	"	One	94	9,776	115	0	0
Kariboe and Mount Perry	"	One	141	1,974	145	0	0
Leyburn and Bonshaw, to 10 March	"	One	124	12,690			
Altered to Leyburn and Texas, from 11 March	"	One	121	12,584	129	0	0
Leyburn and Goondiwindi	"	One	121	12,584	129	0	0
Logan Reserve and Teleton	"	One to Teleton, two to Village of Logan	50	6,032	132	0	0
Mackay and Nebo	"	One	60	6,240	120	0	0
Marlborough and Lilyvale	"	One	165	17,160	137	0	0
Maryborough and Bundaberg	"	Two	52	10,816	160	0	0
Ditto from 1 Dec.	Coach	Three	54	33,696			
Maryborough and Gympie	3 by coach 3 by horse	Six	54	33,696	1,100	0	0
Maryborough and Mount Perry	Horse	Two	106	22,048	750	0	0
Maryborough Post Office and the Wharf	Dray	To meet every steamer carrying mails	0½		60	0	0
Maryborough and Pialba, from 27 Jan., 1876	Coach	One	22	2,212	48	0	0
Maryborough and Saw-mills, via Yengarie	Horse	Six	14	8,736	100	0	0
Mistake Creek and Aramac	"	One	155	16,120	320	0	0
Mistake Creek and Elgin Downs	"	Fortnightly	74	3,848	60	0	0
Mitchell Downs and Buzenda	"	One	151	15,704	153	17	6

