

1879.

QUEENSLAND.

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF QUEENSLAND  
FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command.

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 1878:—

TORRES STRAITS MAIL SERVICE.

On the 18th April, 1878, Messrs. Bright Bros., as agents for the Eastern and Australian Company, were informed that an additional subsidy of £10,000 had been placed on the Estimates for 1878-9, on the condition that the service between Brisbane and Singapore was maintained at an increased average speed of ten knots per hour, and that Cooktown was made a port of call. This proposition was, however, declined by the Company, as it would compel them to build four more boats, which would take at least twelve months to get ready, and cost £38,000 each, thereby incurring an expenditure of £152,000, for one year only,—an outlay the Company did not feel justified in incurring, as there was no certainty of having the contract renewed at its expiration. At the same time it was stated that the Company were willing to run their boats at a rate of speed to secure sufficient time for the reply of letters by an outgoing mail, if, in all cases, when the arrival and departure of the steamers at Brisbane afforded the public the desired facilities of four days between the receipt and despatch of letters, the Government would give them a bonus of £1,000; and if the proposal met with favour, they considered it possible to make this interval the rule and not the exception.

It was also intimated that the Imperial Government had made fresh arrangements with the Peninsular and Oriental Company, to commence in 1880, for the conveyance of the China mails, by which the time for the transit of mails between London and Singapore would be reduced to twenty-seven days; and inquiry was made whether this Government were disposed to treat with the Eastern and Australian Company for the renewal of their contract upon the basis of a ten-knot service, as without some such prospect before them it was scarcely to be expected that they would incur the heavy outlay of building steamers capable of so high a rate of speed. It was further pointed out in a subsequent letter, that if the Queensland Government wished to make any new contract coterminous with that made between the English Government and the Peninsular and Oriental Company, it was necessary that the matter should receive early attention, as at least eighteen months' notice would be required before suitable steamers could be built to carry out the service.

Arrangements were then made to call for tenders for the conveyance of mails once every twenty-eight days from the 1st day of November, 1880, between Brisbane and Singapore, *via* the ports of Keppel Bay, Bowen, Townsville, Cooktown, Thursday Island, and such other ports as may be required from time to time, subject to certain conditions, at a speed of nine, ten, and ten and a-half knots respectively; and instructions were sent to the Agent-General to give the necessary notice to the contractors for the Torres Straits service.

On the receipt of a recent intimation that the Imperial Government would retain an increased amount of postage collected in England on letters addressed to Queensland for which a fortnightly mail would be arranged to and from London and Singapore, a telegram was sent to the Agent-General, instructing him to call for an alternative fortnightly service between Singapore and Brisbane.

On receipt from London, on 28th December last, of the time-table of the India, China, and Japan mail packet services for the year 1879, attention was directed to the departures of the packets from China and Japan, which were appointed to take place two days later than in 1878 during the north-east monsoon, and three days later during the south-west monsoon, and, from Calcutta, one and two days later respectively; but the day appointed for arrival at Suez was to remain as heretofore. In consequence of these re-arrangements, the opportunities for a later departure of steamers from Brisbane have been taken advantage of, and, in consequence, the revised time-table for the Torres Straits Mail Service allows during the months of April to September two days for replies at Brisbane, instead of necessitating the departure of the outward steamer one day before the due date of arrival of the inward packet. During the remainder of the year the interval for replies, which was formerly three days, has been increased to five days.

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The average time occupied during 1878 in the transit of correspondence between Brisbane and London, *via* Brindisi, was 53 days 3 hours; and *via* Southampton, 60 days 7 hours; and between London and Brisbane, *via* Brindisi, 50 days 23 hours; and *via* Southampton, 59 days 7 hours.

The average time occupied between London and Brisbane, *via* Brindisi, was 1 day 2½ hours less than in 1877.

#### STEAM MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN BRISBANE AND THE NORTHERN PORTS.

In November last, a strike having taken place among the seamen and wharf labourers of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, in consequence of the employment of Chinese, the departure of the contract steamers was delayed, and intimation was sent to the Local Manager of the A.S.N. Company, that unless the Company could at once make arrangements for the continuous and exclusive employment of Europeans in the steamers trading in Queensland waters, steps would be taken by the Government to terminate at the earliest opportunity their contracts with the Company; and after some correspondence, Executive authority was obtained on the 31st December, for the termination of the contracts on the 30th June, 1879, and for inviting tenders for the conveyance of mails between Brisbane and Northern Ports. Notice was accordingly given, and tenders called for under certain conditions.\*

The only tenders received were from the A.S.N. Company, which may be summarised as follow:—

- No. 1. For a service in accordance with conditions advertised, annual subsidy, £10,780.  
 No. 2. For service in accordance with conditions advertised, omitting clause 12 (remitting one half-yearly payment of harbour dues), annual subsidy, £12,275.  
 No. 3. For a service in accordance with the conditions advertised, with the following provisos:—
- (1.) That in the event of any labour strike affecting steam navigation, and this service in particular, Contractors not to forfeit any penalty for failure in performing the service.
  - (2.) That the Company are at liberty to carry on the service between Townsville and Cooktown with one boat of smaller tonnage in the event of the trade between those ports falling off so much as to render it unprofitable to the Company.
  - (3.) The mail to be carried from and delivered to the contract steamer by the Government boats at Cairns and Port Douglas, for an annual subsidy of £9,000.

As the acceptance of any one of these tenders would involve increased expenditure, the Company were informed that they were declined, as well as a verbal offer made by the Manager to continue the present arrangements for an increased annual subsidy of £10,500.

A further proposal was made by the A.S.N. Company, on the 24th May of this year, offering to "renew the present contract on the same terms and conditions and for the same amount of subsidy, for a definite period of three years from the 31st December next, with the right on either side of terminating it after that time by giving six months' notice, the one to the other, it being understood that the notices given by the late Government to the Company will be withdrawn, and that the present contract will continue in force until the 31st December next. It is also to be understood that in the event of the trade north of Townsville continuing to decrease, the Company will be permitted to do the service between Townsville and Cooktown with smaller steamers if desired." This offer, so far as the present contract is concerned, was accepted by the Government, and the Company were informed that, in the event of trade falling off between the ports north of Townsville, the Postmaster-General would favourably consider any application to be allowed to convey mails between Townsville and Cooktown with smaller vessels; but that any material alteration of the time table was undesirable.

The amount at present paid for the weekly service is £7,400 per annum, with steam tender at Keppel Bay connecting with the Torres Straits steamers inward and outward, and for a fortnightly service between Townsville and Cardwell at the rate of £60 per month, equal to the sum of £750 per annum, in all £8,150 per annum.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.†

The following statement shows that there was an increase in all classes of correspondence during the year 1878 as compared with 1877:—

Posted in Queensland for delivery within the colony—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	11·90 per cent.
Newspapers "	...	...	...	...	43·92 "
Packets "	...	...	...	...	7·96 "
Posted in Queensland for despatch beyond the colony—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	6·12 "
Newspapers "	...	...	...	...	25·53 "
Packets, a decrease of	...	...	...	...	8·48 "
Received into Queensland—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	2·54 "
Newspapers "	...	...	...	...	1·13 "
Packets, a decrease of	...	...	...	...	3·99 "
Totals—					
Letters, an increase of	...	...	...	...	9·84 "
Newspapers "	...	...	...	...	31·89 "
Packets "	...	...	...	...	2·91 "

#### CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING THE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF POSTAGES BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

In July, 1878, a Despatch was received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, covering correspondence in which it was intimated that the Imperial Government would, from the commencement of 1879 until the 1st February, 1880, retain fourpence out of every sixpence received for postages in Great Britain, instead of a penny, as at present. A letter was also received from the Agent-General, dated 31st July, on the same subject, and reporting that at a meeting of the Agents-General for the

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\* Papers laid before Parliament in January last.

† See Appendix Q.

Australian Colonies it was determined that the Agent-General for Victoria should telegraph to his Government, asking it to communicate with the other Colonies with a view to a joint protest against the proposed charge; and a further letter was received from the Agent-General, reporting that, with Messrs. Michie and Vogel, he had an interview with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, with them, had protested against the charge contemplated. A telegram, dated 7th January, 1879, was received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Governor of South Australia, intimating that the division of postage would remain as at present until 1880, and advising of a Despatch as to future arrangements.\* The Despatch referred to, dated 17th January, 1879, was duly received. Reference was made therein to the present arrangement for Australian Mail Services, and the large expenditure by the Imperial Government, which the Lords of the Treasury could not approve in future, as they felt that it was more than was required for the conveyance of the mails in an efficient and adequate manner. Information was requested respecting negotiations in progress or arrangements made for the carriage of mails after the 1st February, 1880. A minute was made on this Despatch by me, in which it was pointed out that the Government had instructed the Agent-General to invite tenders for a new contract, and that, were concerted action determined upon, it was believed that the Colonies might obtain fortnightly communication with Europe, by alternating services *via* Melbourne and Torres Straits, at a total cost not exceeding £150,000 per annum, which, equally divided between the Mother Country and the Colonies, would be an insignificant outlay for postal accommodation of such a character. It was also suggested that the Agent-General should be instructed to press these considerations upon the attention of the Imperial authorities, and that he should repeat his protest against the proposed retention of postages. A telegram was received on the 5th April last from the Agent-General, however, intimating that "the Colonial Office communicates fresh postal proposals—twopence for each letter, for which they undertake "a fortnightly service to and from Singapore."

#### GENERAL POSTAL UNION.

There has been no further correspondence on the subject of the General Postal Union since the Report for 1877 was published.

#### PROPOSED CONVENTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG.

Reference was made to a proposed Convention between the Governments of Queensland and Hongkong in the Report for 1875, but no further action was taken in the matter until the receipt of a despatch from the Governor of Hongkong, in January 1878, intimating that attention having been drawn to the Convention between Queensland and the Straits Settlements, it was suggested that a similar agreement should be entered into between this colony and Hongkong. A draft convention was accordingly prepared, and forwarded in May, 1878.

A subsequent despatch was received in September, 1878, acknowledging receipt of the draft convention, and pointing out that as the Hongkong Post Office is a general agency having minor branches at the Chinese Treaty ports and in Japan, some trifling additions were necessary, which would not, however, affect the principles of the proposed convention.

The additions were agreed to, but the amended convention forwarded for completion on 6th September last has not yet been returned.

#### TRAVELLING POST OFFICES ON THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

The returns show a considerable increase in the work performed by the officers in the Travelling Post Offices on the Southern and Western Railway during 1878, as compared with the previous year.

18,289 letters and 23,060 newspapers were posted in the Travelling Post Offices between Toowoomba and Warwick; 4,721 mails were received, containing 71,821 letters; and 5,110 mails despatched, containing 83,441 letters.

In the Travelling Post Office between Brisbane and Dalby 26,217 letters and 186,841 newspapers were posted; 11,382 mails received, containing 153,740 letters; and 11,676 mails despatched, containing 166,083 letters.

#### INLAND MAILS.

The following TABLE gives a comparison of the INLAND MAIL SERVICES during the years 1877 and 1878:—

Year.	Extent in miles.	Total miles Travelled.	Cost of Conveyance, including Landing and Shipping.	Average cost per mile.	Number of Post Offices.
1877	16,434	2,153,792	£ s. d. 42,161 13 11	d. 4½	210
1878	19,030	2,282,444	48,858 1 9	5½	230
Increase in 1878 over 1877	2,596	128,652	6,696 7 10	½	20

A considerable increase is shown in the above table in the extension of mail lines in 1878 as compared with the previous year, and also in the total miles travelled.

The cost of conveyance has been added to very considerably, not only in establishing new lines, but also in extending the coach services westward.

The average cost per mile shows an increase, which has, to a certain extent, been caused by the extension of coach services.

\* Papers laid before Parliament.

The extent of mail lines on the 31st December last was 19,030, as follows :—

By railway	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	425 miles.
By coach	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,851 miles.
By horse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,754 miles.

EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS IN MAIL LINES.

Aramac and Cork, altered to Aramac and Muttaborra, and Muttaborra and Cork.  
 Beenleigh and Brayford's, altered to Beenleigh and Kerry.  
 Blackall and Wittown, extended to Jundah, weekly instead of fortnightly, 1st October.  
 Blackwater and Copperfield, altered to Comet and Copperfield in April.  
 Blackwater and Springsure, altered to Comet and Springsure in April.  
 Brisbane and Nerang Creek, to include Mount Gravatt and Podinga.  
 Chinchilla and Roma, altered to Coolumboola and Roma, 1st April; and again to Miles and Roma, on 1st August.  
 Copperfield and Aramac, from a horse to a coach service.  
 Gayndah and Banana, altered to Gayndah and Camboon.  
 Gowrie Junction and Gomoran, *via* Meringandan; a second mail per week to Meringandan from 22nd August.  
 Ipswich and Fassifern, to include Engel's, from 23rd July.  
 Ipswich and Seven-mile Creek, to include Rosevale.  
 Lilyvale and Honeycomb, altered to Blackwater and Honeycomb from 1st July.  
 Nebo and Copperfield, to include Mount Orange from 16th May.  
 Rockhampton and Blackwater (Railway), extended to the Comet in April.  
 Springsure and Blackall, *via* Tambo, from a horse to a coach service.  
 Toowoomba and Chinchilla (Railway), altered to Toowoomba and Coolumboola on 1st April, and to Toowoomba and Miles, 1st August.

ADDITIONAL POSTAL ROUTES, 1878.

Bald Hills and South Pine, from 1st October.  
 Caboolture and Upper Caboolture, from 26th June.  
 Cameron Downs and Conn's Waterhole, from 28th February.  
 Clifton and Pilton, from 27th March.  
 Condamine and Moraby, from 1st August, 1878.  
 Cork and Glenormiston, from 1st July.  
 Emu Creek and Back Plains, from 1st September.  
 Georgetown and Thornsborough, 27th May.  
 Mount Esk and Colinton, from 11th June.  
 Normanton and Rocklands, from 1st July.  
 Oakey Creek and Boah Waterholes, from 20th July.  
 Oakey Creek and Westbrook Area No. 2, from 1st April.  
 Palmer and Lukinville, from 1st October.  
 Stanthorpe and Pikedale, from 1st February.  
 Tent Hill and Upper Tent Hill, from 26th June.

POSTAGES.

Correspondence for Greece, the Levant, &c., hitherto forwarded *via* the British Post Office at Alexandria, will in future be forwarded *via* the Egyptian Post Office at Alexandria, and the rate of postage on such correspondence has been changed.

An alteration was made during the year in the rates of postage on correspondence to Bolivia, Chili, Sumatra, and Peru.

Correspondence can now be exchanged between Queensland and ports in Japan and ports in China, prepaid to destination.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following Statement shows the REVENUE of the POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT for the Years 1877 and 1878 :—

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.		
1877	£ 32,393 4 6	£ 719 4 3	£ 859 19 1	£ 1,548 17 6	£ 4,717 10 9	£ 162 9 10	£ 1,456 5 9	£ 41,862 11 8
1878	£ 34,666 2 6	£ 708 6 6	£ 922 1 5	£ 1,637 3 10	£ 5,106 38 8 9	£ 101 1 4	£ 920 4 11	£ 49,593 9 3
Increase	2,267 18 0	...	62 2 4	88 6 4	5,920 18 0	...	...	7,730 17 7
Decrease	...	10 17 9	...	...	...	61 8 6	536 0 10	...

a 1st January, 1875, to 31st March, 1876. c 13th December, 1875, to 30th September, 1877.  
 b 1st April, 1876, to 31st December, 1878. d 1st October, 1877, to 30th September, 1878.  
 e New South Wales, 1st October, 1876, to 30th June, 1877; Tasmania, year 1876; Western Australia, years 1874, 1875, and 1876; New Zealand, years 1874, 1875, and 1876.  
 f New South Wales, 1st July, 1877, to 30th June, 1878; Tasmania, year 1877; Western Australia, year 1877; New Zealand, 1st January, 1877, to 30th June, 1878.

