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FOR THE YEAR

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POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Melbourne, 31st March 1874.

SIR,

As required by the 57th section of the Post Office Statute, 29 Victoria, No. 298, I have the honor to submit a General Report upon the affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for the year 1873.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. TURNER,

Deputy Postmaster-General.

The Honorable

The Postmaster-General,

&c., &c., &c.

REPORT.

Since the Report for the year 1872 was laid before Parliament there has been a change in the Postal Law of the Colony, *The Post Office Amendment Act* having come into operation on the 1st July 1873. This Act, which is to be construed with and as part of *The Post Office Statute* 1866, provides in Part I. for the reduction of the postage on inland newspapers from one penny to one halfpenny.

It confirms certain orders made previous to the passing of the amending Act for the reduction of intercolonial postage, respecting the validity of which doubts had been raised, and gives power to the Governor in Council to further alter the scale and rate of postage for the purpose of any arrangement with the authorities of any British Possession or Foreign Country, for the transmission of correspondence between such places and Victoria.

It authorizes the transmission of inland letters bearing a Victorian postage stamp of any denomination, and the collection of deficient postage on delivery.

It provides facilities for the transmission of telegrams through the post from places to which the Electric Telegraph has not been extended, it allows telegraphic messages to pass through the post in Victoria free of postage,* and authorizes payment of fees on Victorian telegrams to be made in postage stamps.

It restores to the Postmaster-General power to issue licenses for the sale of postage stamps, and to allow a commission to vendors not exceeding one shilling in the pound.

There are also many other amendments in Part I. which were found to be necessary for the convenience of the public and for the better administration of the Postal Department.

Part II. of the amended Act contains some slight alterations in the law relating to the Post Office Savings Bank, and includes clauses respecting the funds of deceased and incapacitated depositors, and for the settlement of disputes which could previously only be dealt with under the Regulations of the Governor in Council.

Part III. repeals and re-enacts those parts of the Criminal Law and Practice Statute and of the Public Works Statute which relate to Electric Telegraphs, and gives power to the Postmaster-General to enter into contracts for the construction and maintenance of lines of Electric Telegraph, thus incorporating the Electric Telegraph with the Postal Law.

Revenue and Expenditure.

Revenue.

The returns for 1873 show an increase over those for 1872 of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on account of postage, &c., and $6\frac{1}{4}$ on account of telegraph collections.

The gross amount to be credited for the years above named is as follows:—

Postage Receipts.

1872	...	...	£141,690
1873	...	...	148,061

showing an increase during 1873 of £6,371.

Telegraph Receipts.

1872	...	...	£42,617
1873	...	...	45,322

showing an increase during 1873 of £2,705.

The increase in the postal revenue has to be attributed chiefly to the inland correspondence, the corrected returns of which are nearly $8\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. higher than those for the previous year, the other sources of revenue, as shown by the statement which follows, presenting but little change.

* Since adopted in the other colonies.

The postal revenue has, it is estimated, suffered to the extent of £3,500, in consequence of the reduction in the inland newspaper rate, which took effect on the 1st July last.

The increase in the telegraph revenue is accounted for in the following manner:—

The local or Victorian private messages advanced from 515,604 in 1872 to 531,489 in 1873. The revenue derived therefrom being in—

1872	...	...	£31,544
1873	...	...	32,780

The intercolonial private telegrams increased from 47,698 in 1872, to 62,359 in 1873, the revenue being in—

1872	...	...	£11,073
1873	...	...	12,542

The satisfactory condition of the Telegraph revenue, which fully realizes the estimate, has to be ascribed chiefly to the large increase in commercial and social messages; the messages relating to mining business having fallen off in number and value.

A reduced uniform rate between Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland, from 3s. to 2s., and 6s. to 3s. respectively, for ten words or under, as arranged at the late Conference, came into operation on the 1st November; the result of which, so far, shows an increase of 52 per cent. in the number of messages transmitted, and a decrease in value of about 10 per cent. for November and December 1873, as compared with the same period in 1872. But under the old rate Victoria obtained only one-third of the receipts on the business transacted with New South Wales; whereas under the reduced rate Victoria receives one-half; thus the Victorian revenue is increased in proportion to the increase in the number of messages.

The Australian foreign business has been steadily maintained. The number of messages transmitted between Europe, the East, and the different Australian Colonies for 1873 was 8,994, value £108,564 19s. 9d., of which Victoria contributed 4,845 messages, value £62,155 7s. 1d.

Expenditure.

The gross expenditure of the Department during 1872 and 1873 was—

1872	...	...	£292,623
1873	...	...	290,162

showing a decrease during 1873 of £2,461.

The net cost of the Department during 1873 was £11,536 less than in 1872, and, but for the reduction in the newspaper rates above referred to, the saving would have amounted to £15,036.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure for the year 1873:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Revenue, including postage-fees on registered letters, commission on money orders, commission allowed to licensed vendors, also collections on account of other Governments	148,061	8	6	Salaries and wages, occasional assistance, and overtime	124,896	12	11
				Contingencies	22,639	3	1
				Commission to licensed vendors of postage stamps	2,027	1	0
Electric telegraph collections, including amount collected on account of other colonies and the Submarine Cable Company	45,322	17	5	Mail service (inland), including landing and shipping mails	94,297	7	5
				Gratuities to masters of vessels	1,959	14	4
				Estimated amount of postal collections on account of other Governments ...	3,600	0	0
Deficit	96,778	0	10	Steam postal communication with Great Britain	37,821	13	5
				Electric telegraph collections on account of other colonies £ 2,039 6 5			
				Submarine Cable Company ... 881 8 2			
					2,920	14	7
Total... ... £	290,162	6	9	Total... ... £	290,162	6	9

The sum of £10,352 has also been expended, under the direction of the Postmaster-General, in the construction, and £5,167 in the repairs of lines of Electric Telegraph in different parts of the colony, and in the purchase of material for future extensions and repairs, in conformity with the provisions of *The Post Office Amendment Act*, Part III., to which reference is made on the preceding page. Expenditure of this kind was, up to 30th June 1873, borne upon the Estimates of the Public Works Department.

The following statement, which has been compiled from the records kept at the General Post Office, and from returns furnished by the several country postmasters, gives as close an approximation as can be arrived at to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers received and despatched during the years 1872 and 1873 respectively:—

Number of Post Offices.	Years.	Inland Letters.	SHIP LETTERS. Despatched. Colonial.	SHIP LETTERS. Despatched. British and Foreign.	SHIP LETTERS. Received. Colonial.	SHIP LETTERS. Received. British and Foreign.	Total Letters.
1872.—733 1873.—764	1872	11,000,000	441,600	521,496	426,544	551,455	12,941,095
	1873	12,342,000	475,632	515,722	617,092	524,639	14,475,085

Years.	Inland Packets.	SHIP PACKETS. Despatched. Colonial.	SHIP PACKETS. Despatched. British and Foreign.	SHIP PACKETS. Received. Colonial.	SHIP PACKETS. Received. British and Foreign.	Total Packets.
1872	452,711	32,148	13,421	10,671	47,535	556,486
1873	594,591	33,245	15,058	13,593	50,829	707,316

Years.	Inland Newspapers.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS. Despatched. Colonial.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS. Despatched. British and Foreign.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS. Received. Colonial.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS. Received. British and Foreign.	Total Newspapers.
1872	2,998,633	392,016	610,425	239,608	1,250,090	5,490,772
1873	3,524,857	451,950	591,760	330,135	1,181,305	6,080,007

Number of letters registered in Victoria in 1872 136,925
Ditto ditto in 1873 145,207

Dead and Irregularly Posted Letters.

Return showing the Number of Letters, &c., received and dealt with in the Dead Letter Office during the Year 1873.

Year.	Received. Unclaimed. Victorian.	Received. Unclaimed. Intercolonial and Foreign.	Received. Irregularly Posted.	Received. Total.	How dealt with. Returned, Delivered, &c.	How dealt with. Destroyed and on Hand.	How dealt with. Total.
1873	83,080	12,543	21,177	116,800	103,685	13,115	116,800

One thousand two hundred and forty-two registered letters are included in these numbers, 209 of which contained enclosures of value (amount, shown below), 31 covered articles, and 1002 were without valuable contents, or the value thereof was not known to the Department.

Seventy-seven ordinary letters also contained articles of value. Ten letters with articles on hand at close of year.

Seventy-two letters were posted during the year with obscene or libellous addresses.

One hundred and sixty-three of the "Irregularly Posted" letters did not bear any names or addresses whatever, and 799 but imperfect addresses *i.e.*, wanting either name or address; these letters could not, in consequence, be sent to their intended destinations. Some of them enclosed value. The remainder under this heading were unpaid, or insufficiently paid letters, including 1616 valentines.

One hundred and thirty-one letters were ascertained to bear wrong addresses; some of these also contained enclosures, to the value of nearly £300. The errors of the senders in these cases were corrected where practicable, and where that was not possible the letters were returned or otherwise dealt with. One hundred and fourteen envelopes without correspondence covered enclosures to the value of over £5000.

Eight hundred and fifty-eight letters were "refused" by the persons addressed on account of postal charges (this does not show any actual increase of such letters during the year, the number for 1872 being 619, and for the respective half-years from 1st July to 31st December 495 and 342); many of these letters also contained value.

