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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, Governor and Commander-in-Chief 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 1877.

TORRES STRAITS MAIL SERVICE.

Application was made by the Secretary of the Eastern and Australian Company in December last, for some recognition of the efforts made in carrying out the service, and for further assistance in maintaining it. It was decided by the Government that, subject to the approval of Parliament, an additional subsidy of £10,000 per annum should be offered to the Company conditional upon the service being maintained at a speed of ten (10) knots, and Cooktown being made a port of call. The offer, however, has been refused by the Company, and the service is still being carried on at a speed of nine (9) knots.

Under the nine-knot service the time-table, of necessity, provides that during six months in each year—from April to September—the “Outward” mail shall leave Brisbane before the arrival of the “Inward” mail, thus preventing any opportunity for reply; and that during the remainder of the year the “Inward” mail shall arrive about two days before the departure of the “Outward” steamer, thereby allowing time for replies from Brisbane and Ipswich. With the speed increased to ten knots, the time-table would allow during the months from October to March about seven days, and during the remainder of the year four days’ interval for replies to correspondence received by the “Inward” mails. This would be a great improvement upon the present table, and would secure for the residents of the Metropolitan and Southern Districts of the Colony the certainty of being able to reply to letters within a limited time after their receipt.

The average time occupied during the past year between Brisbane and London *via* Brindisi was 53 days 8 hours, and *via* Southampton 60½ days, whilst the inward transit occupied an average of 52 days 1 hour *via* Brindisi, and 60 days 8 hours *via* Southampton.*

The average time occupied on the voyages in 1877, as compared with 1876, shows an increase of nearly two days in the Inward voyages. This was in a great measure caused by delays in the departure of steamers from Singapore. †

The average of the Outward trips shows a decrease in the time occupied *via* Southampton (and Marseilles) of one day. This is owing to the mails sent by the Messageries Maritimes having arrived in London four and five days before the due date *via* Southampton.

MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN BRISBANE AND NORTHERN PORTS.

This service continues to be performed in a satisfactory manner. Port Douglas has been made an additional port of call; and the substitution of a weekly for a fortnightly service appears to have had the effect of stimulating mercantile enterprise at the different towns in the Northern portion of the colony.

CORRESPONDENCE

* See Appendices A to C.

† See Appendix B.

CORRESPONDENCE.*

It will be gathered from the following statement that there were large increases of all classes of correspondence during the year 1877, as compared with those of the previous year.

Posted in Queensland for delivery within the colony—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	15·97 per cent.
Newspapers	„	...	...	...	9·00 „
Packets	„	...	...	...	24·06 „
Posted in Queensland for despatch beyond the colony—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	15·80 „
Newspapers	„	...	...	...	·97 „
Packets	„	...	...	...	95·87 „
Received into Queensland—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	9·97 „
Newspapers	„	...	...	...	13·77 „
Packets	„	...	...	...	13·54 „
Totals—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	15·15 „
Newspapers	„	...	...	...	9·00 „
Packets	„	...	...	...	27·97 „

GENERAL POSTAL UNION.

In July last year a circular despatch from the Colonial Office, dated the 23rd March, 1877, was received, in which was transmitted a copy of a report from the Postmaster-General furnishing a reply to inquiries from the Government of South Australia, which it was considered might be useful in forming an opinion how far it might be for the advantage of an Australian colony to join the General Postal Union.

In his report the Postmaster-General of Great Britain stated that—“ Under the arrangement concerning the entry into the Union of British India and the French colonies, which was signed at Berne, on the 27th January, 1876, and which is being applied to all countries and colonies now seeking admission, power is given to fix the Union rates of postage, if desired, at double the rates fixed by the Berne Treaty of 9th October, 1874. At the same time, it is stipulated that for the sea conveyance of closed mails, any Union country despatching such mails shall pay to the office or offices providing the conveyance a sum of 25 francs per kilogramme for letters and post cards, and 1 franc per kilogramme for all other descriptions of correspondence. In the event of the sea service being provided by two or more offices, the rates mentioned above are to be divided between them, according to the distances traversed by each. The payments would be based not upon the weight of each separate mail, but upon statistics taken twice a-year.

“ If the Australian Colonies were to join the Union, the terms of the above-mentioned arrangement taken in connection with the Treaty of October, 1874, would be strictly binding upon them so far as their relations with the foreign countries of the Union are concerned. But this would not necessarily be the case as regards the mail exchanged with the United Kingdom, inasmuch as the conditions on which the Mail Service is maintained jointly by the mother country and the colonies, and the expense apportioned between the parties interested, do not concern the members of the Union generally.”

He also stated that—“ It will not be the desire of the Imperial Government to make any alteration in the arrangements during the period for which they are entered into.

“ In such case the Department (the Imperial Post Office) would continue to account to the Australian Colonies for the postage collected in the United Kingdom on letters, &c., for the colonies, less the British inland rates, and the supplementary postage charged for the purpose of covering the special payments due for the conveyance of mails through France and Italy.

“ With respect to letters from Australia for countries of the Union, as the Colonies provide the Packet Service to Galle, Singapore, and San Francisco, as the case may be, while the Imperial Government makes no charge for the further conveyance, the Australian offices would only have to account for territorial transit rates to the several Union States through which the letters would pass, the rates being those mentioned in Article X. of the Berne Treaty.

“ For example: On letters for Italy forwarded *via* Galle or Singapore, nothing whatever would have to be accounted for. On letters for Germany transit rates would have to be paid to Italy and Austria, and so on according to the number of the intermediate countries traversed.

“ The payments would be based on statistics taken during prescribed periods.

“ On letters from Union countries for Australia the Australian offices which provide the sea service from Galle, Singapore, or San Francisco, as the case may be, would receive the whole of the sea rate of 25 francs per kilogramme (equivalent to about 2½d. per half-ounce letter), this Department foregoing all claim to any portion of the payment in respect to the conveyance as far as the three ports above mentioned.

“ As a higher charge would be made in this country on letters, &c., for Australia, forwarded *via* Brindisi, than if forwarded *via* Southampton, the route adopted for their transmission would depend upon the postage prepaid on the special address upon the letters.

“ Correspondence between Australia and the Continent of Europe would no doubt continue to be sent principally *via* Brindisi.

“ The cost to the colony would depend upon the number of countries traversed.

“ The Union rates of postage chargeable in Australia on newspapers and book packets might, if so desired, be as much as the double of the rates fixed by the Berne Treaty of 1874, provided always that existing charges be not increased.

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* See also Appendix Q.

"The rates to be accounted for by the Australian Colonies on printed papers despatched would, as in the case of letters, be for territorial transit rates only, according to the number of countries traversed, and at the sums mentioned in Article X. of the Berne Treaty.

"In the opposite direction the despatching Union country would account to the colony providing the Packet Service for one franc per kilogramme net weight.

"If in any of the Australian Colonies newspapers are now exempt from postage, except foreign postage payable to other countries, it would not be necessary to make any alteration in this respect, inasmuch as Article XIV. of the Berne Treaty expressly states that the stipulations of the Treaty do not involve any alteration in the inland postal legislation of any country.

"As already explained, the arrangement under which the Mail Service between the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies is maintained, and the expense apportioned between the parties interested, do not concern the Union generally, so that no alteration need be made in the contributions of one colony to another, unless by mutual consent.

"In the foregoing observations, the matters referred to were treated from a general point of view, as affecting not only South Australia but the whole of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, and it was suggested that the purport of the letter should be communicated to the Governments of all the colonies concerned, as it might perhaps be the means of their arriving at a joint decision in the matter which would be very desirable.

"Three of the colonies, viz., New South Wales, Western Australia, and New Zealand, have already declined to join the Union; but their decision was in each case evidently based upon an insufficient knowledge of the facts of the case, and if they found that they had been under a misapprehension on some points they might probably be induced to consider the matter.

"With regard to Victoria, much of what appears in this letter was reported to your Lordships in my letter of the 6th October last, but in view of the importance of arriving at a joint decision it may probably be deemed expedient to address another communication to the Governor of that colony."

A further circular despatch from the Colonial Office, dated the 25th May, 1877, was received on the 3rd September of that year, submitting the desirability of all British Colonies joining the International Postal Union before the meeting of the Postal Congress at Paris in 1878, and enclosing a copy of the arrangement of the 27th June, 1876, regarding the admission of British India and the French Colonies, which is being applied to all countries and colonies now seeking admission. It was further intimated that Bermuda, Ceylon, Demerara, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Labuan, Mauritius, Straits Settlements, and Trinidad, had already entered the Union.

This despatch also covered copies of correspondence from the Secretary of the General Post Office, London, and the Postmaster-General of the German Empire. The latter strongly urged the desirability of steps being taken for the early admission into the General Postal Union of all the British Colonies; and on being informed that fiscal reasons might probably prevent some of the colonies from taking that course at present, and that the Australian and South African Colonies had entered into expensive contracts for the conveyance of mails, which might render it difficult for these colonies to sacrifice any portion of the postage revenue they at present received for the sea conveyance of mails, in order to become members of the Union, he contended that postal subsidies are granted as much in the general interests of Trade and Commerce as for purely Postal purposes, and suggested that the Colonies might be invited to reconsider their decision, as, rather than stand alone, they would probably be prepared to make some financial sacrifices for the sake of promoting the great advantage which would result from the universal character of the system.

The Postmaster-General of the German Empire, in acknowledging the receipt of the Report of the Postal Service of Queensland for 1876, again pointed out the desirability of Queensland joining the Union, and stated that the principal advantages obtained by the Union are:—

1. Abrogation of the inconvenient diversity in the foreign postal rates, and the establishment of a uniform postage independent of the way of conveyance, with all the countries of the Union.
2. A uniform method of dealing with the correspondence.
3. The abolition of accounts.

To this letter a reply was sent, intimating that the inclination of this Government was to join in the Postal Union, but that action for the present was suspended, pending the decision of the other colonies.

A circular was also addressed to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, requesting information as to the action, if any, contemplated in connection with the Postal Union, and stating that the inclination of this Government was to join it. To this circular replies were received to the following effect:—

1. The Postmaster-General of Victoria stated that, as admission into the Union would be attended by a loss of Postal Revenue, and in view of the fact that fresh arrangements must shortly be made in respect to the Mail Service with Great Britain, as the present contract for the conveyance of mails terminates in February, 1880, it was considered desirable that the expediency of Victoria joining the Postal Union should be postponed until the whole question of Ocean Postal Service should be considered and dealt with.

2. The Postmaster-General of South Australia intimated that he had strongly urged that advantage should be taken of the approaching Cable Conference to discuss the question of the colonies entering the Union, that he was in favour of the colonies joining, but it should be ascertained whether the British Post Office would continue existing financial arrangements, not only for the period for which they were entered into, but under any new contracts commencing in February, 1880. He further added that the Government of South Australia felt disposed to join the Union should the other colonies be prepared to entertain the proposal submitted by the Home Government.

3. The Secretary, General Post Office, Hobart Town, intimated that the Government of Tasmania would be prepared to recommend that it should join the other colonies in taking steps to enter the Union.

4. The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, stated that the Government of New Zealand were inclined to enter the Union if the terms were favourable, but considered that as a first step the whole of the Australian Colonies should give expression to their views, and in the absence of such opinion it was not thought desirable to give a final reply to the Secretary of State's despatch of the 20th May last.

5. The Postmaster-General, New South Wales, has not replied to the circular, but, in reply to a previous question, intimated that his Department was in correspondence with New Zealand on the subject and expected to arrive at some decision.

A communication was also received from the Postmaster-General of Western Australia, asking for information on the subject.

At the Cable Conference held in Melbourne in May last, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to, viz. :—

"1. That the adoption of the amended Treaty agreed to by the Berne Postal Convention be recommended for the favourable consideration of the Governments of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

"2. That the Agents-General be requested, in view of the early termination of the Postal Treaty of 1873 between the Imperial Government and the Colonies, to elicit from the Secretary of State for the Colonies the intention of the Imperial Government in reference to the Suez, Pacific, and Torres Straits Mail Services."

Action has already been taken to give effect to these resolutions so far as Queensland is concerned.

TRAVELLING POST OFFICES ON THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

In my Report for the year 1876, it was intimated that the Commissioner for Railways had notified to this Department that, after the close of that year, the attention of the guards should be given exclusively to their railway duties. It therefore became necessary to make other provision for the Post Office duties. Travelling post offices in charge of mail officers appointed by this Department were established on the 1st January, 1877, and have been in operation from that date.

In accordance with the usual practice, a late fee was, at first, charged on letters posted in the travelling post offices, as the mail had been closed in due course at the Despatching Office. This fee, having been found open to objection, was abolished on the 24th March, 1877.

The third-class compartments of two composite carriages were fitted up for use between Brisbane and Dalby, and a van was utilised for the service between Toowoomba and Warwick. Subsequently, on representations being made that the latter was unsuitable, the Commissioner for Railways caused a special post office carriage to be constructed, which has been a great convenience. Application has been made for the construction of two similar carriages for the Brisbane and Chinchilla line, but as yet no action appears to have been taken, and it occasionally happens that mistakes occur owing to the necessity for placing some of the bags in the luggage van, when the mail, as is frequently the case, is too large to be accommodated in the travelling post office.

In consequence of fast trains having been established in July, which called only at a few of the stations, it became necessary to devise some mechanical means for the receipt of bags at stations where the trains did not stop, and after several trials, in which the Department was cordially assisted by the Commissioner for Railways and the Locomotive Superintendent, a suitable system has been in practice for some time and found to work very well—failures in transfer becoming very few, and these principally arising from circumstances over which there is little or no control.

The mail officers in charge of the travelling post offices receive and deliver mails at Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick, Dalby, and other places, and exchange mails with all the post and receiving offices on the railway line. The travelling post office, in fact, constitutes the only office of exchange with the offices established at railway stations, gates, and other places *en route*.

One of the advantages gained by the establishment of travelling post offices is, that letters posted at any station for another station on the line, in time for the travelling post office up or down as the case may be, are delivered by the same train without delay; whereas, under the previous system, there was considerable delay and inconvenience.

Between Brisbane and Dalby two officers are employed who travel daily, except Sundays, 152 miles, and are each employed about 9 hours. The officer on the Warwick line travels to and from Toowoomba, 132 miles, and is employed about 8 hours daily.

The returns shew that during the year 1877, 26,710 letters and 116,621 newspapers were posted in the travelling post office between Brisbane and Chinchilla; 419 letters were registered, of which 73 were compulsorily registered as containing money; 10,763 mails were received, containing 117,487 letters; and 10,700 mails were despatched, containing 129,002 letters.

On the Toowoomba and Warwick line, 10,833 letters and 11,889 newspapers were posted; 233 letters were registered, including 99 compulsorily registered as containing money; 4,009 mails were received, containing 58,453 letters; and 3,972 mails despatched, containing 64,450 letters.

AMALGAMATION OF POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

The amalgamation of Post and Telegraph Offices in the country districts has been effected when practicable, and has been found, on the whole, to work satisfactorily.

INLAND MAILS.

The following TABLE gives a comparison of the INLAND MAIL SERVICES during the years 1876 and 1877.

Year.	Extent in miles.	Total miles Travelled.	Cost of Conveyance, including Landing and Shipping.	Average cost per mile.	Number of Post Offices.
1876	15,539	1,973,486	£ s. d. 38,544 14 3	d. 4½	175
1877	16,434	2,153,792	41,499 17 4	4½	210
Increase in 1877 over 1876	895	180,306	2,955 3 1	...	35
Decrease ... ..	...	...	...	½	...