There was a considerable increase in the revenue from the sale of stamps in 1878, as compared with the previous year.

Postages collected in the United Kingdom show a considerable increase, but that was owing to amounts for previous years having been taken into account during 1878.

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The following Statement shows the EXPENDITURE of the POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT on account of the Year 1878 :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, including Country Postmasters throughout the Colony ... ..				24,567	18	4
Conveyance of Mails—						
Inland ... ..	48,309	18	4			
Gratuities ... ..	2,115	14	4			
Landing and Shipping ... ..	548	3	5			
Torres Straits Service ... ..	20,000	0	0			
Conveyance Coastwise ... ..	8,180	0	0			
Conveyance, <i>via</i> Melbourne and Galle ... ..	1,148	13	9			
				80,302	9	10
Contingencies—						
Mail Bags, Uniforms, Forage, Lighting, Rent of Country Offices, and other Incidental Expenses ... ..	3,666	13	8			
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture, and Fittings ... ..	600	1	7			
Advertising ... ..	696	16	5			
				4,963	11	8
				£109,833	19	10*

\* In addition to the amount stated, the sum of £1,223 17s. 10d. was paid on account of previous years.

#### MONEY ORDERS.†

The increase in the amount of Money Orders issued and paid in Queensland during 1878, as compared with 1877, was eight per cent.

The transmission of Money Orders by Telegraph has been extended to Western Australia.

#### STAFF.

The Staff of the General Post Office on 31st December, 1878, was as follows :—

Under Secretary ... ..	1
Chief Clerk and Cashier ... ..	1
Superintendent, Mail Branch ... ..	1
Superintendent, Money Order Office, and Accountant ... ..	1
Clerks ... ..	28
Travelling Mail Officers ... ..	4
Assistant Clerks ... ..	9
Sorters ... ..	8
Assistant Sorter ... ..	1
Letter Carriers ... ..	16
Assistant Letter Carrier ... ..	1
Mailman ... ..	2
Messenger ... ..	1
Extra Messenger ... ..	1
Office Keeper ... ..	1
Night Watchman ... ..	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>77</b>

Aggregate Salaries ... .. £12,017 per annum.

Country Post Offices, 31st December, 1878 :—

Official, 14 Persons, 45	Aggregate salaries ...	£7,848 per annum.
Non-Official ... .. 216	„ „ ...	£4,093 „
Paid Receiving Offices 42	„ Allowance... £ 282	„
Unpaid Receiving Offices 48		

Total number of persons employed, 428, at a gross cost of £24,240 per annum.

Four additional letter carriers were appointed in Brisbane in 1878, for the purpose of providing for three deliveries instead of two.

Iron Receivers, for letters only, were erected in 1878—1 at Lower Ann street, Fortitude Valley ; 1 at Caledonian Hill, Gympie ; and 1 at Red Hill, Gympie.

#### INCREASED ACCOMMODATION IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

As stated in the last report, provision was made for the extension of this office and the re-arrangement of the rooms in the Mail Branch. These have been completed, and afford considerable increased accommodation in the Receiving, Delivery, and Mail Branches of the Department.

The posting boxes have been altered so as to provide for the posting of letters, newspapers, and packets into the mail room, instead of, as heretofore, into receivers in the hall, from whence they had to be transferred in baskets to the sorting tables. The private boxes have also been arranged so as to be separate from the hall giving access to the interior of the building, and are now kept open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., so that persons having lock-boxes can obtain their letters for three hours longer. Two rooms have been provided in the hall—one for the Superintendent of Mails and Inquiry Office, the other for the Dead Letter Office.

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

C. HARDIE BUZACOTT,  
Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,  
Brisbane, 5th June, 1879.

APPENDIX A.

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TABLE showing the average number of DAYS occupied in transmission of MAILS by the TORRES STRAITS, SAN FRANCISCO, and MELBOURNE-SUEZ ROUTES, in 1878.

COLONY.	MAIL ROUTE.	INWARD FROM LONDON TO BRISBANE.						OUTWARD FROM BRISBANE TO LONDON.					
		Average.						Average.					
		Via Brindisi.		Via Southampton.		Via San Francisco.		Via Brindisi.		Via Southampton.		Via San Francisco.	
		Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.	Days.	Hours.
Queensland ...	Torres Straits ...	50	23	59	7	...	...	53	3	60	7	...	...
New South Wales...	San Francisco ...	...	...	...	...	50	0	...	...	...	...	48	20
Victoria ...	Melbourne-Suez	47	5	55	5	...	...	51	1	59	1	...	...

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
1878	50	23	59	7	53	3	60	7

\* 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.

INWARD.							
Left London <i>via</i> Brindisi.	P. and O. Steamer from Galle.	Arrived at Singapore.	Detention at Singapore.	Left Singapore.	E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Brisbane.	Duration of Voyage.
			hours.				days.
1877.							
29 Nov., 2 p.m.	Mongolia ...	6 Jan., 9 a.m.	117	11 Jan., 6 a.m.	Brisbane	27 Jan., 5:25 p.m. <sup>1</sup> ...	50
27 Dec., "	Lombardy...	5 Feb., "	8	5 Feb., 5 p.m.	Bowen ...	24 Feb., 4:10 p.m. <sup>1</sup> ...	50
1878.							
24 Jan., "	Geelong ...	4 Mar., "	33	5 Mar., 6 p.m.	Somerset	26 Mar., 7:30 a.m. <sup>a</sup> ...	52
21 Feb., "	Khiva ...	1 April, "	79	4 April, 4 p.m.	Brisbane	22 April, 3:45 a.m. <sup>a</sup> ...	51
21 Mar., "	Lombardy...	28 April, "	56	30 April, 5 p.m.	Bowen ...	19 May, 8:54 a.m. ...	50
18 April, "	Khedive ...	27 May, 12 noon	72	30 May, noon	Normanby	19 June, 9:15 a.m. <sup>c</sup> ...	53
16 May, "	Zambesi ...	23 June, 9 a.m.	33	24 June, 6 p.m.	Somerset	15 July, 4:30 p.m. <sup>b</sup> ...	51
13 June, "	Pekin ...	20 July, 11 a.m.	53	22 July, 4 p.m.	Bowen ...	9 Aug., 6:50 p.m. <sup>2</sup> ...	48
11 July, "	China ...	19 Aug., 6 p.m.	46	21 Aug., 4 p.m.	Normanby	13 Sept., 11:20 a.m. <sup>d</sup> ...	54
8 Aug., "	Venetia ...	14 Sept., 9 a.m.	73	17 Sept., 10 a.m.	Menmuir	6 Oct., 9 p.m. <sup>a</sup> ...	51
5 Sept., "	Gwalior ...	13 Oct., 7 a.m.	34	14 Oct., 5 p.m.	Bowen ...	1 Nov., 1:30 p.m. <sup>3</sup> ...	48
3 Oct., "	Geelong ...	10 Nov., 10 a.m.	31	11 Nov., 5 p.m.	Brisbane	29 Nov., 11:30 p.m. <sup>3</sup> ...	49
31 Oct., "	Mongolia ...	8 Dec., 9 a.m.	33	9 Dec., 6 p.m.	Menmuir	27 Dec., 7:0 p.m. <sup>3</sup> ...	48

The average detention of Mails at Singapore was 51 hours.

<sup>1</sup> One day early. <sup>2</sup> Two days early. <sup>3</sup> Three days early.  
<sup>a</sup> One day late. <sup>b</sup> Two days late. <sup>c</sup> Three days late. <sup>d</sup> Five days late.

OUTWARD.

Left Brisbane.	E. and A. Company's Steamer.	Arrived at Singapore.	Detention at Singapore.	Left Singapore.	P. and O. Steamer to Galle.	Arrived at London <i>via</i> Brindisi.	Duration of Voyage.
			hours.				days.
3 Jan., 1 p.m.	Bowen ...	23 Jan., 1 p.m.	26	24 Jan., 3 p.m.	Geelong ...	23 Feb. ...	59
31 Jan., 1 p.m. <sup>a</sup>	Somerset ...	21 Feb., 8 a.m.	174	28 Feb., 2 p.m.	Yangtse ...	29 Mar. ...	57
28 Feb., 1 p.m.	Brisbane ...	20 Mar., 9 a.m.	30	21 Mar., 3 p.m.	Lombardy ...	19 April ...	59
28 Mar., 1 p.m. <sup>2</sup>	Bowen ...	15 April, 9 a.m.	79	18 April, 4 p.m.	Geelong ...	17 May ...	58
21 April, 4 a.m. <sup>1</sup>	Normanby ...	9 May, 9 a.m.	54	11 May, 3 p.m.	Nizam ...	16 June ...	64
19 May, 4 a.m. <sup>1</sup>	Somerset ...	6 June, 10 a.m.	54	8 June, 4 p.m.	Lombardy ...	13 July ...	62
16 June, 4 a.m. <sup>2</sup>	Bowen ...	3 July, 7 a.m.	104	7 July, 3 p.m.	Sunda ...	10 August ...	62
14 July, 4 a.m. <sup>1</sup>	Normanby ...	1 Aug., 11 a.m.	53	3 Aug., 4 p.m.	Zambesi ...	6 Sept. ...	63
11 Aug., 4 a.m. <sup>1</sup>	Somerset ...	29 Aug., 9 a.m.	56	31 Aug., "	Pekin ...	5 Oct. ...	63
8 Sept., 4 a.m. <sup>3</sup>	Bowen ...	21 Sept., 9 a.m.	99	28 Sept., "	Khedive ...	2 Nov. ...	63
10 Oct., 1 p.m. <sup>1</sup>	Normanby ...	29 Oct., 8 a.m.	32	30 Oct., "	Venetia ...	29 Nov. ...	58
7 Nov., 1 p.m. <sup>a</sup>	Somerset ...	28 Nov., 8 a.m.	8	28 Nov., "	Gwalior ...	29 Dec. ...	58
5 Dec., 1 p.m.	Bowen ...	24 Dec., 10 a.m.	98	28 Dec., "	Geelong ...	25 Jan. ...	58

The average detention of Mails at Singapore was 66 hours.

<sup>1</sup> One day early. <sup>2</sup> Two days early. <sup>3</sup> Three days early.  
<sup>a</sup> One day late. <sup>b</sup> Two days late.

## APPENDIX D.

TABLES showing the duration of the Voyages of the Torres Straits Mail Steamers between Singapore and Brisbane.

## INWARD (including DETENTION at PORTS of Call).

Royal Mail Steamer.	Singapore to Somerset. 2,775 miles.		Thence to Cooktown. 331 miles.	Thence to Townsville. 294 miles.	Thence to Bowen. 198 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.
Brisbane ... ..	11	6	56	36	11	29½	36	18	6½
Bowen ... ..	10	23¾	78	26½	11½	29	33	18	9¾
Somerset ... ..	11	15	52½	37	16	39¾	41¾	19	10
Brisbane ... ..	12	6½	24½	27	12	28½	31½	17	10
Bowen ... ..	11	21	72½	29	12	31	39	19	12½
Normanby ... ..	11	18½	50½	36	13	54½	35½	19	16
Somerset ... ..	13	9	63	42½	28½	31	42½	22	0½
Bowen ... ..	10	23	66	29	12	30	33	18	1
Normanby ... ..	13	1¾	63	51	15	39	39½	21	17¼
Menmuir ... ..	11	2½	67	48½	19	27	37	19	9
Bowen ... ..	11	6½	53½	27½	14	26½	30½	17	14½
Brisbane ... ..	9	23	71¾	21½	11½	29	40½	17	5¼
Menmuir ... ..	10	16½	60	40½	19½	27	33½	17	19
Average ... ..	11	13¼	60	34½	15	32½	36½	18	23

## OUTWARD (including DETENTION at PORTS of Call).

Royal Mail Steamer.	Brisbane to Keppel Bay. 345 miles.	Thence to Bowen. 285 miles.	Thence to Townsville. 198 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.
Bowen ... ..	34½	53½	9	30	56½	12	5½	19	20
Somerset ... ..	34	33½	12	33½	54	13	7¾	20	6¾
Brisbane ... ..	31	38½	10½	33	76½	11	21½	19	19
Bowen ... ..	30½	27	14½	27½	68	10	21	17	20
Normanby ... ..	38¼	30	12	29½	48¾	11	13½	18	4
Somerset ... ..	36	30	11	31	49	12	0	18	13
Bowen ... ..	33½	27½	10½	27½	50½	10	8½	16	16
Normanby ... ..	33½	29½	12	31½	50	11	17½	18	6
Somerset ... ..	36	30	12	32	53½	11	12½	18	8
Bowen ... ..	30½	31½	11	26	50	9	23½	16	4½
Normanby ... ..	41	31	11	28¾	48	11	14¾	18	6½
Somerset ... ..	37	27½	16	30	78	12	11	20	7
Bowen ... ..	34½	30	12	33	51	12	4	18	20
Average ... ..	34½	32¼	11¾	30¼	56¼	11	16	18	13½

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 1878.

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.
Brisbane ...	28 January ...	7 a.m.	27 January ...	5:25 p.m.	...	...	...	...	13	35	50	20	35	59	3	25
Bowen ...	25 February ...	"	24 February ...	4:10 p.m.	...	...	...	...	14	50	50	19	20	59	2	10
Somerset ...	25 March ...	"	26 March ...	7:30 a.m.	1	...	30	...	...	...	52	10	40	60	17	30
Brisbane ...	21 April ...	"	22 April ...	3:45 a.m.	...	20	45	...	...	...	51	6	55	59	13	45
Bowen ...	19 May ...	"	19 May ...	8:54 a.m.	...	1	54	...	...	...	50	12	4	58	18	54
Normanby ...	16 June ...	"	19 June ...	9:15 a.m.	3	2	15	...	...	...	53	12	25	61	19	15
Somerset ...	14 July ...	"	15 July ...	4:30 p.m.	1	9	30	...	...	...	51	19	40	60	2	30
Bowen ...	11 August ...	"	9 August ...	6:50 p.m.	...	...	...	1	12	10	48	22	0	57	4	50
Normanby ...	8 September ...	"	13 September ...	11:20 a.m.	5	4	20	...	...	...	54	14	30	63	21	20
Menmuir ...	6 October ...	"	6 October ...	9:0 p.m.	...	14	...	...	...	...	51	...	10	5	7	...
Bowen ...	3 November ...	"	1 November ...	1:30 p.m.	...	...	...	1	17	30	48	16	40	56	23	30
Brisbane ...	2 December ...	"	29 November ...	11:30 p.m.	...	...	...	2	7	30	49	2	40	57	9	30
Menmuir ...	30 December ...	"	27 December ...	7:0 p.m.	...	...	...	2	12	...	48	12	10	57	5	...