LIST of MAIL SERVICES, 1876—continued.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
Mitchell Downs and Charleville	1 by coach 1 by horse	Two	135	28,080	£ 300 0 0
Mitchell Downs and Westgrove	Horse	One	109	11,336	120 0 0
Mount Brisbane and Deep Creek, from 9 Oct.	"	Three	10	720	18 0 0
Mooloolah and Buderim Mountains	"	One	15	1,560	35 0 0
Mount Esk and Nukinenda	"	One	28	2,912	38 0 0
Mount Margaret and Thylungra	"	One	95	9,880	100 0 0
Nebo and Copperfield	"	One	134	13,936	180 0 0
Nerang Creek and Bundall	"	Three	6½	2,028	33 16 0
Nerang Creek and Kynumboon	"	Two	33	6,864	135 0 0
North Pine and Redcliffe, from 10 Jan.	"	One	10	500	12 0 0
Normanton and Fisher's Creek	"	Once a month	376	9,024	259 13 4
Owanyilla and Upper Mary	"	One	4	416	26 0 0
Oxley West and Rocky Waterholes	"	Six	1½	936	30 0 0
Ravenswood and Dalrymple	"	One	83	8,632	195 0 0
Richmond Downs and Cloneerry	"	Two a month	177	8,204	450 0 0
Rockhampton and Boolburra, from 30 Jan. to 1 April	"	Six	58	5,452	
Rockhampton and Dingo, from 6 Sept.	"	Six	88	17,424	
Rockhampton and Crocodile Creek	"	One	16	1,664	46 0 0
Rockhampton and Hewittville	Coach	One	38	3,952	120 0 0
Rockhampton and Leura	Horse	One	116	12,064	165 0 0
Rockhampton Post Office and Railway Station	Coach	To meet every train, and clear pillar-boxes	¼	312	50 0 0
Rockhampton and Herbert's Creek, from 29 Jan.	Railway	Six	53	2,650	
Rockhampton and Duaringa, from 1 April to 6 Sept.	"	Twice a day	53		
Rockhampton and St. Lawrence	Horse	One	123	12,792	250 0 0
Rockhampton and Toorilla	"	One	132	13,728	165 0 0
Roma and Mitchell Downs	Once by coach once by horse	Two	54	11,232	245 0 0
Roma and Surat	Spring cart	One	50	5,200	100 0 0
Roma and Taroom	Horse	One	122	12,688	142 10 0
Rosewood Scrub and Tallegalla, from 1 May, 1876	"	Two	7	980	24 0 0
St. George and Curriwillingham	"	One	98	10,192	110 0 0
St. George and Cunnamulla	"	Fortnightly	201	10,452	203 0 0
St. George and Mitchell Downs	"	One	139	14,456	149 0 0
St. George and Mungindi	"	One	88	9,152	98 10 0
St. Lawrence Post Office and Steamers at Wharf, Broadsound	"	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	5		35 0 0
St. Lawrence and Copperfield	"	One	154	16,016	180 0 0
St. Lawrence and Nebo	"	One	109	11,336	180 0 0
Springsure and Blackall	"	Two	231	47,048	480 0 0
Springsure and Clermont	"	One	137	14,248	150 0 0
Stanthorpe and Willson's Downfall	Coach	Three	13	4,056	220 0 0
Stanthorpe and Inglewood	Horse	One	99	10,296	98 0 0
Surat and St. George	"	One	89	9,256	99 0 0
Swan Creek Receiving Office and Upper Swan Creek	"	One	6	624	15 0 0
Tambo and Isis Downs	"	One	175	18,200	200 0 0
Tambo and Thorgomindah	"	Fortnightly	338	17,576	200 0 0
Tambourine and Irving's	"	One	15	1,560	30 0 0
Taroom and Bauhinia Downs	"	One	113	11,752	116 0 0
Thorgomindah and Innaminka, from 15 Aug.	"	Fortnightly	210	3,780	200 0 0
Thorgomindah and Hoodsville	"	One	85		
Extension to Hungerford's, from 14 Jan.	"	One	98	10,192	158 2 4
Thorgomindah and Mount Margaret	"	One	70	7,280	150 0 0
Tingalpa and Doughboy Creek	"	Three	7	1,337	30 0 0
Extension to Lytton	"	One			
Toowoomba and Albert Saw-mills (Aubigny), and Highfields and Emu Creek	Coach	Two to Aubigny	25		
Toowoomba and Dalby	Horse	One to Emu Creek	42	9,568	150 0 0
Toowoomba and Dalby, from 25 Oct.	Railway	Six	52	32,448	
Toowoomba and Drayton	"	Twelve		6,968	
Toowoomba Post Office and Railway Station	Horse	Twelve	4	4,992	65 0 0
Toowoomba and Warwick	Coach	To meet every train	¼	780	70 0 0
Toowong and Dart's Mill, Indooroopilly	Railway	Twelve	65	81,120	
Townsville and Dalrymple	Horse	Two	3	624	15 0 0
Townsville and Ravenswood	"	One	75	7,800	230 0 0
Townsville Post Office and Wharf	Coach	Two	75	15,600	900 0 0
Village of Logan and Kinghorn	Horse	One	15	1,560	25 0 0
Walloon and Nanango, with a branch line from Mount Esk to Mount Brisbane	"	One	106	15,152	155 0 0
Warwick and Freestone Creek	"	One	12	1,248	21 0 0
Warwick and Killarney School-house	"	One	22	2,288	33 16 0
Warwick and Leyburn	"	One	42	4,368	70 0 0
Additional via Talgai, R.O., from 1 Jan.	"	One	7	728	5 0 0
Warwick Post Office and Railway Station	Coach	Twelve	¼	624	40 0 0
Warwick and Stanthorpe	"	Six	37	23,088	800 0 0
Welford Downs and Mackhara, from 1 March	Horse	Fortnightly	220	9,680	200 0 0
Extended to Jundah, from 1 Aug.	"	One	25		
Westwood and Taroom	"	One	220	22,880	280 0 0
Williams' (or Gilberton or Mount Hogan) and Georgetown	"	One	90	9,750	320 0 0
Yatala and Pimpama Island, from 28 Oct.	"	One	14	280	12 0 0

APPENDIX B

LIST of POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES for the Year 1876.