In addition to the above number of letters, 3761 packets were also dealt with.

Forty-eight packets and papers were posted in violation of the Postal Regulations; some enclosed bottles of liquid and other matter not allowed to pass through the Post Office.

Return showing the Number of Registered and Unregistered Letters containing Value received and dealt with in the Dead Letter Office during the Year 1873.

Year 1873.	Received. Registered. No.	Registered. Value of Contents. £ s. d.	Ordinary. No.	Ordinary. Value of Contents. £ s. d.	Total. No.	Total. Value of Contents. £ s. d.	How dealt with. Returned, Delivered, &c. No.	Returned, Delivered, &c. Value of Contents. £ s. d.	Paid into Treasury from say 69 Letters Destroyed. £ s. d.	On Hand at Close of Year. No.	On Hand at Close of Year. Value of Contents. £ s. d.
Cash, Notes, and Stamps ...	97	85 7 8¼	475	441 13 10¾	*572	527 1 7	405	395 1 0	81 19 4	98	50 1 3
Cheques, Drafts, &c. ...	112	5,462 5 3	761	22,469 11 6½	†873	27,931 16 9½	704	17,590 6 0	...	169	10,341 10 9½
Totals ...	209	5,547 12 11¼	1,236	22,911 5 5¼	1,445	28,458 18 4½	1,109	17,985 7 0	81 19 4	267	10,391 12 0½

* Includes 30 letters, enclosing £32 6s. 5d., balance from 1872, brought forward.—† Includes 3 letters, enclosing £1874 12s. 8d., dealt with from 1872, brought forward.

New Post and Telegraph Offices.

Thirty-four new Post Offices were opened in 1873 at the undermentioned places:—

Arcadia	Delatite	Magpie	Staughton Vale
Brandy Creek	Dookie South	Marshalltown	Terrick Terrick
Brimboal	Elaine Railway Station	Middleton	Tongio
Buxton		Mooroopna	Toolamba
Callawadda	Everton	Morang South	Trunk Lead
Chetwynd	Ferntree Gully	Newhaven	Victoria Valley
Clydebank	Griffith's Point	Ross' Bridge	Wallan Wallan Railway Station
Conover	Koetong	Sarsfield	
Cope Cope	Lower Alma	South Muckleford	Wharparilla.

The Post Offices at Talbotville, Gipsy Village, and Stonyford, which were closed respectively on the 1st June and 31st December 1871 and 25th April 1873, have been re-opened.

Five Post Offices were closed, viz.:—Watgania, Morwell, Kolora, Staughton Vale, and Ghin-Ghin.

The names of the following offices have been changed:—Sago Hill to "Haddon;" Leigh Road Railway Station to "Leigh Road," and Tooliorook to "Derrinallum."

Alexandra, Berwick, Coburg, Footscray, Leigh Road, Rokewood, Stockyard Creek, and Stratford, have been opened as combined Post and Telegraph Offices.

A telegraph Station was opened at Wilson's Promontory on the 3rd April 1873.

The Telegraph Station at Serpentine Creek, closed on the 3rd February 1870, was re-opened on the 16th September 1873.

Post Office Savings Banks have been opened at the following places:—

Branxholme	Leigh Road	Skipton	Stratford
Byaduk	Lillydale	Snake Valley	Streatham.
Lancefield	Mount Blackwood		

The Post Office Savings Bank opened at Bullarook on the 1st June 1872, was closed on the 1st January 1873.

Money Order Offices have been established at the following places:—

Bass	Elaine	Morang South	Stockyard Creek
Broadmeadows	Leigh Road	Richmond North	Wallan Wallan
Condah			

The number of Post Offices on the 31st December was 764.

Owing to the steady increase in the correspondence received for delivery in Melbourne and suburbs, it became necessary to increase the staff of the Letter Carriers, and eleven additional men were accordingly appointed and apportioned as follows:—Four for the city, and one to each of the undermentioned localities, viz.—East Melbourne, West Melbourne, Carlton, Richmond, Prahran, Emerald Hill, and St. Kilda.

By this arrangement the several deliveries by letter carriers are now effected, both in the city and suburbs, from half an hour to an hour earlier than formerly.

The boundaries of the letter delivery at North Carlton have been extended from Reid street to Brunswick, and a second daily delivery by carrier has been established.

Buildings.—General Post Office.

During the year a contract was entered into by the Public Works Department, for repairing, cleansing, and painting the General Post Office building for the first time since its occupation in July 1867.

Alterations have been effected by which stamps can be purchased, and letters registered over counters inside the building, instead of through small windows from the outside corridors, an arrangement which has, it is believed, afforded greater convenience to the public, and is much more satisfactory to the officers of the Department engaged in the transaction of this kind of business.

The want of further accommodation for the increasing business of the Head Office is productive of much inconvenience; more especially with reference to the Mail Branch, and the Money Order and Savings Bank Branch, and the necessity for extending the building becomes daily more pressing.

Other Buildings.

The new Post and Telegraph Office at Brighton has been completed and occupied.

The new buildings at Avoca, Buninyong, Eaglehawk, Majorca, and Wangaratta are either finished or will be ready for occupation early in 1874.

Contracts have been entered into for new buildings at Casterton, Castlemaine, Seymour, and Stawell, and the buildings are progressing.

Arrangements have been made for the erection of offices at Coleraine and St. Kilda.

A building has been purchased at Wood's Point.

Premises for Post and Telegraph Offices have been rented at Alexandra, Berwick, Footscray, Leigh Road, New Gisborne, Prahran, Sorrento, Stockyard Creek, and Stratford.

It has been decided to provide additional accommodation at Warrnambool, by the erection of a new frontage to the present Post and Telegraph Office.

At Wilson's Promontory office accommodation, quarters, and stabling, are about to be provided.

Additions, alterations, and repairs have been effected, or are in progress, at Beechworth, Belfast, Benalla, Clunes, Colac, Collingwood, Daylesford, Echuca, Geelong, Kyneton, Mortlake, Port Albert, Portland, Queenscliff, Sale, Sandridge, Yackandandah, &c.

An additional iron receiving pillar has been erected at Eaglehawk.

Postage Stamps.

A new ninepenny stamp was issued on the 25th March.

Provisional halfpenny stamps for Inland Newspaper postage were issued on the 25th June.

The twopenny dies, in use since January 1870, being worn out, a twopenny stamp of a new design was issued on the 1st of October.

Telegraph forms, with a one shilling postage stamp embossed upon each, and paged, perforated, and bound into books of 20 and 40 forms each, and valued £1 and £2 respectively, were issued on the 10th October.

Licenses to sell postage stamps under sections 15 and 16 of the "*Post Office Amendment Act* 1873," revocable at pleasure, were issued on the 1st of July, allowing a commission, fixed by the Governor in Council, of ninepence in the £ upon £5 worth and upwards purchased at any one time.

One hundred and twenty-six new stamp licenses were issued and eighty-three revoked, making the total number at present 444, or an increase over last year of 10 per cent.

The following is a statement showing the Denomination, Number, and Value of Postage Stamps Manufactured and Issued at the General Post Office during the Year 1873:—

MANUFACTURED.					ISSUED.				
Denomination.	Number.	Value.			Denomination.	Number.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Halfpenny stamps	1,920,000	4,000	0	0	Halfpenny stamps	1,705,330	3,552	15	5
Halfpenny stamped newspaper wrappers	24,830	51	14	7	Halfpenny stamped newspaper wrappers	12,000	25	0	0
One penny stamps	4,728,000	19,700	0	0	One penny stamps	2,840,609	11,835	17	5
One penny stamped newspaper wrappers	359,200	1,496	13	4	One penny stamped newspaper wrappers	268,278	1,117	16	6
Twopenny stamps	12,222,000	101,850	0	0	Twopenny stamps	10,808,400	90,070	0	0
Twopenny stamped envelopes ...	46,715	389	5	10	Twopenny stamped envelopes	46,715	389	5	10
Twopence-farthing stamped envelopes	3,600	33	15	0	Twopence-farthing stamped envelopes	4,440	41	12	6
Threepenny stamps	456,000	5,700	0	0	Threepenny stamps	530,492	6,631	3	0
Fourpenny stamps	120,000	2,000	0	0	Fourpenny stamps	132,723	2,212	1	0
Sixpenny stamps	714,000	17,850	0	0	Sixpenny stamps	635,133	15,878	6	6
Ninepenny stamps	129,000	4,837	10	0	Ninepenny stamps	84,346	3,162	19	6
One shilling stamps	120,000	6,000	0	0	One shilling stamps	85,350	4,267	10	0
One shilling stamped telegraph forms	5,000	250	0	0	One shilling stamped telegraph forms	200	10	0	0
Two shilling stamps	12,000	1,200	0	0	Two shilling stamps ...	12,883	1,288	6	0
					Five shilling stamps ...	5,282	1,320	10	0
Totals	20,860,345	165,358	18	9	Totals	17,172,181	141,803	3	8

Inland Mails.

The amount paid for Conveyance of Inland Mails 1873 (exclusive of £6,599 15s. 4d. paid to the Department of Railways) was £85,217 14s. 10d., and the gross number of miles travelled with the mails (deducting 550,608 miles travelled by rail) was 2,999,356, at an average cost of $6\frac{9}{11}$d. per mile.