Average time per voyage *via* Brindisi, 50 days 23 hours 4 minutes; *via* Southampton, 59 days 7 hours 44 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 1878.

Name of Vessel.	Date and Hour of Despatch.		VIA BRINDISI.		Late.	Before appointed time.	VIA SOUTHAMPTON.		Late.	Before appointed time.	DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
			Due in London.	Arrived in London.			Due in London.	Arrived in London.			<i>Via</i> Brindisi.	<i>Via</i> Southampton.
Bowen ...	3 January ...	1 p.m.	25 February ...	23 February ...	...	2	4 March ...	3 March ...	...	1	51 days ...	59 days.
Somerset ...	31 January ...	"	25 March ...	29 March† ...	4	...	1 April ...	29 March ...	...	2	57 " ...	57 "
Brisbane ...	28 February ...	"	22 April ...	19 April ...	...	3	29 April ...	28 April ...	...	1	50 " ...	59 "
Bowen ...	28 March ...	"	20 May ...	17 May ...	...	3	27 May ...	25 May ...	...	2	50 " ...	58 "
Normanby ...	21 April ...	4 a.m.	17 June ...	16 June ...	...	1	24 June ...	24 June ...	...	...	56 " ...	64 "
Somerset ...	19 May ...	"	15 July ...	13 July ...	...	2	22 July ...	20 July ...	...	2	55 " ...	62 "
Bowen ...	16 June ...	"	12 August ...	10 August ...	...	2	19 August ...	17 August ...	...	2	55 " ...	62 "
Normanby ...	14 July ...	"	9 September ...	6 September ...	...	3	16 September ...	15 September ...	...	1	54 " ...	63 "
Somerset ...	11 August ...	"	7 October ...	5 October ...	...	2	14 October ...	13 October ...	...	1	55 " ...	63 "
Bowen ...	8 September ...	"	4 November ...	2 November ...	...	2	11 November ...	18 November ...	...	1	55 " ...	63 "
Normanby ...	10 October ...	1 p.m.	2 December ...	29 November ...	...	3	9 December ...	7 December ...	...	2	50 " ...	58 "
Somerset ...	7 November ...	"	30 December ...	29 December ...	...	1	6 January ...	4 January ...	...	2	52 " ...	58 "
Bowen ...	5 December ...	"	27 January ...	25 January ...	...	2	3 February ...	1 February ...	...	2	51 " ...	58 "

Average time occupied per voyage throughout the year, *via* Brindisi, 53 days 3 hours 41 minutes; *via* Southampton, 60 days 7 hours 23 minutes.

† Mails sent *via* Marseilles.



APPENDIX F.

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* MELBOURNE and GALLE from BRISBANE and MELBOURNE were DUE in LONDON, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED at DESTINATION ; also the TIME OCCUPIED per VOYAGE, during the Year 1878.

DESPATCHED FROM BRISBANE.		DESPATCHED FROM MELBOURNE.		VIA BRINDISI.		DAYS.		VIA SOUTHAMPTON.		DAYS.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.			
Name of Steamer.	Date.	Name of Steamer.	Date.	Due in London.	Arrived in London.	Late.	Early.	Due in London.	Arrived in London.	Late.	Early.	Melbourne to London.		Brisbane to London.	
				Date.	Date.			Date.	Date.			Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.
Balclutha ...	17 January	Assam ...	24 January	11 March ...	10 March ...	...	1	18 March ...	19 March ...	1	...	45 days	54 days...	52 days	61 days
Governor Blackall ...	14 February	Tanjore ...	21 February	8 April ...	7 April ...	...	1	15 April ...	15 April ...	...	...	45 "	53 "	52 "	60 "
City of Brisbane ...	13 March ...	Siam ...	21 March ...	6 May ...	4 May ...	...	2	13 May ...	11 May ...	...	2	44 "	51 "	52 "	59 "
" ...	10 April ...	Assam ...	16 April ...	3 June ...	31 " ...	...	3	10 June ...	7 June ...	...	3	45 "	52 "	51 "	58 "
" ...	7 May ...	Tanjore ...	15 May ...	1 July ...	30 June ...	...	1	8 July ...	7 July ...	...	1	46 "	53 "	54 "	61 "
" ...	4 June ...	Siam ...	12 June ...	29 " ...	27 July ...	...	2	5 August ...	3 August ...	...	2	45 "	52 "	53 "	60 "
Balclutha ...	2 July ...	Assam ...	9 July ...	26 August ...	26 August ...	...	...	2 September	2 September	...	...	48 "	55 "	55 "	62 "
Elamang ...	31 July ...	Tanjore ...	6 August ...	23 September ...	19 September ...	...	4	30 " ...	26 " ...	...	4	44 "	51 "	50 "	57 "
Egmont ...	27 August ...	Siam ...	3 September ...	21 October ...	20 October ...	...	1	28 October ...	28 October ...	...	...	47 "	55 "	54 "	62 "
Victoria ...	28 September	Assam ...	4 October...	18 November ...	17 November ...	...	1	25 November	25 November	...	...	44 "	52 "	50 "	58 "
Egmont ...	26 October...	Tanjore ...	1 November	16 December	15 December	...	1	23 December	22 December	...	1	44 "	51 "	50 "	57 "
Elamang ...	23 November	Siam ...	29 " ...	13 Jan., 1879	11 Jan., 1879	...	2	20 Jan., 1879	18 Jan., 1879	...	2	43 "	50 "	49 "	56 "
You Yangs ...	22 December	Assam ...	28 December	10 Feb., "	2 Feb., "	...	8	17 Feb., "	17 Feb., "	...	...	36 "	51 "	42 "	57 "

Average time occupied per voyage from Melbourne to London *via* Brindisi, 44 days 7 hours and 23 minutes.

Southampton, 52 " 7 " 23 "  
 " " Brisbane " Brindisi, 51 " 1 " 50 "  
 " " " Southampton, 59 " 1 " 50 "

STATEMENT showing the DATES upon which the MAILS *via* GALLE and MELBOURNE were DUE in MELBOURNE, and the DATES upon which they ARRIVED there and in BRISBANE ; also the TIME OCCUPIED on the VOYAGE, during 1878.

Name of Steamer.	Due in Melbourne.		Arrived in Melbourne.		Duration of Voyage from Galle.			Late.	Before appointed Time.			Duration of Voyage from London to Melbourne.		Arrived in Brisbane.		Duration of Voyage from London to Brisbane.	
	Date.	Time.	Date.	Time.	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.		Days.	Hours.	Minut s.	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.	Date.	Time.	Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.
Assam ...	8 January	9 a.m.	4 January	12:40 p.m.	18	16	40	...	3	20	10	42 days	50 days...	9 January	7 p.m.	47 days	55 days
Tanjore ...	5 February	"	2 February	7:15 p.m.	19	22	15	...	2	13	45	43 "	51 "	12 February	9 a.m.	53 "	61 "
Siam ...	5 March ...	"	27 " ...	7:40 a.m.	16	10	40	...	6	1	20	40 "	48 "	8 March ...	10:15 a.m.	49 "	57 "
Assam ...	2 April ...	"	27 March ...	9 a.m.	16	12	0	...	5	0	0	40 "	48 "	3 April ...	9:45 p.m.	47 "	55 "
Tanjore ...	30 " ...	"	24 April ...	6:40 a.m.	16	9	40	...	5	2	20	40 "	48 "	30 " ...	1 p.m.	46 "	54 "
Siam ...	28 May ...	"	20 May ...	2:35 a.m.	14	5	35	...	8	6	25	38 "	46 "	27 May ...	6:10 p.m.	45 "	53 "
Assam ...	25 June ...	"	20 June ...	9:10 a.m.	17	12	10	...	4	23	50	41 "	49 "	27 June ...	8:30 a.m.	48 "	56 "
Tanjore ...	23 July ...	"	16 July ...	4 p.m.	15	19	0	...	6	17	0	40 "	46 "	22 July ...	5:50 p.m.	45 "	53 "
Siam ...	20 August ...	"	11 August ...	1 p.m.	13	16	0	...	8	20	0	37 "	45 "	18 August ...	6 p.m.	44 "	52 "
Assam ...	17 September	"	11 September	7:50 a.m.	16	10	50	...	6	1	10	40 "	48 "	18 September	1:30 p.m.	47 "	55 "
Tanjore ...	15 October	"	9 October...	6:15 a.m.	16	9	15	...	6	2	45	39 "	48 "	17 October...	12:15 p.m.	48 "	56 "
Siam ...	12 November	"	4 November	12:55 p.m.	14	15	55	...	7	20	5	38 "	46 "	11 November	8:40 a.m.	45 "	53 "
Assam ...	10 December	"	5 December	4 a.m.	17	7	0	...	5	5	0	41 "	49 "	14 December	4:30 p.m.	50 "	58 "

The average time occupied per voyage throughout the year was, from London to Melbourne *via* Brindisi, 39 days 22 hours 9 minutes.

Southampton, 47 " 20 " 18 "  
 " " Brisbane, Brindisi, 47 " 5 " 32 "  
 " " " Southampton, 55 " 5 " 32 "

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 1878.

Name of Vessel.	IN SYDNEY.		Arrived in Brisbane.	AT SYDNEY.		DURATION OF VOYAGE.	
	Arrived.	Due.		Late.	Before Appointed Time.	To Brisbane.	To Sydney.
City of New York ...	2 January	2 January	7 January	...	...	53 days	48 days.
Zealandia ...	27 January	30 January	30 January	...	3 days	48 "	45 "
City of Sydney ...	19 February	18 February	23 February	1 day	...	51 "	47 "
Australia ...	17 March	18 March	21 March	...	1 day	49 "	45 "
City of New York ...	14 April	15 April	18 April	...	1 "	49 "	45 "
Zealandia ...	12 May	13 May	16 May	...	1 "	49 "	45 "
City of Sydney ...	12 June	10 June	16 June	2 "	...	52 "	48 "
Australia ...	11 July	8 July	14 July	3 "	...	52 "	49 "
City of New York ...	6 August	5 August	9 August	1 "	...	50 "	47 "
Zealandia ...	2 September	2 September	5 September	...	...	49 "	46 "
City of Sydney ...	29 September	30 September	2 October	...	1 day	48 "	45 "
Australia ...	28 October	28 October	31 October	...	...	49 "	46 "
City of New York ...	25 November	25 November	1 December	...	...	52 "	46 "
Zealandia ...	22 December	23 December	26 December	...	1 day	49 "	45 "

The average time occupied per voyage throughout the year was—from London to Sydney, 46 days 5 hours 8 minutes.  
 Ditto ditto ditto ditto Brisbane, 50 days.

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 per VOYAGE during the Year 1878.

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.
Elamang ...	1877. 29 December	Australia ...	1878. 3 January	18 February	16 February	...	1 day	44 days	50 days.
Edina ...	28 January	City of New York ...	31 January	18 March	17 March	...	1 "	45 "	48 "
Edina ...	25 February	Zealandia ...	28 February	15 April	16 April	1 day	...	47 "	50 "
Edina ...	25 March	City of Sydney ...	29 March	13 May	14 May	1 "	...	46 "	50 "
Edina ...	22 April	Australia ...	26 April	10 June	10 June	...	...	45 "	49 "
Edina ...	18 May	City of New York ...	23 May	8 July	7 July	...	1 day	45 "	50 "
Edina ...	17 June	Zealandia ...	20 June	5 August	4 August	...	1 "	45 "	48 "
Balclutha ...	15 July	City of Sydney ...	18 July	2 September	1 September	...	1 "	45 "	48 "
Elamang ...	13 August	Australia ...	15 August	30 September	29 September	...	1 "	45 "	47 "
Katoomba ...	10 September	City of New York ...	12 September	28 October	26 October	...	2 "	44 "	46 "
Edina ...	7 October	Zealandia ...	10 October	25 November	24 November	...	1 "	45 "	48 "
Edina ...	4 November	City of Sydney ...	7 November	23 December	23 December	...	...	46 "	49 "
Yaralla ...	30 November	Australia ...	5 December	20 January, 1879	22 January, 1879	2 days	...	48 "	53 "

The average time occupied per voyage was—from Sydney 45 days, 9 hours and 13 minutes, from Brisbane 48 days 20 hours.

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## APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT showing the Cost of ENGLISH MAILS *via* SAN FRANCISCO and MELBOURNE, during the Year 1878, 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 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	50,528	1,239 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	} 1,798 18 11	25,168	611 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	} 1,008 11 0	
Packets ... ..	...	...	...	...	4,011	1,328 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,789		677 5 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Newspapers ... ..	...	...	...	...	27,914	5,156 12	47,984		7,304 2			
TOTAL ... ..	...	...	...	...	82,453	7,725 8	1,798 18 11	74,941	8,593 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,008 11 0		

  

							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 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	12,525	373 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	} 523 0 11	41,489	1,027 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	} 1,671 14 8	
Packets ... ..	...	...	...	...	1,398	385 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,189		3,333			
Newspapers ... ..	...	...	...	...	9,444	817 11	65,018		11,551 10			
TOTAL ... ..	...	...	...	...	23,367	1,577 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	523 0 11	109,840	13,663 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,671 14 8		

  

							£ s. d.	
Balance against New South Wales ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	790 7 11	
Estimated amount payable by New Zealand, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	123 3 8	
							913 11 7	
Less Balance in favour of Victoria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,148 13 9	
Estimated Net Balance against Queensland—31st December, 1878 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	235 2 2	

STATEMENT showing the APPROXIMATE COST to QUEENSLAND of OCEAN MAILS for the Year 1878.

							£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Subsidy, Torres Straits Service ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,000	0	0	
Gratuities and Postage on Melbourne and San Francisco Mails ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	263	19	10			
One-fourth of Subsidy, Rockhampton and Keppel Bay ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
Estimated Net Balance against Queensland, according to foregoing account ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	235	2	2			
									749	2	0
									20,749	2	0
Less estimated proportion of Postage from the United Kingdom ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3,759	7	8			
Amount from Straits Settlements ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	101	1	4			
									3,860	9	0
Net estimated cost in 1878 of the three services ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,888	13	0
Actual cost in 1877 of the three services ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,380	17	10

## APPENDIX I.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LETTERS, PACKETS, and NEWSPAPERS Received and Despatched by the THREE OCEAN MAIL ROUTES, during the Years 1877 and 1878.

## RECEIVED.

YEAR.	VIA TORRES STRAITS.			VIA MELBOURNE.			VIA SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO.		
	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers
1877 ... ..	137,503	30,214	235,521	21,391	2,620	38,201	11,963	1,080	28,155
1878 ... ..	127,406	25,696	224,828	25,694	3,131	51,381	14,350	1,414	39,830

## DESPATCHED.

1877 ... ..	101,226	2,333	116,283	13,924	308	8,814	18,038	753	18,724
1878 ... ..	110,064	2,141	132,251	16,042	444	13,430	10,496	332	7,910

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 1878.