It will be observed that there was a large increase in the total number of miles travelled during the past year; and that the number of Post Offices was also increased to a considerable extent during the same period. The increase of mileage was obtained at a comparatively small additional cost, and a decrease in the average rate per mile.

POSTAL ROUTES DISCONTINUED.

The following services were discontinued during the past year:—

Beenleigh and Nindooimbah.
Brisbane and Brown's Plains.
Brisbane General Post Office and the Railway Station.
Byerstown and Thornborough.
Dalby and Cooranga, 9th September.
Logan Reserve and Telemon.

EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS IN POSTAL SERVICES.

The following list indicates the extensions and alterations of services during the past year:—

Blackall and Bowen Downs, from once a fortnight to once a week.
Blackwater and Tolmie's Range to Comet.
Caboolture and Black Snake service now includes Durundur, Geddes', and Humberstone, from 1st January.
Copperfield and St. Lawrence to include Rookwood.
Cooktown and Palmer to include Kingston, near Byerstown.
Cooranga and Fountain's Camp, from twice a week to once a week from 22nd July.
Dalrymple and Cape River to Charters Towers and Cape River.
Dalrymple and Georgetown to include Oak Creek, Mt. Hogan, and Charleston.
Dalrymple and Richmond Downs, from once a fortnight to once a week from 1st January.
Dalrymple and Richmond Downs to include Moselle Downs.
Gladstone and Kariboe to Gladstone and Cania.
Indooroopilly and Moggill to include Figtree Pocket.
Ipswich and Mount Walker to Rosevale.
Ipswich and Unungar increased to twice a week as far as Maroon.
Isis Downs and Welford Downs, altered to Wittown and Jundah.
Mistake Creek and Aramac, altered to Clermont and Aramac.
Mount Perry and Kariboe, altered to Mount Perry and Cania.
Rockhampton and Crocodile Creek, extended to Dee Copper-mine.
Roma and Surat, altered to *via* Rockybank, Deepwater, Trinidad, Yalebone Saw-mills, and Oberina.
Rosewood and Tallegalla to Rosewood Scrub.
St. George and Cunnamulla, from once a fortnight to once a week, from 1st January.
St. George and Mungindi, from once a week to twice a week.
Springsure and Blackall, reduced from twice a week to once a week.
Toowong and Dart's Mill, to Toowong and Indooroopilly Receiving Office.
Warwick and Killarney—Altered to once a week, *via* Canning Downs, &c., and once a week *via* Farm Creek.

ADDITIONAL POSTAL ROUTES.

The following entirely new services have been established:—

Beenleigh and Alberton—By horse, once a week, from 1st June.
Blackwater and Tolmie's—By horse, from 23rd July.
Brisbane and Ashgrove—By coach, once a day, from 15th March.
Brisbane and Beaudesert, *via* Brown's Plains, McLean, &c.—Twice a week, by coach, and thence to Christmas Creek, by horse once a week.
Brisbane General Post Office and South Brisbane—By coach, from 29th March.
Bundaberg and Miriam Vale—Once a week, by horse.
Cairns and Thornborough—Once a week, by horse, from 1st March.
Charleville and Minnie Downs—Once a week, by horse, from 21st October.
Cooranga and Fountain's Camp—Twice a week, by horse, from 1st April.
Dalby and Maida Hill—Once a week, by horse, from 8th September.
Drayton and Westbrook, Homestead Area and Hazelmar (Umbiron Creek)—Once a week, by horse, from 8th October.
Geham and Pipe-clay Creek—Once a week, by horse, from 10th November.
Gootchy and Neureum—Once a week, by horse, from 27th July.
Gympie and Imbil—Once a week, by horse, from 20th June.
Laidley and Rossmore (McGrath's)—Twice a week, by horse, from 19th February.
Laura and Normanby—Twice a week, by horse, from 2nd April.
Logan Reserve and McLean—Twice a week, by horse.
Mackay and Walkerstown—Twice a week, by coach.
Moraby and St. George—Once a week, by coach.
Mount Brisbane and Deep Creek—Twice a week, by horse.
Port Douglas and Thornborough—Once a week, by horse, from 1st December.
St. George and Brenda—Once a week, by horse, from 12th November.
Tingalpa and Belmont—Three times a week, by horse.
Thornborough and McLeod's Creek, *via* Kingsborough, once a week, by horse.
Thornborough and Watsonville, *via* Kingsborough—Once a week, by horse.
Thylungra and Wombanderry—Once a fortnight, by horse, from 1st March.
Waterford and Logan Reserve—By horse, twice a week, from 27th October.

NEWSPAPERS.

The following extract from the Report of the Imperial Postmaster-General for 1876-7, will probably explain the reason why a large number of newspapers from Great Britain fail to reach the Colonies:—

“The number of newspapers for persons abroad detained for insufficient postage, or other cause, was 203,335, being at the rate of 162,668 per annum. This compares favourably with the number detained in 1875, which was 166,000. The continued decrease of newspapers detained is probably due in a great measure to a better acquaintance, on the part of the public, with the rates and regulations prescribed for this class of correspondence.”

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Out of a total of 4,096,907 letters passing through the Post Offices of this colony in 1877, 34,735, or 0·84 per cent., were sent to the Dead Letter Office, as having failed to reach their destination owing to various causes, such as imperfect addresses, or not being claimed, &c.

This number is slightly (877) in excess of the letters returned in the previous year:—34,735 having reached the office in 1877, and 33,858 in 1876.

Turning to the statistics shewing the want of care on the part of persons who are in the habit of sending by post unregistered letters containing money or other enclosures of value, it will be seen that 230 ordinary letters, containing £5,250 11s. 1d., reached the Dead Letter Office during the year, exhibiting an increase, as compared with the previous year, of 84 letters and £3,359 9s. 2d. Of the amount stated, £220 1s. 0d. was cash, comprising bank notes, coin, and postage and duty stamps.

The number of Registered Letters containing money or other enclosures of value, received at the Dead Letter Office during 1877, was only 207, and the value of enclosures £292 5s. 6d., of which amount only £70 19s. 4d. was in cash. As compared with 1876, the increase in the number of such registered letters was 29, and the decrease in value was £17 8s. 5d.

These returns refer only to letters posted within the colony, as none other are opened in the Dead Letter Branch, and indicate that many persons prefer to send their money in unregistered letters, although they are cautioned by a notice posted at every Post Office in the colony to register all letters containing money or other valuable enclosures, and are informed that unregistered letters cannot be traced, and further that Postmasters are instructed by the Postage Act to register any letter that they may suspect to contain money and charge the fee for registering, to be paid on delivery.

The remarks as to the negligence of the public lead to the subject of missing letters. During the year, 323 have been brought under the notice of this office. Of these, 195 have been traced satisfactorily, of 19 no trace can be obtained, and enquiries are still pending as to the remaining 109. Of many of the latter it is probable that this office will not be further informed, as it is found that when letters are missed owing to the negligence of the sender or addressee, the persons concerned are very reticent so far as the Post Office is concerned; and many letters, especially those said to cover remittances in payment of debts, that are very anxiously enquired for by the persons to whom they are alleged to have addressed, turn out to have never been posted, enquiries frequently terminating by the senders regretting the loss of the letters, and expressing their willingness to pay the amounts again. When letters reported as missing are traced, it is found that 95 per cent. are missed entirely through negligence arising outside the Post Office. A few instances from the records may be quoted:—

Inquiry was made respecting a parcel containing lace, addressed to Brisbane. The parcel was found to have been sent by coach and not through the Post Office.

Inquiry was made relative to a letter sent by a gentleman in Queen street, Brisbane, to Mrs. A. B., at one of the inland towns, and at the same time for another letter posted by a business firm up country to the same gentleman. No trace could be found in this office of the first letter, which contained valuable articles of dress; but many months subsequently a letter was returned from the town referred to, addresses, Mrs. A., surname omitted, but identified by the contents as the letter inquired for; the second letter was found mislaid in the writer's store.

A very important letter, containing valuable documents, posted by a wholesale firm, in one of the neighbouring colonies to its agent in Brisbane, reported not to have reached its destination, was subsequently found to have been mis-sent by the office at which it was posted to San Francisco.

A letter said to have been posted at a country office, addressed to Sydney, containing a promissory note for a large amount, was found not to have been posted, but lost by the writer, to whom it was afterwards returned by the finder.

A packet, said to have been posted by a bank to one of its country branches, was lost in the street between the bank and the Post Office, and picked up by a boy.

Instances such as these, and the still more frequent cases of letters failing to reach because mis-directed, might be quoted at great length. I mention the foregoing merely to illustrate the fact that negligence so generally attributed to the Post Office when letters fail to reach their destination, very frequently is more justly attributable to the public, and to direct attention to the circumstance that to a very great extent this Department is at the mercy of unscrupulous persons, as it is almost impossible to disprove the alleged posting of an ordinary letter, even though the allegation be false.

Several cases occurred of letters being posted with the stamps thereon defaced. Owing to a technical difficulty, the offenders have not been punished, but the letters were destroyed under clause 68 of “*The Postage Act of 1871.*”

POSTAGES.

The rates of postage on correspondence for French Guinea and the West Indies (Foreign) have been altered.

The transmission of correspondence to Europe *via* Austria has been discontinued, and the rates of postage to St. Helena increased.

The postage rate to Brazil, the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant, Turkey, &c., has been reduced.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following Statement shows the REVENUE of the POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT for the Years 1876 and 1877 :—

Year.	Sale of Stamps.		Fees for Private Boxes and Bags.		Postage on Unpaid Letters.		Money Order Commission.		POSTAGE COLLECTED.		Amounts Received from other Colonies for Conveyance of Mails <i>via</i> Torres Straits.	Total.				
									In United Kingdom.	In Straits Settlements.						
1876	£ 29,536	s. d. 2 8	£ 710	s. d. 3 9	£ 801	s. d. 1 5	£ 1,482	s. d. 10 10	£ 3,844	s. d. 12 2*	£ Nil.	£ 1,489	s. d. 17 8	£ 37,864	s. d. 8 6	
1877	£ 32,398	s. d. 4 6	£ 719	s. d. 4 3	£ 859	s. d. 19 1	£ 1,548	s. d. 17 6	£ 4,717	s. d. 10 9†	£ 162	s. d. 9 10‡	£ 1,456	s. d. 5 9	£ 41,862	s. d. 11 8
Increase	£ 2,862	s. d. 1 10	£ 9	s. d. 0 6	£ 58	s. d. 17 8	£ 66	s. d. 6 8	£ 872	s. d. 18 7	£ 162	s. d. 9 10	£ ...	£ 3,998	s. d. 3 2	
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 33	s. d. 11 11	...

* To 31st December, 1874.

† To 31st March, 1876.

‡ To 30th September, 1877.

The following Statement shows the EXPENDITURE of the POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT on account of the Year 1877 :—

Salaries, including Country Postmasters throughout the Colony	£ ...	s. d. ...	£ 21,724	s. d. 9 6
Conveyance of Mails—				
Inland	£ 40,982	s. d. 0 9		
Gratuities	£ 2,101	s. d. 10 9		
Landing and Shipping	£ 517	s. d. 16 7		
Torres Straits Service	£ 20,000	s. d. 0 0		
Conveyance Coastwise	£ 8,095	s. d. 0 0		
Conveyance, <i>via</i> Melbourne and Galle	£ 636	s. d. 12 11		
			£ 72,333	s. d. 1 0
Contingencies—				
Incidentals	£ 3,936	s. d. 0 10		
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture, and Fittings	£ 373	s. d. 18 0		
Advertising	£ 413	s. d. 5 7		
			£ 4,723	s. d. 4 5
			£ 98,780	s. d. 14 11*

It will be observed that the revenue shews a considerable increase on the previous year, more particularly for the sale of stamps.

The postage collected in the United Kingdom, estimated at £3,800, was not taken into account until the current year.

MONEY ORDERS.†

The increase in the Money Orders issued and paid in Queensland during 1877, as compared with 1876, was eight per cent.

The Telegraph Money Order system has been extensively used, the number of those issued within the colony during 1877 being 3,743, representing a sum of £20,423.

LOCK BOXES.

In February, 1876, the system of Lock-boxes, extensively used in the United States of America, was established in the General Post Office, Brisbane. As an experiment, fifty were ordered at first, but in consequence of the demand a further supply was procured, and there are now eighty-two in use.

The advantages of the lock-box system are that letters can be taken out by the holder at any time during office hours whether the mail is fully sorted or not, and the time of the officer in charge is saved in the delivery.

It is contemplated to arrange the private boxes in such a position as will enable holders of lock-boxes to obtain their letters at earlier and later hours than at present without giving access to the interior of the building.

STAFF.

STAFF.

The Staff of the General Post Office on the 31st December, 1877, was as follows:—

Under Secretary	1
Chief Clerk and Cashier	1
Superintendent, Mail Branch	1
Superintendent, Money Order Office, and Accountant	1
Clerks	25
Travelling Mail Officers	4
Assistant Clerks	11
Sorters	6
Assistant Sorter	1
Letter Carriers	12
Mailman	1
Messenger	1
Extra Messengers... ..	2
Office Keeper	1
Total	68

With aggregate Salaries of £11,064 per annum.

The Country Post Offices on the 31st December, 1877, were:—

Official Post Offices, 14	Persons 44	Aggregate Salaries ...	£7,822 per annum.
Non-Official	210	” ” ...	£4,036 ”
Paid Receiving Offices	36	” Allowance ...	£ 240 ”
Unpaid Receiving Offices	41		

The total number of persons employed by the Department being 399, at a gross cost of £23,162.

A letter carrier was appointed at Dalby on 1st February, 1877, and at One-mile Creek (Gympie) on 30th July, 1877. Iron receivers for letters only, were erected at Gympie in January, 1877, and at the Brisbane Railway Station in April, 1877.

INCREASED ACCOMMODATION IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Owing to the great increase in the business of this Department during the past few years, it has been found necessary to extend the accommodation in the Mail Branch. Provision for this purpose was voted in the Loan Estimates, 1877-8, to the extent of £3,000. The money is being expended in the addition of two large rooms, the removal of walls, the substitution of iron columns, and the construction of a gallery of supervision for the Superintendent.

Attention is directed to the Appendices hereto, giving full statistical information in connection with the whole Department.

CHARLES STUART MEIN,
Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Brisbane, 1st July, 1878.

APPENDIX A.
TABLE showing the average number of DAYS occupied in transmission of MAILS by the TORRES STRAITS, SAN FRANCISCO, and MELBOURNE-SUEZ ROUTES, in 1877.

MAIL ROUTE.	INWARD FROM LONDON TO BRISBANE.						OUTWARD FROM BRISBANE TO LONDON.					
	Average.						Average.					
	Via Brindisi.		Via Southampton.		Via San Francisco.		Via Brisbane.		Via Southampton.		Via San Francisco.	
	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Queensland ... Torres Straits ...	52	1½	60	8	53	...	53	8	*60	12	50	3
New South Wales ... San Francisco ...	49	14	57	14	51	...	59	18	50	3		
Victoria ... Melbourne-Suez												

* 3 Mails via Marseilles.

APPENDIX B.
TABLE showing the average number of DAYS occupied in TRANSIT OF MAILS via TORRES STRAITS, from the Year 1874.

YEAR.	INWARDS.				OUTWARDS.			
	Via Brindisi.		Via Southampton.		Via Brindisi.		Via Southampton.	
	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
1874	54	0	62	15	57	7	61	9
1875	49	18	58	0	56	3	64	0*
1876	50	6	58	13	53	9	61	13
1877	52	1½	60	8	53	8	60	12

* Includes a delay of seventeen days via Brindisi, in consequence of the stranding of the "Brisbane."