Office.	Postmasters.	Salary.
Albion (New Office, 1st November) ...	E. Challinor ...	£6
Allora ...	Mrs. Gwynne ...	£30
Aramac ...	E. Schneider ...	£12
Ballandean ...	T. H. Fletcher ...	£12
Banana ...	M. O'Neill ...	£18
Beenleigh ...	O. Von Kosa, to 31st March ...	£50
	H. Pietzcher, from 1st April ...	
Blackall ...	F. Clewett ...	£18
Black Snake ...	J. M. Thompson ...	£12
Boolburra (closed 31st July) ...	P. McBride, to 31st July ...	£30
Bowen (Official Office) ...	D. A. Day ...	£250
Bowen Downs ...	G. B. Gallogly, to 31st March ...	£12
	E. K. Russell, from 1st April ...	
Breakfast Creek ...	A. Murphy, to 31st July ...	£15
	C. W. Phillips, from 1st August ...	
Brookfield (New Office, 12th August) ...	W. Butler ...	£12
Brown's Plains ...	G. Stretton ...	Salary included in contract
Bulimba ...	J. Watson ...	£12
Bundaberg (Official Office, from 1st July) ...	H. E. Young, to 30th June ...	£50
	J. Kelly, from 1st July ...	£200
Bundall ...	C. A. M. Morris ...	£12
Burenda ...	M. Cavanagh ...	£12
Byerstown (New Office, 1st April) ...	C. Nolan, to 25th May ...	£40
	J. D. Gibson, to 21st September ...	
	T. C. Bird, from 22nd September ...	
Cairns (New Office, 7th October) ...	D. Spence ...	£25 for period, to 19th February, 1877
Caboolture (Money Order Office, from 1st April) ...	M. T. Clune ...	£12
Calliope ...	M. A. Sutherland, to 9th May ...	£18
	P. Doyle, from 10th May ...	
Camboon ...	C. Daveney ...	£6 to 31st August, £12 from 1st September
Cambooya ...	J. J. Hayes ...	£24
Canal Creek ...	J. Sellers ...	£15
Capalaba ...	W. Jarvis ...	£12
Cape River (closed 31st December) ...	J. T. Houghton ...	£22
Cardwell ...	J. E. Poore ...	£25
Carnarvon ...	J. T. McManus ...	£12
Cawarral ...	A. Redstone, to 24th July ...	£12
	J. G. Surrenne, to 12th November ...	
	M. Harris, from 13th November ...	
Charleston (New Office, 24th September, 1875, } but not opened till 1st February, 1876) }	J. W. Colwell, to 4th December ...	£12
	N. M. Bindon, from 5th December ...	
Charleville ...	R. A. Skinner ...	£35
Charters Towers ...	A. J. Swann ...	£52
Clermont ...	J. C. Bauer ...	£40
Cleveland (Money Order Office, from 1st June) ...	A. T. Winship ...	£25
Clifton ...	W. E. Shapcott ...	£24
Cloncurry ...	E. Henry ...	£12
Condamine ...	J. King ...	£60
Cooktown (Official Office) ...	J. Allan ...	£300
Coomera ...	W. Binstead ...	£12
Coomera Township ...	T. Lenneberg ...	£12
Cooper's Plains (New Office, 1st October) ...	S. Manning ...	£12
Copperfield ...	G. Smith, to 31st May ...	£80
	H. Smith, from 1st June ...	
Cork (New Office, from 1st July) ...	J. A. Imrie ...	£12
Crocodile Creek ...	C. Jagerndorff ...	£12
Cunnamulla ...	F. Ford ...	£20
Curriwillinghi ...	W. Taylor ...	£12
Dalby (Official Office) ...	E. Da Costa ...	£275 to 30th June; £300 from 1st July
Dalrymple ...	W. G. Symonds ...	£30
Dingo (New Office, 1st October) ...	J. B. Collum ...	£25
Drayton ...	P. Favenc ...	£80
Duaringa (Money Order Office, 1st June, } closed 31st August) }	M. Leahy, to 30th September ...	£12
	J. Beattie, from 1st October ...	
Dungeness ...	J. T. Arnot ...	£12
Eight-mile Plains ...	A. G. Littleboy, to 30th April ...	£12
	R. Purkiss, from 1st May ...	
Elliot ...	R. Grout ...	£12
Eulo ...	R. Barlow ...	£12 to 31st March; £20 from 1st April
Fassifern ...	G. Angus ...	£12
Fisher's Creek ...	A. Henry, to 31st March ...	£12
	G. Pratt, from 1st May ...	
Freestone Creek (closed 31st August) ...	E. Skinner ...	£12
Gatton ...	J. Watt ...	£18
Gayndah ...	C. Smith ...	£60
Geham (named Highfields, to 17th September) ...	M. A. Black ...	£12
Georgetown ...	W. H. Parish, to 9th March ...	£30
	L. F. Haseler, from 10th March ...	