RECEIVED AT BRISBANE.							RECEIVED AT ROCKHAMPTON.						
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
27 January ...	8,152	2,785	1,210	385 7	12,162	2,027 0	26 January ...	1,230	533½	206	49 7	2,296	306 0
24 February ...	7,816	2,661	1,072	192 3	10,781	1,796 14	23 February ...	930	440½	243	75 3	2,147	303 0
26 March ...	8,482	2,905	1,720	477 12	12,958	2,159 11	24 March ...	1,387	546	220	63 14	2,256	336 10
22 April ...	7,502	2,593	1,838	453 0	11,344	1,890 11	21 April ...	1,200	442½	422	80 8	1,722	294 11
19 May ...	6,925	2,358	1,568	440 15	11,919	1,986 8	17 May ...	1,143	475	350	86 2	2,365	488 7
19 June ...	5,842	2,563½	1,446	401 6	11,061	1,843 8	18 June ...	1,190	454	474	78 6	2,826	525 0
15 July ...	7,291	2,464	1,490	394 2	12,810	2,085 7	14 July ...	1,149	468½	298	75 4	1,958	393 2
9 August ...	6,941	2,352	1,762	369 8	12,610	2,191 10	8 August ...	1,101	576	218	41 1	1,991	336 4
13 September ...	6,641	2,293	1,914	450 2	13,489	2,248 3	12 September ...	1,015	538	277	96 10	2,025	351 13
7 October ...	6,807	2,325	962	386 7	12,047	2,007 9	11 September ...	1,068	585½	232	70 4	2,196	369 14½
1 November ...	6,312	2,326	1,244	382 3½	11,335	1,913 4½	5 October ...	1,106	377½	304	58 4½	2,636	267 10
30 November ...	8,334	2,820	2,498	301 11	13,131	2,189 7	31 October ...	1,309	515½	76	65 5	2,450	400 12½
27 December ...	7,906	2,679	1,697	329 10	12,839	2,140 13	28 November ...	1,213	484½	273	56 6	1,942	366 1
	94,951	33,124½	20,421	4,964 6½	158,486	26,390 9½		15,039	6,237½	3,593	896 10½	28,810	4,739 5

  

RECEIVED AT BOWEN.							RECEIVED AT TOWNSVILLE.						
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
25 January ...	436	184	17	11 10	685	100 4	24 January ...	726	225½	109	18 4	1,832	207 10
22 February ...	222	92½	41	16 10	575	85 12	21 February ...	596	140	60	21 2	1,639	208 8
22 March ...	378	139½	31	27 14	735	113 10	22 March ...	1090	254	27	22 5	2,041	234 0
19 April ...	318	116	39	18 10	717	112 8	19 April ...	728	209½	66	15 2½	1,911	222 0
16 May ...	295	115	12	13 8½	680	107 2	15 May ...	615	191	66	20 12	1,820	214 8
16 June ...	286	112	35	12 1	651	105 4	16 June ...	741	211	57	20 12	1,911	228 8
12 July ...	325	133	11	15 12	638	99 6	11 July ...	824	319	3	1 0	596	151 4
7 August ...	296	110½	38	10 8	680	95 6	6 August ...	731	218	96	21 13	2,079	238 4
10 September ...	262	90½	55	13 4	610	91 8	9 September ...	587	171	96	22 10	1,987	247 0
4 October ...	328	119	28	16 14½	692	100 7½	3 October ...	729	213½	64	24 15	2,223	258 9
30 October ...	315	122	23	13 8	582	88 15	29 October ...	923	251½	56	14 14	2,216	268 4
27 November ...	332	130½	21	12 3	668	114 9	26 November ...	809	223	64	16 11	2,169	257 13
25 December ...	330	137½	26	16 1½	671	102 0	24 December ...	800	222	106	22 0	2,248	261 6
	4,123	1,602	377	198 8½	8,584	1,319 11½		9,509	2,831	670	242 4½	24,672	2,987 10

  

RECEIVED AT COOKTOWN.							RECEIVED AT THURSDAY ISLAND.						
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
23 January ...	273	108½	11	4 0½	273	50 4	20 January ...	27	8½	1	0 4	36	12 3
20 February ...	209	92	51	8 7	233	51 9½	17 February ...	16	8½	4	1 14	31	7 7
21 March ...	284	111½	29	8 14	284	44 15½	18 March ...	19	7½	2	0 12	40	10 8
18 April ...	231	88½	19	3 15	216	40 4½	16 April ...	17	6½	2	0 6	41	12 12
14 May ...	230	124	22	3 8½	269	47 5	11 May ...	18	7½	3	0 11½	39	8 14
14 June ...	247	99½	25	4 12	449	75 1	12 June ...	16	6½	...	...	29	8 8½
10 July ...	269	108½	24	5 8	322	57 5½	7 July ...	15	9	2	0 11	32	8 3
5 August ...	223	80½	52	7 11	432	78 5	2 August ...	19	8	4	0 8	25	8 7
7 September ...	233	94½	66	8 8½	236	41 0½	4 September ...	19	8½	1	0 7½	31	8 1
1 October ...	260	96½	16	2 1	204	30 14½	28 September ...	20	10½	1	0 3	19	3 8
23 October ...	244	100	22	2 5½	215	38 8½	25 October ...	20	9½	...	...	27	4 4
25 November ...	254	98½	31	5 6½	423	62 7	22 November ...	29	10½	...	...	29	4 2½
22 December ...	207	87½	45	4 3½	307	53 13½	20 December ...	20	8½	2	0 7½	32	8 1½
	3,139	1,289½	413	69 5	3,865	671 13½		255	108½	22	6 4½	411	104 16½

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Books.	Papers.
1878.			
January ...	10,844	1,554	17,284
February ...	9,789	1,471	15,406
March ...	11,640	2,029	18,314
April ...	9,996	2,386	15,951
May ...	9,226	2,021	17,092
June ...	8,322	2,037	16,927
July ...	8,873	1,828	16,356
August ...	8,316	2,170	17,817
September ...	8,747	2,410	18,399
October ...	11,798	1,707	23,038
November ...	17,379	3,934	30,205
December ...	10,476	2,149	18,039
	127,406	25,696	224,828

APPENDIX K.

STATEMENT showing NUMBER and WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE DESPATCHED FROM PORTS of CALL—QUEENSLAND *vid* TORRES STRAITS—per EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS, during the Year 1878.

DESPATCHED FROM BRISBANE.						DESPATCHED FROM ROCKHAMPTON.							
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
3 January ...	5,044	2,062½	119	47 4	9,854	1,044 6	4 January ...	1,206	480	29	12 11	1,084	176 0½
31 January ...	6,444	2,549	196	232 13	7,029	1,171 5	1 February...	1,478	536½	18	1 12	1,122	222 0
28 February ...	6,245	2,496½	97	65 2	10,729	1,030 5	1 March ...	1,304	430½	19	1 10	1,210	219 8
28 March ...	5,869	2,436½	100	87 3½	6,337	1,005 10	29 March ...	1,347	479	20	2 7	1,107	160 12
20 April ...	4,634	1,953½	74	34 10	5,910	887 10	20 April ...	1,116	352½	17	1 3	1,280	183 14
18 May ...	6,151	2,530½	119	56 9	7,100	1,118 8	19 May ...	1,180	360	17	2 11	1,137	190 15
15 June ...	5,474	2,207½	112	60 5	7,966	1,060 3	16 June ...	1,118	507½	20	3 3	1,170	192 4
13 July ...	5,799	2,335	157	69 12½	8,377	1,106 5	14 July ...	1,576	472½	33	8 13	1,262	221 6
10 August ...	5,821	2,220½	171	54 5½	8,868	1,115 15	11 August ...	1,574	557	29	6 7	1,354	227 0
7 September ...	6,122	2,198	119	46 8½	9,983	1,191 5	9 September ...	1,370	552½	22	5 13	1,383	224 1
10 October ...	6,579	2,423	160	91 5	7,515	1,004 5	11 October ...	1,639	485½	24	7 9	1,145	203 0
7 November ...	6,146	2,435½	112	48 15	7,144	949 8½	8 November ...	1,544	502½	18	2 7	1,121	209 1
5 December...	6,034	2,377½	112	77 4	6,936	966 11	5 December	1,460	542½	18	3 8	1,003	195 12
	76,362	30,224½	1,648	972 1	103,748	13,652 0½		17,922	6,208½	284	60 2	15,178	2,625 9½

  

DESPATCHED FROM BOWEN.						DESPATCHED FROM TOWNSVILLE.							
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
6 January ...	205	70	5	1 6	208	42 13	6 January ...	657	258½	4	4 8	403	97 1
3 February ...	273	94	4	1 11	214	44 12	3 February ...	684	269	9	3 10	450	115 0
2 March ...	274	134	5	0 12	237	35 10	30 March ...	720	256	5	1 4	583	149 7
30 March ...	264	93	5	1 2½	171	40 3	23 April ...	644	223½	6	1 8	472	114 10
23 April ...	195	70	2	1 0	161	31 11	21 May ...	838	299½	1	0 1	556	172 12
21 May ...	290	109	4	2 2	180	37 3	18 June ...	893	330½	5	0 9½	752	188 4
18 June ...	209	97	0	...	183	36 2	16 July ...	824	296½	6	1 0	550	136 0
16 July ...	300	106	3	0 14	309	42 4	13 August ...	634	205	58	18 8	1,786	220 3
13 August ...	222	83	5	2 14	149	27 9	10 September ...	844	294	3	0 7	556	153 3
10 September ...	200	72	1	1 3	224	49 0	13 October ...	721	284½	6	2 1	625	156 14
13 October ...	317	119	5	0 15	302	43 8	10 November ...	1,117	414½	7	2 5	695	164 4
9 November ...	247	92	1	0 2½	172	31 13½	8 December	922	358½	24	1 9	608	159 8
7 December...	251	106½	5	1 4	226	34 15		853	314	9	2 5	595	169 8
	3,247	1,244½	45	15 6	2,727	497 7½		10,351	3,804	143	39 11½	8,629	1,966 10

  

DESPATCHED FROM COOKTOWN.						DESPATCHED FROM THURSDAY ISLAND.							
Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.		Date.	Letters.		Packets.		Papers.	
	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.		No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.	No.	Weight.
1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.	1878.		ozs.		lbs. ozs.		lbs. ozs.
8 January ...	126	57½	4	0 3½	177	30 8½	10 January ...	46	25½	...	...	...	...
4 February ...	139	64½	2	0 13	150	26 5½	7 February ...	15	6	...	...	...	0 4
5 March ...	179	72½	2	0 12½	183	33 12½	6 March ...	28	12	...	...	...	0 15
1 April ...	206	77½	1	0 2	175	30 15	4 April ...	39	14	...	...	...	0 9
25 April ...	68	23½	1	0 1	65	10 13	27 April ...	17	7	...	...	...	...
23 May ...	62	24½	...	...	132	16 7	25 May ...	41	18½	...	...	...	...
20 June ...	156	48½	1	0 1	165	25 6	22 June ...	40	19½	2	1 3½	2	0 10½
18 July ...	111	57	1	0 1	106	21 6	20 July ...	27	13½	2	0 13	...	...
15 August ...	90	40½	1	0 2	118	16 13	16 August ...	30	12½	...	...	...	0 4
12 September ...	129	55	2	0 9	144	20 3	4 September ...	16	7½	...	...	...	7 4
15 October ...	169	71	...	...	191	34 8	17 October ...	18	7½	...	...	...	...
12 November ...	175	67½	1	0 1	243	34 13½	15 November ...	60	18½	...	...	...	...
9 December...	170	67½	...	...	78	25 10	12 December	31	13½	1	0 2	3	0 13
	1,774	717	16	2 14	1,927	327 9		408	175	5	2 2½	42	10 11½

TOTAL.

Date.	Letters.	Packets.	Papers.
1878.			
January ...	13,722	357	18,755
February ...	8,834	130	12,666
March ...	10,629	162	10,303
April ...	7,113	96	8,149
May ...	8,617	145	9,301
June ...	7,821	141	10,036
July ...	8,447	254	11,840
August ...	8,581	299	10,939
September ...	8,558	159	12,287
October ...	9,839	196	9,848
November ...	9,104	156	9,286
December ...	8,799	145	8,841
	110,064	2,141	132,251

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 1878.

1878.		RECEIVED.														
		FROM LONDON.						FROM OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.		
		Via Southampton.			Via 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 ...	1,026	200	1,290	1,192	144	2,274	261	...	158	2,479	344	3,722	lbs. ozs.	50 9½	58 8	620 0½
February ...	425	143	1,194	1,265	240	2,394	225	...	177	1,915	383	3,765	40 0½	81 7	627 7	
March ...	536	210	1,478	1,266	35	2,322	309	...	132	2,111	245	3,912	44 13	63 15	651 8	
April ...	704	294	3,210	2,719	222	4,326	574	...	501	3,997	516	8,037	86 4	190 9	1,345 2	
May ...	450	56	1,470	1,164	25	2,280	261	...	127	1,875	81	3,877	40 1	54 1	647 8	
June ...	457	94	1,458	1,007	16	2,268	231	...	109	1,695	110	3,835	42 12	45 1	639 5	
July ...	472	121	1,572	1,417	36	2,412	220	...	116	2,109	157	4,100	45 1¼	74 10	681 9	
August ...	429	362	1,644	1,317	60	2,346	208	...	88	1,954	422	4,078	42 11	62 6	669 11	
September ...	502	176	1,608	1,229	42	2,216	234	...	162	1,965	218	3,986	12 8½	71 1	666 9	
October ...	419	139	1,494	1,003	33	2,190	245	...	188	1,637	172	3,872	36 1½	108 10	653 12	
November ...	394	43	1,764	1,217	60	2,202	266	...	84	1,877	103	4,050	40 5	49 4	665 8	
December ...	519	300	1,794	1,290	80	2,220	241	...	133	2,050	380	4,147	44 8¼	79 6	696 5½	
	6,333	2,138	19,956	16,086	993	29,450	3,275	...	1,975	25,694	3,131	51,381	555 11¼	938 14	8,564 5	
		DESPATCHED.														
		TO LONDON.						TO OTHER PLACES.			TOTAL.			WEIGHT.		
		Via Southampton.			Via 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 ...	654	19	729	486	5	94	41	5	15	1,181	29	838	lbs. ozs.	37 15¼	10 9	132 6
February ...	650	30	730	394	5	63	48	2	10	1,092	37	803	31 3	8 13	176 15	
March ...	503	37	759	331	2	57	33	2	9	867	41	825	27 13½	6 8	173 13	
April ...	628	17	891	446	3	85	57	7	26	1,131	27	1,002	35 13½	17 6	185 6	
May ...	759	13	1,100	528	6	68	57	4	15	1,344	23	1,183	38 10	8 4½	246 0	
June ...	919	17	1,067	581	14	96	85	4	23	1,585	35	1,186	44 3½	6 14	255 9	
July ...	1,546	91	1,826	1,026	26	183	131	11	42	2,703	128	2,051	80 14½	59 12	458 1½	
August ...	608	25	901	434	2	78	58	...	25	1,100	27	1,004	30 1½	6 4½	235 13	
September ...	869	26	1,069	576	4	71	68	3	23	1,513	33	1,163	43 11½	11 5	254 0	
October ...	774	20	1,066	539	2	66	91	10	21	1,404	38	1,093	40 14½	15 2	259 3	
November ...	592	10	1,108	431	2	82	86	1	33	1,109	13	1,223	31 4½	5 8	246 11	
December ...	538	11	911	422	2	118	53	...	30	1,013	13	1,059	30 12½	4 4½	278 6½	
	9,040	316	12,097	6,194	79	1,061	808	49	272	16,042	444	13,430	473 7	160 10½	2,952 4	

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 1878.