Additions and Alterations in Mail Arrangements, 1873.

To and from Little River and Staughton Vale three days a week.
To and from Callawadda two days a week, in connection with Glenorchy and Avon Plains service.
To and from Chetwynd two days a week, in connection with Coleraine and Harrow service.
To and from Fern-tree Gully three days a week, in connection with Mulgrave service.
To and from Newhaven two days a week, in connection with Cowes service.
To and from Toolamba, in connection with Murchison, once a week.
Camberwell line of mails forwarded *viâ* Hawthorn in lieu of Kew.
To and from Stockyard Creek and Port Albert three days a week, in lieu of twice a week.
Talbotville and Bulltown reduced from twice to once a week.
Bruthen once a week additional frequency.
Yea mails daily, in lieu of three days a week, and forwarded *viâ* Tallarook by railway, in lieu of *viâ* Broadford.
Goldie Mails daily, in lieu of three days a week, forwarded by railway *viâ* Kilmore.
Corop mails forwarded *viâ* Rochester in lieu of Runnymede.
Coy's Diggings mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Costerfield mails three days a week, in lieu of daily.
Mount Cole mails *viâ* Buangor, in lieu of *viâ* Eversley.
Enoch's Point mails *viâ* Darlingford, in lieu of *viâ* Gaffney's Creek.
Hindmarsh and Nypo service extended to Wonga Lake and Albacutya.
Werracknebeal and Lake Corong service extended to Brim, two days a week.
Werracknebeal and Corong service increased one day a week.
Dartmoor and Heywood service, frequency increased one day a week.
Hamilton and Penshurst, increased frequency two days a week.
The mail service to Wyuna discontinued from 1st January 1873.
To and from Mansfield and Delatite once a week.
To and from Sebastopol and Magpie daily.
Keilor mails forwarded by coach direct, in lieu of to and from Keilor Railway Station.
Mails for Bright, Pore-Punka, Growler's Creek, &c., &c., forwarded *viâ* Wangaratta and Taylor's Gap, in lieu of Beechworth.
Nagambie and Tabilk mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Donnybrook and Beveridge mails forwarded to destination by railway, in lieu of *viâ* Wallan Wallan.
Donnelly's Creek and Edward's Reef mails forwarded *viâ* Walhalla, in lieu of Matlock.
Bowman's Forest mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
To and from Clyde Bank and Sale twice a week.
To and from Marysville and Alexandra two days a week from 1st February, in lieu of three days a week up to 31st December 1872.
Elaine (Mount Doran) mails daily, in lieu of three days a week, from 1st March 1873.
The Beechworth line of mails forwarded by railway to Violettown from 20th March 1873.
Mails for Brighton encampment of volunteers forwarded *viâ* Brighton Railway Station, from 11th to 13th April inclusive.
The Upper Murray line of mails (Tintaldra) forwarded once a week *viâ* Toolangatta direct, and once a week *viâ* Koetong and Colac Colac.
To and from Major Plains and Dookie South once a week, and to and from Benalla Station and Dookie South once a week, from 26th April 1873.
To and from Birregurra and Middleton (Apollo Bay) once a fortnight from 1st March.
Coongulmerang mails three days a week, in lieu of once a week, from 23rd April.
To and from Geelong and Queenscliff extra mail discontinued from 1st May.
Additional mail from Brighton from 5th May 1873.
To and from Newhaven and Griffith's Point two days a week from 14th August 1873.
North-Eastern Line of Railway opened to Benalla 18th August 1873; Beechworth line of mails altered accordingly.

To and from Dunkeld and Karabeal two days a week, in lieu of once a week from 10th September 1873.
Walhalla, Happy-go-Lucky, and Toongabbie mails reduced from daily to three days a week from 23rd August 1873.
To and from Rochester and Terrick Terrick two days a week from 1st October 1873.
To and from Murchison and Arcadia once a week additional from 23rd September 1873.
To and from Gipsy Village and Brighton South daily from 22nd September.
To and from Dunkeld and Victoria Valley two days a week from 1st October 1873.
To and from Eddington and Laanecoorie daily, in lieu of three days a week, from 6th October 1873.
Extra mail from Eagle Hawk to Sandhurst, at night, from 7th October.
To and from Murchison and Mooroopna three days a week, in lieu of once a week from 8th October 1873.
To and from Echuca and Wharparilla once a week from 11th October.
To and from Haddon and Trunk Lead three days a week, 21st October.
North-Eastern Line of Railway opened to Wangaratta 28th October 1873; Beechworth line of mails altered accordingly.
To and from Wangaratta and Glenrowan three days a week; Glenrowan mails formerly daily.
To and from Benalla and Winton three days a week; Winton mails formerly daily.
To and from Conover and Nicoll's station two days a week, 3rd November 1873.
To and from Beechworth and Wangaratta, *viâ* Tarrawingee, six days a week additional from 3rd November to 31st December 1873.
Additional service, Geelong and Queenscliff, from 1st November 1873.
To and from Wallan Wallan and Darraweit Guim daily, in lieu of three days a week, from 6th November 1873.
Extension Geelong to Marshalltown six days a week from 8th November 1873.
To and from Morrison's and Bungeeltap two days a week from 8th November 1873.
To and from Swift's Creek, Turn Off, and Tongio, once a week from 24th November.
North-Eastern Line of Railway opened to Wodonga 21st November 1873; Wangaratta and Albury, &c., line of mails altered accordingly.
Avenel, Violettown, and Euroa mails twice daily, in lieu of once a day.
To and from Little River Railway Station and Staughton Vale discontinued from 25th November 1873.
Mails from Kiewa due here daily, in lieu of three days a week.
To and from Casterton and Brimbool two days a week, from 1st December 1873.
To and from Echuca and Wharparilla two days a week, in lieu of once a week, from 3rd December 1873.
To and from Yackandandah and Barnawartha three days a week, from 1st December 1873.
Additional mail from Heathcote *viâ* Pyalong, from 6th December.
Yea and Ghin Ghin service discontinued, 6th December 1873.
Mails for Bontherambo, Chiltern, Barnawartha, and Wodonga, despatched and received twice daily, in lieu of once a day as hitherto, from 17th December.
To and from Walhalla and Donnelly's Creek *viâ* Edwards Reef three days a week (additional in lieu of previous service No. 50), from 1st February 1873.
Conveyance of loose bag to and from Murrindale (additional service), from 2nd February.
Additional mail from Footscray, for despatch per night train to Melbourne, from 15th February.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Euroa, daily, from 20th March.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Violettown, six days a week.
To and from Post Office and Kilmore Railway Station once a day additional, from 1st April 1873.
Deviation to and from Lake Goldsmith, in connection with Beaufort and Stockyard Hill service, from 1st January 1873.
To and from Tintaldra and Colac Colac, 19th May to 18th July 1873, once a week.
To and from Hoddle's Creek and Warburton once a week, 29th June.
To and from Jung Jung, in connection with Horsham and Werracknebeal service, from 1st July 1873.
Deviation consequent on removal of Post Office, Lord Clyde, to different site, from 1st January 1873.

To and from Tiltaldra and Cudgewa once a week, from 19th July.
To and from East Brighton and Railway Station, North Brighton, six days a week, 1st January 1873.
To and from Samaria and Swan Pool once a week, from 25th July 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Longwood, six days a week, from 1st January 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Benalla, twice a day, 18th August 1873.
Deviation consequent on removal of Post Office, Corinella, to another site (Westaway), 6th August 1873.
To and from Railway Station and Post Office, Wangaratta, twice a day, 28th October 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Benalla, once a day, 28th October 1873.
To and from Bontherambo Post Office and Railway Station twice a day, from 21st November 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Chiltern, three times a day, 21st November 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Barnawartha, twice a day, 21st November 1873.
From Post Office, Kilmore, to Railway Station, once a day additional, from 28th October 1873.
To and from Echuca and Wharparilla once a week additional, from 3rd December 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Wodonga, once a day, 17th December 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Euroa, once a day additional, from 24th November 1873.
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Wallan Wallan, once a day, from 17th December 1873.
For Statement showing in detail the particulars of the Inland Mail Service—*See* Appendix F.

Electric Telegraph.

Additional Wires and Extensions.

During the year the line between Port Albert and Wilson's Promontory was completed and communication established.

The new lines between Scarsdale and Rokewood, and Jamieson, and Alexandra, were also completed and brought into operation.

The Railway special wire on the North-Eastern line was continued from Longwood to Wodonga, and communication obtained by means of loops at Violet Town, Benalla, Wangaratta, Chiltern, Barnawartha, and Wodonga.

Telegraphic communication between Melbourne and the Sanitary Station, Point Nepean, has been established, the special wire to Mornington having been continued to that place by way of Dromana and Sorrento.

The Eastern and Southern suburban offices have now been placed on one circuit with Melbourne.

The wire has been extended from Brunswick to Coburg.

A special wire has been run from Geelong to Winchelsea and Birregurra.

An additional wire has been run from Stawell to Beaufort.