APPENDIX B—continued.

LIST of POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES, for the Year 1876—continued.

Office.	Postmasters.	Salary.
German Station	Mrs. R. Cook	£18
Gin Gin	J. W. Dear	£18
Gladstone	Mrs. Hetherington	£125
Glamorgan Vale	T. Pratt, to 16th January	£12
	J. Wilkinson, to 23rd January	
	C. Dunning, from 24th January	
Goodna	Mrs. Wallis	£25
Goondiwindi	Mrs. Davis	£50
Gootchy	C. Scarrott	£12
Gowrie Junction (New Office, from 24th April)	D. Callaghan	£6
Gracemere	E. J. McDonald	£12
Grandchester	R. Eykyn, to 24th August	£18
	J. Stark, from 25th August	
Greenmount	Mrs. Mackintosh, to 30th November	£12
	J. Roberts, from 1st December	
Gympie (Official Office)	J. Baird, to 8th March	£300
	C. F. Cumming, from 9th March	
Harrisville	Mrs. Carson	£12
Haughton (New Office from 12th January, 1877)	S. Holmes	£12
Hawkwood	J. Palmer	£6
Hodgson (New Office, 1st July, closed 22nd Oct.)	P. B. McIntosh, to 22nd October)	£12
Helidon	J. Waugh	£18
Hemmant (Named Doughboy Creek to 30th) June, and Clydesdale to 30th September)	G. Laidlaw	£12
Highfields (New Office from 18th September)...	S. R. Davis	£6
Indooroopilly	A. H. Rowlandson, to 7th March	£12
	W. Mackean, to 2nd April	
	J. Ball, from 3rd April	
Inglewood (Money Order Office, 1st April)	Mrs. Canning	£12
Ipswich (Official Office)	R. Gill	£375
Isis Downs	R. Govett	£12 to 31st August; £15 from 1st September
Jimna	G. Whittington	£22
Jondaryan	Z. Goff	£20
Kelvin Grove	W. Doran, to 31st March	£12
	G. B. Cutbush, from 1st April	
Kholo	W. Clegg	£12
Kilkivan (Closed 27th September)	J. Mackey	£12
Kynnumboon, N.S.W.	J. Bray, to 30th April	£6
	Mrs. Sharpe, from 1st May	
Laidley	J. B. Robinson, to 10th August	£18
	J. Stark, to 24th August	
	R. Eykyn, from 25th August	
Leyburn	R. E. Halloran	£30
Lily Vale	E. Davis	£12
Loganholme (New Office, 25th October)	C. W. Welsh	£12
Logan Reserve	R. Leo	£25
Lower Herbert	Mrs. Collins	£12
Lutwyche	C. Stott, to 6th August	£12
	E. Slaughter, from 7th August	
Lytton (New Office from 29th April, 1876)	W. Webb	No salary
Mackay (Official Office)	D. Browne	£220
Marlborough	T. Illidge	£20
Maryborough (Official Office)	T. R. Dickens	£300
Maytown (Money Order Office, 1st December)	E. Thynne, to 31st May	£50
	C. Kimble, from 1st June	
Millchester	H. B. Walker	£150 to 29th February; £50 from 1st March. Balance paid by Telegraph Department
Mitchell Downs	R. A. Whipham, to 5th December	£30
	T. Lynch, from 6th December	
Moggill	Mrs. Johns	£12
Mooloolah	F. L. Henzell, to 30th April	£12
	E. Lander, from 1st May	
Morven (New Office, 24th November)	D. T. Leadbetter	£12
Mount Esk	D. Smith	£18
Mount Perry	T. McCarthy	£60
Mungindi	A. G. Walker	£12
Murphy's Creek (Money Order Office, 13th) January	J. Fraser	£18
Nanango	A. Lee	£40
Nebo	F. Brown	£30
Nerang Creek	B. Joseph	£15
Neureum (New Office, 28th September)	A. Gowan	£12
Normanton	C. Francis, to 21st June	£22
	S. M. Barter, from 22nd June... ..	
North Pine	G. Buckley	£12
Oakey Creek	G. Stewart	£20
One-Mile Creek	J. McLaughlin	£40, to 30th June; £50, from 1st July
Owanilla	R. Muir, to 30th June	£12
	G. Pitt, from 1st July	
Oxley	C. Murton	£18
Palmer	J. Duff, to 24th October	£60
	J. Canty, from 25th October	£20