1878.							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	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,257	277	896	598	...	3,714	1,855	277	4,610	46	0	81	6	747	5
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	342	51	300	196	...	2,625	538	51	2,925	12	13	31	2	325	0
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	660	58	575	358	...	1,962	1,018	58	2,537	23	9½	24	0	422	15
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	821	55	423	415	...	2,652	1,236	55	3,075	27	15½	40	2	453	8
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	560	108	450	399	13	2,107	959	121	2,557	22	4½	44	9	507	11
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	481	39	390	442	9	2,643	923	48	3,033	21	3½	16	15	498	3
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	708	42	434	317	...	2,112	1,025	42	2,546	22	8½	15	11	385	0
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	842	188	174	332	...	1,770	1,174	188	1,944	25	14	59	3	268	0
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	644	52	333	319	...	3,110	963	52	3,443	23	12½	36	9½	383	9
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,483	315	934	665	...	5,724	2,148	315	6,658	49	12½	109	9½	811	10
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,843	207	1,005	668	...	5,497	2,511	207	6,502	58	7½	79	11	824	8
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,641	1,392	5,914	4,709	22	33,916	14,350	1,414	39,830	334	5½	538	14	5,627	5
							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.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.			
January	...	...	...	...	...	...	377	19	258	409	30	393	786	49	651	19	11	17	13	120	0
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	388	11	366	387	9	401	775	20	767	22	8½	8	13	161	2
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	347	2	140	373	12	372	720	14	512	20	1½	6	15	107	2
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	327	7	132	355	14	415	682	21	547	15	14½	12	12½	107	9
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	256	4	67	329	14	298	585	18	365	16	0½	9	14	78	6
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	609	4	257	381	12	496	990	16	753	23	1½	8	1	147	9
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	577	21	287	398	34	435	975	55	722	26	4	14	12½	146	9
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	788	11	308	414	9	406	1,202	20	714	27	14½	7	14	140	9
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	636	12	272	372	13	424	1,008	25	696	25	6½	10	11	138	4
October	...	...	...	...	...	...	526	11	204	324	7	372	850	18	576	20	11½	7	9½	126	6
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	739	15	259	624	17	771	1,363	62	1,030	36	13½	27	6	211	2
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	251	3	142	309	11	435	560	14	577	15	9	4	1	136	15
							5,821	120	2,692	4,675	212	5,218	10,496	332	7,910	270	0½	136	10½	1,621	9

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APPENDIX N.

RETURN 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 1877 and 1878; also showing INCREASE or DECREASE.

YEARS, ETC.	STEAMERS ARRIVED AT 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.					1878.				
	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
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	...	...	...	...	...
1878 ...	18,140	588,255	302	1,064	278,830	48	460	136,978	25,004	252,109	178	2,540	256,982	20,389	283,296	...	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1878 ...	710	54,194	...	...	14,345	2	...	...	...	13,513	...	55	20,363	1,594	13,048	...	646	84,309	...	26,561
Decrease, 1878 ...	...	...	13	25	...	...	94	4,593	4,674	...	12	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	3,080	...

  

DESPATCHED FROM GENERAL POST OFFICE.																				
YEARS, ETC.	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Steamers.	Mails.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
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	...	...	...	...	...
1878 ...	24,066	725,126	304	1,365	290,680	54	662	103,427	2,433	125,301	182	2,170	283,894	9,606	176,962	...	...	...	...	...
Increase, 1878 ...	1,149	86,789	7	...	16,995	...	...	...	...	6,269	...	...	15,323	...	...	...	474	118,936	...	...
Decrease, 1878 ...	...	...	...	265	...	...	91	171	519	...	9	319	...	2,482	8,738	2	...	...	3,001	2,469

LOOSE SHIP LETTERS RECEIVED AT BRISBANE.

From Southern Ports.					From Northern Ports.				
1877	...	...	...	10,235	1877	...	...	...	16,360
1878	...	...	...	11,490	1878	...	...	...	14,528



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 1878.

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 ...	74,036	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	847,559	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	20,397	10	7	4	2½	998,187	10.4	667	0	0	1½	136,771	1.4	10,184	8	2	2	1½	127,322	1.3	31,247	18	9	6	5½	1,262,280	13.1	...1866
1867 ...	99,849	18,793	3	9	3	9½	973,746	9.8	819	10	2	1½	129,239	1.2	13,076	12	11	2	7½	103,688	1.0	32,689	6	10	6	6½	1,206,673	12.0	...1867
1868 ...	107,427	21,025	4	3	3	10½	1,144,434	10.7	449	2	1	1	153,817	1.4	14,181	1	10	2	7½	99,266	0.9	35,655	8	2	6	7½	1,397,517	13.0	...1868
1869 ...	109,897	24,369	13	0	4	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	0¼	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	25,603	13	5	3	5½	1,738,199	11.9	732	2	10	1½	265,229	1.8	14,019	13	7	1	10½	115,316	0.7	40,355	9	10	5	6	2,118,744	14.4	...1873
1874 ...	163,517	33,044	10	7	4	0½	1,996,750	12.2	808	1	0	1½	311,682	1.9	16,234	16	8	1	11½	119,352	0.7	50,087	8	3	6	1½	2,427,784	14.8	...1874
1875 ...	181,288	38,689	9	1	4	3½	2,208,089	12.3	915	1	0	1½	344,270	1.9	15,475	4	2	1	8½	131,930	0.7	55,079	14	2	6	0½	2,684,289	14.9	...1875
1876 ...	187,003	44,421	15	9	4	9	2,554,066	13.6	1,256	10	10	1½	397,922	2.1	15,802	9	9	1	8½	131,564	0.7	61,480	16	4	6	6½	3,083,552	16.5	...1876
1877 ...	203,095	50,621	2	8	4	11½	2,962,088	14.5	1,258	19	7	1½	480,001	2.3	16,404	11	9	1	7½	133,188	0.6	68,284	14	0	6	8½	3,575,277	17.6	...1877
1878 ...	210,500	57,342	16	6	5	5½	3,314,719	15.7	1,318	15	8	1½	514,138	2.4	16,986	0	11	1	7½	136,602	0.6	75,647	13	1	7	2½	3,965,459	18.8	...1878

\* 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 £5,120.  
 Ditto 1st January, 1877, £7,920.  
 Ditto 1st May, 1877, £8,180.

## APPENDIX P.

RETURN showing WORK performed by the TRAVELLING POST OFFICES, Southern and Western Railway, during 1878.

No. of Travelling Post Offices.	Letters Posted.	Newspapers.	LETTERS REGISTERED.		MAILS.		LETTERS.	
			Officially.	In usual way.	Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.
From T. P. Office No. 1, between Toowoomba and Warwick	18,289	23,060	100	261	4,721	5,110	71,821	83,441
From T. P. Offices Nos. 2 and 3, between Brisbane and Dalby	26,217	186,841	8	165	11,382	11,672	153,740	166,083
Totals, 1878 ...	44,506	209,901	108	426	16,103	16,786	225,561	249,524
Totals, 1877 ...	37,543	118,510	172	579	14,777	14,672	175,945	193,452
Increase ...	6,963	91,391	...	...	1,326	2,114	49,616	56,072
Decrease ...	...	...	64	153	...	...	...	...

## APPENDIX Q.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, and PACKETS, POSTED and RECEIVED in QUEENSLAND during the YEARS 1877 and 1878. Also INCREASE or DECREASE per centum for 1878.

	POSTED IN QUEENSLAND.						RECEIVED INTO QUEENSLAND.			TOTAL.		
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THE COLONY.			FOR DESPATCH BEYOND THE COLONY.			Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.
	Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.						
1877 ...	2,962,088	2,002,937	165,225	613,189	373,472	36,939	521,630	705,506	59,709	4,096,907	3,081,915	261,873
1878 ...	3,314,719	2,882,676	178,377	650,740	468,825	33,805	534,904	713,489	57,324	4,500,363	4,064,990	269,506
Increase in 1878—												
Number ...	352,631	879,739	13,152	37,551	95,353	...	13,274	7,983	...	403,456	983,075	7,633
Per cent. ...	11.90	43.92	7.96	6.12	25.53	...	2.54	1.13	...	9.84	31.89	2.91
Decrease in 1878—												
Number ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,134	...	...	2,385	...	...	...
Per cent. ...	...	...	...	...	...	8.48	...	...	3.99	...	...	...

## APPENDIX R.

POST OFFICES, 1878.

Offices Opened.	Offices Closed.	Number of Offices, 31st December, 1878.
Bald Hills Back Plains, Clifton Beaudesert Bowen Hills Burrum Chinchilla Cobb's Camp Cootharaba Crow's Nest Darkey Flat Enoggera Gregory Hamilton Hughenden Lukinville Miles	Millungera Murton Muttaborra North Bundaberg Paddington Pikedale Reefs Pilton Redcliffe Slack's Creek South Pine Southport Stanage Tallebudgera Upper Caboolture Upper Tenthill	Beaconsfield Blacksnake Fountain's Camp McLeod's Creek Murton Normanby Smithfield Yandilla.
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## APPENDIX S.

## NUMBER OF OFFICES, 31st DECEMBER, 1878.

Number of Post Offices.	NUMBER OF RECEIVING HOUSES.		NUMBER OF RECEIVERS FOR LETTERS ONLY.	
	Brisbane.	Country.	Brisbane.	Country.
230	3	90	14	16

## APPENDIX T.

## REGISTRATION.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS RECEIVED and DESPATCHED at the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1877 and 1878.

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1877 ... ..	45,936	45,860
1878 ... ..	48,861	48,615

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS containing COIN or VALUABLES REGISTERED by OFFICERS of the GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1877 and 1878, under clause 32 of "The Postage Act."

Year.	Number Received.	Number Despatched.
1877 ... ..	304	304
1878 ... ..	296	296

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.
1877 ... ..	307	241	66	£ s. d. 625 6 6	£ s. d. 30 6 0
1878 ... ..	164	130	34	485 0 0	24 6 0

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED LETTERS—BRITISH, FOREIGN, and INTERCOLONIAL—received at GENERAL POST OFFICE in 1878.

Year.	Number Received.
1878 ... ..	5,133

APPENDIX U.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LETTERS that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1878.

RECEIVED.				DISPOSED OF.		
Unclaimed.		Irregularly Posted.	Total.	Returned and Delivered.	Destroyed.	Total.
Queensland.	Ship.					
33,483	3,380	2,280	39,143	31,100	8,043	39,143

RETURN showing the NUMBER of REGISTERED and UNREGISTERED LETTERS containing PROPERTY that passed through the DEAD LETTER BRANCH during the Year 1878.

	RECEIVED.							DISPOSED OF.								
	On hand from 1876.		Registered.		Ordinary.		Total.	Returned and Delivered.		Paid into Treasury.		On Hand.		Total.		
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
Cash, Stamps, &c. ...	31	27 13 8	113	109 11 11	71	*75 19 11	215	213 5 6	188	186 8 7	...	...	27	26 16 11	215	213 5 6
Cheques, Drafts, &c. ...	18	73 1 3	212	660 2 7	190	*4,380 0 10	420	5,013 4 8	406	4,964 9 9	9	23 15 0	5	24 19 11	420	5,013 4 8
	49	100 14 11	325	769 14 6	261	4,456 0 9	635	5,226 10 2	594	5,150 18 4	9	23 15 0	32	51 16 10	635	5,226 10 2

\* Attention is directed to the large amount of property sent through the Post Office in unregistered letters.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LETTERS reported to be MISSING during the Year 1878.

Number of Applications.	Number of Letters traced satisfactorily.	Number which cannot be traced.	Number still pending.	Total.
318	247	18	53	318

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APPENDIX V.  
POSTAGE STAMPS.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED from the GENERAL POST OFFICE during the Year 1878.

	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	1s.	5s.	Total Value.
Number ... ..	1,618,144	2,711,127	26,960	92,265	179,970	23,295	592	£ s. d.
Value ... ..	6,742 5 4	22,592 14 6	337 0 0	1,537 15 0	4,499 5 0	1,164 15 0	148 0 0	37,021 14 10

APPENDIX W.  
MONEY ORDERS.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of MONEY ORDER OFFICES, the NUMBER and AMOUNT of ORDERS ISSUED and PAID, and the COMMISSION RECEIVED during the Years 1877 and 1878.

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.	£ s. d.		
1877 ... ..	62	1,562 12 0	29,921	112,748 6 1	20,533	75,969 2 0	50,454	188,717 8 1	
1878 ... ..	66	1,634 18 2	31,491	121,232 3 10	22,150	82,802 4 2	53,641	204,034 8 0	
Increase in 1878	4	72 6 2	1,570	8,483 17 9	1,617	6,833 2 2	3,187	15,316 19 11	
Offices Opened.				Offices Closed.					
Comet Cunnamulla Lower Herbert				Kingsborough Thornborough Tewantin		Black Snake Yandilla			

## STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH ORDERS for the Year 1877 and 1878.

ISSUED.	1877.		1878.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inland ... ..	2,768	14,428 12 10	3,211	18,365 18 10
Intercolonial ... ..	975	5,994 12 2	1,004	5,927 10 7
	3,743	20,423 5 0	4,215	24,293 9 5

Intercolonial received, 1877, 398 ; 1878, 440.