The following is a Statement of Expenditure under control of the Public Works Department:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure for Lines, Stations, &c., up to 31st December 1872	...	327,006 13 7
Expenditure during 1873.		
Main Extension of Lines, &c., to 30th June *	4,196 2 6	
Ditto ditto from 1st July to 31st December	15,519 11 11	
New Buildings and Repairs to Existing Buildings, to 31st December	12,543 9 10	32,259 4 3
		359,265 17 10
Current Expenditure during 1873.		
Rent of Temporary Offices	...	1,686 14 9

* On 1st July 1873 the Vote for the Construction and the Maintenance of Telegraph Lines was transferred to the control of the Post Office and Telegraph Department.

Local and Intercolonial Business.

Statement showing the Victorian and Intercolonial Business for the Years 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873.

	1869.		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.	
	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
*Between Victorian Stations ..	194,991	24,154 7 8	363,332	22,921 18 9	432,166	27,274 14 4	515,604	31,544 14 3	521,489	32,780 16 5
From Victoria to New South Wales	13,949	5,840 1 3	15,735	5,649 5 9	23,493	5,547 8 3	29,148	6,693 8 3	36,844	7,686 13 11
From New South Wales to Victoria	13,540	5,750 2 5	14,203	5,268 13 8	21,165	5,095 17 7	29,393	6,709 0 8	37,126	7,834 5 10
From Victoria to Queensland ..	938	586 8 11	1,080	540 1 6	1,607	643 4 0	2,540	1,016 10 10	2,762	1,184 14 7
From Queensland to Victoria ..	1,118	698 16 0	1,514	757 1 8	1,970	788 5 10	2,652	1,307 12 8	3,279	1,557 4 8
From Victoria to South Australia ..	7,101	2,523 7 6	9,332	2,289 14 8	14,340	2,171 19 2	12,371	2,315 10 11	17,308	2,391 3 10
From South Australia to Victoria ..	6,165	2,167 11 6	7,842	1,892 5 3	12,065	1,797 10 3	10 823	2,003 15 10	19,541	2,769 14 3
From Victoria to Tasmania ..	2,187	1,078 15 1	4,485	1,744 9 8	3,791	1,304 11 4	3,639	1,047 12 0	5,445	1,279 8 8
From Tasmania to Victoria ..	2,313	1,106 16 0	4,825	1,940 10 0	4,505	1,303 15 2	3,943	1,161 8 7	4,455	1,523 2 0

* Exclusive of the number and value of messages O.H.M.S.

Note.—Victoria .. .. .. Reduced rate of 1s. for 10 words came into operation 1st January 1870.
New South Wales .. .. Reduced rate from 3s. to 2s. for 10 words came into operation 1st November 1873.
Queensland .. .. .. Reduced rate from 6s. to 3s. for 10 words came into operation 1st November 1873.
South Australia .. .. Reduced rate from 6s. to 2s. for 10 words came into operation 1st August 1870.
Tasmania .. .. .. Reduced (cable) rate from 5s. to 4s. for 10 words came into operation 1st January 1870.

Statement showing the Extension of Telegraph Lines in other Colonies during 1873, and Lines in progress.

New South Wales.

266 miles of line and 505 miles of wire; total number of miles, 6362; 13 new stations; total number of stations, 114.

Queensland.

360 miles of line in course of construction; total number of miles, 3368; total number of stations, 71.

South Australia.

30 miles of line; 69 miles of wire; 8 new stations; total miles of line, 2994; of wire, 3792; total number of stations, 94.

Tasmania.

246 miles of line in course of construction; total number of miles, 291; total number of stations, 21.

For information respecting Victorian Lines see Appendix C.

Statement showing the Australian business transacted with Europe and the East for the year 1873.

Colony.	Received.		Transmitted.		Total.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	2,614	36,820 8 11	2,231	25,334 18 2	4,845	62,155 7 1
South Australia	469	4,518 4 9	472	4,511 4 3	941	9,029 9 0
New South Wales	1,362	14,760 6 2	1,429	17,494 19 3	2,791	32,255 5 5
Queensland	141	1,810 4 0	200	2,442 18 9	341	4,253 2 9
Tasmania	36	454 13 9	40	417 1 9	76	871 15 6
Totals	4,622	58,363 17 7	4,372	50,201 2 2	8,994	108,564 19 9

Return showing net Revenue from 1st January to 31st December 1873.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash receipts paid into Treasury, from 1st January to 31st December 1873 ...		45,322 17 5	
Less amount due to other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period :—			
New South Wales	£2,328 15 11		
Bass Cable Company	881 8 2		
		3,210 4 1	
			42,112 13 4
Amount due by other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period :—			
South Australia	£16 3 4		
Queensland	146 19 3		
Tasmania	126 6 11		
		289 9 6	
			289 9 6
			42,402 2 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Cash Revenue for 1872 and 1873, and Number of Messages transmitted from each Office during the Year 1873.

Name of Station.	Date of Opening Office.	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Revenue, 1872.	Revenue, 1873.	Increase, 1873.	Decrease, 1873.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Melbourne Chief Office, including Customs Branch ...	Mar. 1854	209,754	18,270 12 2	20,238 2 10	1,967 10 8	...
Alexandra	Dec. 1873	109	New office	6 1 2	6 1 2	...
Ararat	Nov. 1858	6,709	274 4 7	367 19 0	93 14 5	...
Avoca	Mar. 1859	2,650	144 11 3	146 0 2	1 8 11	...
Bairnsdale	July 1869	3,937	267 2 5	226 5 10	...	40 16 7
Ballarat	Dec. 1856	49,715	3,240 15 0	3,130 3 4	...	110 11 8
Beaufort	Mar. 1858	1,626	68 17 7	85 11 7	16 14 0	...
Beechworth	Jan. 1858	8,874	796 1 0	610 12 1	...	185 8 11
Belfast	Mar. 1858	8,428	411 14 8	427 12 7	15 17 11	...
Benalla	May 1858	4,286	152 18 1	214 4 5	61 6 4	...
Berwick	Mar. 1873	515	New office	23 2 2	23 2 2	...
Bright	Aug. 1867	1,989	140 3 10	114 6 6	...	25 17 4
Brighton	Nov. 1872	775	6 1 3	46 17 6	40 16 3	...
Brunswick	Aug. 1872	361	9 9 6	22 17 5	13 7 11	...
Buninyong	Oct. 1862	839	37 15 2	43 8 2	5 13 0	...
Camperdown	Oct. 1863	2,546	155 7 9	152 15 2	...	2 12 7
Cape Otway [1]	Sept. 1859	568	...	...	...	...
Cape Schanck	Sept. 1861	635	5 3 4	5 8 3	0 4 11	...
Carisbrook	Jan. 1861	1,122	47 1 2	59 1 10	12 0 8	...
Casterton	July 1865	2,274	112 1 4	128 3 4	16 2 0	...
Castlemaine	Jan. 1857	13,520	740 10 7	769 15 9	29 5 2	...
Chewton	Oct. 1872	341	4 10 7	20 5 11	15 15 4	...
Chiltern	Mar. 1861	2,760	128 4 0	157 1 8	28 17 8	...
Clunes	Feb. 1861	6,572	510 16 8	375 4 11	...	135 11 9
Coburg	Aug. 1873	126	New office	7 11 1	7 11 1	...
Colac	Aug. 1863	2,564	147 16 7	169 10 8	21 14 1	...
Coleraine	Aug. 1867	2,407	180 11 5	164 10 8	...	16 0 9
Collingwood	Nov. 1865	3,103	160 3 6	225 14 11	65 11 5	...
Creswick	Aug. 1859	3,744	212 18 9	231 15 7	18 16 10	...
Dandenong	June 1871	1,129	43 6 7	58 19 8	15 13 1	...
Daylesford	Aug. 1859	3,919	273 2 1	231 8 5	...	41 13 8
Dunolly	Aug. 1859	2,637	143 7 7	134 10 8	...	8 16 11
Eaglehawk	Oct. 1871	904	64 9 0	53 13 0	...	10 16 0
Echuca	Dec. 1858	11,319	537 0 4	627 6 11	90 6 7	...
Eldorado	July 1871	1,849	180 19 5	158 11 6	...	22 7 11
Emerald Hill	Feb. 1872	1,955	94 15 9	128 2 9	33 7 0	...
Flinders [2]	May 1869	216	4 9 11	8 2 11	3 13 0	...
Footscray	Oct. 1873	145	New office	9 3 4	9 3 4	...
Fryerstown	April 1872	1,006	55 0 2	55 8 10	0 8 8	...
Gaffney's Creek	May 1871	1,110	54 18 7	70 1 5	15 2 10	...
Geelong	Dec. 1854	18,423	1,240 14 10	1,122 15 6	...	117 19 4
Hamilton	Mar. 1861	7,299	497 19 9	489 3 9	...	8 16 0
Hawthorn	July 1872	482	14 13 3	35 5 4	20 12 1	...
Heathcote	Oct. 1859	1,612	74 7 6	88 2 1	13 14 7	...
Hexham	April 1858	679	36 16 10	39 18 7	3 1 9	...
Inglewood	Oct. 1861	2,296	132 13 11	137 5 4	4 11 5	...
Jamieson	June 1865	1,552	86 3 10	75 17 3	...	10 6 7
Kerang	Aug. 1863	615	28 17 0	34 9 2	5 12 2	...
Kilmore	Oct. 1857	3,210	143 12 2	129 10 7	...	14 1 7
Koroit	Sept. 1872	1,110	25 5 11	64 14 4	39 8 5	...
Kyneton	April 1857	5,738	336 15 11	292 0 5	...	44 15 6
Leigh Road	May 1873	389	New office	18 12 0	18 12 0	...
Linton	Oct. 1868	850	49 8 1	44 4 0	...	5 4 1
Longwood	Nov. 1857	758	64 8 3	36 15 1	...	27 13 2
Majorca	April 1870	1,346	64 17 7	67 10 10	2 13 3	...
Maldon	Aug. 1859	2,251	107 9 10	117 12 1	10 2 3	...
Malmesbury	Oct. 1865	1,314	53 13 1	61 3 6	7 10 5	...
Mansfield	Nov. 1868	2,648	187 0 7	149 3 2	...	37 17 5
Maryborough	April 1859	7,434	400 18 11	465 4 9	64 5 10	...
Mornington	Mar. 1861	1,275	57 10 3	67 19 4	10 9 1	...
Mortlake	June 1864	1,927	108 3 6	113 8 2	5 4 8	...
New Gisborne [3]	July 1873	264	New office	14 6 1	14 6 1	...
Newstead	Oct. 1863	950	37 3 9	50 3 9	13 0 0	...
Penshurst	Jan. 1867	1,637	158 16 2	102 4 6	...	56 11 8
Port Albert	Dec. 1864	4,596	203 7 4	225 14 0	22 6 8	...
Portland	Feb. 1858	5,428	375 17 11	337 4 8	...	38 13 3
Prahran	Aug. 1872	1,212	23 14 1	76 2 5	52 8 4	...