APPENDIX B—continued.

LIST of POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES, for the Year 1876—continued.

Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Pikedale	G. Davidson, to 11th March ...	£12
	D. Gunn, from 12th March ...	No salary
Pimpama	J. Watkins	£26
Pine Mountain	W. O'Donnell, to 31st July ...	£12
	J. C. Harris, from 1st August ...	
Purga Creek	J. Lucas	£12
Ravenswood	G. S. Pegus	£60
Redbank Plains	J. Carroll	£12
Rockford	R. Hayles	£12
Rocky Waterholes	E. Hoelscher	£12
Rockhampton (Official Office)	D. Peterson	£300
Rolleston	T. Eyles	£12
Roma (Official Office)	F. G. Mackay	£200
Rosewood	J. Vance	£12
St. George	H. Thompson, to 16th May ...	£35
	J. B. Tonson, from 17th May ...	
St. Lawrence	J. Philp	£25
Sandgate	A. Slaughter, to 14th October ...	£25
	C. Slaughter, from 15th October ...	
Seven-Mile Creek	F. Moore	£12
Somerset	W. D. Powell	£24
South Brisbane (New Office, 27th March ; } Money Order Office, 27th May ... } Specimen Gully (New Office, 1st July) ... }	J. G. Smith	{ £12 to 30th June ; £40 from 1st July
Spring Creek	G. Soutar	£12
	C. Gillam, to 30th June	£12
	J. Gillam, from 1st July	
Springsure	F. Batho	£35
Stanthorpe (Official Office)	T. S. Henzell	£250
Sugarloaf	W. Allison	£12
Surat	R. T. Taylor	£40
Tambo	G. A. Bilton, to 31st July	£40
	P. P. Agnew, to 19th December ...	
	J. Mayne, from 20th December ...	
Tambourine	T. Plunkett	£12
Taroom	M. Zerbe	£50
Teleton	G. C. Crump	£12
Tenthill	Mrs. R. M. Power	£6
Tewantin	Mrs. Gargett	£12
Texas	Mrs. Myles	£6
Thorgomindah	G. W. A. Matthews, to 31st May ...	£12
	A. Eccles, to 11th October	
	A. R. Johnston, from 12th October ...	
Thornborough (New Office, 14th June)	J. V. Mulligan	£50
Tiaro	W. T. Deacon	£15
Tinana	F. Hill	£12
Tingalpa	C. Cope	£12
Toowong	R. G. Shanklin	£18
Toowoomba (Official Office)	G. W. Glanville	£300
Townsville (Official Office)	E. G. Grose	£350
Unumgar, N.S.W.	R. A. Hickson	£12
Upper Mary	H. Burgess	Salary included in contract
Valley of Lagoons (Closed, 30th April)	C. B. Marrett	£12
Veresdale	Mrs. Morison	£18
Village of Logan	W. Drynan	£18
Walkerston (New Office, 19th November)	W. Brown	£12
Walloon	C. Glynn	£18
Warwick (Official Office)	S. Marshal	£250
West End	J. Wayte	£12
Western Creek Station	C. D. Dunne, to 16th March ...	£12
	H. M. Perry, from 17th March ...	
Westwood	H. O. Bishop	£22
Wivenhoe	J. C. Foote	£12
Yaamba	A. Geddes	£15
Yandilla	G. R. Fitzmaurice	£12
Yandina	J. Low	£12
Yatala	Mrs. A. Hanlon	£12
Yengarie	R. H. Watson, to 12th December ...	£12
	D. H. Robinson, from 13th December ...	