APPENDIX C.
TABLES showing the duration of the voyages of the Torres Straits Mail Steamers between London and Brisbane.

Left London via Brindisi.	P. and O. Company's Steamer from Galle.	Arrived at Singapore.		Detention at Singapore.	Left Singapore.		E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Brisbane.		Duration of Voyage.
		Days.	Hours.		Days.	Hours.		Days.	Hours.	
1876.				hours.					days.	
10 Nov.	Geelong ...	13 Dec., ^a	10 a.m.	0	13 Dec., ^c	10 a.m.	Normanby	1 January,	4 p.m.	52
8 Dec.	Lombardy	11 Jan., ^b	0-0 p.m.	3½	11 Jan., ^e	3-30 p.m.	Bowen ...	29 January,	10 a.m.	52
1877.										
5 Jan.	Travancore	7 Feb., ^a	0.0 p.m.	18	8 Feb., ^d	6 a.m.	Somerset	1 March,	5 a.m.	55
2 Feb.	Geelong ...	5 Mar., ^a	10 a.m.	59	7 Mar., ^c	9 p.m.	Brisbane	26 March,	9 p.m.	52
2 Mar.	Lombardy	2 April, ^a	1 p.m.	0	2 April, ^a	1 p.m.	Normanby	24 April,	1 a.m.	53
30 Mar.	Gwalior	30 April, ^a	9 a.m.	16	1 May, ^c	1 a.m.	Somerset	22 May,	5-30 a.m.	54
27 April	Teheran ...	27 May, ^a	8 a.m.	94	31 May, ^e	6 a.m.	Brisbane	18 June,	5-30 p.m.	52
25 May	Pekin ...	23 June, ^a	10 a.m.	23	24 June, ^b	9 a.m.	Normanby	15 July,	8 a.m.	51
22 June	Hindustan	23 July, ^a	10-20 a.m.	211	1 Aug., ^f	6 a.m.	Brisbane	18 August,	8 p.m.	57
20 July	Lombardy	19 Aug., ^a	10 a.m.	69	22 Aug., ^d	7 a.m.	Bowen ...	9 Sept.,	2-30 p.m.	51
17 Aug.	Geelong ...	15 Sept., ^a	11 a.m.	11½	15 Sept., ^{ba}	10-30 p.m.	Somerset	9 October,	6-30 p.m.	53
14 Sept.	Zambesi ...	15 Oct., ^a	6 a.m.	24	16 Oct., ^c	6 a.m.	Brisbane	4 Nov.,	10-15 a.m.	51
12 Oct.	Thibet ...	11 Nov., ^a	10 a.m.	105	15 Nov., ^d	7 p.m.	Bowen ...	2 December,	11 p.m.	51
9 Nov.	Geelong ...	9 Dec., ^a	9 a.m.	55½	11 Dec., ^a	4-30 p.m.	Somerset	30 December,	9 a.m.	51

The average detention of Mails at Singapore was 49 hours.

¹ Contract time. ² One day early. ³ Two days early. ⁴ One day late. ⁵ Two days late.
^a Contract time. ^b One day early. ^{ba} Two days early. ^c One day late. ^d Two days late. ^e Three days late. ^f Nine days late.

OUTWARD.

Left Brisbane.	E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Singapore.		Detention at Singapore.	Left Singapore.		Mail Steamer to Galle.	Arrived at London via Brindisi.		Duration of Voyage.
		Days.	Hours.		Days.	Hours.		Days.	Hours.	
4 January, 5 p.m.	Somerset	29 January, ^a	7 a.m.	79	1 Feb., ^d	2 p.m.	Meikong†	1 March,†	56	
1 February, 2 p.m.	Normanby	1 March, ^a	6 a.m.	10	1 March, ^d	4 p.m.	Amazonet†	28 March,†	55	
1 March, 2-30 p.m.	Bowen ...	19 March, ^a	4 a.m.	82	22 March, ^b	4 p.m.	Travancore	21 April ...	51	
29 March, 3 p.m.	Somerset	17 April, ^a	11 a.m.	53	19 April, ^b	4 p.m.	Khiva ...	21 May ...	53	
22 April, 5 a.m.	Brisbane	10 May, ^a	8 a.m.	56	12 May, ^a	4 p.m.	Lombardy	17 June ...	56	
20 May, 4 a.m.	Normanby	7 June, ^a	4 p.m.	48	9 June, ^a	4 p.m.	Gwalior ...	15 July ...	56	
17 June, 4 a.m.	Somerset	7 July, ^a	4 p.m.	0	7 July, ^a	4 p.m.	Teheran ...	11 August ...	55	
15 July, 6 a.m.	Brisbane	30 July, ^a	6 p.m.	117	4 Aug., ^a	3 p.m.	Pekin ...	4 Sept. ...	51	
11 August, 9-45 p.m.	Normanby	*						9 Oct. ...		
9 September, 6 a.m.	Brisbane	28 Sept., ^a	5-30 p.m.	22½	29 Sept., ^a	4 p.m.	Lombardy	4 Nov. ...	56	
11 October, 2 p.m.	Bowen ...	29 Oct., ^a	7-45 a.m.	103½	2 Nov., ^c	3 p.m.	Geelong ...	1 Dec. ...	51	
8 November, 3 p.m.	Somerset	30 Nov., ^a	1 p.m.	144	6 Dec., ^d	1 p.m.	Anddy†	3 January†	56	
6 December, 4-30 p.m.	Brisbane	23 December, ^a	5 a.m.	107	27 Dec., ^b	4 p.m.	Thibet ...	26 January	51	

The average detention of Mails at Singapore was 68½ hours.

* The Normanby went ashore on Percy Island at 8-30 p.m., 13th August. Mails were returned to Brisbane per Tambaroora. The London portion was sent via San Francisco, arriving on the 9th October.

† Mails forwarded by Messageries Maritimes steamers. ‡ Via Marseilles.

¹ Contract date. ² One day early. ³ Two days early. ⁴ Three days early. ⁵ Four days early. ⁶ One day late.
^a Two days late. ^b Five days late. ^c Eight days late. ^d Eight days late.

APPENDIX D.
TABLES showing the time occupied by the Torres Straits Mail Steamers between the Ports of Call.
INWARDS (including DETENTION at PORTS).

Steamer.	Singapore to Somerset. 2,775 miles.		Thence to Cooktown. 331 miles.	Thence to Townsville. 294 miles.	Thence to Bowen. 108 miles.	Thence to Keppel Bay. 285 miles.	Thence to Brisbane. 345 miles.	TOTAL. 4,138 miles. Deviation 62 "	
	Days.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Normanby	10	2	67	32½	14½	48	58	19	6
Bowen	10	19	30½	42¼	20	29¾	44	17	7½
Somerset	12	5½	55	45	17½	44	48	20	23
Brisbane	10	11	47½	49	19½	32½	54	18	21½
Normanby	12	1½	54¼	63¼	11	31	44	20	13
Somerset	12	21½	68	41½	13	34½	42	21	4½
Brisbane	11	10¼	50¼	31½	21	33	33½	18	11½
Normanby	13	8	52	35	12	35	47	20	21
Brisbane	11	6	43	28½	14	27½	39	17	14
Bowen	11	6	53	26	12	30½	36	17	19
Somerset	14	21	70	51	15½	34½	44	23	20
Brisbane	12	3¾	62¼	26	16	30½	33¾	19	4¼
Bowen	10	14½	52½	24½	17	28	34	17	2½
Somerset	10	17	51½	26	12¼	31	36	17	16
Average	11	17½	54	37¼	15½	33½	42½	19	8

OUTWARDS (including DETENTION at PORTS).

Steamer.	Brisbane to Keppel Bay. 345 miles.	Thence to Bowen. 285 miles.	Thence to Townsville. 108 miles.	Thence to Cooktown. 294 miles.	Thence to Somerset. 331 miles.	Thence to Singapore. 2,775 miles.		TOTAL. 4,138 miles. Deviation 62 "	
	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Somerset	41	32	12½	...	96	17	0	24	13½
Normanby	38	36½	11½	29½	52¾	20	15¾	27	16
Bowen	33½	28	10	...	60	12	2	17	13½
Somerset	34½	29½	10	25	47	12	18	18	20
Brisbane	33	31	14½	27½	60	10	23	17	21
Normanby	28	29	12	31½	49½	12	6	18	12
Somerset	33	27	13	28½	39	13	13½	19	10
Brisbane	32	27	10½	28½	47½	9	10½	15	12
Normanby	*34½								
Brisbane	32	28	10½	27½	26	13	7½	18	11½
Bowen	34	28	10½	28	38	10	23¼	16	17¾
Somerset	29	37	13	34½	50½	14	12	21	8
Brisbane	27½	26	10	33	53	9	7	15	12½
Average	33	30	11½	24½	51½	13	1½	19	7½

* Not included.

The "Normanby" went ashore on Percy Island at 9 p.m., 13th August; mails returned to Brisbane per "Tambarora."

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* TORRES STRAITS were DUE in BRISBANE ROADS, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED; also, the TIME occupied on the VOYAGE during the Year 1877.

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.	Minutes.	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.
Normanby	1 January	7 a.m.	1 January	4 p.m.	...	9	...	...	...	...	51	19	10	60	2	10
Bowen	29 January	"	29 January	10:10 a.m.	...	3	10	...	...	...	51	13	20	59	20	...
Somerset	26 February	"	1 March	5 a.m.	2	22	...	...	...	...	54	8	10	62	15	...
Brisbane	26 March	"	26 March	9 p.m.	...	14	...	...	...	...	52	...	10	60	7	...
Normanby	22 April	"	24 April	0:40 a.m.	1	17	40	...	...	...	52	3	50	60	10	40
Somerset	20 May	"	22 May	5:20 a.m.	1	22	20	...	...	...	52	8	30	60	15	20
Brisbane	17 June	"	18 June	5:30 p.m.	1	10	30	...	...	...	51	20	40	60	3	30
Normanby	15 July	"	15 July	7:55 a.m.	...	...	55	...	...	...	50	11	5	58	17	55
Brisbane	12 August	"	18 August	8 p.m.	6	15	...	...	...	...	56	23	10	65	6	...
Bowen	9 September	"	9 September	2:45 a.m.	...	...	...	4	15	...	50	5	55	58	12	45
Somerset	7 October	"	9 October	6:30 p.m.	2	11	30	...	...	...	52	21	40	61	4	30
Brisbane	4 November	"	4 November	10:15 a.m.	...	3	15	...	...	...	50	13	25	58	20	15
Bowen	3 December	"	2 December	Midnight	...	...	...	...	7	...	51	3	10	59	10	...
Somerset	31 December	"	30 December	9:45 a.m.	...	...	...	...	21	15	50	12	55	58	19	45

Average time per voyage *via* Brindisi, 52 days 1 hour 30 minutes; *via* Southampton, 60 days 8 hours 20 minutes.

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* TORRES STRAITS, DESPATCHED from BRISBANE ROADS, were DUE in LONDON, and [the DATES upon which they ARRIVED at DESTINATION; also the TIME OCCUPIED on the VOYAGE during the Year 1877.

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.
Somerset	4 January	1 p.m.	26 February	1 March†	3	...	5 March	1 March	...	4	56 days	56 days.
Normanby	1 February	"	26 March	28 March†	2	...	2 April	28 March	...	5	55 "	55 "
Bowen	1 March	"	23 April	21 April	...	2	30 April	30 April	...	...	51 "	60 "
Somerset	29 March	"	21 May	21 May	...	...	28 May	27 May	...	1	53 "	59 "
Brisbane	22 April	4 a.m.	18 June	17 June	...	1	25 June	24 June	...	1	56 "	63 "
Normanby	20 May	"	16 July	15 July	...	1	23 July	24 July	1	...	56 "	65 "
Somerset	17 June	"	13 August	11 August	...	2	20 August	18 August	...	2	55 "	62 "
Brisbane	15 July	"	10 September	4 September	...	6	17 September	14 September	...	3	51 "	61 "
Normanby*	12 August	"	8 October	...	...	...	15 October	...	...	...	56 "	64 "
Brisbane	9 September	"	5 November	4 November	...	1	12 November	12 November	...	...	56 "	64 "
Bowen	11 October	1 p.m.	3 December	1 December	...	2	10 December	13 December	3	...	51 "	63 "
Somerset	8 November	"	31 December	3 January†	3	...	7 January	3 January	...	4	56 "	56 "
Brisbane	6 December	"	28 January	26 January	...	2	4 February	6 February	2	...	51 "	62 "

* The R.M.S. "Normanby" was stranded on Percy Island, 13th August. All the mails were returned to Brisbane. † Mails sent *via* Marseilles.
Average time occupied per voyage throughout the year, *via* Brindisi, 53 days 8 hours (mails sent *via* Marseilles omitted from this average); *via* Southampton, 60½ days (omitting mails *via* Marseilles the average would be 62 days 2 hours).

APPENDIX G.

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 at BRISBANE; also the TIME OCCUPIED on the VOYAGE, during 1877.

Name of Vessel.	IN SYDNEY.		Arrived in Brisbane.	AT SYDNEY.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
	Arrived.	Due.		Late.	Before Appointed Time.	To Brisbane.	To Sydney.
Australia ...	4 January	3 January	8 January	1 day	...	53 days	49 days.
City of New York ...	2 February	31 January	5 February	2 "	...	53 "	50 "
Zealandia ...	3 March	28 February	8 March	3 "	...	54 "	49 "
City of Sydney ...	8 April	28 March	12 April	11 "	...	61 "	57 "
Australia ...	25 April	27 April	30 April	...	2 days	51 "	46 "
City of New York ...	26 May	25 May	28 May	1 "	...	53 "	51 "
Zealandia ...	23 June	22 June	25 June	1 "	...	53 "	51 "
City of Sydney ...	21 July	18 July	23 July	3 "	...	53 "	51 "
Australia ...	21 August	15 August	23 August	6 "	...	56 "	54 "
City of New York ...	12 September	12 September	14 September	...	...	50 "	48 "
Zealandia ...	12 October	10 October	14 October	2 "	...	52 "	50 "
City of Sydney ...	9 November	7 November	15 November	2 "	...	56 "	50 "
Australia ...	5 December	5 December	8 December	...	...	51 "	48 "

The average time occupied per voyage throughout the year was—from London to Sydney, 50½ days.
 Ditto ditto ditto ditto Brisbane, 53 days 12 hours 55 minutes.

STATEMENT showing the DATES 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 1877.

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.
Leichhardt ...	10 January	City of Sydney	12 January	1 March	4 March	3 days	...	51 days	53 days.
City of Brisbane ...	3 February	Australia	9 February	29 March	26 March	...	3 days	45 "	51 "
Elamang ...	7 March	City of New York	9 March	26 April	25 April	...	1 "	47 "	49 "
Lady Bowen ...	3 April	Zealandia	7 April	24 May	26 May	2 days	...	49 "	53 "
Governor Blackall ...	1 May	City of Sydney	4 May	21 June	19 June	...	2 days	46 "	49 "
Elamang ...	26 May	Australia	1 June	19 July	17 July	...	2 "	46 "	52 "
Elamang ...	27 June	City of New York	29 June	16 August	14 August	...	2 "	46 "	48 "
Balclutha ...	24 July	Zealandia	27 July	13 September	11 September	...	2 "	46 "	49 "
Alexandria ...	22 August	City of Sydney	24 August	11 October	9 October	...	2 "	46 "	48 "
Elamang ...	18 September	Australia	21 September	8 November	3 November	...	5 "	43 "	46 "
Elamang ...	16 October	City of New York	19 October	6 December	11 December	5 days	...	53 "	56 "
Balclutha ...	12 November	Zealandia	16 November	3 January, 1878	31 December	...	3 days	45 "	49 "
Governor Blackall ...	11 December	City of Sydney	14 December	31 January "	29 January, 1878	...	2 "	46 "	49 "

The average time occupied per voyage was—from Sydney 47 days, from Brisbane 50 days 3 hours 41 minutes.

APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT showing the cost of ENGLISH MAILS *via* SAN FRANCISCO and MELBOURNE, during the Year 1877, together with the Amount charged to NEW SOUTH WALES and VICTORIA for conveyances *via* TORRES STRAITS.

	NEW SOUTH WALES.					
	Dr. For New South Wales Correspondence <i>via</i> Torres Straits.			Cr. For Queensland Correspondence <i>via</i> San Francisco.		
	No.	Weight.	Amount.	No.	Weight.	Amount.
		lbs. ozs.	£ s. d.		lbs. ozs.	£ s. d.
Letters	55,674	1,433 15½	} 2,114 12 5	29,677	717 4½	} 1,149 9 4
Packets	4,439	1,327 9½		1,789	604 7	
Newspapers	26,170	4,946 7¼		46,618	7,552 11	
TOTAL	86,283	7,708 0¼	2,114 12 5	78,084	8,874 6½	1,149 9 4

	VICTORIA.					
	Dr. For Victorian Correspondence <i>via</i> Torres Straits.			Cr. For Queensland Correspondence <i>via</i> Melbourne.		
	No.	Weight.	Amount.	No.	Weight.	Amount.
		lbs. ozs.	£ s. d.		lbs. ozs.	£ s. d.
Letters	12,712	428 2½	} 591 8 7	37,035	907 0¼	} 1,452 18 3
Packets	1,693	362 8½		3,201	1,237 7	
Newspapers	10,151	876 14		49,025	8,446 0½	
TOTAL	24,556	1,667 9	591 8 7	98,261	10,590 7¼	1,452 18 8

		£ s. d.
Balance against New South Wales	...	965 3 1
Estimated amount payable by New Zealand, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia	...	130 6 8
		1,095 9 9
Less Balance in favour of Victoria	...	861 9 8
Estimated Net Balance in favour of Queensland—31st December, 1877		234 0 1

STATEMENT showing the APPROXIMATE COST to QUEENSLAND of OCEAN MAILS for the Year 1877.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subsidy, Torres Straits Service	...	...	20,000 0 0
Gratuities on English Mails <i>via</i> San Francisco and Melbourne	...	228 2 5	
One-fourth of subsidy, Rockhampton and Keppel Bay	...	250 0 0	
			478 2 5
			20,478 2 5
Less estimated proportion of Postage due by the United Kingdom	...	3,990 0 0	
Less Amount due by Straits Settlements	...	91 6 4	
Less Estimated Net Balance in favour of Queensland, according to foregoing Account	...	234 0 1	
			4,315 6 5
Net estimated cost in 1877 of the three services	...	...	16,162 16 0
Actual cost in 1876 of the three services	...	...	15,753 15 4

The estimate of Postage collected in Queensland has not been included.—Amount £3,054.

APPENDIX I.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LETTERS, PACKETS, and NEWSPAPERS Received and Despatched by the THREE OCEAN MAIL ROUTES, during the Years 1876 and 1877.

RECEIVED.

YEAR.	VIA TORRES STRAITS.			VIA MELBOURNE.			VIA SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO.		
	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers
1876	119,206	27,501	191,584	20,305	2,252	34,839	9,852	1,158	18,572
1877	137,503	30,214	235,521	21,391	2,620	38,201	11,963	1,080	28,155

DESPATCHED.

1876	110,756	2,104	127,384	11,562	432	10,601	9,246	236	8,735
1877	*101,226	2,333	116,283	13,924	308	8,814	†18,038	753	18,724

* The decrease was caused by the Mails despatched by the "Normanby" which struck on Percy Island, having been sent *via* San Francisco.
† The increase was caused by Mails for the "Normanby" having been sent by this route.

APPENDIX J.

STATEMENT showing NUMBER and WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED at PORTS of CALL—QUEENSLAND *via* TORRES STRAITS—per EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, during the Year 1877.

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.
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
1 January ...	7,694	2,614	1,938	392 6	10,478	1,945 8	27 January ...	1,215	474	187	68 7	2,306	394 6
29 January ...	8,236	2,772	2,396	491 7	11,868	1,978 0	28 February ...	1,218	407	361	115 8	1,809	405 0
1 March ...	7,613	2,646	2,609	532 2	12,452	2,077 3	25 March ...	1,353	540½	255	136 0½	1,964	339 4
27 March ...	8,265	2,842	2,068	416 0	13,394	2,232 5	22 April ...	1,214	420	234	77 8	2,217	317 0
24 April ...	7,765	2,625	1,871	443 0	12,311	2,051 14	20 May ...	1,137	434½	197	65 9½	2,408	367 10
22 May ...	8,152	2,814	2,962	532 15	12,985	2,304 8	17 June ...	1,047	380½	189	43 12	2,510	340 1½
19 June ...	7,678	2,589	1,514	335 4	11,879	1,980 0	14 July ...	1,035	432	202	42 13½	2,359	432 9
15 July ...	7,677	2,618	1,001	203 12	13,022	2,170 0	17 August ...	1,046	373½	146	114 0	2,843	353 2
18 August ...	6,417	2,173	1,850	371 3	12,747	2,141 0	7 September ...	1,033	386	189	49 14	2,300	356 15
9 September ...	7,043	2,380	1,666	300 10	12,343	2,057 0	8 October ...	1,020	410	165	46 6	2,128	334 0
8 October ...	7,653	2,589½	1,147	263 4½	12,335	2,055 5	3 November ...	1,177	437	263	57 4½	1,623	334 2
4 November ...	7,438	2,521	1,267	348 3	10,070	1,932 0	1 December ...	1,235	476	67	56 11	2,067	344 6
30 December ...	7,724	2,632	1,743	416 14	13,236	2,206 0	28 December ...	1,177	460½	160	57 11	2,345	335 7
	107,201	36,471	25,948	5,122 11½	170,705	29,231 0		14,907	5,646½	2,615	931 9	28,879	4,633 14½

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.
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
26 January ...	320	135	32	26 0	681	109 6	26 January ...	686	244½	78	21 5	1,881	238 8
25 February ...	305	110	46	15 14	668	196 0	24 February ...	545	161½	108	24 6	2,084	246 0
27 March ...	371	129½	21	12 5	647	96 0	28 March ...	664	190½	167	21 0	1,814	219 0
21 April ...	332	128	21	14 8	741	116 8	25 April ...	582	183	99	16 7	1,941	239 0
19 May ...	302	112	33	13 11	723	123 15	18 May ...	499	158	90	11 4	1,808	132 0
16 June ...	363	101	45	34 8	663	114 11	15 June ...	616	174	57	15 7	1,854	222 4
12 July ...	327	113	39	15 2	622	97 3	13 July ...	573	171½	63	7 5	1,491	161 8
15 August ...	285	107½	11	10 6	683	116 6	15 August ...	638	192½	53	9 3	1,697	196 8
6 September ...	340	110	16	10 6	670	113 8	5 September ...	706	204	58	9 4	1,809	208 0
6 October ...	311	120½	15	10 14	643	91 0	5 October ...	703	208	38	11 12	1,545	157 0
24 November ...	331	123	23	9 9	713	98 0	1 November ...	702	217	143	8 12	1,973	231 8
30 November ...	318	118	26	12 3	723	92 0	29 November ...	682	180½	82	2 1	1,924	230 10
27 December ...	310	133½	12	14 0	634	80 4	26 December ...	589	186	52	38 9½	2,317	647 8
	4,215	1,541	340	199 6	8,811	1,348 13		8,190	2,437	1,038	186 11½	24,138	3,129 6

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.
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
23 January ...	180	73½	20	1 14½	181	30 1½	21 January ...	40	13	...	...	31	5 11
23 February ...	169	56½	6	10 4	202	31 4	20 February ...	23	9	6	1 9	43	10 10
20 March ...	168	76½	12	4 2½	169	27 4	20 March ...	Mail over carried by R.M.S. "Brisbane." Rec'd. 4th April.					
18 April ...	197	74½	8	2 2	170	26 1	4 April ...	26	16	...	...	3	0 6
24 May ...	166	67	7	1 10½	183	29 12½	15 April ...	26	12	8	2 0	5	0 12
13 June ...	217	75½	16	1 11	201	35 4½	13 May ...	33	13	5	0 8	46	7 8½
9 July ...	175	62½	7	1 1	180	28 2½	11 June ...	33	11	7	1 8	6	7 14
14 August ...	225	90	9	1 5½	219	36 8½	7 July ...	40	13½	...	...	4	0 7
4 September ...	217	82½	41	4 11½	212	37 14½	12 August ...	32	13½	5	1 9	20	9 8
30 October ...	220	82½	7	4 1½	221	36 5	2 September ...	30	16	4	1 14	27	6 4
30 October ...	240	96½	20	15 11½	238	52 3	30 September ...	35	12	3	0 4½	31	5 11
28 November ...	239	90½	21	3 14	235	43 12½	4 October ...	29	9½	8	1 5½	42	13 0
25 December ...	214	155½	3	0 12	214	38 0½	23 December ...	16	8	...	...	32	14 0
	2,627	1,066½	177	53 5½	2,698	452 10		383	146½	46	10 10	290	81 11½

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Books.	Papers.
1877.			
January ...	No. 18,341	No. 4,651	No. 27,426
February ...	2,260	527	4,806
March ...	18,434	5,132	30,440
April ...	10,142	2,341	17,388
May ...	10,319	3,294	17,253
June ...	9,954	1,828	17,113
July ...	9,832	1,312	17,678
August ...	8,643	2,074	18,299
September ...	9,404	1,977	17,392
October ...	10,178	1,400	17,207
November ...	10,887	1,825	17,279
December ...	19,111	3,853	33,330
	137,503	30,214	235,521

APPENDIX K.

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 1877.

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.	
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	
4 January ...	5,208	2,122	128	40 3	7,308	1,073 10	5 January ...	1,138	398	24	6 14	2,084	170 3	
1 February ...	6,273	2,608½	207	87 6	7,497	1,080 8	2 February ...	1,292	534	13	1 12	1,147	196 7½	
1 March ...	5,245	2,143½	123	77 13	6,275	894 8	2 March ...	1,157	360½	24	3 4	1,013	141 2	
29 March ...	5,944	2,515½	159	395 5	7,379	986 11	30 March ...	1,305	453	18	2 7½	1,099	163 3	
21 April ...	5,462	2,077½	123	61 0	8,138	1,009 15	22 April ...	1,012	366½	18	2 14	848	93 15½	
20 May ...	6,030	2,388½	105	59 15	7,935	1,061 6	20 May ...	1,253	438½	24	3 12½	922	164 6½	
17 June ...	5,839	2,208½	205	106 15	8,414	1,091 13	17 June ...	1,360	436½	66	9 0	1,159	214 5	
15 July ...	6,139	2,560	168	136 11	7,370	1,028 1	15 July ...	1,401	502½	33	6 2	1,120	190 13½	
12 August ...	The R.M.S. "Nor manby" stranded.				Aug. 13	...	12 August ...	Mail steamer stranded.				12 August ...	1,204	199 15½
9 September ...	6,300	2,590½	175	89 10	8,445	1,215 0	9 September ...	1,388	470	21	7 2	1,412	228 6	
11 October ...	6,958	2,504½	213	223 10½	8,173	1,022 13	12 October ...	1,749	626½	33	4 10	1,163	212 5½	
8 November ...	6,984	2,421½	165	104 4	7,676	969 12	9 November ...	1,346	428	29	4 6	1,253	219 5	
6 December...	5,801	2,203	103	56 14	6,790	924 2	7 December ...	1,413	428½	25	3 2	1,253	219 5	
	71,283	28,346½	1,874	1,405 10½	91,400	12,358 3		15,774	5,442½	328	55 6	14,424	2,194 8	

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.	
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	
7 January ...	271	103	2	0 8	239	38 4	7 January ...	683	312	9	3 0	467	112 6	
3 February ...	339	123	3	0 15	236	37 7	4 February ...	789	312½	9	1 14	589	134 0	
3 March ...	291	102	10	2 0	210	36 13	4 March ...	610	240	4	1 0	443	116 2	
255	88	2	0 10	202	42 2	1 April ...	617	262	1	0 1	436	105 13		
31 March ...	255	88	2	0 10	202	42 2	25 April ...	596	230½	3	1 0	449	106 1	
24 April ...	301	114	4	1 8	168	31 4	23 May ...	715	294	7	1 8	543	140 14	
22 May ...	248	89	6	2 4	170	45 0	20 June ...	660	240	8	4 2	466	119 0	
19 June ...	255	86	2	0 4½	259	40 1	17 July ...	684	253	5	0 7	455	115 8	
17 July ...	272	100	1	9 1	168	34 10½	15 August* ...	Steamer stranded.				15 August* ...	491	113 4
August mail steamer strand'd							11 September ...	859	310	5	0 7	609	134 0	
11 September ...	247	93	3	0 4½	200	39 0	14 October ...	936	390½	8	3 3	539	128 8	
14 October ...	228	97	8	5 11	181	31 0	12 November ...	739	305	2	0 4	451	113 9	
11 November ...	330	125	2	0 2½	284	36 6	9 December ...	691	271½	3	1 0	451	113 9	
8 December...	237	86	1	1 1	201	43 8		8,579	3,391	64	17 14	5,938	1,439 1	
	3,274	1,206	44	15 5½	2,516	455 7½								

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.
1877.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1876.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
8 January ...	146	55½	4	0 5½	92	19 11½	12 January ...	39	13	1	0 1	...	...
6 February ...	136	57	1	0 3	165	26 1½	8 February ...	46	15	...	...	3	0 9
5 March ...	113	42½	2	1 2½	133	23 11½	7 March ...	60	28½	...	...	2	0 4½
2 April ...	168	64½	1	2 2	117	21 5½	4 April ...	26	10	...	...	...	...
27 April ...	174	90½	...	...	223	29 13	29 April ...	30	12½	...	...	...	...
24 May ...	117	51½	...	...	136	18 8	26 May ...	45	28	6	1 0	9	3 2
21 June ...	175	67½	2	0 10½	119	18 12	24 June ...	41	17½	1	0 2	...	...
19 July ...	130	70½	1	0 1½	91	19 4	21 July ...	44	21	...	...	4	1 3
August ...	Steamer s stranded.						August ...	Steamer s stranded.					
13 September ...	136	61	4	0 9	228	29 7	15 September ...	103	45½	...	...	...	...
179	66½	...	...	...	191	27 13½	18 October...	73	24	...	...	...	...
13 November ...	170	64	...	...	125	29 1	16 November ...	32	14½	...	...	...	...
10 December...	113	44½	...	...	114	19 2	13 December ...	20	8½	...	...	1	0 4
	1,757	735½	15	5 2	1,734	282 10½		559	237½	8	1 3	19	5 6½

* Mails sent via San Francisco.

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1877.			
January ...	7,455	168	10,440
February ...	8,875	233	9,637
March ...	14,960	342	16,756
April ...	8,386	150	10,381
May ...	8,408	148	9,713
June ...	8,330	284	10,417
July ...	8,670	208	9,206
August ...	...	...	...
September ...	9,033	308	10,568
October ...	10,123	262	10,566
November ...	8,681	198	9,789
December ...	8,275	132	8,810
	101,226	2,333	116,283

APPENDIX L.