[1] Look-out Shipping Station. [2] Local collections only. [3] Transferred from Railway Circuit July 1873.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Cash Revenue for 1872 and 1873, and Number of Messages transmitted from each Office during the Year 1873—*continued.*

Name of Station.	Date of Opening Office.	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Revenue, 1872.	Revenue, 1873.	Increase, 1873.	Decrease, 1873.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Queenscliff	Jan. 1855	8,745	134 14 7	161 10 8	26 16 1	...
Richmond	Jan. 1872	1,591	69 12 7	84 15 2	15 2 7	...
Rokewood	Sept. 1873	192	New office	11 8 4	11 8 4	...
Rosedale	Mar. 1867	1,711	73 16 0	88 14 2	14 18 2	...
Rutherglen	Aug. 1862	1,706	91 11 5	91 9 3	...	0 2 2
St. Arnaud	Jan. 1865	3,458	134 11 4	209 7 9	74 16 5	...
St. Kilda	Feb. 1871	2,607	149 8 3	197 17 1	48 8 10	...
Sale	Sept. 1864	7,936	562 17 0	510 4 7	...	52 12 5
Sandhurst	Jan. 1857	55,677	4,122 11 10	3,504 1 6	...	618 10 4
Sandridge	July 1855	1,774	91 18 2	142 4 10	50 6 8	...
Scarsdale	Sept. 1872	808	14 0 6	43 12 10	29 12 4	...
Sebastopol	Jan. 1870	623	36 1 10	35 19 2	...	0 2 8
Serpentine[1]	Sept. 1873	257	New office	15 16 0	15 16 0	...
Seymour	June 1865	2,018	148 17 3	104 16 5	...	44 0 10
Shady Creek	Jan. 1871	619	28 3 6	28 13 0	0 9 6	...
Smythesdale	June 1863	1,568	84 1 1	74 15 9	...	9 5 4
South Yarra	Aug. 1872	1,761	42 13 6	147 5 11	104 12 5	...
Stawell	Oct. 1861	18,065	412 14 11	1,080 0 1	667 5 2	...
Stockyard Creek	April 1873	3,311	New office	202 10 8	202 10 8	...
Stratford	May 1873	852	New office	51 7 7	51 7 7	...
Streatham	July 1858	981	146 13 10	57 7 1	...	89 6 9
Stuartmill	Dec. 1869	694	35 0 1	38 15 9	3 15 8	...
Swan Hill	April 1863	1,679	94 1 0	97 19 2	3 18 2	...
Talbot	Dec. 1860	3,177	222 14 1	176 19 7	...	45 14 6
Taradale	Nov. 1861	850	43 12 1	41 10 2	...	2 1 11
Tarnagulla	Nov. 1860	1,247	135 13 11	72 1 4	...	63 12 7
Terang	Nov. 1871	938	55 1 7	53 10 7	...	1 11 0
Wahgunyah	Feb. 1861	4,336	217 7 9	141 14 9	...	75 13 0
Walhalla	Nov. 1870	4,695	364 15 0	289 7 5	...	75 7 7
Wangaratta	July 1858	7,827	425 6 8	451 1 1	25 14 5	...
Warrnambool	Mar. 1858	15,585	873 7 4	955 0 4	81 13 0	...
Williamstown	Mar. 1854	3,884	245 10 3	284 10 4	39 0 1	...
Wilson's Promontory[2] ...	April 1873	485	New office	...	...	...
Wodonga	Jan. 1858	2,669	120 10 5	174 18 6	54 8 1	...
Wood's Point	Oct. 1865	1,985	183 4 4	107 9 1	...	75 15 3
Yackandandah	Feb. 1861	1,185	73 6 9	67 18 3	...	5 8 6
Point Lonsdale[2]	Oct. 1861	...	...	...	...	...
RAILWAY CIRCUIT.						
Avenel	Dec. 1872	3,343	3 11 0	64 15 7	61 4 7	...
Ballarat West	July 1863	2,632	20 15 5	30 17 7	10 2 2	...
Benalla	Aug. 1873	1,723	New office	41 3 0	41 3 0	...
Broadford	May 1872	4,729	20 4 5	22 14 2	2 9 9	...
Buninyong	Mar. 1873	3,123	New office	15 5 9	15 5 9	...
Castlemaine	July 1863	4,129	24 19 8	35 19 0	10 19 4	...
Chiltern	Dec. 1873	175	New office	1 11 2	1 11 2	...
Craigieburn[3]	Aug. 1872	3,272	3 14 5	3 19 7	0 5 2	...
Echuca	June 1865	3,478	62 9 7	51 11 7	...	10 18 0
Elphinstone	April 1873	2,328	New office	8 4 2	8 4 2	...
Geelong	April 1862	3,870	52 14 10	60 13 10	7 19 0	...
Gravel Pits[4]	Dec. 1872	1,249	0 7 0	18 4 7	17 17 7	...
Kilmore East[5]	May 1872	4,482	5 0 6	11 3 9	6 3 3	...
Lancefield Road	July 1873	225	New office	4 16 6	4 16 6	...
Little River[6]	Nov. 1862	968	13 6 5	4 17 1	...	8 9 4
Longwood	Dec. 1872	3,131	13 6 3	46 9 5	33 3 2	...
Meredith[7]	April 1867	118	28 3 7	1 16 8	...	26 6 11
New Gisborne	July 1868	321	24 10 2	15 9 1	...	9 1 1
Runnymede	June 1865	3,975	67 9 1	91 18 3	24 9 2	...
Sandhurst	July 1863	3,106	90 6 5	88 19 11	...	1 6 6
Seymour	May 1872	4,253	47 3 5	16 3 0	...	31 0 5
Spencer street, Melbourne ...	Oct. 1861	21,030	384 16 1	452 15 2	67 19 1	...
Sunbury	Feb. 1867	3,622	24 18 2	35 1 8	10 3 6	...
Violet Town	Mar. 1873	3,496	New office	89 7 10	89 7 10	...
Wallan-wallan	May 1872	5,027	8 11 6	13 17 2	5 5 8	...
Wangaratta	Nov. 1873	974	New office	17 6 2	17 6 2	...
Werribee	April 1862	6,092	25 2 1	35 11 2	10 9 1	...
Williamstown Junction ...	April 1862	4,311	3 3 11	4 11 10	1 7 11	...
Williamstown Railway Pier ...	Jan. 1870	2,025	16 10 8	21 6 0	4 15 4	...
Wodonga	Nov. 1873	218	New office	4 8 5	4 8 5	...
Woodend	Oct. 1861	2,913	55 2 0	52 19 7	...	2 2 5
		718,167	42,617 17 3	45,322 17 5	4,916 2 4	2,211 2 2

[1] Re-opened September 1873.
[2] Look-out Shipping Stations.
[3] Craigieburn Railway Telegraph Station was closed 18th August 1873.
[4] Gravel Pits Railway Telegraph Station was closed 18th November 1873.
[5] Kilmore East Railway Telegraph Station was closed 12th November 1873.
[6] Little River Railway Telegraph Station was closed March 1873.
[7] Meredith Railway Telegraph Station was closed 31st January 1873.

Money Order and Savings Bank.

The number of Money Orders issued during the year was 113,135, against 113,050 in 1872 ; the difference showing an increase of 85.

The number of Money Orders paid during the year was 109,048, against 105,084 in 1872; the difference showing an increase of 3,964 or 3·77 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders issued during the year was £341,961 10s. 8d., against £341,976 6s. 10d. in 1872 ; the difference showing a decrease of £14 16s. 2d.