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED and PAID in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1876; together with the AMOUNT of COMMISSION on ORDERS ISSUED within the COLONY.

OFFICE.	ISSUED.			PAID.			
	Number.	Amount.		Commission.	Number.	Amount.	
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Brisbane	5,741	23,844	12 10	420	9 1	8,950	31,161 4 10
Allora	172	512	8 9	6	15 6	30	106 19 2
Beenleigh	187	654	15 1	8	8 0	66	252 18 11
Blackall	81	294	15 9	5	8 0	10	64 4 9
Black Snake	90	491	6 11	5	0 6	7	20 10 0
Bowen	427	1,767	14 11	22	9 0	234	1,104 17 1
Bundaberg	514	1,803	16 6	22	0 9	123	510 4 0
Caboolture	23	61	6 4	1	5 0	10	39 11 0
Cardwell	169	633	10 11	6	12 6	35	178 17 5
Charleville	303	1,531	9 0	13	9 9	34	165 17 6
Charters Towers	934	4,506	13 10	50	5 9	149	845 10 3
Clermont	288	1,315	3 9	15	18 9	52	270 8 2
Cleveland	21	64	17 2	0	11 6	8	52 13 0
Condamine	197	841	7 0	7	12 0	44	221 7 9
Cooktown	921	4,868	15 5	55	17 0	302	1,722 8 8
Copperfield	395	1,222	5 0	22	4 3	83	350 1 1
Dalby	670	2,904	13 5	29	3 3	304	1,227 15 2
Drayton	84	335	15 3	3	7 9	32	209 2 6
Duarina	34	189	14 11	2	14 6	3	11 0 0
Gayndah	138	472	6 9	5	15 9	48	221 4 6
Georgetown	84	475	13 11	7	9 9	14	66 15 11
Gladstone	329	1,328	18 4	18	12 0	82	339 9 8
Goodna	144	379	2 3	5	8 9	48	129 11 8
Goondiwindi	141	668	0 10	7	19 0	27	139 9 0
Gympie	741	2,993	13 1	42	14 0	527	2,421 18 1
Inglewood	32	99	10 7	0	18 0	6	18 12 8
Ipswich	1,204	3,948	15 10	70	1 0	983	4,270 4 3
Jimna	54	139	10 4	2	3 3	2	15 0 0
Leyburn	237	967	2 6	8	10 3	43	174 9 2
Mackay	588	2,767	14 2	30	3 3	195	900 15 9
Maryborough	1,262	4,655	3 0	70	11 3	1,159	4,846 16 7
Maytown	17	89	4 6	1	3 9		
Milchester	297	1,347	0 0	15	8 6	62	285 17 6
Murphy's Creek	174	624	14 0	5	1 6	11	63 5 1
Mount Perry	372	1,315	10 6	19	13 0	68	267 8 8
Namango	80	233	11 1	3	3 3	8	52 6 8
Nebo	49	157	19 3	1	15 6	14	43 9 4
One-mile Creek	355	1,752	10 0	22	5 0	22	133 6 6
Pimpama	36	122	4 5	1	9 0	16	72 12 0
Ravenswood	480	2,399	5 3	26	9 3	71	363 11 1
Rockhampton	1,853	7,698	12 6	121	14 0	897	3,842 4 6
Roma	423	1,552	17 1	18	6 3	175	757 2 1
Sandgate	60	204	7 6	2	15 9	23	77 16 1
St. George	170	621	14 6	7	5 0	36	210 6 2
St. Lawrence	147	625	8 11	6	15 6	17	88 16 0
South Brisbane	103	399	14 7	8	10 3	54	292 6 6
Springsure	314	1,589	6 0	16	3 0	43	222 14 9
Stanthorpe	773	2,941	16 4	32	18 3	237	965 4 9
Surat	71	119	11 1	2	6 3	12	46 19 0
Tambo	154	770	7 5	7	14 9	25	158 16 6
Taroom	109	518	16 8	4	15 9	26	126 1 10
Tiaro	195	919	15 4	8	2 0	19	66 19 5
Toowoomba	1,510	5,423	2 11	72	7 6	882	3,419 2 0
Townsville	942	4,390	1 5	52	16 6	596	2,553 17 8
Warwick	787	2,396	1 2	34	11 3	620	2,734 18 5
Westwood	201	1,025	19 11	11	8 9	23	103 0 0
Yandilla	12	45	10 0	0	17 9	20	193 1 0
	25,889	106,025	16 8	1,475	16 4	17,578	60,201 2 0