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 1877.

1877.		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.			
January ...	388	69	1,314	1,231	14	1,206	197	...	94	1,816	83	2,614	lbs. ozs.	38 4½	lbs. ozs.	68 5	lbs. ozs.	435 8
February ...	423	74	882	936	258	1,410	205	...	125	1,564	332	2,417	37 12½	132 12	402 0			
March ...	346	73	660	984	171	1,590	194	...	164	1,524	244	2,414	32 7½	57 1	402 4			
April ...	378	103	1,140	947	27	1,470	251	...	354	1,576	180	2,964	35 11	99 4	494 0			
May ...	373	105	1,236	978	35	1,338	198	...	103	1,549	140	2,677	32 9½	140 10	446 4			
June ...	570	130	1,956	2,252	205	3,306	513	...	257	3,335	635	5,519	71 6	136 3	951 11			
July ...	326	98	1,098	1,141	42	2,004	330	...	48	1,797	140	3,150	39 7	56 4	525 0			
August ...	418	62	1,020	948	22	1,812	244	...	124	1,610	84	2,956	33 15	31 0	492 12			
September ...	335	40	1,122	888	15	1,872	239	...	157	1,462	55	3,151	29 6½	37 1	515 3			
October ...	393	64	1,272	813	29	1,788	231	...	97	1,437	93	3,157	30 5	133 2	527 0			
November ...	322	114	1,092	1,203	207	2,544	185	...	162	1,710	321	3,798	36 2½	125 14	633 0			
December ...	558	173	1,026	1,224	190	2,196	229	...	162	2,011	363	3,384	53 6	73 4	564 0			
	4,890	1,405	13,818	13,545	1,215	22,536	3,016	...	1,847	21,391	2,620	38,201	470 13	1,090 12	6,358 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.			
January ...	542	12	503	297	1	22	89	...	9	928	13	534	lbs. ozs.	25 12½	lbs. ozs.	2 11	lbs. ozs.	125 9½
February ...	1,030	35	776	335	1	55	60	3	7	1,425	39	838	43 9	30 7½	169 7			
March ...	782	11	703	359	5	41	63	...	11	1,204	16	755	32 13	3 7	137 7			
April ...	349	10	420	235	1	21	39	6	1	623	17	442	20 15½	11 4	90 12			
May ...	1,055	19	977	445	0	26	53	2	13	1,553	21	1,016	42 8½	7 15½	194 8½			
June ...	444	31	632	308	8	13	50	2	16	802	41	661	21 3	12 13	104 10			
July ...	1,024	26	991	562	4	38	117	6	21	1,703	36	1,057	49 10½	12 3	239 5			
August ...	749	24	1,062	583	7	37	476	28	158	1,808	59	1,257	73 10½	26 13	418 7			
September ...	434	7	444	338	2	16	56	1	10	828	10	470	23 9½	6 14	91 10			
October ...	577	16	570	388	2	59	72	...	12	1,037	18	641	29 13½	22 8	114 10			
November ...	542	13	514	403	2	23	95	5	8	1,040	20	545	31 13½	11 9	98 6			
December ...	484	11	539	443	4	47	46	3	12	973	18	598	28 6½	7 15	118 2			
	8,012	215	8,131	4,696	37	398	1,216	56	285	13,924	308	8,814	423 12½	156 8	1,902 14			

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APPENDIX M.

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 1877.

1877.										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.	lbs.	ozs.
January	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	784	63	352	301	...	1,534	1,085	53	1,886	22	15	17	0	309	6
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	564	102	398	276	...	1,228	840	102	1,626	18	10	33	12	265	6
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	524	52	501	344	...	1,264	868	52	1,765	20	8	9	15	317	9
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,195	97	1,470	675	2	3,397	1,870	99	4,867	40	1	69	11	747	6
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	433	48	400	315	...	837	748	48	1,237	17	15½	35	12	230	3
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	415	89	390	330	2	1,727	745	91	2,117	16	10½	25	15	401	8
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	888	57	441	313	...	1,170	1,201	57	1,611	20	10½	20	1	328	10
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	566	149	294	275	...	2,180	841	149	2,474	19	8½	29	6	307	0
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	488	94	446	314	...	2,000	802	94	2,446	18	1½	21	7	417	8
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	594	112	429	392	...	2,025	986	112	2,454	20	3½	60	12	411	10
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	808	85	464	317	...	2,161	1,125	85	2,625	24	12	48	7½	399	4
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	539	138	482	313	...	2,565	852	138	3,047	20	3¾	33	9½	436	7
										7,798	1,076	6,067	4,165	4	22,088	11,963	1,080	28,155	260	3¾	405	12	4,571	13		
										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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	11	700	211	11	242	711	22	942	18	10	3	3	154	5
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122	...	157	157	2	209	279	2	366	6	3½	0	2	86	10
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	624	9	464	368	9	339	992	18	803	27	15½	15	3	160	4
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	302	5	383	227	265	213	529	270	596	12	1¾	11	2	109	11
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,088	10	897	602	21	548	1,690	31	1,445	41	11¾	3	14	272	6
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	768	13	775	406	29	397	1,174	42	1,172	28	12¼	13	6	185	6
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	736	12	529	347	24	287	1,083	36	816	25	9½	10	4	166	0
August *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,376	158	9,034	327	17	330	7,703	175	9,364	208	8¾	63	3	1,312	8
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	947	10	799	370	35	487	1,317	45	1,286	33	12½	23	14	198	14
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	555	8	306	306	25	285	861	33	591	19	12¼	17	5	105	15
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	077	4	182	305	8	396	582	12	578	15	8¼	9	14	119	13
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	587	4	255	530	63	510	1,117	67	765	26	0¾	15	2	173	6
										13,882	244	14,481	4,156	509	4,243	18,088	753	18,724	464	10½	191	8	3,036			

* Mails for London from Brisbane and Rockhampton per "Normanby," *via* Torres Straits, were returned, owing to the stranding of the "Normanby" at Percy Island, and were sent *via* San Francisco.

APPENDIX N.

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 1876 and 1877; 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.					
INLAND.		NORTHERN PORTS.			ENGLISH AND OTHER MAILS.					AUSTRALIAN MAILS.					1877.					
Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	
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	...	...	...	...
1877 ...	17,430	534,061	315	1,089	264,485	46	554	141,571	29,678	238,596	190	2,485	236,619	18,795	270,248	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1877	49,548	93	285	38,513	3	14	20,515	2,808	41,744	4	254	32,311	3,824	27,276	100	...	140,887	6,632	69,020
Decrease, 1877 ...	*2,444	1,891

DESPATCHED.

1876 ...	22,170	572,680	212	1,104	219,261	49	712	99,187	2,272	121,342	165	2,229	233,392	7,755	136,724	...	...	...	...
1877 ...	22,917	638,337	297	1,630	273,685	54	753	103,598	2,952	119,032	191	2,489	268,571	12,088	185,700	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1877 ...	747	65,657	85	526	54,424	5	41	4,411	680	...	26	260	35,179	4,333	48,976	116	1,574	159,671	5,013	46,666
Decrease, 1877 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,310	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

LOOSE SHIP LETTERS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED.

From Southern Ports.					From Northern Ports.				
1876 ...	...	...	...	8,150	1876 ...	...	...	...	11,824
1877 ...	...	...	...	10,235	1877 ...	...	...	...	16,360

decrease was caused by the establishment of Travelling Post Offices on the Southern and Western Railway, in which mails are now made up.

APPENDIX O.

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 1877.

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	63,890	2.2	962 4 6	0 8½	22,438	0.7	10,912 10 5	7 9½	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	1½	118,082	1.9	2,361 16 9	0 9½	80,874	1.3	16,740 19 1	5 5½	698,857	11.3	...1863
1864 ...	74,086	14,160 10 4	3 9½	665,796	9.1	365 12 0	1½	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	32,639 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 5½	1,177,695	10.7	252 10 5	½	158,090	1.4	13,549 11 7	2 5½	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 2½	111,887	0.8	39,432 12 0	5 10½	1,896,486	14.2	...1872
1873 ...	146,690	25,503 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 11½	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	1½	344,270	1.9	15,444 10 9	1 8½	131,930	0.7	55,049 0 10	6 0½	2,684,289	14.9	...1875
1876 ...	187,003	44,379 5 9	4 9	2,554,066	13.6	1,256 10 10	1½	397,922	2.1	†17,813 0 1	1 10½	131,564	0.7	63,448 16 8	6 9½	3,083,552	16.5	...1876
1877 ...	203,095	49,959 6 1	4 11	2,962,088	14.5	1,258 19 7	1½	481,372	2.3	†20,357 14 4	2 0	131,817	0.6	71,576 0 0	7 0½	3,575,277	17.6	...1877

* 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.
 Ditto 1st January, 1877, £7,920.
 Ditto 1st May, 1877, £8,180.

APPENDIX S.
NUMBER OF OFFICES, 31st DECEMBER, 1877.

Number of Post Offices.	NUMBER OF RECEIVING HOUSES.		NUMBER OF RECEIVERS FOR LETTERS ONLY.	
	Brisbane.	Country.	Brisbane.	Country.
210	2	77	13	14

APPENDIX T.
REGISTRATION.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED LETTERS RECEIVED and DESPATCHED at the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1876 and 1877.

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1876	43,391	43,238
1877	45,936	45,860
Increase in 1877	2,545	2,622

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS containing COIN or VALUABLES REGISTERED by OFFICERS of the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1876 and 1877, under clause 32 of "*The Postage Act.*"

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1876	274	274
1877	304	304

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.
1876	253	146	107	£ s. d. 731 17 0	£ s. d. 28 81 0
1877	307	241	66	625 6 6	30 6 0
Increase in 1877	56	95	...	...	1 8 0
Decrease in 1877 ... ..	...	...	41	106 10 6	

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED LETTERS—BRITISH, FOREIGN, and INTERCOLONIAL—received at GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1877.

Year.	Number received.
1877	4,487

APPENDIX U.
DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LETTERS that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1877.

RECEIVED.				DISPOSED OF.		
Unclaimed.		Irregularly Posted.	Total.	Returned and Delivered.	Destroyed.	Total.
Queensland.	Ship.					
28,733	3,557	2,445	34,735	21,036	13,699	34,735

RETURN showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED and UNREGISTERED LETTERS containing PROPERTY that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1877.

	RECEIVED.							DISPOSED OF.								
	On hand from 1876.		Registered.		Ordinary.		Total.		Returned and Delivered.		aid into Treasury.		On Hand.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Cash, &c.	17	£ s. d. 12 13 8	39	£ s. d. 70 19 4	71	£ s. d. 136 8 0	127	£ s. d. 220 1 0	96	£ s. d. 192 7 4	...	£ s. d. ...	31	£ s. d. 27 13 8	127	£ s. d. 220 1 0
Promissory Notes, &c.	7	16 15 0	168	221 6 2	159	5,114 3 1	334	5,352 4 3	316	5,279 3 0	...	...	18	73 1 3	334	5,352 4 3
	24	29 8 8	207	292 5 6	230	5,250 11 1	461	5,572 5 3	412	5,471 10 4	...	...	49	100 14 11	461	5,572 5 3

RETURN showing the NUMBER of APPLICATIONS for MISSING LETTERS and RESULT of ENQUIRY.

Number of Enquiries for 1877.	Number of Letters found, or traced satisfactorily.	Number of Letters for which no trace can be obtained.	Number of Enquiries still pending.	Total.
323	195	19	109	323

APPENDIX V.
POSTAGE STAMPS.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED from the GENERAL POST OFFICE during the Year 1877.

Year.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	1s.	5s.	Total Value.
1877	1,394,508	2,536,590	26,260	84,135	180,090	23,665	842	£ 34,575 s. 4 d. 0

ISSUED to the undermentioned :-

Year.	Sale Clerk, Brisbane.	Country Postmasters.	Official Postmasters.	Total.
1877	£ 10,244 s. 0 d. 0	£ 10,800 s. 14 d. 0	£ 13,530 s. 10 d. 0	£ 34,575 s. 4 d. 0

VALUE of STAMPS SOLD to LICENSED VENDORS.

Year.	Brisbane.	Country.
1877	£ 8,718 s. 10 d. 0	£ 8,326 s. 16 d. 8

APPENDIX W.
MONEY ORDERS.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of MONEY ORDER OFFICES, the NUMBER and AMOUNT of ORDERS ISSUED and PAID, and the COMMISSION RECEIVED during the Years 1876 and 1877.

YEAR.	No. of Offices on 31st December.	Commission received on Money Orders.	ORDERS ISSUED.		ORDERS PAID.		TOTAL TRANSACTIONS.	
			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1876	56	1,475 16 4	25,889	106,025 16 8	17,578	69,201 2 0	43,467	175,226 18 8
1877	62	1,562 12 0	29,921	112,748 6 1	20,533	75,969 2 0	50,454	188,717 8 1
Increase in 1877 over 1876	6	86 15 8	4,032	6,722 9 5	2,955	6,768 0 0	6,987	13,490 9 5

Offices Opened.

Cairns
Fern Vale
Fortitude Valley

Nerang Creek
Palmer
Yaamba

Offices Closed.

Nil.
"
"

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH ORDERS for the Year 1877.

ISSUED.	1876.		1877.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inland	2,215	12,233 9 11	2,768	14,428 12 10
Intercolonial	958	6,042 13 1	975	5,994 12 2
	3,173	18,276 3 0	3,743	20,423 5 0

Intercolonial received, 1876, 370; 1877, 398.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS from the COMMENCEMENT of the SYSTEM to the 31st December, 1877.

Year.	Number of Orders issued and paid.	Amount Issued and Paid.
1862 (from 1st July)	574	£ 2,296 s. 7 d. 3
1863	3,698	15,373 5 9
1864	6,598	28,222 18 11
1865	9,841	42,215 19 0
1866	12,158	52,360 6 8
1867	16,050	74,730 9 11
1868	19,310	88,129 15 0
1869	21,911	96,015 18 6
1870	19,923	85,295 16 11
1871	21,100	88,739 7 9
1872	30,208	114,847 0 2
1873	33,508	133,465 15 2
1874	34,188	136,098 14 11
1875	37,260	147,458 16 11
1876	43,467	175,226 18 8
1877	50,454	188,717 8 1

Increase 78 per cent.

Increase 83 per cent.

Decrease 9

Decrease 11

Increase 5

Increase 4

APPENDIX X.