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.	
			£ s. d.	
1862 (from 1st July) ... ..	574	...	2,296 7 3	
1863 ... ..	3,698	...	15,373 5 9	
1864 ... ..	6,598	Increase 78 per cent.	28,222 18 11	Increase 83 per cent.
1865 ... ..	9,841	" 49 "	42,215 19 0	" 49 "
1866 ... ..	12,158	" 23 "	52,360 6 8	" 24 "
1867 ... ..	16,050	" 32 "	74,730 9 11	" 42 "
1868 ... ..	19,310	" 20 "	88,129 15 0	" 18 "
1869 ... ..	21,911	" 13 "	96,015 18 6	" 8 "
1870 ... ..	19,923	Decrease 9 "	85,295 16 11	Decrease 11 "
1871 ... ..	21,100	Increase 5 "	88,739 7 9	Increase 4 "
1872 ... ..	30,208	" 43 "	114,847 0 2	" 29 "
1873 ... ..	33,508	" 10 "	133,465 15 2	" 16 "
1874 ... ..	34,188	" 2 "	136,098 14 11	" 2 "
1875 ... ..	37,260	" 8 "	147,458 16 11	" 8 "
1876 ... ..	43,467	" 16 "	175,226 18 8	" 19 "
1877 ... ..	50,454	" 16 "	188,717 8 1	" 8 "
1878 ... ..	53,641	" 6 "	204,034 8 0	" 8 "

## APPENDIX X.

## LIST OF MAIL SERVICES, 1878.

Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per Week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
					£ s. d.
Alberton and Gramzow ... ..	Horse ...	Two ...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	728	14 0 0
Aramac and Cork, to 30th April ... ..	" ...	One ...	265	9,010	450 0 0
Bald Hills and Chinaman's Creek ... ..	" ...	Two ...	7	1,456	20 0 0
Bald Hills and South Pine, from 1st October ... ..	" ...	Two ...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	182	24 0 0
Beenleigh and Alberton ... ..	" ...	Two ...	6	1,248	26 0 0
Beenleigh and Brayford's ... ..	" ...	Two ...	37	7,696	120 0 0
Blackall and Mount Cornish ... ..	" ...	One ...	180	18,720	380 0 0
Blackall and Jundah to 30th September... ..	" ...	One to Wittown, and fortnightly to Jundah	356	16,536	300 0 0
Blackall and Jundah, from 1st October ... ..	" ...	One ...	356	9,256	375 0 0
Blackwater and Comet ... ..	Coach ...	Three ...	24	7,488	52 0 0
Blackwater and Copperfield to 27th April ... ..	" ...	Two ...	128	8,714	2,450 0 0
Blackwater and Honeycomb, from 1st July ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	249	12,948	174 0 0
Blackwater and Springsure to 27th April ... ..	Coach ...	Two ...	77	5,236	1,312 10 0
Bowen and Bowen Downs ... ..	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	356	18,512	310 0 0
Bowen and Mackay ... ..	" ...	One ...	142	14,768	160 0 0
Bowen and Nebo ... ..	Coach ...	One ...	219	22,776	300 0 0
Bowen and Ravenswood ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	128	13,312	155 0 0
Bowen P.O. and Steamers at the Pier ... ..	Dray ...	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	20 0 0
Bowen Downs and Hughenden ... ..	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	163	8,476	200 0 0
Brisbane and Ashgrove ... ..	Coach ...	Six ...	3	1,872	20 0 0
Brisbane and Christmas Creek ... ..	Coach to Beaudesert, thence by horse to Christmas Creek	Two ...	61	12,688	243 0 0
Brisbane and Enoggera ... ..	Coach ...	Six ...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,184	20 0 0
Brisbane and Breakfast Creek ... ..	" ...	Six ...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,560	32 0 0
Brisbane and Cleveland ... ..	" ...	Three ...	20	7,904	150 0 0
Cleveland and Redland Bay ... ..	Horse ...	Two ...	8	26,208	2,237 10 0
Brisbane and Gympie ... ..	Coach ...	Two ...	126	3,640	60 0 0
Brisbane and Hamilton ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	35	44,928	...
Brisbane and Ipswich ... ..	Railway ...	Eighteen ...	24	1,872	30 0 0
Brisbane and Lutwyche ... ..	Coach ...	Six ...	3	28,080	1,225 0 0
Brisbane and Nerang Creek ... ..	" ...	Six to Beenleigh... Three to Nerang Creek	22	46	...
Brisbane and Paddington ... ..	" ...	Six ...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,560	25 0 0
Brisbane and Sandgate ... ..	" ...	Twelve ...	12	14,976	250 0 0
Brisbane and South Brisbane ... ..	" ...	Eighteen ...	1	1,872	26 0 0
Brown's Plains and Moody's ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	8	832	6 0 0
Brown's Store and Bulimba ... ..	" ...	Six ...	2	1,248	25 0 0
Bundaberg and Miriam Vale ... ..	" ...	One ...	77	8,008	100 0 0
Bundaberg and Mount Perry ... ..	" ...	Two ...	90	18,720	145 0 0
Bundaberg and North Bundaberg ... ..	" ...	One ...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	156	20 0 0
Caboolture and Black Snake ... ..	" ...	One ...	136	14,144	146 0 0
Caboolture and Upper Caboolture, from 26th June ... ..	" ...	Two ...	6	648	35 0 0
Cairns and Thornborough ... ..	" ...	One ...	86	8,944	420 0 0
Cambooya and Leyburn ... ..	" ...	Two ...	29	6,032	110 0 0
Cambooya and Retreat ... ..	" ...	One ...	137	14,248	130 0 0
Cameron Downs and Conn's, from 28th February ... ..	" ...	Fortnightly ...	130	5,720	250 0 0
Cania and Mount Perry ... ..	" ...	One ...	94	9,776	135 0 0
Cardwell and Dungeness ... ..	Boat ...	Fortnightly ...	30	3,848	190 0 0
Dungeness and Lower Herbert ... ..	Boat and horse ...	One ...	22	...	...
Cardwell and Georgetown ... ..	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	238	12,376	300 0 0
Charleville and Minnie Downs ... ..	" ...	One ...	136	14,144	80 0 0
Charleville and Tambo ... ..	" ...	One ...	156	16,224	213 7 0
Charleville and Barrington ... ..	" ...	One ...	256	26,624	375 0 0
Charters Towers and Millchester ... ..	Coach ...	Twelve ...	3	3,744	75 0 0
Charters Towers and Specimen Gully ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	100	10,400	180 0 0
Chinchilla and Roma, to 31st March (127 miles) ... ..	Coach ...	Three ...	...	9,886	2,313 18 7
Coolumboola and Roma, to 31st July (21 miles less) ... ..	" ...	Three ...	94	10,812	1,931 6 2
Miles and Roma, from 1st August (12 miles less)... ..	" ...	Three ...	...	12,408	1,712 13 4
Clermont and Copperfield ... ..	" ...	Six ...	4	2,496	70 0 0
Clermont and Springsure ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	237	24,648	330 0 0
Clifton and Pilton, from 27th March ... ..	" ...	Two ...	13	2,028	31 10 0
Clifton and Spring Creek ... ..	" ...	Six ...	9	5,616	50 0 0
Comet and Copperfield, from 28th April ... ..	Coach ...	Two ...	113	15,826	...
Comet and Springsure, from 28th April ... ..	" ...	Two ...	55	7,700	...
Condamine and Moraby, from 1st August, 1878 ... ..	Horse ...	One ...	22	968	58 0 0
Cooktown and Palmer ... ..	Coach to Byerstown, thence by horse to Palmer	One ...	162	16,848	1,600 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.
Cork and Glenormiston, from 1st July ...	Horse	Fortnightly	225	5,850	250 0 0
Coomera and Upper Coomera...	"	Three	3	936	20 0 0
Copperfield and Aramac, from 16th April	Coach	One	165	12,210	1,500 0 0
Cunnamulla and Thorgomindah	Horse	One	157	16,328	240 0 0
Dalby and Gayndah	"	One	141	14,664	350 0 0
Dalby and Goondiwindi	"	One	163½	17,004	225 0 0
Dalby and Maida Hill	"	One	24	2,496	50 0 0
Dalby and St. George	"	One	267	27,768	400 0 0
Dalby P.O. and Railway Station	Coach	Twelve	¼	312	50 0 0
Dalrymple and Richmond Downs	Horse	One	274	28,496	400 0 0
Dalrymple and Georgetown	"	One	268	27,872	700 0 0
Didcot and Gayndah	{ Coach Horse	{ One One	{ 24	{ 4,992	{ 160 0 0
Drayton and Westbrook Area	Horse	Six	12	7,488	52 0 0
Dogwood and Surat	"	One	127	13,208	160 0 0
Dogwood and Taroom	"	One	107	11,128	155 0 0
Duaringa and Springsure	"	One	207	21,528	335 0 0
Elliott and Gladstone	"	Two	161	33,488	400 0 0
Elliott and Neureum	"	One	67	6,968	125 0 0
Emu Creek and Back Plains, from 1st September	"	Two	10	680	52 0 0
Eulo and Beechal	{ Horse	{ One Fortnightly	{ 85 225	{ 20,540	{ 436 0 0
Beechal and Jundah	"	One	83	8,632	160 0 0
Eulo and Hungerford	"	Monthly	372	8,928	300 0 0
Fisher's Creek and Normanton	"	Three	5	1,560	26 0 0
Gatton and Tent Hill	"	One	175	15,400	192 10 0
Gayndah and Banana, to 31st October	"	One	140	2,240	105 0 0
Gayndah and Camboon, from 1st November	"	Two	44	9,152	138 0 0
Gayndah and Mount Perry	"	One	97	10,088	160 0 0
Gayndah and Nanango	"	One	164	17,056	120 0 0
Gayndah and Taroom	"	One	11	1,144	12 0 0
Geham and Pipe Clay Creek	"	One	30	3,120	180 0 0
Georgetown and Charlestown	"	Fortnightly	249	12,948	300 0 0
Georgetown and Normanton	"	One	190	11,780	450 0 0
Georgetown and Thornborough, from 27th May	"	One	139	14,456	145 0 0
Gladstone and Banana	"	One	109	11,336	135 0 0
Gladstone and Cania	"	One	91	9,464	120 0 0
Gladstone and Rockhampton	"	Twice a month	91	4,732	58 0 0
Gladstone and Rockhampton	"	Two	113	23,504	330 0 0
Goondiwindi and Mungindi	"	Six	12	7,488	31 15 0
Gowrie Junction and Gomoron	"	Six	¼	156	18 0 0
Gracemere P. O. and Railway Station	"	Six	8	4,992	48 0 0
Greenmount and Emu Creek	"	One	27	2,808	50 0 0
Gympie and Imbil	"	One	47	4,888	89 0 0
Gympie and Neureum	"	Six	1	624	35 0 0
Gympie and One-Mile Creek	"	One	46	4,784	79 0 0
Gympie and Tewantin	"	One	33	3,432	80 0 0
Gootchie and Neureum	"	Two	14½	3,016	36 0 0
Harrisville and Blantyre	"	One	68	7,072	100 0 0
Hawkwood and Camboon	"	Twelve	3½	4,368	45 0 0
Hendon and Allora	"	Fortnightly	110	5,720	150 0 0
Hidden Valley and Natal Downs	"	Two	15	3,120	38 0 0
Indooroopilly and Moggill	"	One	up 45 down 37	4,264	38 0 0
Ipswich and Fassifern	"	Two	up 17 down 26	4,472	40 0 0
Ipswich and Harrisville	"	One	10	1,040	12 0 0
Ipswich and Kholo	"	One	55	5,720	42 10 0
Ipswich and Kooralbyn	"	{ Three to Fernvale Two to Mt. Esk ...	{ 9 38	{ 8,840	{ 117 0 0
Ipswich and Mount Esk	"	Two	18	3,744	60 0 0
Ipswich and Mount Walker	"	Twelve	78	97,344	25 0 0
Ipswich and Toowoomba	Railway	Two	7	1,456	69 0 0
Ipswich and Redbank Plains	Horse	To meet every train	¼	84	8,736
Ipswich P. O. and Railway Station	Coach	One	54	5,616	119 0 0
Ipswich and Unumgar	Horse	Two	59	12,272	170 0 0
Ipswich and Maroon	"	Two	245	12,740	200 0 0
Jondaryan and Nanango	"	Fortnightly	164	8,528	160 0 0
Jundah and Mackhara	"	Fortnightly	7	1,456	25 0 0
Jundah and Dwyer's	"	Two	6	1,248	25 0 0
Laidley and Rossmore	"	Two	8	1,664	22 0 0
Laidley and Sandy Creek	"	One	125	13,000	180 0 0
Laura and Normanby	"	One	120	12,688	175 0 0
Leyburn and Texas	"	One	183	9,516	165 0 0
Leyburn and Goondiwindi	"	Two	16	3,328	70 0 0
Lilyvale and Honeycomb, to 30th June	"	One	8	832	12 0 0
Logan Reserve and McLean	"	One	60	6,240	120 0 0
Loganholme and Mount Cotton	"	One	10	2,080	50 0 0
Mackay and Nebo	Coach	Two			
Mackay and Walkerston	"	Two			

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Route.	Mode of Conveyance.	Number of Trips per week.	Distance in Miles.	Gross Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Annum.
Maryborough and Bundaberg ...	Coach ...	Two ...	52	10,816	£ 500 0 0
Maryborough and Gympie ...	" ...	Three ...	54	33,696	1,225 0 0
Maryborough and Mount Perry ...	Horse ...	Three ...	106	22,048	590 0 0
	Coach ...	One ...			
Maryborough and Pialba ...	" ...	One ...	22	2,288	60 0 0
Maryborough and Mary River Saw Mills ...	" ...	Six ...	15	8,840	100 0 0
Maryborough P.O. and Wharf ...	Dray ...	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	60 0 0
Mistake Creek and Elgin Downs ...	Horse ...	Fortnightly ...	74	3,848	60 0 0
Mitchell and Burenda ...	" ...	One ...	151	13,756	219 17 0
Mitchell and Westgrove ...	" ...	One ...	109	11,336	160 0 0
Millengera and Normanton ...	" ...	Monthly ...	183	4,392	200 0 0
Mount Brisbane and Deep Creek ...	" ...	Two ...	10	2,080	17 0 0
Mount Esk and Colinton, from 11th June ...	" ...	One ...	27	1,566	40 0 0
Mount Esk and Nukinenda ...	" ...	One ...	28	2,912	59 0 0
Mount Margaret and Thylungra ...	" ...	One ...	95	9,880	100 0 0
Mooloolah and Buderim ...	" ...	One ...	15	1,560	24 0 0
Muttaborra and Cork, from 1st May ...	" ...	One ...	195	13,580	450 0 0
Nebo and Copperfield ...	" ...	One ...	159	16,536	200 0 0
Nerang Creek and Bundall ...	" ...	Three ...	$6\frac{1}{2}$	2,028	30 0 0
Nerang Creek and Kynumboon ...	" ...	Two ...	33	6,864	125 0 0
Normanton and Rocklands, from 1st July ...	" ...	Monthly ...	320	3,480	300 0 0
North Pine and Redcliffe ...	" ...	One ...	10	1,040	12 0 0
Oakey Creek and Boah Waterholes, from 20th July ...	" ...	One ...	8	368	25 0 0
Oakey Creek and Westbrook Area No. 2, from 1st April ...	" ...	One ...	$5\frac{1}{4}$	364	20 0 0
Owanilla and Upper Mary ...	" ...	One ...	4	416	26 0 0
Oxley and Rocky Waterholes ...	" ...	Six ...	$1\frac{1}{2}$	936	30 0 0
Palmer and Lukinville, from 1st October ...	" ...	One ...	25	650	200 0 0
Port Douglas and Thornborough ...	" ...	One ...	65	6,760	644 0 0
Ravenswood and Dalrymple ...	" ...	One ...	84	8,466	200 0 0
Richmond Downs and Cloncurry ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	177	9,204	400 0 0
Richmond Downs and Millengera ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	140	7,280	300 0 0
Rockhampton and Blackwater, to 27th April ...	Railway ...	Six ...	119	23,800	
Rockhampton and Comet, from 28th April ...	" ...	Six ...	140	59,640	
Rockhampton and Crocodile Creek ...	Horse ...	One ...	16	12,064	157 0 0
Rockhampton and Hewittville ...	Coach ...	One ...	38	3,952	100 0 0
Rockhampton and Leura ...	Horse ...	One ...	116	12,064	157 0 0
Rockhampton P.O. and Railway Station ...	Coach ...	To meet every train and clear pillar boxes	$\frac{1}{4}$	312	42 0 0
Rockhampton and St. Lawrence ...	Horse ...	One ...	123	12,792	235 0 0
Rockhampton and Stanage ...	" ...	One ...	160	16,640	170 0 0
Roma and Mitchell ...	Coach ...	One ...	54	37,024	2,046 17 6
	Horse ...	One ...			
Mitchell and Charleville ...	Coach ...	One ...	124		
Roma and Surat ...	" ...	One ...	61	6,344	100 0 0
Roma and Taroom ...	" ...	One ...	122	12,688	145 0 0
Rosewood Scrub and Tallegalla ...	" ...	Two ...	12	2,496	41 2 10
St. George and Brenda ...	" ...	One ...	128	13,312	130 0 0
St. George and Curriwillinghami ...	" ...	One ...	98	10,192	135 0 0
St. George and Cunnamulla ...	" ...	One ...	225	23,400	380 0 0
St. George and Mitchell ...	" ...	One ...	158	13,600	134 17 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	...	25 0 0
St. Lawrence and Copperfield ...	" ...	One ...	167	17,368	200 0 0
St. Lawrence and Mackay ...	" ...	One ...	127	13,308	180 0 0
St. Lawrence and Nebo ...	" ...	One ...	91	9,464	180 0 0
Springsure and Blackall ...	Coach ...	One ...	231	24,004	3,500 0 0
Springsure and Clermont ...	Horse ...	One ...	137	14,248	145 0 0
Stanthorpe and Wilson's Downfal ...	Coach ...	Three ...	13	4,056	214 7 6
Stanthorpe and Inglewood ...	Horse ...	One ...	80	8,320	112 0 0
Stanthorpe and Pikedale, from 1st February ...	" ...	One ...	25	2,400	55 0 0
Surat and St. George ...	" ...	One ...	89	9,256	130 0 0
Swan Creek and Upper Swan Creek ...	" ...	One ...	6	624	14 0 0
Tambo and Blackall ...	" ...	One ...	142	14,768	300 0 0
Tambo and Thorgomindah ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	338	17,576	400 0 0
Tambourine and Irvingsford ...	" ...	One ...	15	1,560	30 0 0
Taroom and Bauhinia Downs ...	" ...	One ...	113	11,752	122 10 0
Tent Hill and Upper Tent Hill, from 26th January ...	" ...	Three ...	6	1,728	25 0 0
Thorgomindah and Hungerford ...	" ...	One ...	98	10,192	160 0 0
Thorgomindah and Innaminka ...	" ...	Fortnightly ...	210	10,080	200 0 0
Thorgomindah and Mount Margaret ...	" ...	One ...	70	7,280	129 10 0
Thornborough and McLeod's Creek ...	" ...	One ...	13	1,352	60 0 0
Thornborough and Stewart town ...	" ...	One ...	14	1,456	100 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.
Thylungra and Wombendery ... ..	"	Fortnightly	124	6,448	100 0 0
Tingalpa and Belmont ... ..	"	Three	3	936	30 0 0
Tingalpa and Hemmant ... ..	"	Three	3½	1,508	40 0 0
Extension to Lytton ... ..	"	One	4		
Toowoomba and Emu Creek ... ..	"	One	44	11,648	179 0 0
Toowoomba and Aubigny ... ..	Coach	Two	24		
Toowoomba and Chinchilla, to 31st March (12 miles extra)	Railway	Six	85	50,592	
Toowoomba and Coolumboola, to 31st July (21 miles extra)					
Toowoomba and Miles (12 miles extra) ...	Horse	Twelve	4	4,992	60 0 0
Toowoomba and Drayton ... ..	Coach	To meet every train	¼	780	90 0 0
Toowoomba P.O. and Railway Station ...	Railway	Twelve	65	81,120	
Toowoomba and Warwick ... ..	Horse	Two	3	624	15 0 0
Toowong and Indooroopilly ... ..	"	One	75	7,800	200 0 0
Townsville and Dalrymple ... ..	Coach	Three	75	23,400	1,962 10 0
Townsville and Ravenswood ... ..	Dray	To meet steamers and vessels carrying mails	¼		80 0 0
Townsville P. O. and Wharf ... ..					
Village of Logan and Kinghorn ... ..	Horse	One	16	1,664	25 0 0
Walloon and Nanango, with a branch line from Mount Esk to Mount Brisbane, also	"	One	106	15,496	187 10 0
Walloon and Mount Esk ... ..	"	One	43		
Warwick and Freestone Creek ... ..	"	One	14	1,456	21 0 0
Warwick and Killarney ... ..	"	Two	22	4,576	34 0 0
Warwick and Leyburn ... ..	"	One	50	5,200	70 0 0
Warwick and Stanthorpe ... ..	Coach	Six	37	23,088	1,050 0 0
Warwick Post Office and Railway Station ...	"	Twelve	½	624	39 7 6
Waterford and Logan Reserve ... ..	Horse	One	6	624	10 0 0
Westbrook Area and Hazelmar ... ..	"	Two	10	2,080	13 0 0
Westwood and Taroom ... ..	"	One	220	22,880	265 0 0
Wittown and Jundah ... ..	"	Fortnightly	165	8,580	204 0 0
Yatala and Pimpama Island ... ..	"	One	6½	676	12 0 0
Yuleba and St. George ... ..	Coach	One	125	13,000	1,100 0 0