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS ISSUED in QUEENSLAND, during the Year 1876, were PAYABLE.

Where Payable.	Number.	Amount.
Queensland	14,243	54,517 6 5
New South Wales	4,179	18,229 15 0
Victoria	2,014	10,024 15 8
South Australia	264	983 6 3
Tasmania	105	467 18 5
New Zealand	149	847 19 3
Western Australia	2	5 14 0
United Kingdom	4,720	20,127 11 7
India	7	37 18 3
Germany	206	783 11 10
	25,889	£106,025 16 8

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS PAID in QUEENSLAND, during the Year, 1876, were ISSUED.

Where Issued.	Number.	Amount.
Queensland	14,257	54,709 5 0
New South Wales	1,791	7,498 5 5
Victoria	500	2,535 16 8
South Australia	96	509 9 8
Tasmania	45	192 15 9
New Zealand	156	646 0 7
Western Australia	3	21 7 0
United Kingdom	700	3,088 1 11
India		Nil
Germany		Nil
	17,578	£69,201 2 0

APPENDIX F.

STATEMENT showing the STATISTICS of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT of QUEENSLAND from 1860, the first year after Separation from New South Wales, to 1876 inclusive.

Main table showing statistics of the Postal Department from 1860 to 1876. Columns include Year, Number of Post Offices, Revenue, Expenditure, Money Orders (Issued and Paid), Letters, Newspapers, and Packets (For Delivery and Despatch), Received into Queensland, and Total.

Table showing details of Mail Service (Within the Colony, Intercolonial, Ocean), Grand Total for Conveyance of Mails, and Deduct (Gratuities, Balance favor of Queensland, Postage Collected). Columns include Year, Extent in Miles, Total Number of Miles Travelled, Average Cost per Mile, Amount Paid for Land, Conveyance by Water, Total Cost of Postal Service, and various cost breakdowns.

* Money Order business commenced 1st July, 1862. † Subject to future increase, say £378 17s. 1d. ‡ Subject to future reduction, say £4,500

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