LIST OF MAIL SERVICES, 1877.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.		
					£	s.	d.
Allora P.O. and Railway Station ...	Horse ...	Twelve ...	3½	4,368	45	0	0
Aramac and Cork ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	265	13,780	280	0	0
Bald Hills and Chinaman's Creek ...	" ...	Two ...	5	1,040	20	0	0
Beenleigh and Alberton, from 1st June ...	" ...	Two ...	6	720	26	0	0
Beenleigh and Brayford's ...	" ...	Two ...	36	7,488	120	0	0
Blackall and Bowen Downs ...	" ...	One ...	165	17,160	220	0	0
Blackall and Jundah ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	200	10,400	200	0	0
Blackwater and Tolmies Range, from 23th July ...	" ...	Three ...	24	3,360	52	0	0
Bowen and Bowen Downs ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	356	10,512	310	0	0
Blackwater and Springsure, from 19 July ...	Coach and Horse ...	Two ...	77	7,238	945	12	2
Bowen and Mackay ...	" ...	One ...	137	14,248	200	0	0
Blackwater and Copperfield, from 19th July ...	Coach ...	Two ...	116	10,904	1,872	16	11
Bowen and Nebo ...	" ...	One ...	219	22,776	310	19	2
Bowen and Ravenswood ...	" ...	One ...	128	13,312	150	0	0
Bowen P.O. and Steamers at Pier ...	Dray ...	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	¼	...	25	0	0
Bowen Downs and Hughenden ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	163	8,476	130	0	0
Brisbane and Ashgrove, from 15th March ...	Coach ...	Six ...	3	1,488	40	0	0
Brisbane and Brown's Store, Breakfast Creek ...	" ...	Six ...	2½	1,560	32	0	0
Brisbane and Cleveland ...	" ...	Three ...	20	7,904	150	0	0
Cleveland and Redland Bay ...	Horse ...	Two ...	8	7,904	150	0	0
Brisbane and Gympie ...	Coach ...	Two ...	126	26,208	1,980	0	0
Brisbane and Hamilton ...	Horse ...	One ...	28	2,912	60	0	0
Brisbane and Kelvin Grove ...	Coach ...	Six ...	3	1,872	20	0	0
Brisbane and Ipswich ...	Railway ...	Eighteen ...	24	44,928			
Brisbane and Lutwyche ...	Coach ...	Six ...	3	1,872	36	0	0
Brisbane and Nerang Creek ...	" ...	Three to Nerang and six to Beenleigh	47	29,016	900	0	0
Brisbane G.P.O. and Railway Station, to 14th June ...	" ...	Twenty-four ...	½	1,248	180	0	0
Brisbane and South Brisbane ...	" ...	Eighteen ...	1	1,872	26	0	0
Brisbane and Sandgate ...	" ...	Twelve ...	12	14,976	200	0	0
Brisbane and Telemon ...	Coach to Beaudesert, thence by horse to Telemon	Two ...	61	12,688	243	0	0
Brown's Store and Bulimba ...	Coach ...	Six ...	2	1,248	30	0	0
Bundaberg and Mount Perry ...	Horse ...	Two ...	63	13,104	150	0	0
Bundaberg and Miriam Vale ...	" ...	One ...	77	8,008	100	0	0
Caboolture and Black Snake ...	" ...	One ...	136	14,144	146	0	0
Cairns and Thornborough, from 18th January ...	" ...	One ...	63	6,174			
Cambooya and Leyburn ...	" ...	Two ...	29	6,032	120	0	0
Cambooya and Retreat ...	" ...	One ...	137	14,248	130	0	0
Cardwell and Lower Herbert ...	Boat ...	Fortnightly ...	48	2,496			
Lower Herbert and Dungeness ...	" ...	As required ...	18	3,012	190	0	0
To New P.O., Lower Herbert ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	4				
Cardwell and Georgetown ...	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	238	12,376	280	0	0
Charleville and Minnie Downs, from 21st October ...	" ...	One ...	136	2,992	80	0	0
Charleville and Tambo ...	" ...	One ...	156	16,224	150	0	0
Charleville and Barrington (N.S.W.) ...	" ...	One ...	256	26,624	375	0	0
Charters Towers and Millichester ...	Coach ...	Twelve ...	3	3,744	75	0	0
Clermont and Aramac, from 14th April ...	Horse ...	One ...	165	12,210			
Clermont and Copperfield ...	Coach ...	Six ...	4	2,496	52	0	0
Clermont and Springsure, via Beaufort ...	Horse ...	One ...	253	26,312	320	5	0
Clifton and Spring Creek ...	" ...	Six ...	9	5,616	50	0	0
Condamine and Roma ...	Coach ...	Three ...	92	28,704	1,650	0	0
Condamine and Surat ...	Horse ...	One ...	127	13,208	100	0	0
Condamine and Taroom ...	" ...	One ...	107	11,128	159	0	0
Cooktown and Palmer ...	Coach to Byerstown, thence by horse to Palmer	One ...	162	16,848	1,000	0	0
Coomera Township and Upper Coomera ...	Horse ...	Three ...	3	936	20	0	0
Cooranga and Fountain's Camp, from 1st April to 21st July ...	" ...	Two ...	60	5,520	250	0	0
Cooranga and Fountain's Camp, 22nd to 29th July ...	" ...	One ...			200	0	0
Cunnamulla and Thorgomindah ...	" ...	One ...	157	16,328	190	0	0
Dalby and Condamine ...	Coach ...	Three ...	76½	23,868	1,350	0	0
Dalby and Cooranga to 9th September ...	Horse ...	Three ...	34	7,344	105	0	0

LIST OF MAIL SERVICES, 1877—continued.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
Dalby and Gayndah	Horse ...	One ...	141	14,664	£ 280 0 0
Dalby and Goondiwindi	" ...	One ...	163½	17,004	225 0 0
Dalby and Maida Hill, from 8th September	" ...	One ...	22	704	50 0 0
Dalby P.O. and Railway Station	Coach ...	Twelve ...	¼	312	71 0 0
Dalby and St. George	Horse ...	One ...	267	27,768	460 0 0
Dalrymple and Specimen Gully	" ...	One ...	91	9,464	180 0 0
Dalrymple and Richmond Downs	" ...	One ...	274	28,496	408 19 1
Dalrymple and Georgetown	" ...	One ...	297	30,888	550 0 0
Didcot and Gayndah	Coach and horse ...	One ...	24	4,992	160 0 0
Drayton and Westbrook Area, from 1st October	Horse ...	Six ...	12	1,872	52 0 0
Dingo and Springsure, to 18th July	Coach and horse ...	Two ...	97	11,252	1,191 4 6
Duaranga and Springsure	Horse ...	One ...	207	21,528	335 0 0
Dingo and Copperfield, to 18th July	Coach ...	Two ...	199	16,704	2,324 18 4
Elliott's and Copperfield	Horse ...	Two ...	161	33,488	400 0 0
Elliot and Neureum	" ...	One ...	70	7,280	125 0 0
Eulo and Fairlie Plains	" ...	One ...	80	14,092	273 0 0
Fairlie Plains and Tintinchilla	" ...	Fortnightly ...	111		
Eulo, Hoodsville, and Hungerford's, N.S.W.	" ...	One ...	81	8,424	140 0 0
Fisher's Creek and Normanton	" ...	Once a week ...	372	8,928	300 0 0
Gatton and Tent Hill	" ...	Three ...	5	1,560	25 0 0
Gayndah and Banana	" ...	One ...	175	18,200	192 10 0
Gayndah and Mount Perry	" ...	Two ...	44	9,152	105 0 0
Gayndah and Nanango	" ...	One ...	97	10,088	138 0 0
Gayndah and Taroom	" ...	One ...	164	17,056	160 0 0
Geham and Pipe Clay Creek, from 10th November	" ...	One ...	11	176	12 0 0
Georgetown and Charlestown	" ...	One ...	30	3,120	180 0 0
Georgetown and Normanton	" ...	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	120 0 0
Gladstone and Rockhampton	" ...	Twice a month ...	91	4,732	80 0 0
Goondiwindi and Mungindi	" ...	Two ...	113	23,504	250 0 0
Gowrie Junction and Meringandan	" ...	One ...	6	624	20 0 0
Gracemere P. O. and Railway Station	" ...	Six ...	¼	256	18 0 0
Greenmount and Emu Creek	" ...	Six ...	8	4,992	52 0 0
Gympie and Imbil, from 20th June	" ...	One ...	27	1,512	50 0 0
Gympie and Neureum	" ...	One ...	47	4,888	98 10 0
Gympie and One-Mile Creek	" ...	Six ...	1	124	45 0 0
Gympie and Noosa	Coach ...	One ...	35	3,640	£3 per trip
Gympie and Tewantin	Horse ...	One ...	46	4,784	85 0 0
Gootchie and Neureum, from 17th July	" ...	One ...	33	1,518	80 0 0
Harrisville and Blantyre	" ...	Two ...	10½	2,184	36 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
Hidden Valley and Natal Downs	" ...	Fortnightly ...	110	5,720	150 0 0
Indooropilly and Moggill	" ...	Two ...	15	3,120	45 0 0
Ipswich and Belle Vue	" ...	Two ...	27	5,616	88 0 0
Ipswich and Kholo	" ...	One ...	10	1,040	12 0 0
Ipswich and Fassifern	" ...	One ...			
Ipswich P. O. and Railway Station	Coach ...	To meet every train ...		936	69 0 0
Ipswich and Redbank Plains	Horse ...	Two ...	7	1,456	25 0 0
Ipswich and Harrisville	" ...	Two ...			
Ipswich, Seven-Mile Creek and Mount Walker	" ...	Two ...	18	3,744	60 0 0
Ipswich and Toowoomba	Railway ...	Twelve ...	78	97,344	
Ipswich and Kooralbyn	Horse ...	One ...	55	5,720	42 10 0
Ipswich and Unumgar	" ...	One ...	84	8,736	119 0 0
Ipswich and Maroon	" ...	One ...	54	5,616	
Jondaryan and Nanango	" ...	Two ...	63	13,104	170 0 0
Jundah Police Barracks and Mackhara	" ...	Fortnightly ...	220	11,440	200 0 0
Hariboe and Mount Perry	" ...	One ...	94	9,776	125 0 0
Laura and Normanby, from 2nd April	" ...	Two ...	8	1,248	25 0 0
Leyburn and Texas	" ...	One ...	124	12,896	180 0 0
Laidley and Rossmore, from 19th February	" ...	Two ...	7	1,260	25 0 0
Leyburn and Goondiwindi	" ...	One ...	121	12,584	175 0 0
Logan Reserve and MacLean	" ...	Two ...	16	3,328	70 0 0
Mackay and Nebo	" ...	One ...	60	6,240	120 0 0
Mackay and Walkerstown, from 10th July	Coach ...	Two ...	10	1,000	
Mariborough and Lilyvale	Horse ...	One ...	165	17,160	137 0 0
Maryborough and Bundaberg	Coach and horse ...	One ...	52	10,816	350 0 0
Maryborough and Gympie	Coach ...	Three ...	54	33,696	1,100 0 0
Maryborough and Mount Perry	Horse ...	Three ...			
	Coach ...	One ...	106	22,048	390 0 0
	Horse ...	One ...			

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Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
					£ s. d.
Maryborough P.O. and the Wharf	Dray	To meet every steamer carrying mails	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	60 0 0
Maryborough and Pialba	Horse	One	22	2,288	60 0 0
Maryborough and Mary River Mills	"	Six	14	8,736	100 0 0
Mistake Creek and Aramac, to 13 April, 1877	"	One	155	11,470	320 0 0
Mistake Creek and Elgin Downs	"	Fortnightly	74	3,848	60 0 0
Mitchell Downs and Burenda	"	One	151	15,704	219 17 0
Mitchell Downs and Charleville	Coach	One	135	28,080	}
	Horse	One			
Mitchell Downs and Westgrove	"	...	109	11,335	125 0 0
Moraby and St. George	Coach	One	129	13,416	1,100 0 0
Mount Brisbane and Deep Creek	Horse	Two	10	2,080	18 0 0
Mooloolah and Buderim Mountains	"	One	15	1,560	26 0 0
Mount Esk and Nukininda	"	One	28	2,912	59 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	$6\frac{1}{2}$	2,028	33 16 0
Nerang Creek and Kynumboon	"	Two	33	6,864	135 0 0
North Pine and Redcliffe	"	One	10	1,040	12 0 0
Owanyilla and Upper Mary	"	One	4	416	26 0 0
Oxley West and Rocky Waterholes	"	Six	$1\frac{1}{2}$	936	30 0 0
Port Douglas and Thornborough, from 1 December	"	One	65	650	644 0 0
Ravenswood and Dalrymple	"	One	83	8,632	200 0 0
Richmond Downs and Cloncurry	"	Twice a month	177	9,204	450 0 0
Rockhampton and Dingo, to 18th July	Railway	Six	88	30,096	
Rockhampton and Blackwater, from 19th July	"	Six	116	32,712	
Rockhampton and Dee Copper Mines	Horse	One	35	3,640	80 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 P.O. and Railway Station	Coach	To meet every train and clear pillar boxes	$\frac{1}{4}$	312	62 0 0
Rockhampton and St. Lawrence	Horse	One	123	12,792	250 0 0
Rockhampton and Torilla	"	One	132	13,728	165 0 0
Roma and Mitchell Downs	Coach	One	54	11,232	}
	Horse	One			
Roma and Surat	Spring cart	...	50	5,200	100 0 0
Roma and Taroom	Horse	One	122	12,688	142 10 0
Rosewood Scrub and Tallegalla	"	Two	7	1,456	24 0 0
St. George and Brenda, from 12th November	"	One	128	2,048	130 0 0
St. George and Curriwillingham	"	One	98	10,192	135 0 0
St. George and Cunnamulla	"	One	201	20,904	380 0 0
St. George and Mitchell Downs	"	One	139	14,456	149 0 0
St. George and Mungindi	"	Two	88	18,304	239 0 0
St. Lawrence P.O. and steamers at the Wharf, Broadsound	"	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	5	...	35 0 0
St. Lawrence and Copperfield	Horse	One	167	17,368	200 0 0
St. Lawrence and Nebo	"	One	109	11,336	180 0 0
Springsure and Blackall	"	One	231	24,004	580 0 0
Springsure and Clermont	"	One	137	14,248	145 0 0
Stanthorpe and Wilson's Downfall	Coach	Three	13	4,056	220 0 0
Stanthorpe and Inglewood	Horse	One	80	8,320	112 0 0
Surat and St. George	"	One	89	9,256	130 0 0
Swan Creek Receiving Office and Upper Swan Creek	"	Once	6	624	14 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 Irvings	"	One	15	1,560	30 0 0
Taroom and Bauhinia Downs	"	One	113	11,752	122 10 0
Thornborough and MacLeod's Creek, from 19 Nov.	"	One	13	182	60 0 0
Thorgomindah and Innaminka	"	Fortnightly	210	3,780	200 0 0
Thornborough and Watsonville	"	One	12	10,920	7 0 0
Thorgomindah and Hungerford (N.S.W.)	"	One	98	1,128	} 158 2 4
				10,192	
Thylungra and Wombenderry, from 1 March	"	Fortnightly	124	4,464	100 0 0
Thorgomindah and Mount Margaret	"	One	70	7,280	150 0 0
Tingalpa and Belmont	"	Three	3	936	20 0 0
Tingalpa and Hemmant, with Extension to Lytton	"	Three	$3\frac{1}{2}$	1,092	} 36 0 0
		One	$7\frac{1}{2}$	780	
Toowoomba and Albert Saw Mills, and Highfields and Emu Creek	Coach	Two	25	9,568	} 150 0 0
	Horse	One	42		
Toowoomba and Dalby	Railway	Twelve	52	64,896	
Toowoomba and Drayton	Horse	Twelve	4	4,992	55 0 0
Toowoomba Post Office and Railway Station	Coach	To meet every train	$\frac{1}{4}$	780	90 0 0
Toowoomba and Warwick	Railway	Twelve	65	81,120	
Toowong and Receiving Office, Indoooropilly	Horse	Two	3	624	15 0 0
Townsville and Dalrymple	"	One	75	7,800	200 0 0
Townsville and Ravenswood	Coach	Two	75	15,600	900 0 0

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Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
Townsville Post Office and the Wharf ...	Dray ...	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	£ s. d. 80 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, also Walloon and Mount Esk ...	" ...	One ...	106	15,496	187 10 0
Warwick and Freestone Creek ...	" ...	One ...	43	1,248	21 0 0
Warwick and Killarney School-house, and <i>Via</i> Farm Creek from 1 April ...	" ...	One ...	22	2,288	32 0 0
	" ...	One ...	3	234	2 0 0
Warwick and Leyburn ...	" ...	One ...	49	5,096	81 13 4
Warwick Post Office and Railway Station ...	Coach ...	Twelve ...	$\frac{1}{2}$	624	40 0 0
Waterford and Logan Reserve, from 27 Oct. ...	Horse ...	One ...	6	120	10 0 0
Warwick and Stanthorpe ...	Coach ...	Six ...	37	23,088	800 0 0
Westbrook Area and Hazelmere, from 8 Oct. ...	Horse ...	Two ...	10	480	13 0 0
Westbook and Taroom ...	" ...	One ...	220	22,880	280 0 0
Wittown and Jundah Police Barracks ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	190	9,880	150 0 0
Yatala and Pimpama Island ...	" ...	One ...	14	1,456	12 0 0

APPENDIX Y.