The value of the Money Orders paid during the year was £348,019 0s. 6d., against £328,138 16s. 3d. in 1872 ; the difference showing an increase of £19,880 4s. 3d., or 6·05 per cent.

The number of new Savings Bank accounts opened during the year was 11,794, the number closed 7,562, and the number remaining open on the 31st December was 34,360.

The total amount of Deposits received during the year was £433,086 15s. 3d.; and the amount repaid was £389,673 9s. 11d.

The total amount of Interest placed to the credit of Depositors for the year was £16,679 19s. 11d. Interest at the rate of 4 per cent. was allowed to depositors for January; from February to October inclusive the rate was 3 per cent.; and for November and December 4 per cent.

The total amount of Balances to the credit of the Depositors on the 31st December 1873 was £603,523 12s. 6d.; and at the 31st December 1872, £543,430 7s. 3d.; the difference showing an increase of £60,093 5s. 3d., or 11·05 per cent.

The total number of Depositors' accounts at 31st December being 34,360, and the amount of Balances being £603,523 12s 6d.; the average balance was £17 11s. 3½d.

Of the 34,360 accounts remaining open on the 31st December:—

27,539	did not exceed	£20.			
3,332	were above	£20,	but did not	exceed	£50.
1,751	,,	£50,	,,	,,	£100.
816	,,	£100,	,,	,,	£150.
331	,,	£150,	,,	,,	£200.
591	,,	£200.			

The total number of Deposits received during the year was 84,148, averaging £5 2s. 11d. each.

The total number of Repayments was 29,380, averaging £13 5s. 3d. each.

Eight new Money Order Offices were opened, making the number open at the close of the year 204.

Nine new Savings Banks were opened, making the number open at the close of the year 139.

Return of the Number of Money Order Offices, the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid, in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1873, and the Amount of Revenue received for Commission.

Number of Money Order Offices in 1873.	Net Revenue received from Commission.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Total Transactions.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
204	4,731 2 11	113,135	341,961 10 8	109,048	348,019 0 6	222,183	689,980 11 2

Return showing the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid at each Money Order Office in Victoria during the Year 1873.

Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Alexandra ...	477	1,747 6 8	222	854 6 7	Bairnsdale ...	445	1,466 19 1	254	1,060 9 8
Allansford ...	52	185 10 1	14	66 4 0	Ballan ...	375	1,153 11 5	176	433 18 7
Amherst ...	179	497 2 4	81	250 1 2	Ballarat ...	7,299	21,903 4 8	12,628	37,118 3 7
Ararat ...	1,014	3,102 14 0	653	2,065 12 5	Barry's Reef ...	458	1,690 12 8	58	197 6 7
Ascot	61	198 2 0	7	37 13 6	Bass	199	1,043 17 7	51	385 18 3
Avenel ...	545	2,039 2 4	70	302 5 4	Beaufort ...	732	2,186 10 2	249	862 0 4
Avoca	691	1,753 11 7	491	1,928 9 2	Beeac	191	653 6 7	37	147 10 8
Bacchus Marsh	434	1,371 18 3	130	419 2 8	Beechworth ...	941	3,088 0 4	968	3,627 18 9

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid—*continued.*

Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Belfast ...	592	1,635 11 9	435	1,475 9 2
Benalla ...	839	3,014 5 6	513	2,188 7 3
Berlin ...	189	692 16 9	84	305 17 3
Berwick ...	137	514 8 4	58	220 0 11
Birregurra ...	195	585 2 7	43	174 5 6
Branxholme ...	205	621 14 6	22	90 2 1
Bright ...	313	904 0 1	116	395 4 10
Brighton ...	180	652 0 11	126	359 6 8
Broadford ...	185	567 12 7	129	627 15 6
Broadmeadows	17	45 13 9	3	2 1 6
Brunswick ...	248	627 6 7	236	654 18 1
Buckland, Lower	54	168 12 7	22	101 9 3
Bungaree ...	92	321 16 2	16	76 8 6
Buninyong ...	404	1,192 1 4	578	2,054 12 2
Byaduk ...	111	283 10 1	16	41 3 2
Campbell's Creek	188	579 7 9	121	403 7 0
Camperdown ...	573	1,635 10 7	285	1,007 19 9
Caramut ...	137	334 18 10	14	28 7 2
Carisbrook ...	365	1,235 13 3	67	222 8 4
Carlton ...	724	1,747 14 4	825	2,696 7 0
Casterton ...	526	1,766 7 0	110	366 8 5
Castlemaine ...	2,503	7,134 4 2	2,501	6,766 11 2
Cheltenham ...	137	432 8 6	56	233 14 11
Chewton ...	297	886 11 6	200	582 6 6
Chiltern ...	524	1,755 9 3	287	1,180 6 5
Clunes ...	2,092	4,862 17 2	1,053	4,113 16 6
Coburg ...	131	370 8 2	80	324 5 11
Colac	606	1,725 7 8	223	660 19 5
Coleraine ...	525	1,700 18 8	156	598 7 11
Collingwood ...	1,417	3,772 14 4	2,383	6,711 9 3
Condah ...	27	67 15 1	5	17 18 3
Corop	352	1,239 2 0	45	259 3 4
Cowes	97	450 4 1	53	343 10 0
Cranbourne ...	82	219 8 0	18	44 11 11
Cressy ...	102	349 6 3	10	43 5 0
Creswick ...	768	2,297 4 7	551	1,621 7 2
Dandenong ...	184	486 0 6	96	281 3 1
Daylesford ...	1,206	3,470 9 0	1,031	3,363 10 1
Digby	214	733 19 7	35	113 18 6
Donnelly's Creek	91	215 10 11	13	45 8 9
Dromana ...	129	459 1 7	69	326 17 5
Drysdale ...	79	196 8 0	38	91 7 2
Dunkeld ...	219	604 10 9	20	83 12 4
Dunolly ...	624	1,599 19 5	323	1,053 14 11
Eaglehawk ...	955	2,522 18 0	450	1,501 0 6
East Brighton ...	66	224 13 4	25	59 8 7
Echuca ...	1,072	3,475 0 10	703	3,073 6 11
Eddington ...	109	398 6 11	13	44 9 4
Edenhope ...	144	524 9 0	17	82 4 2
Elaine ...	116	295 8 4	19	61 3 0
Eldorado ...	290	864 1 10	159	715 4 7
Eltham ...	65	336 15 5	38	164 1 2
Emerald Hill ...	853	2,299 16 11	1,186	3,770 0 5
Epsom ...	115	264 18 6	52	176 8 4
Footscray ...	168	510 10 8	200	575 3 7
Fryerstown ...	340	881 18 6	166	485 11 7
Gaffney's Creek	216	537 8 3	30	133 12 8
Geelong ...	4,057	12,323 18 6	4,877	15,278 7 7
Gisborne ...	277	714 3 0	135	454 12 2
Grant	165	687 18 7	50	266 13 7
Graytown ...	198	654 18 2	108	309 17 9
Guildford ...	236	743 8 10	113	400 11 6
Haddon ...	140	625 0 6	6	24 3 0
Hamilton ...	932	2,750 11 7	1,113	4,044 3 5
Happy Valley ...	147	400 4 2	27	61 2 0
Harrow ...	130	450 0 9	20	64 3 0
Hastings ...	203	898 17 5	15	41 13 6
Hawthorn ...	132	392 19 8	156	491 7 4
Hawthorn, Lower	70	176 12 1	11	63 8 11
Heathcote ...	484	1,494 16 5	264	783 19 1
Heidelberg ...	65	182 13 0	47	149 13 8
Hexham ...	77	257 7 7	11	57 0 3
Heywood ...	190	621 19 11	62	303 13 3
Horsham ...	401	1,353 14 6	176	1,069 17 6
Hotham ...	567	1,662 15 8	591	1,799 7 5
Inglewood ...	589	1,464 19 4	335	1,140 2 11
Inverleigh ...	99	354 8 10	24	74 9 0
Jamieson ...	257	825 10 11	164	432 2 1
Jasper Road ...	13	48 17 0	...	...
Kangaroo Flat ...	527	1,508 15 7	180	696 18 5
Keilor ...	49	135 17 0	19	76 15 3
Kerang ...	75	227 17 6	13	57 3 3
Kew	164	419 18 1	143	428 18 10
Kilmore ...	676	1,843 2 7	719	2,829 1 9
Kingower ...	62	160 4 0	30	123 4 8
Kingston ...	152	391 18 10	60	205 16 10
Koroit ...	238	735 0 11	73	291 16 3
Kyneton ...	1,475	4,067 0 4	1,097	3,352 8 8
Lancefield ...	278	1,008 6 9	93	363 11 0
Landsborough ...	162	325 11 8	68	249 16 3
Learmonth ...	170	483 13 10	113	365 14 11
Leigh Road ...	52	145 16 5	23	128 19 6
Lillydale ...	229	785 0 9	65	230 19 3
Linton ...	308	836 0 6	192	478 4 4
Longwood ...	189	852 4 11	58	177 2 9
Macarthur ...	259	938 19 9	39	161 16 8
Maffra... ...	110	320 14 1	52	237 4 3
Majorca ...	406	990 2 3	298	897 6 9
Maldon ...	809	2,081 7 7	625	1,956 19 10
Malmsbury ...	395	871 15 7	192	677 4 2
Mansfield ...	398	1,341 6 9	129	540 8 4
Market street ...	578	2,015 0 9	20	53 15 7
Maryborough ...	1,441	4,210 3 7	721	2,304 19 4
Melton ...	89	308 14 3	41	145 16 3
Meredith ...	303	1,052 16 9	87	329 16 8
Merino ...	219	741 10 6	34	97 8 0
Mitta-mitta ...	103	333 1 9	7	20 10 6
Moonambel ...	74	199 1 2	20	62 16 7
Moonee Ponds...	143	453 12 7	45	127 17 7
Morang South...	5	18 14 0	...	...
Mornington ...	404	1,482 10 11	141	512 14 7
Morrison's ...	196	476 2 7	52	156 0 0
Mortlake ...	452	1,300 7 1	114	355 4 2
Mt. Blackwood	349	830 10 9	121	451 6 11
Mt. Egerton ...	436	1,135 13 11	96	304 19 8
Moyston ...	113	250 16 1	64	227 13 1
Murchison ...	412	1,463 17 7	103	587 16 7
Myrniong ...	109	365 15 4	12	27 9 7
Nagambie ...	450	1,640 7 10	52	197 2 10
Newbridge ...	173	401 16 4	40	121 8 2
Newstead ...	237	713 15 5	128	456 8 11
Oakleigh ...	75	283 3 9	40	128 12 1
Omeo	238	838 19 3	39	280 4 1
Penshurst ...	330	863 11 0	97	297 15 8
Piggoreet ...	303	816 12 8	168	624 3 1
Port Albert ...	463	1,610 8 6	236	764 14 9
Portarlington ...	47	125 8 11	7	23 7 4
Portland ...	795	2,452 14 8	808	2,960 10 3
Prahran ...	730	2,138 2 6	720	2,238 7 5
Queenscliff ...	272	805 17 10	423	1,538 5 4
Redbank ...	215	1,068 16 4	23	60 2 2
Richmond ...	704	2,138 2 2	1,106	3,558 5 5
Richmond North	34	104 1 2	1	0 10 0
Richmond South	284	817 0 8	101	267 12 10
Riddell's Creek...	143	428 15 0	70	226 17 11
Rokewood ...	358	1,422 2 9	127	416 10 10
Romsey ...	224	708 1 11	60	216 8 1
Rosedale ...	195	556 0 0	127	502 19 7
Rushworth ...	424	1,192 8 1	166	641 13 8
Rutherglen ...	222	633 19 2	93	323 18 0
St. Arnaud ...	771	2,396 10 4	272	1,176 6 11
St. Kilda ...	830	2,156 12 8	895	2,817 1 9
Sale	815	2,495 14 8	541	1,979 0 11
Sandhurst ...	7,819	22,457 8 3	5,469	14,192 19 2
Sandridge ...	605	1,970 14 4	454	1,391 19 9
Scarsdale ...	248	613 17 3	228	998 9 5
Sebastopol ...	423	1,147 15 8	1,029	3,456 3 11
Seymour ...	723	2,147 2 0	246	730 11 3
Shelford ...	176	600 0 11	17	69 12 6
Skipton ...	184	599 16 9	34	172 11 3
Smeaton ...	187	529 13 1	38	195 12 1
Smythesdale ...	302	774 15 2	379	1,231 19 10
Snake Valley ...	257	859 6 5	136	534 12 1
South Brighton	12	37 3 6	25	114 6 9
South Yarra ...	404	1,153 19 2	365	1,122 15 7
Stawell ...	2,863	8,054 17 3	1,159	3,201 4 0
Steiglitz ...	427	1,295 17 11	167	546 11 6
Stockyard Creek	179	596 8 9	68	229 10 3
Stratford ...	123	365 9 1	50	140 7 3
Streatham ...	190	720 10 11	39	170 6 10
Stuartmill ...	103	253 10 8	44	207 13 10
Sunbury ...	305	925 6 5	116	263 9 8
Swan Hill ...	113	424 6 3	45	279 6 7
Talbot ...	775	2,074 2 5	430	1,291 19 11
Taradale ...	414	1,085 2 1	459	1,077 10 8
Tarnagulla ...	293	826 4 7	252	765 14 9
Terang ...	226	697 11 6	73	268 8 11
Toorak ...	119	394 13 2	44	161 12 4
Traralgon ...	96	244 1 6	32	158 16 4
Trentham ...	87	277 0 11	32	113 18 6
Ullina... ...	52	173 6 6	7	61 0 0
Vaughan ...	58	185 8 1	41	151 13 8
Wahgunyah ...	231	627 17 10	45	199 8 3
Wallan-wallan...	1	8 0 0	...	...
Walhalla ...	763	2,663 14 1	289	689 12 2
Wangaratta ...	832	2,727 1 10	352	1,141 17 5
Warrnambool ...	1,406	4,124 0 1	840	2,978 18 6
Wedderburn ...	209	885 12 9	100	387 19 10
Whroo ...	107	246 0 8	58	218 12 7
Wickliffe ...	243	921 6 1	46	127 14 7
Williamstown ...	915	2,861 7 6	564	1,785 12 6
Winchelsea ...	171	817 9 2	55	163 15 11
Wodonga ...	660	2,362 6 10	95	350 12 11
Woodend ...	574	1,403 10 7	195	704 0 1
Wood's Point ...	418	1,101 8 3	166	568 6 9
Yackandandah...	236	670 10 6	201	631 10 1
Yea	364	1,131 14 10	91	426 3 9
	93,485	280,415 17 5	67,391	216,049 19 4
Melbourne ...	19,650	61,545 13 3	41,657	131,969 1 2
Totals ...	113,135	341,961 10 8	109048	348,019 0 6