## APPENDIX Y.

## LIST OF POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES for the YEAR 1878.

Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Albion ... ..	E. Challinor	£6
Allora ... ..	Mrs. Gwynne	£30
Aramac ... ..	E. Schneider	£12
Ashgrove ... ..	J. B. Stephens	No salary.
Bald Hills (New Office, 1st September)	J. Carseldine	£12
Ballandean ... ..	T. H. Fletcher	£12
Banana ... ..	M. O'Neill	£18
Back Plains, Clifton (New Office, 4th September)	W. H. Beck	Salary included in contract
Beaconsfield (closed 18th October)	J. Weitzell	£12
Beenleigh ... ..	A. R. H. Pietzker, to 24th June	£50
	P. P. Agnew, from 25th June	
Belmont ... ..	S. J. Wills	£12
Beaudesert (New Office, 9th February)	D. Howard	£12
Beaufort (Reopened 1st April)	K. Aumuller	£12
Blackall ... ..	F. Clewett, to 12th February	£18
	C. Briggs, to 5th August	
	C. E. Augstein, from 6th August	
Black Snake (closed 22nd September)	J. M. Thompson	£12
Blackwater ... ..	J. B. Collum, to 4th January	£12
	J. A. Parès, to 29th April	
	J. McBride, to 30th September	
	J. Fitzgerald, from 1st October	
Bowen (Official Office) ... ..	D. A. Day	£275
Bowen Downs ... ..	E. K. Russell	£12
Bowen Hills (New Office, 1st December)	Mrs. Wakefield	£12

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Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
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
Burrum (New Office, 22nd July) ... ..	J. Neale ... ..	£12
Byerstown ... ..	T. C. Bird, to 19th August ... ..	£50
Caboolture ... ..	R. S. Burr, from 20th August ... ..	£12 to 31st March, £15 from 1st April
Cairns ... ..	Mrs. Clune ... ..	£2 per week
Calliope ... ..	J. Powers ... ..	£18
Camboon ... ..	P. Doyle, to 31st March ... ..	£12.
Cambooya ... ..	E. Bedford, from 1st April ... ..	£24
Canal Creek ... ..	S. S. Grant ... ..	£15
Capalaba ... ..	J. J. Hayes, to 17th July ... ..	£12
Cardwell ... ..	C. Murton, from 18th July ... ..	£25
Carnarvon ... ..	G. Richardson ... ..	£12
Cawarral ... ..	W. Jarvis ... ..	£12.
Charleston ... ..	J. E. Poore, to 13th December ... ..	£12
Charleville ... ..	S. Sinnamon, from 14th December ... ..	£40 from 1st January
Charters Towers ... ..	J. T. McManus ... ..	£52
Chinchilla (New Office, 3rd January) ... ..	Mrs. Harris, to 30th May ... ..	£18 to 31 January, £30 from 1 February
	P. J. Lyons, from 31st May ... ..	£18
	P. O'Brien ... ..	£12
	R. A. Skinner ... ..	£40 from 1st January
	A. J. Swan ... ..	£52
	J. Stark, to 30th July ... ..	£18
	M. D. Tait, to 16th September ... ..	£12
	R. Beattie, from 17th September ... ..	£40
Christmas Creek ... ..	H. Brook ... ..	£25
Clermont ... ..	J. C. Bauer ... ..	£24
Cleveland ... ..	A. T. Winship ... ..	£12
Clifton ... ..	W. E. Shapcott ... ..	£12
Cloncurry ... ..	E. Henry ... ..	£12
Comet ... ..	M. Cherry, from 1st January to 30th April ... ..	£25
	J. A. Parès, from 1st May ... ..	£60
Condamine ... ..	J. King ... ..	£300
Cooktown (Official Office) ... ..	J. Allan ... ..	£12
Cobb's Camp (New Office, 4th December) ... ..	M. A. Smith ... ..	£12
Coomera ... ..	W. Binstead ... ..	£12
Coomera Township ... ..	W. Heathwood ... ..	£12
Cooper's Plains ... ..	S. Manning ... ..	£12
Cootharaba (New Office, 17th June) ... ..	R. M. Kenzie ... ..	£80
Copperfield ... ..	H. Smith, to 30th September ... ..	£25
	H. P. Beach, from 1st October ... ..	£12
Cork ... ..	C. L. Williams ... ..	£12
Crocodile Creek ... ..	C. Jaggerndorff ... ..	£12
Crow's Nest (New Office, 1st July) ... ..	C. Bolden ... ..	£20
Cunnamulla ... ..	F. Ford, to 9th October ... ..	£18
Curriwillinghami ... ..	P. W. Morris, from 10th October ... ..	£300
	R. H. Tighe, to 30th June ... ..	£12
	W. Taylor, from 1st July ... ..	£30
Dalby (official office) ... ..	E. Da Costa ... ..	£12
Darkey Flat (New Office, 1st March) ... ..	H. Morrow ... ..	£30
Dalrymple ... ..	A. Mears, to 24th September ... ..	£12
	N. J. Norris, from 25th September ... ..	£12
Dingo ... ..	J. C. Anderson, to 28th February ... ..	£12
	W. Sheehy, to 30th November ... ..	£80
	F. L. Morris, from 1st December ... ..	£12
Drayton ... ..	P. Favenc ... ..	£12
Duarina ... ..	C. Phillips ... ..	£12
Dungeness ... ..	J. T. Arnot ... ..	£12
Ebenezer ... ..	G. Whitney ... ..	£12
Eight-Mile Plains ... ..	R. Purkiss ... ..	£12
Ellangowan ... ..	M. Cavanagh ... ..	£12
Elliott ... ..	R. Grout ... ..	£12
Emu Creek Siding ... ..	Mrs. Brodie ... ..	£12
Enoggera (New Office, 1st December) ... ..	H. M. Kavanagh ... ..	No salary
Eulo ... ..	Mrs. Barlow, to 6th February ... ..	£20
	H. Mueller, from 7th February ... ..	£12
Fassifern ... ..	G. Angus ... ..	£12
Fernvale ... ..	A. Phelps, to 1st December ... ..	£12
	P. R. Cowan, from 2nd December ... ..	£12
Fisher's Creek ... ..	G. Pratt ... ..	£20
Fortitude Valley ... ..	W. Chapman ... ..	£12
Fountain's Camp (closed 21st December) ... ..	J. A. Bourke ... ..	£12

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Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Gatton ... ..	H. H. Smith ... ..	£18
Gayndah ... ..	C. Smith ... ..	£72
Geham ... ..	Mrs. Black ... ..	£12
Georgetown ... ..	L. F. Haseler ... ..	£45
German Station ... ..	Mrs. Cook ... ..	£18
Gin Gin ... ..	J. W. Dear ... ..	£18
Gladstone ... ..	Mrs. Hetherington... ..	£150
Glamorgan Vale ... ..	C. Denning ... ..	£12
Goodna ... ..	Mrs. Wallis ... ..	£25
Goondiwindi ... ..	Mrs. Davis, to 2nd July ... ..	£62
	J. F. O'Reilly, to 26th July ... ..	
	R. E. Halloran, to 30th September ... ..	
	Mrs. Halloran, from 1st October ... ..	
Goothy ... ..	C. Scarrott, to 31st July ... ..	£12
	R. Whannell, from 1st August ... ..	
Gowrie Junction ... ..	J. Williams ... ..	£6 to 30th June; £12 from 1st July
Gracemere ... ..	E. J. M'Donald ... ..	£12
Grandchester ... ..	W. Fry, to 17th December ... ..	£18
	E. Davis, from 18th December ... ..	
Greenmount ... ..	J. Roberts ... ..	£12
Gregory (New Office, 2nd May) ... ..	G. Otto ... ..	£12
Gympie (Official Office) ... ..	C. F. Cumming ... ..	£3'0
Hamilton (New Office, 7th December) ... ..	Mrs. Hamilton ... ..	£12
Harrisville ... ..	Mrs. Carson, to 30th May ... ..	£12
	E. B. Barns, from 31st May ... ..	
Haughton ... ..	S. Holmes ... ..	£12
Hawkwood ... ..	J. Palmer ... ..	£12
Helidon ... ..	A. Smith ... ..	£18
Hemmant ... ..	G. Laidlaw ... ..	£12
Hendon ... ..	E. Davis, to 17th December... ..	£12 to 30th June; £18 from 1st July
	W. Fry, from 18th December ... ..	
Hughenden (New Office, 1st July) ... ..	H. W. Hardwicke ... ..	£12
Imbil ... ..	W. Elworthy ... ..	£12
Indooroopilly ... ..	J. Ball ... ..	£18 to 30th June; £24 from 1st July
Inglewood... ..	Mrs. Canning ... ..	£12
Innamika (S.A.) ... ..	T. J. Croker ... ..	£12
Inskip Point ... ..	G. Byrne ... ..	£6 from 1st June
Ipswich (Official Office) ... ..	R. Gill ... ..	£400
Isisford (formerly Wittown)... ..	J. Whitman ... ..	£15
Jimboomba ... ..	Mrs. Tudman ... ..	£12
Jimna ... ..	G. Whittington ... ..	£22
Jondaryan... ..	R. Beattie, to 17th September ... ..	£20
	M. D. Tait, from 18th September ... ..	
Jundah ... ..	H. P. Kaye, to 15th March... ..	£12
	T. Feltham, from 16th March ... ..	£12 to 31st March; £18 from 1st April
Kelvin Grove ... ..	G. B. Cutbush ... ..	£12
Kholo ... ..	W. Clegg ... ..	£12
Killarney ... ..	F. K. Milne ... ..	£12
Kingsborough ... ..	J. McGroarty, to 15th February ... ..	£12
	T. Templeton, to 21st July ... ..	£25
	R. H. Wood, from 22nd July ... ..	£12
Koojarawon ... ..	Mrs. Davis ... ..	£12
Laidley ... ..	R. Eykyn ... ..	£18
Leyburn ... ..	R. E. Halloran, to 9th July... ..	£30
	H. Thompson, from 10th July ... ..	
Lily Vale ... ..	E. Davis ... ..	£12
Loganholme ... ..	W. C. Welsh, to 30th November ... ..	£12
	E. R. Brooke, from 1st December ... ..	
Logan Reserve ... ..	J. Gaven ... ..	£12
Lower Herbert ... ..	Mrs. Collins, to 27th December ... ..	£12
	J. Waugh, from 28th December ... ..	
Lukinville (New Office, 6th October) ... ..	John Harvey ... ..	£18
Lutwyche ... ..	E. Slaughter, to 3rd July ... ..	£12
	H. Smith, from 4th July ... ..	
Lytton ... ..	W. Webb, to 6th May ... ..	No salary
	T. Donovan, from 7th May ... ..	
	W. Mills, from 12th September ... ..	
Mackay (Official Office) ... ..	D. Browne ... ..	£220
McLean ... ..	S. Harris ... ..	£12
McLeod's Creek (Closed 6th October) ... ..	J. Bradfield ... ..	Salary included in contract
Maida Hill ... ..	F. McKeon ... ..	Salary included in contract
Marlborough ... ..	T. Illidge ... ..	£20
Maryborough (Official Office) ... ..	T. R. Dickins ... ..	£325
Maytown ... ..	R. W. Deverell ... ..	£25
Miles (New Office, 3rd January) ... ..	A. Lund, to 6th August ... ..	£12
	J. Stark, from 7th August ... ..	£40