LIST OF POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES for the YEAR 1877.

Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Albion ...	E. Challinor ...	£6.
Allora ...	Mrs. Gwynne ...	£30.
Aramac ...	E. Schneider ...	£12.
Ashgrove (New Office, 1st January) ...	J. B. Stephens ...	No salary.
Ballandean ...	T. H. Fletcher ...	£12.
Banana ...	M. O'Neill ...	£18.
Beaconsfield (New Office, 1st June, 1877) ...	J. Weitzell ...	£12.
Beenleigh ...	A. R. H. Pietzcker ...	£50.
Belmont (New Office, 1st February) ...	T. P. Haslam, to 10th October S. J. Wills, from 11th October	£12.
Blackall ...	F. Clewett ...	£18.
Black Snake ...	J. M. Thompson ...	£12.
Blackwater (New Office, 19th July) ...	J. Beattie ...	£12
Bowen (Official Office) ...	D. A. Day ...	£250 to 30th June £275 from 1st July
Bowen Downs ...	E. K. Russell ...	£12
Breakfast Creek ...	C. W. Phillips ...	£15
Brookfield ...	W. Butler ...	£12
Brown's Plains ...	G. Stretton ...	£12, to include contract.
Bulimba ...	J. Watson ...	£12
Bundaberg (Official Office) ...	J. Kelly ...	£200
Bundall ...	C. A. M. Morris ...	£12
Byerstown ...	T. C. Bird ...	£50
Caboolture ...	Mrs. Clune ...	£12
Cairns (Money Order Office, from 1st November, 1877)	D. Spence, to 19th February R. Craig, to 11th April J. Duncan, to 27th October...	Gratuity £25 £100 £100 to 30th June; £200 from 1st July
Official Office from 11th Oct. to 17th Nov.	G. H. Parminter, from 28th October to 17th November J. Powers, from 18th November	£300 £2 per week
Calliope ...	P. Doyle ...	£18
Camboon ...	C. Daveney, to 17th August J. S. Grant, from 18th August	£12
Cambooya ...	J. J. Hayes ...	£24
Canal Creek ...	Mrs. Sellers, to 31st March G. Richardson, from 1st April	£15
Capalaba ...	W. Jarvis ...	£12
Cardwell ...	J. E. Poore ...	£25
Carnarvon ...	J. T. McManus ...	£12
Cawarral ...	Mrs. Harris ...	£12
Charleston ...	N. M. Bindon, to 17th July P. O'Brien, from 18th July	£12
Charleville ...	R. A. Skinner ...	£35
Charters Towers ...	A. J. Swann ...	£52
Christmas Creek (named Telemon to 30th September)	H. Brook ...	£12
Clermont ...	J. C. Bauer ...	£40
Cleveland ...	A. T. Winship ...	£25
Clifton ...	W. E. Shapcott ...	£24

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Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Cloncurry	E. Henry	£12
Comet (new office, 5th September)	J. M. Sheehan	£12
Condamine	J. King	£60
Cooktown (official office)	J. Allan	£300 to 30th June, £400 from 1 July
Coomera	W. Binstead	£12
Coomera Township	T. Lenneberg, to 30th September W. Heathwood, from 1st October	£12
Cooper's Plains	S. Manning	£12
Copperfield	H. Smith	£80
Cork	C. L. Williams	£12
Crocodile Creek	C. Jagerdorff	£12
Cunnamulla	F. Ford	£20
Curriwillinghami	W. Taylor, to 31st July R. H. Tighe, from 1st August	£18
Dalby	E. Da Costa	£300
Dalrymple	W. G. Symonds, to 18th July A. Mears, from 19th July	£30
Dingo	J. B. Collum, to 23rd November J. C. Anderson, from 24th November...	£25 to 30th September; £12 from 1st October
Drayton	P. Favenc	£80
Duaringa	J. Beattie, to 21st February... C. Phillips, from 22nd February	£12
Dungeness	J. T. Arnot	£12
Ebenezer (New Office, 2nd April)	G. Whitney	£12
Eight-Mile Plains	R. Purkiss	£12
Ellangowan (named Burenda, to 31st August)	M. Cavanagh	£12
Elliot	R. Grout	£12
Eulo	Mrs. Barlow	£20
Emu Creek Siding (New Office, from 1st Novr.)	Mrs. Brodie	£12
Fassifern	G. Angus	£12
Fern Vale (named Wivenhoe to 9th May; Money Order Office from 1st October)	J. C. Foote, to 9th May A. Phelps, from 10th May	£12
Fisher's Creek	G. Pratt	£12
Fortitude Valley (New Office, 20th August; Money Order Office from 1st October)	W. Chapman	£20
Fountain's Camp (New Office, 1st April)	J. Willett, to 15th August J. A. Bourke, from 16th August	£12
Gatton	J. Watt, to 15th January H. H. Smith, from 16th January	£18
Gayndah	C. Smith	£60 to 31st March; £72 from 1st April
Geham	Mrs. Black	£12
Georgetown	L. F. Haseler	£30 to 31st August; £45 from 1st September
German Station	Mrs. Cook	£18
Gin Gin	J. W. Dear	£18
Gladstone	Mrs. Hetherington	£125 to 30th June; £150 from 1st July
Glamorgan Vale	C. Denning	£12
Goodna	Mrs. Wallis	£25
Goondiwindi	Mrs. Davis	£50
Gootchie	C. Searrott	£12
Gowrie Junction	D. Callaghan, to 5th September J. Williams, from 6th September	£6
Gracemere	E. J. McDonald	£12
Grandchester	J. Stark, to 28th December... W. Fry, from 29th December	£18
Greenmount	J. Roberts	£12
Gympie (Official Office)	C. F. Cumming	£300
Harrisville	Mrs. Carson	£12
Haughton	S. Holmes	£12
Hawkwood	J. Palmer	£6 to 30th June; £12 from 1st July
Helidon	J. Waugh, to 14th October... A. Smith, from 15th October	£18
Hemmant	G. Laidlaw	£12
Hendon (New Office, 1st April)	J. Bunting, to 10th October E. Davis, from 11th October	£12
Imbil (New Office, 20th June)	W. Ellworthy	£12
Indooroopilly	J. Ball	£12
Inglewood	Mrs. Canning	£12
Innaminka (S.A.) (New Office, 1st January)	T. J. Croker	£12
Inskip Point (New Office, 10th October)	G. Byrne	No salary
Ipswich (Official Office)	R. Gill	£375 to 30th June; £100 from 1st July
Jimboomba (New Office, 1st September)	A. Tudman	£12
Jimna	G. Whittington	£22
Jondaryan	Z. Goff, to 23rd July G. Brewer, to 30th September R. Beattie, from 1st October	£20

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Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Rockhampton (Official Office)	D. Peterson	£300 to 30th June; £325 from 1st July
Rocky Waterholes	E. Hoelscher, to 25th March Mrs. Hoelscher, from 26th March	£12
Rolleston	T. Eyles	£12
Roma (Official Office)	F. G. Mackay	£200 to 30th June; £225 from 1st July
Rosewood	J. W. Vance	£12
St. George	J. B. Tonson, to 30th August W. A. Hall, to 30th September H. Thompson, from 1st October	£35 to 30th August; £50 from 31st August
St. Lawrence	J. Philp, to 22nd May C. T. Morgan, from 23rd May	£25
Sandgate	C. Slaughter	£25
Seven-mile Creek (closed 31st March)	F. Moore, to 31st March	£12
Smithfield (New Office, 6th May)	W. de Fraine, to 31 August T. Williams, to 5th October M. Alexander, from 6th October	£12 to 31st August; £20 from 1st September
Somerset	W. D. Powell, to 22nd November E. L. Brown, from 23rd November	£24
South Brisbane	J. G. Smith, to 9th September H. Wilkins, to 17th December W. Gargett, from 18th December	£40 to 9th September, & 20 from 10th September
Specimen Gully	G. Soutar	£12 to 23th February; £18 from 1st March
Spring Creek	J. Gillam	£12
Springsure	F. Batho	£35
Stanthorpe (Official Office)	T. S. Henzell	£250
Stewart Town (New Office, 1st October)	D. Dickson	£12
Sugarloaf	W. Allison	£12
Surat	R. T. Taylor	£40
Swan Creek (New Office, 1st April)	M. O'Connor	£12
Tambo	J. Mayne, to 11th May E. D. Harries, to 22nd July Mrs. M. H. Bilton, from 23rd July	£40
Tambourine	T. Plunkett	£12
Taroom	M. Zerbe	£50
Tenthill	Mrs. R. M. Power	£12
Tewantin	Mrs. E. Gargett, to 10th December P. P. Agnew, from 11th December	£12
Texas	Mrs. F. C. Myles	£6
Thompson's Flat (New Office, 18th August)	T. Lindert	£12
Thorgomindah	A. R. Johnston, to 20th July T. Craig, from 21st July	£12
Thornborough	J. V. Mulligan, to 3rd December T. A. Gulliver, from 4th December	£50
Tiaro	W. T. Deacon	£15
Tinana	F. Hill	£12
Tingalpa	C. Cope	£12 to 31st March, £18 from 1st April
Toowong	R. G. Shanklin	£18
Toowoomba (Official Office)	G. W. Glanville	£300, to 30th June, £325 from 1st July
Townsville (Official Office)	E. G. Grose	£350
Unungar	R. A. Hickson	£12
Upper Mary	D. Wittaker	Salary included in contract
Veresdale	Mrs. Morison	£18
Village of Logan	W. Drynan	£18
Walkerston	W. Brown	£12
Walloon	C. Glynn	£18
Warra (New Office, 11th September)	M. D. Tait	£18
Warwick (Official Office)	S. Marshall	£250 to 30th June; £275 from 1st July
Waterford (named Logan Reserve, 31st March)	R. Leo, to 31st March J. G. Schneider, from 1st April	£25
Watsonville (New Office, 1st February)	D. McColl	Salary included in contract
West End	J. Wayte, to 9th October J. C. Aitkin, from 10th October	£12
Western Creek Station	H. M. Perry	£12
Westwood	H. O. Bishop	£22
Wittown	J. Whitman	£15
Yaamba (Money Order Office re-opened 1st Nov.)	A. Geddes	£15
Yandilla	G. R. Fitzmaurice	£12
Yandina	J. Low	£12
Yatala	Mrs. Hanlon	£12
Yengarie	D. H. Robinson, to 7th November W. J. Robinson, from 8th November	£12

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Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Jundah (New Office, 26th June)	H. P. Kaye	£12
Kelvin Grove	G. B. Cutbush	£12
Kholo	W. Clegg	£12
Killarney (New Office, 1st July)	H. M. Gwyther, to 12th July F. K. Milne, from 16th July	£12
Kingsborough (New Office, 1st January)	J. McGroarty	£12
Kingston, Palmer (New Office, 2nd February)	R. Watson	No salary
Koojarawon (named Highfields to 30th Sept.)	Mrs. Davis	£12
Kynnumboon, N.S.W.	Mrs. Sharpe, to 30th June W. J. Grime, from 1st July	£6
Laidley	R. Eykyn	£18
Leyburn	E. R. Halloran	£30
Lily Vale	E. Davis	£12
Loganholme	W. C. Walsh	£12
Logan Reserve (New Office, 27th October) [Old Office now named Waterford.]	J. Gaven	£12
Lower Herbert	Mrs. Collins	£12
Lutwyche	E. Slaughter	£12
Lytton	W. Webb	No salary
Mackay (Official Office)	D. Browne	£220
McLean (New Office, 1st February)	O. Harris, to 31st October S. Harris, from 1st November	£12
McLeod's Creek (New Office, 7th November)	J. Bradfield	Salary included in contract
Maida Hill (New Office, 8th September)	F. McKeon	Salary included in contract
Marlborough	T. Illidge	£20
Maryborough (Official Office)	T. R. Dickins	£300 to 30th June; £325 from 1st July
Maytown	C. Kimble, to 10th April C. R. Parish, to 17th September R. W. Deverell, from 18th September	£50 to 10th April; £25 from 11th April
Millechester	H. B. Walker	£50
Milton (New Office, 1st November)	W. Fry, to 28th December P. Broderick, from 29th December	£6
Miriam Vale (New Office, 1st April)	E. A. Swan, to 26th July J. D. Harris, from 27th July	£12
Mitchell Downs	T. Lynch, to 13th July J. J. Echlin, from 14th July	£30
Moggill	Mrs. Johns	£12
Mooloolah	E. Lander	£12
Morven	P. T. Leadbetter to 26th May J. Gordon from 13th August	£12
Mount Esk	D. Smith to 31st January Mrs. Warrenner from 1st February	£18
Mount Gravatt (New Office, 14th March)	G. Yuncker	£6
Mount Perry	T. McCarthy	£60
Mount Sibley (New Office, 23rd August)	J. Wilkinson, to 5th October F. C. Beaclere, from 6th October	£6 £12
Mungindi	A. G. Walker	£12
Murphy's Creek	J. Fraser, to 17th June Miss J. Kerr, to 30th November F. Small, from 1st December	£18
Nanango	A. Lee	£40
Nebo	F. Brown	£30
Nerang (Money Order Office from 1st December, 1877)	B. Joseph	£15
Neureum	A. Gowan	£12
Normanby, Palmer Road (New Office, 2nd April)	W. Davidson	Salary included in contract
Normanton	S. M. Barter, to 10th August J. P. Wells, from 11th August	£22
Northcote (New Office, 20th June)	J. McAlpine	£12
North Pine	G. Buckby, to 7th May W. H. Berry, 8th May	£12
Oakey Creek	G. Stewart	£20
One-mile Creek	J. McLaughlin	£50 to 31st July; £62 from 1st August
Owanilla	T. Dowling	£12
Oxley	C. Murton, to 11th January I. Watt, to 19th October J. Bunting, from 20th October)	£18
Oxley West (New Office, 1st April)	A. Alford	£12
Palmer (Money Order Office, from 1st Nov.)	P. J. Canty	£20
Pikedale	D. Gunn	No salary
Pimpama	J. Watkins	£26
Pine Mountain	J. C. Harris	£12
Pipeclay Creek (New Office, 10th November)	W. Gray	£12
Port Douglas (New Office, 1st September)	E. R. N. MacCarthy	£52
Purga Creek	J. Lucas	£12
Ravenswood	G. S. Pegus	£60
Redbank Plains	J. Carroll	£18
Rochford	R. Hayles, to 2nd August C. Willich, from 3rd August	£12

APPENDIX Z.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED and PAID in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1877, together with the AMOUNT of COMMISSION on ORDERS ISSUED within the Colony.