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various Places where the Money Orders issued in Victoria during the Years 1873 and 1872 were made Payable.

Place.	1873.		1872.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	87,010	253,018 10 2	87,530	254,723 18 6
United Kingdom	20,094	65,643 7 11	19,491	64,123 14 7
New South Wales	2,412	9,253 7 11	2,402	9,371 7 7
New Zealand	812	3,479 13 5	799	3,416 7 1
South Australia	1,178	3,842 2 8	1,270	4,229 18 1
Queensland...	346	1,680 11 11	308	1,344 8 10
Tasmania	1,255	4,960 7 6	1,219	4,664 1 11
Western Australia	28	83 9 2	31	102 10 3
	113,135	341,961 10 8	113,050	341,976 6 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various Places where the Money Orders paid in Victoria during the Years 1873 and 1872 were originally Issued.

Place.	1873.		1872.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	86,941	252,778 16 4	87,324	254,714 14 3
United Kingdom	3,999	17,043 15 10	4,220	17,677 18 5
New South Wales	6,553	27,519 18 5	4,524	18,262 5 4
New Zealand	4,420	19,930 15 0	4,391	18,607 17 5
South Australia	3,092	12,152 2 9	1,752	6,185 3 11
Queensland...	1,996	10,123 11 1	1,143	5,370 0 0
Tasmania	1,888	7,661 15 4	1,568	6,521 18 7
Western Australia	159	808 5 9	162	798 18 4
	109,048	348,019 0 6	105,084	328,138 16 3

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

RETURN showing the Names of Places where Post Office Savings Banks have been Opened, and the Dates of their Establishment; the Number of Accounts Opened and Closed, and the Number and Amount of Deposits and Withdrawals, during the Year 1873; also the Amount of Balances remaining at the end of the Year.