## LIST OF POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES for the Year 1878—continued.

Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Millchester ... ..	H. B. Walker ... ..	£50
Milton ... ..	P. Broderick ... ..	£12
Millungera (New Office, 1st February) ... ..	C. Knipe ... ..	£12
Miriam Vale ... ..	J. D. Harris ... ..	£12
Mitchell ... ..	J. J. Echlin ... ..	£30
Moggill ... ..	Mrs. Johns, to 15th January F. Sturgess, from 16th January	£12
Mooloolah ... ..	E. Lander, to 20th August ... H. A. Lander, from 21st August	£18
Morven ... ..	J. Gordon ... ..	£12
Mount Esk ... ..	Mrs. Warrener ... ..	£18
Mount Gravatt ... ..	G. Yuncker, to 14th May ... W. Underwood, from 15th May	£6
Mount Perry ... ..	T. McCarthy ... ..	£60
Mount Sibley ... ..	F. C. Beauclere, to 4th June Mrs. Smith, from 5th June	£12
Murphy's Creek ... ..	F. Small ... ..	£18
Murton (New Office, 1st January, and closed 12th August)	W. Markwick, to 30th June... T. Cross, from 1st July	£12
Muttaborra (New Office, 25th January) ... ..	W. Matthews, to 6th February H. S. Swayne, from 7th February	£12
Nanango ... ..	A. Lee ... ..	£40
Nebo ... ..	E. Brown ... ..	£30
Nerang Creek ... ..	T. Lenneberg ... ..	£20
Neureum ... ..	A. Gowan, to 12th July C. L. James, from 13th July	£12
Normanby (Closed 5th July) ... ..	W. Davidson ... ..	Salary included in contract
Normanton ... ..	J. P. Wells ... ..	£22
North Bundaberg (New Office, 1st January)	J. C. Walker ... ..	Salary included in contract
Northcote ... ..	J. McAlpine, to 31st March... T. Cartwright, from 1st April	£12
North Pine ... ..	W. H. Berry, 31st March ... Mrs. Farquharson, from 1st April	£12
Oakey ... ..	G. Stewart ... ..	£20
One-mile Creek ... ..	J. McLaughlin ... ..	£62
Owanilla ... ..	T. Dowling, to 30th September T. French, from 1st October	£12
Oxley ... ..	J. Bunting ... ..	£18 to 30th June; £20 from 1st July
Paddington (New Office, 1st May) ... ..	A. Feibig ... ..	Salary included in contract
Palmerville ... ..	P. J. Canty, to 30th September G. R. Lowe, from 1st October	£20
Pikedale ... ..	D. Gunn ... ..	No salary
Pikedale Reefs (New Office, 1st February)	E. Lynch, to 5th April ... J. Stanley, to 20th September C. McDonald, from 21st September	£12
Pilton (New Office, 27th March) ... ..	G. Alderson ... ..	£6
Pimpama ... ..	J. Watkins ... ..	£26
Pine Mountain ... ..	J. C. Harris ... ..	£12
Pipeclay Creek ... ..	W. Gray ... ..	£12
Port Douglas ... ..	E. R. N. MacCarthy, to 19th May Mrs. Pickering, from 20th May	£52 £50
Purga Creek ... ..	J. Lucas ... ..	£12
Ravenswood ... ..	G. S. Pegus ... ..	£60
Redbank Plains ... ..	J. Carroll ... ..	£18
Redcliffe (New Office, 1st June) ... ..	J. Mitchell ... ..	£12
Rochford ... ..	C. Willich ... ..	£12
Rockhampton (Official Office) ... ..	D. Peterson ... ..	£325
Rocky Waterholes ... ..	Mrs. Hoelscher ... ..	£12
Rolleston ... ..	T. Eyles ... ..	£12
Roma (Official Office) ... ..	F. G. Mackay ... ..	£225
Rosewood ... ..	J. W. Vance ... ..	£12 to 31st March; £20 from 1st April
St. George ... ..	H. Thompson, to 8th May ... T. Mowbray, to 1st August ... T. B. Dickins, from 2nd August	£50 £25 £25
St. Lawrence ... ..	C. T. Morgan ... ..	£25
Sandgate ... ..	C. Slaughter ... ..	£25
Sherwood (late Oxley West) ... ..	A. Alford ... ..	£12
Slack's Creek (New Office, 9th January)	J. Markwell ... ..	£12
Smithfield (closed 8th October) ... ..	M. Alexander ... ..	£20
South Brisbane ... ..	W. Gargett, to 2nd May J. Hyland, from 3rd May	£20
South Pine (New Office, 1st October) ... ..	J. Wylie ... ..	Salary included in contract
Southport (New Office, 2nd March) ... ..	R. T. Johnston ... ..	£6
Specimen Gully ... ..	G. Soutar, to 21st March T. M'Carthy, to 30th May J. E. M'Allan, from 31st May	£18

## LIST of POST OFFICES, POSTMASTERS, and SALARIES for the Year 1878—continued.

Office.	Postmaster.	Salary.
Spring Creek ... ..	J. Gillam ... ..	£12
Springsure ... ..	F. Batho ... ..	£35
Stanage (New Office, 21st November)...	W. Broome ... ..	No salary
Stanthorpe (Official Office) ... ..	T. S. Henzell, to 12th March ... ..	£250
	T. L. O'Mahoney, from 15th March ... ..	
Stewart Town ... ..	D. Dickson, to 5th February ... ..	£12
	J. H. Burnell, to 25th July... ..	
	M. Barry, to 21st September ... ..	
	W. G. Miall, from 22nd September ... ..	
Sugarloaf ... ..	W. Allison ... ..	£12
Surat ... ..	R. T. Taylor ... ..	£40
Swan Creek ... ..	M. O'Connor ... ..	£12
Tallebudgera (New Office, 10th December)	S. Tobin ... ..	£12
Tambo ... ..	Mrs. Bilton ... ..	£40
Tambourine ... ..	T. Plunkett ... ..	£12
Taroom ... ..	M. Zerbe ... ..	£50
Tenthill ... ..	Mrs. Power ... ..	£12
Tewantin ... ..	P. P. Agnew, to 16th June ... ..	£12 to 28th February; £25 from 1st March
	F. Cadell, from 17th June ... ..	
Texas ... ..	Mrs. Myles ... ..	£6
Thompson's Flat ... ..	F. Lindert ... ..	£12
Thorgomindah ... ..	T. Craig, to 10th June ... ..	£12
	R. Alexander, from 11th June ... ..	
Thornborough ... ..	T. A. Gulliver ... ..	£50
Thursday Island (formerly Somerset) ...	E. L. Brown ... ..	£24
Tiaro ... ..	W. T. Deacon ... ..	£15
Tinana (temporarily closed from 9th August to 3rd November inclusive) ... ..	F. Hill, to 31st January ... ..	£12
	J. Hirst, from 1st February ... ..	
Tingalpa ... ..	C. Cope ... ..	£18
Toowong ... ..	R. G. Shanklin ... ..	£18, to 30th June; £24 from 1st July
Toowoomba (Official Office) ... ..	G. W. Glanville ... ..	£325
Townsville (Official Office) ... ..	E. G. Grose ... ..	£350
Upper Caboolture (New Office, 26th June)	G. W. Mallett ... ..	Salary included in contract
Upper Mary ... ..	D. Whittaker ... ..	No salary
Upper Tenthill (New Office, 26th January)	C. O'Brien ... ..	£12
Veresdale ... ..	Mrs. D. Morison ... ..	£18
Village of Logan ... ..	W. Drynan ... ..	£18
Walkerston ... ..	W. Brown ... ..	£12
Walloon ... ..	C. Glynn ... ..	£18
Warra ... ..	M. D. Tait, to 29th July ... ..	£18
	J. Knox, from 30th July ... ..	
Warwick (Official Office) ... ..	S. Marshall ... ..	£275
Waterford... ..	J. G. Schneider ... ..	£25
Watsonville ... ..	D. McColl ... ..	£12
West End ... ..	J. C. Aitkin, to 25th July ... ..	£12
	M. Aitken, from 26th July ... ..	
Western Creek Station ... ..	H. M. Perry ... ..	£12
Westwood ... ..	H. O. Bishop ... ..	£22
Yaamba ... ..	A. Geddes ... ..	£15
Yandilla (closed 30th September) ... ..	G. R. Fitzmaurice ... ..	£12
Yandina ... ..	J. Low ... ..	£12
Yatala ... ..	Mrs. Hanlon ... ..	£12
Yengarie ... ..	W. J. Robinson ... ..	£12

## APPENDIX Z.

RETURN showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED and PAID at each OFFICE in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1878, together with the AMOUNT of COMMISSION on ORDERS ISSUED within the Colony.

OFFICE.	ISSUED.			PAID.		
	No.	Amount.	Commission.	No.	Amount.	
Brisbane	6,525	£ 25,329 4 7	£ 453 14 2	11,315	£ 36,271 12 4	
Allora	203	602 10 8	6 16 3	62	189 0 1	
Beenleigh	154	413 18 3	7 4 9	119	466 2 6	
Blackall	561	3,349 8 11	26 2 0	61	386 7 1	
Black Snake	12	47 11 1	0 11 3	4	9 12 0	
Bowen	610	2,414 17 6	30 15 9	268	1,164 12 3	
Bundaberg	667	2,326 12 9	27 5 0	152	520 14 7	
Caboolture	150	529 18 4	5 1 0	50	268 16 7	
Cairns	129	507 13 8	5 0 3	59	239 14 5	
Cardwell	174	633 4 5	6 17 3	23	48 0 4	
Charleville	432	2,376 8 9	19 6 6	66	409 16 4	
Charters Towers	1,147	5,520 12 1	65 12 0	236	1,035 14 9	
Clermont	310	1,378 2 7	17 9 9	94	520 15 11	
Cleveland	39	88 5 9	0 19 0	22	102 14 2	
Comet	66	412 4 3	3 12 3	33	181 8 4	
Condamine	168	811 11 2	5 6 9	33	164 15 10	
Cooktown	843	3,488 17 11	41 9 0	492	2,661 13 0	
Copperfield	327	1,374 6 7	20 14 3	80	309 8 8	
Cunnamulla	6	32 13 4	0 7 6	...	...	
Dalby	717	2,387 9 8	27 17 9	415	1,927 19 7	
Drayton	123	443 11 9	4 19 6	37	131 7 10	
Fernvale	42	102 19 10	1 13 9	8	42 7 0	
Fortitude Valley	136	508 13 9	8 8 0	97	383 5 4	
Gayndah	161	583 10 1	6 3 6	57	286 14 1	
Georgetown	238	1,189 19 0	11 11 0	39	177 16 3	
Gladstone	328	1,128 18 6	13 7 0	109	449 19 7	
Goodna	154	421 19 8	5 15 6	35	117 15 1	
Goondiwindi	186	586 19 8	6 10 6	30	78 10 4	
Gympie	925	3,538 5 3	42 17 3	717	2,961 5 5	
Inglewood	62	170 11 7	1 12 6	11	51 14 7	
Ipswich	1,377	4,036 7 8	75 4 3	911	3,958 15 6	
Jimna	23	63 8 1	0 12 9	4	6 17 6	
Kingsborough	55	313 13 8	2 19 3	2	18 0 0	
Leyburn	219	760 1 7	7 6 3	42	146 18 1	
Lower Herbert	1	5 0 0	0 0 6	4	4 14 0	
Mackay	892	3,646 9 8	41 19 9	189	810 15 6	
Maryborough	1,548	5,291 9 7	80 5 0	999	4,095 1 0	
Maytown	243	1,073 3 0	11 12 3	43	204 16 4	
Millchester	407	1,854 17 2	18 7 3	38	220 7 1	
Mount Perry	182	692 1 7	8 16 0	75	346 2 8	
Murphy's Creek	128	379 16 8	4 4 6	9	18 12 5	
Nanango	140	445 16 8	4 7 0	29	80 18 2	
Nebo	100	326 10 1	3 3 0	24	137 1 7	
Nerang Creek	101	429 0 0	4 1 9	25	122 10 0	
One-mile Creek	404	1,519 11 2	19 17 3	25	104 13 4	
Palmer	36	175 11 0	1 12 3	5	28 8 6	
Pimpama	59	149 0 3	1 16 3	24	132 15 0	
Ravenswood	520	1,921 14 7	22 0 3	64	271 11 7	
Rockhampton	2,137	8,025 9 11	129 1 6	1,245	5,718 4 9	
Roma	609	2,235 4 7	25 5 9	208	765 3 11	
Sandgate	66	217 10 2	2 12 3	41	162 9 6	
St. George	207	798 1 3	8 5 6	61	351 10 2	
St. Lawrence	171	779 8 8	7 11 6	53	251 11 4	
South Brisbane	221	635 14 3	12 3 0	173	577 8 10	
Springsure	312	1,473 9 2	14 7 9	65	393 6 8	
Stanthorpe	518	1,774 9 3	20 0 9	264	1,148 0 3	
Surat	77	203 3 1	2 3 9	15	57 6 8	
Tambo	356	1,973 8 1	18 2 3	84	535 14 3	
Taroom	103	432 9 11	3 12 0	17	91 2 8	
Tewantin	16	43 3 11	0 8 3	4	13 18 6	
Thornborough	426	2,268 8 6	22 10 0	90	444 9 3	
Tiaro	274	981 9 3	9 7 3	39	119 9 2	
Toowoomba	1,650	5,555 7 1	73 14 3	1,246	5,134 9 8	
Townsville	1,047	4,533 1 4	55 12 9	676	3,010 1 5	
Warwick	1,130	3,311 15 1	40 16 0	589	2,011 18 2	
Westwood	112	430 8 6	4 16 9	34	194 15 1	
Yaamba	19	42 9 1	0 7 3	7	28 3 11	
Yandilla	10	32 19 0	0 13 3	3	15 7 6	
TOTALS	31,491	121,232 3 10	1,634 18 2	22,150	82,801 4 2	

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## APPENDIX A1.

RETURN showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS ISSUED in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1878 were PAYABLE.

Where Payable.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Queensland ... ..	18,275	66,502 0 2
The United Kingdom ... ..	5,176	21,930 5 0
India ... ..	12	24 13 3
Germany ... ..	264	956 11 0
New South Wales ... ..	4,889	19,781 9 2
Victoria ... ..	2,321	9,610 17 7
South Australia ... ..	229	843 10 7
Tasmania ... ..	148	815 1 4
New Zealand ... ..	175	761 15 9
Western Australia ... ..	2	6 0 0
	31,491	121,232 3 10

## APPENDIX B1.

RETURN showing the VARIOUS PLACES where the MONEY ORDERS PAID in QUEENSLAND during the Year 1878 were ISSUED.

Where Issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Queensland ... ..	18,383	66,845 8 0
The United Kingdom ... ..	721	3,014 6 7
India ... ..	...	...
Germany ... ..	...	...
New South Wales ... ..	2,057	8,587 11 0
Victoria ... ..	609	2,688 4 7
South Australia ... ..	84	298 16 3
Tasmania ... ..	104	579 17 5
New Zealand ... ..	172	737 5 10
Western Australia ... ..	20	50 14 6
	22,150	82,802 4 2