OFFICE.	ISSUED.			PAID.	
	No.	Amount.	Commission.	No.	Amount.
Brisbane	6,175	£ 24,343 15 5	£ 442 4 6	11,094	35,568 2 8
Allora	217	608 8 2	7 19 9	81	217 13 10
Beenleigh	156	452 17 6	7 1 9	71	288 14 1
Blackall	177	827 0 4	8 10 0	23	122 1 6
Black Snake	35	151 7 4	1 12 3	9	31 3 10
Bowen	538	1,863 6 3	23 1 0	190	853 18 3
Bundaberg	638	1,936 3 11	23 19 6	175	686 17 1
Caboolture	71	176 18 10	2 8 9	30	196 9 3
Cairns	14	60 16 6	1 0 6	6	14 10 3
Cardwell	160	530 15 10	6 8 3	24	112 4 7
Charleville	317	1,565 12 2	14 3 9	44	234 11 0
Charters Towers	1,145	5,058 4 4	63 13 3	181	993 1 1
Clermont	263	1,042 11 5	12 3 0	65	291 7 1
Cleveland	60	122 9 11	1 9 6	20	103 4 5
Condamine	213	870 2 4	7 1 6	56	278 1 9
Cooktown	990	5,066 12 11	54 13 3	305	1,564 15 5
Copperfield	448	1,744 14 11	25 18 0	82	311 13 3
Dalby	1,048	3,873 3 0	42 8 6	452	1,871 9 8
Drayton	99	249 12 5	3 3 6	39	236 0 6
Fernvale	16	12 1 9	0 15 0	3	5 2 10
Fortitude Valley	43	98 0 4	2 6 3	22	97 12 6
Gayndah	183	674 17 1	7 16 9	70	385 10 2
Georgetown	128	774 12 0	9 7 0	6	24 4 0
Gladstone	346	1,035 14 1	16 6 9	97	533 0 11
Goodna	171	419 2 2	6 7 3	46	165 6 1
Goondiwindi	177	764 7 2	9 11 9	24	109 10 1
Gympie	892	3,347 2 4	40 7 9	578	2,333 13 10
Inglewood	73	155 13 2	1 13 0	9	39 2 8
Ipswich	1,309	3,819 7 3	73 1 3	924	3,678 1 8
Jimna	38	58 6 0	1 5 6	2	10 14 6
Leyburn	252	931 17 1	8 0 6	43	177 2 7
Mackay	971	3,567 14 8	38 17 3	151	706 15 7
Maryborough	1,384	4,743 2 9	71 16 9	1,031	4,253 7 9
Maytown	213	1,113 4 3	13 12 0	23	138 14 9
Millchester	429	1,883 4 6	18 9 3	55	270 15 10
Mount Perry	251	858 15 3	11 9 0	69	348 10 3
Murphy's Creek	213	761 10 9	6 3 0	17	62 15 0
Nanango	126	381 0 0	3 12 9	24	105 2 11
Nebo	108	310 4 0	2 18 0	35	249 1 3
Nerang Creek	4	8 3 0	0 4 3	1	8 17 0
One-mile Creek	355	1,273 18 4	17 11 0	15	70 12 1
Palmer	2	2 9 0	0 0 6		
Pimpama	43	117 18 8	1 19 0	11	52 4 7
Ravenswood	507	2,096 7 11	24 1 6	75	327 3 5
Rockhampton	2,034	7,415 11 6	118 2 9	1,071	4,640 7 6
Roma	615	2,280 16 10	25 12 0	186	824 17 11
Sandgate	59	152 4 8	2 12 6	59	277 8 3
St. George	288	1,203 9 0	11 6 0	53	320 19 1
St. Lawrence	210	936 17 6	9 0 3	37	141 17 6
South Brisbane	193	665 9 3	10 18 6	90	297 8 11
Springsure	332	1,517 3 0	16 7 9	74	506 4 7
Stanthorpe	658	2,408 19 4	25 19 0	233	861 13 8
Surat	114	368 8 5	4 3 0	23	129 3 5
Tambo	249	1,374 7 11	12 19 9	30	158 6 5
Taroom	117	512 18 7	4 15 3	18	70 12 3
Tiaro	256	773 8 8	8 13 3	36	166 8 3
Toowoomba	1,807	6,276 10 3	81 7 6	1,106	4,136 0 11
Townsville	887	3,612 10 3	47 12 6	636	2,977 3 4
Warwick	887	2,619 12 7	36 4 3	569	2,204 1 6
Westwood	194	768 4 5	8 4 9	27	111 9 4
Yaamba	1	1 8 11	0 0 3		
Yandilla	22	106 18 0	1 19 3	7	15 17 5
	29,921	112,748 6 1	1,562 12 0	20,533	75,969 2 0

APPENDIX A1.

STATEMENT showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS ISSUED in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1877 were PAYABLE.

Where Payable.	Number.	Amount.
Queensland	16,767	£ 60,419 13 1
The United Kingdom	5,035	20,989 3 10
India	9	48 15 0
Germany	237	834 7 6
New South Wales	5,226	18,542 7 8
Victoria	2,108	9,682 15 2
South Australia	226	800 10 7
Western Australia	1	5 0 0
Tasmania	119	536 2 9
New Zealand	193	889 10 6
	29,921	112,748 6 1

APPENDIX B1.

STATEMENT showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS PAID in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1877 were ISSUED.

Where Issued.	Number.	Amount.
Queensland	16,695	£ 60,206 2 5
The United Kingdom	712	3,093 4 9
New South Wales	2,074	8,547 7 6
Victoria	611	2,516 8 3
South Australia	132	539 14 5
Western Australia	8	57 1 6
Tasmania	98	343 9 5
New Zealand	203	665 13 9
	20,533	75,969 2 0

APPENDIX CL.

STATEMENT showing the STATISTICS of the POSTAL DEPARTMENT of QUEENSLAND from 1860, the first year after Separation from New South Wales, to 1877 inclusive.

Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	MONEY ORDERS.				LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PACKETS (APPROXIMATE).												Year.			
				ISSUED.		PAID.		POSTED IN QUEENSLAND.						RECEIVED INTO QUEENSLAND.			TOTAL.						
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	For Delivery within the Colony.			For Despatch beyond the Colony.			Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.		Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.
								Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.										
1860	14	£ 4,866 10 7	£ 12,067 10 0	...	...	...	...	112,840	67,712	2,236	86,328	81,524	720	80,211	101,129	1,500	279,379	250,365	4,456	...	1860
1861	23	£ 6,348 1 2	£ 16,064 6 9	...	...	...	...	274,571	198,946	3,009	145,033	104,920	2,643	95,607	123,623	2,000	515,211	427,489	7,652	...	1861
1862	26	£ 8,878 16 4	£ 17,464 15 9	487*	1,971 14 10	87	267 6 5	374,968	263,764	4,384	178,822	181,678	2,546	129,414	161,061	2,500	683,064	606,503	9,430	...	1862		
1863	35	£ 11,285 13 2	£ 22,772 16 3	2,626	11,196 8 4	1,036	3,899 9 11	499,901	391,786	8,134	198,901	184,462	5,744	171,888	169,670	3,462	870,680	745,918	17,340	...	1863		
1864	44	£ 15,015 15 6	£ 25,161 3 5	4,784	20,631 1 8	1,814	7,105 5 9	665,796	668,821	9,468	223,373	184,850	5,815	222,723	205,386	4,191	1,111,892	1,049,057	19,474	...	1864		
1865	46	£ 18,081 16 9	£ 28,960 2 7	6,891	29,685 1 3	2,950	11,907 10 3	847,599	548,397	13,509	251,333	192,898	4,140	271,779	352,023	7,184	1,370,708	1,093,318	24,833	...	1865		
1866	67	£ 20,221 15 10	£ 33,971 15 10	7,787	33,589 3 5	4,371	18,119 10 9	998,187	588,054	24,858	294,093	177,542	3,623	283,636	369,488	7,540	1,545,916	1,135,084	36,021	...	1866		
1867	73	£ 19,006 15 5	£ 34,424 1 6	9,369	42,224 8 2	6,781	31,218 17 3	973,746	576,708	27,060	232,927	158,898	3,313	240,611	384,962	7,301	1,447,284	1,120,068	37,674	...	1867		
1868	93	£ 21,483 1 4	£ 50,668 16 7	11,735	53,359 2 2	7,575	34,016 14 10	1,144,434	572,583	27,978	253,082	150,870	3,017	300,588	426,931	15,392	1,698,105	1,150,384	46,387	...	1868		
1869	106	£ 21,609 9 0	£ 50,820 2 0	12,873	57,604 9 8	9,083	38,411 8 10	1,177,695	512,670	27,753	252,526	143,217	4,755	274,449	401,458	14,500	1,704,670	1,087,345	45,008	...	1869		
1870	114	£ 20,580 18 9	£ 49,557 3 10	12,087	52,394 2 4	7,836	32,901 14 7	1,177,884	742,078	27,879	229,471	137,812	2,773	255,322	415,609	11,689	1,662,677	1,295,499	42,341	...	1870		
1871	123	£ 20,095 9 11	£ 48,000 11 1	12,939	55,179 14 11	8,161	33,559 12 10	1,258,137	755,480	33,465	258,226	147,606	3,143	276,281	404,219	15,413	1,792,644	1,307,305	52,021	...	1871		
1872	131	£ 23,420 7 11	£ 53,113 5 7	18,265	71,840 11 4	11,943	48,008 8 10	1,512,098	795,253	49,815	384,388	188,416	7,996	306,554	424,600	19,199	2,203,940	1,408,269	77,010	...	1872		
1873	135	£ 26,642 7 0	£ 59,247 18 0	29,988	85,445 11 9	12,518	48,029 3 5	1,738,199	1,021,485	65,561	380,545	200,714	7,050	340,690	492,115	20,929	2,459,434	1,714,314	93,540	...	1873		
1874	155	£ 33,026 4 7	£ 75,813 6 6	29,939	84,249 17 3	13,230	51,848 17 8	1,906,750	1,246,923	108,516	431,034	214,845	8,255	407,763	520,649	41,162	2,835,547	1,982,417	152,933	...	1874		
1875	162	£ 35,947 3 2	£ 82,581 17 11	22,696	91,214 8 0	14,564	56,244 8 11	2,208,089	1,351,260	111,352	476,200	216,012	11,969	456,701	49,404	3,140,990	2,220,358	172,725	...	1875			
1876	175	£ 34,601 19 10	£ 90,833 7 9	25,889	106,025 16 8	17,577	69,201 2 0	2,554,066	1,653,982	133,180	529,486	369,856	18,859	474,323	620,075	52,586	3,557,875	2,643,913	204,625	...	1876		
1877	210	£ 36,574 11 5	£ 98,780 14 11	29,921	112,748 6 1	20,533	75,969 2 0	2,962,088	1,802,937	165,225	613,189	373,472	36,939	521,630	705,506	59,709	4,096,907	2,881,915	261,873	...	1877		

Year.	MAIL SERVICE WITHIN THE COLONY.						INTERCOLONIAL MAIL SERVICE.		OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.										Grand Total for Conveyance of Mails.	Year.
	Extent in Miles.	Total Number of Miles Travelled.	Average Cost per Mile.	Amount Paid for Conveyance by Land, including Landing and Shipping.	Amount Paid for Conveyance by Water.	Total Cost of Postal Service within the Colony.	Amount Paid for Conveyance at One Penny per Letter.	Subsidy Torres Straits Service.	One-fourth of Subsidy Rockhampton and Keppel Bay.	Amount Paid by Queensland to Imperial Office for Service via Suez.	Half Cost between Brisbane and Sydney (other half charged Imperial Office).	Amount Paid by Panama Route.	Postage Paid to Imperial Office for Correspondence other than British.	Total Cost to Queensland for Ocean Mails.						
															£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1860	1,970	199,160	6½d.	£ 5,549 16 2	£ 4,166 0 0	£ 9,715 16 2	234 9 9	...	900 5 0	...	...	£ 61 19 6	£ 962 4 6	£ 10,912 10 5	...	1860		
1861	2,790	282,500	6 d.	£ 7,093 4 2	£ 5,384 19 6	£ 12,478 3 8	341 4 0	...	1,361 3 2	£ 92 10 3	...	£ 106 1 11	£ 1,559 15 4	£ 14,379 3 0	...	1861				
1862	2,816	300,352	6½d.	£ 7,930 8 2	£ 3,697 18 6	£ 11,628 6 8	467 7 6	...	1,167 16 0	£ 255 0 4	...	£ 189 13 5	£ 1,612 9 9	£ 13,708 3 11	...	1862				
1863	3,712	379,326	6½d.	£ 10,738 14 3	£ 3,321 2 6	£ 14,059 16 9	319 5 7	...	1,086 11 4	£ 950 9 9	...	£ 324 15 8	£ 2,361 16 9	£ 16,740 19 1	...	1863				
1864	4,588	428,324	5½d.	£ 16,503 16 0	£ 3,656 14 4	£ 20,159 10 4	365 12 0	...	3,124 19 8	£ 1,281 15 10	...	£ 501 13 11	£ 4,908 9 5	£ 19,464 11 9	...	1864				
1865	5,650	564,342	5½d.	£ 12,548 4 11	£ 3,675 16 0	£ 16,224 0 11	851 17 4	...	3,124 19 8	£ 831 5 0	...	£ 652 17 8	£ 4,609 2 4	£ 21,685 0 7	...	1865				
1866	7,586	777,112	5 d.	£ 16,563 10 7	£ 3,833 0 0	£ 20,396 10 7	619 10 0	...	8,057 18 6	£ 1,225 0 0	...	£ 105 4 2	£ 796 5 6	£ 10,184 8 2	...	1866				
1867	7,353	821,250	5½d.	£ 18,383 8 9	£ 409 15 0	£ 18,793 3 9	819 10 0	...	10,308 11 3	£ 1,362 10 0	...	£ 705 11 8	£ 700 0 0	£ 13,076 12 11	...	1867				
1868	8,749	902,965	5½d.	£ 20,127 0 0	£ 898 4 3	£ 21,025 4 3	449 2 1	...	11,524 3 10	£ 1,887 10 0	...	£ 357 17 5	£ 411 10 7	£ 14,381 1 10	...	1868				
1869	10,191	1,136,139	4½d.	£ 22,916 5 6	£ 1,453 7 6	£ 24,369 13 0	252 10 5	...	11,350 2 2	£ 1,594 9 2	...	£ 33 5 10	£ 571 14 5	£ 13,640 11 7	...	1869				
1870	9,725	1,229,442	4½d.	£ 21,901 15 10	£ 1,533 18 8	£ 23,435 14 6	373 1 11	...	9,213 7 2	£ 2,270 17 11	...	£ 559 5 8	£ 12,034 10 9	£ 35,843 7 2	...	1870				
1871	11,905	1,323,937	3½d.	£ 20,548 8 9	£ 1,099 7 0	£ 21,648 15 9	559 1 4	...	10,350 16 6	£ 2,275 0 0	...	£ 456 10 10	£ 13,082 7 4	£ 35,287 4 5	...	1871				
1872	11,793	1,433,323	3½d.	£ 23,063 16 9	£ 1,199 0 4	£ 24,262 17 1	656 12 4	...	11,678 8 9	£ 2,275 0 0	...	£ 559 13 10	£ 14,613 2 7	£ 39,432 12 0	...	1872				
1873	12,131	1,523,191	3½d.	£ 24,354 1 10	£ 1,249 11 7	£ 25,603 13 5	732 2 10	3,390 12 3	8,072 4 9	£ 2,275 0 0	...	£ 281 16 7	£ 14,019 13 7	£ 40,355 9 10	...	1873				

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