Name of Post Office Savings Bank.	Date when Established.	Number of Accounts Open at close of 1872.	Number of Accounts Opened in 1873.	Number of Accounts Closed in 1873.	Number of Accounts Open at close of 1873.	Balances on 31st Dec. 1872.	Deposits Received in 1873 (including Interest).		Withdrawals Paid in 1873.		Balances remaining at the close of 1873.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Alexandra ..	1st Nov. 1869	23	11	7	27	587 1 6	112	476 6 7	22	438 6 3	625 1 10
Ararat	1st Jan. 1866	135	45	22	158	2,131 10 3	227	1,032 5 3	67	1,010 4 0	2,153 11 6
Avenel	1st Nov. 1869	40	23	20	43	740 1 11	106	954 3 4	46	699 5 9	994 19 6
Avoca	6th Nov. 1865	217	41	37	221	5,955 18 3	278	2,317 14 8	129	3,377 11 7	4,896 1 4
Bacchus Marsh	17th Sept. 1866	54	21	9	66	367 16 6	127	582 14 4	38	303 6 1	647 4 9
Bairnsdale ..	1st Nov. 1869	18	15	5	28	297 3 1	39	238 14 8	20	297 6 9	238 11 0
Ballan	1st Nov. 1869	30	13	4	39	455 7 8	72	529 0 7	15	468 8 3	516 0 0
Ballarat ..	11th Sept. 1865	1,477	367	335	1,509	27,307 7 3	2,363	17,970 7 1	1,355	16,735 3 11	28,542 10 5
Beaufort ..	1st Dec. 1865	40	24	11	53	610 8 8	127	935 15 7	30	462 8 10	1,083 15 5
Beeac	1st Feb. 1872	18	18	2	34	412 8 8	99	389 8 10	18	216 10 8	585 6 10
Beechworth ..	11th Sept. 1865	595	235	106	724	8,366 19 11	849	5,212 13 6	312	4,924 11 9	8,655 1 8
Belfast	1st Feb. 1866	12	3	1	14	444 0 6	33	297 10 8	10	202 1 9	539 9 5
Benalla ..	15th April 1867	89	76	36	129	1,740 11 7	290	2,661 15 5	89	1,713 10 8	2,688 16 4
Birregurra ..	1st July 1871	9	1	1	9	8 5 1	16	18 1 6	1	5 2 3	21 4 2
Braxholme ..	1st Aug. 1873	..	4	1	3	..	7	42 12 1	1	2 14 4	39 17 9
Bright	1st Feb. 1868	118	19	6	131	3,135 8 6	159	1,312 13 8	38	1,056 19 6	3,391 2 8
Brighton ..	1st Oct. 1866	36	20	6	50	583 10 2	88	560 17 0	20	281 5 5	863 1 9
Brunswick ..	1st Oct. 1867	235	81	46	270	1,745 8 4	798	2,101 6 7	162	1,794 14 1	2,052 0 10
Bungaree ..	1st Dec. 1871	8	6	2	12	11 6 6	17	73 8 7	4	17 0 4	67 14 9
Buninyong ..	12th July 1866	209	35	30	214	5,580 2 10	490	3,518 14 7	147	2,406 4 9	6,692 12 8
Bullarook ..	1st Nov. 1872	1	..	..	1	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	1 0 0
Campbell's Creek	25th Mar. 1869	23	11	8	26	102 1 6	46	109 12 5	29	139 19 6	71 14 5
Camperdown ..	1st Dec. 1865	73	20	9	84	799 15 11	111	1,471 11 0	42	750 17 0	1,520 9 11
Carisbrook ..	17th Sept. 1866	127	15	16	126	1,988 14 2	168	937 0 3	56	895 12 11	2,030 1 6
Carlton ..	1st Oct. 1867	374	230	116	488	2,962 1 6	2,122	4,619 18 9	447	3,076 0 3	4,506 0 0
Casterton ..	1st Nov. 1869	38	14	5	47	881 19 4	54	445 19 9	20	775 3 7	552 15 6
Castlemaine ..	11th Sept. 1865	122	42	16	148	3,122 17 5	204	2,294 18 2	77	1,132 15 2	4,285 0 5
Cheltenham ..	1st Feb. 1868	149	46	26	169	908 6 6	711	857 15 11	94	594 13 1	1,171 9 4
Chiltern ..	6th Nov. 1865	58	43	19	82	1,282 17 10	186	1,405 2 3	65	1,030 19 9	1,657 0 4
Clunes ..	6th Nov. 1865	307	107	77	337	5,216 9 1	645	3,182 15 0	233	2,938 16 3	5,460 7 10
Coburg ..	17th Sept. 1866	76	24	9	91	1,245 16 0	194	1,212 16 5	56	1,026 18 5	1,431 14 0
Colac ..	6th Nov. 1866	64	27	8	83	451 14 1	118	990 0 3	36	355 10 5	1,086 3 11
Coleraine ..	1st Nov. 1869	43	28	9	62	1,051 15 7	138	803 8 0	23	462 17 6	1,392 6 1
Collingwood ..	15th Nov. 1865	2,299	964	602	2,661	28,521 10 2	8,068	29,025 7 4	2,404	22,631 12 7	34,915 4 11
Corop ..	1st Sept. 1871	8	6	5	9	108 0 7	18	152 16 9	7	157 0 1	103 17 3
Cranbourne ..	1st Sept. 1871	26	7	1	32	97 18 6	185	316 14 0	12	162 7 8	252 4 10
Creswick ..	6th Nov. 1865	183	62	33	212	2,222 2 6	473	2,184 8 4	145	2,314 7 10	2,092 3 0

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Name of Post Office Savings Bank.	Date when Established.	Number of Accounts Open at close of 1872.	Number of Accounts Opened in 1873.	Number of Accounts Closed in 1873.	Number of Accounts Open at close of 1873.	Balances on 31st Dec. 1872.	Deposits Received in 1873 (including Interest).		Withdrawals Paid in 1873.		Balances remaining at the close of 1873.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Daylesford ..	1st Jan. 1869	115	41	27	129	2,393 5 11	184	2,010 7 6	99	1,639 4 4	2,764 9 1
Drysdale ..	1st Jan. 1870	35	11	10	36	497 3 4	44	554 4 2	27	636 8 10	414 18 8
Dunolly ..	1st Dec. 1865	142	45	21	166	2,114 16 1	383	1,616 11 11	83	1,178 13 1	2,552 14 11
Eaglehawk ..	23rd Nov 1868	50	32	10	72	951 16 5	175	832 4 7	56	656 17 4	1,127 3 8
Echuca.. ..	1st Feb. 1866	176	88	55	209	2,394 19 2	428	2,505 8 10	164	1,579 16 7	3,320 11 5
Eldorado ..	1st Sept. 1871	72	27	25	74	951 7 1	253	872 19 11	55	763 9 6	1,060 17 6
Emerald Hill ..	4th June 1866	716	370	227	859	3,646 10 9	2,970	6,133 5 8	745	4,436 15 10	5,343 0 7
Footscray ..	1st Oct. 1867	15	31	15	31	82 14 2	162	589 18 9	28	368 12 7	304 0 4
Fryerstown ..	1st Aug. 1867	70	14	13	71	1,013 3 0	116	457 16 4	36	639 5 1	831 14 3
Geelong ..	11th Sept. 1865	1,568	471	376	1,663	36,830 13 11	3,848	18,697 13 3	1,291	18,499 19 9	37,028 7 5
Gisborne ..	1st Nov. 1869	38	22	9	51	429 0 0	266	523 17 3	22	499 5 11	453 11 4
Graytown ..	12th July 1869	70	4	12	62	552 17 2	35	166 1 9	25	206 13 0	512 5 11
Guildford ..	1st Oct. 1867	29	11	11	29	1,417 4 7	81	786 12 4	35	426 6 3	1,777 10 8
Hamilton ..	12th July 1866	72	40	31	81	2,083 19 7	178	1,499 13 10	95	1,541 15 2	2,041 18 3
Hastings ..	1st Jan. 1872	7	8	1	14	58 5 9	40	235 10 8	2	5 10 0	288 6 5
Hawthorn ..	1st Oct. 1867	151	48	26	173	1,065 15 0	300	1,248 8 11	94	927 0 11	1,387 3 0
Heathcote ..	12th July 1866	171	37	33	175	5,608 0 9	274	2,600 2 9	94	2,371 18 0	5,836 5 6
Heywood ..	1st Nov. 1869	17	7	4	20	129 1 1	13	135 8 7	9	79 1 7	185 8 1
Horsham ..	1st Nov. 1869	35	11	13	33	1,212 2 2	43	432 16 1	33	813 10 9	831 7 6
Hotham ..	1st Oct. 1867	468	253	116	605	2,076 10 1	2,435	4,243 0 3	517	2,958 13 5	3,360 16 11
Inglewood ..	1st Jan. 1866	123	29	18	134	1,755 3 8	258	980 1 4	52	879 12 8	1,855 12 4
Inverleigh ..	1st Aug. 1871	12	..	6	6	53 4 2	14	15 11 3	9	38 13 0	30 2 5
Jamieson ..	1st Nov. 1869	51	4	5	50	2,197 9 9	40	271 6 5	21	269 17 4	2,198 18 10
Jasper Road ..	8th Aug. 1870	11	7	4	14	226 1 1	50	466 16 7	17	359 10 5	333 7 3
Kellor ..	17th Sept. 1866	11	3	3	11	199 16 8	6	202 7 5	8	136 15 4	265 8 9
Kew ..	1st Oct. 1867	13	32	5	40	438 0 8	106	496 19 5	31	348 8 2	556 11 11
Kilmore ..	6th Nov. 1865	116	25	31	110	3,556 17 10	210	1,791 14 8	112	2,194 13 8	3,153 18 10
Kingston ..	1st Jan. 1869	76	13	5	84	249 5 8	183	123 18 5	22	191 11 9	181 12 4
Koroit ..	1st Oct. 1872	2	8	1	9	45 4 5	18	206 19 9	2	8 3 8	244 0 6
Kyneton ..	6th Nov. 1865	144	49	38	155	2,532 5 3	295	1,846 2 8	113	1,171 6 5	3,207 1 6
Lancefield ..	12th May 1873	..	23	..	23	..	41	226 7 0	..	..	226 7 0
Landsborough ..	1st Jan. 1870	32	4	4	32	1,070 9 5	112	404 4 1	27	460 18 1	1,013 15 5
Learmonth ..	1st Nov. 1869	11	7	1	17	29 0 1	30	277 11 5	6	161 10 8	145 0 10
Leigh Road ..	1st Aug. 1873	..	10	..	10	..	25	20 3 9	1	0 7 0	19 16 9
Lilydale ..	2nd June 1873	..	8	1	7	..	25	40 12 11	2	21 9 4	19 3 7
Linton ..	1st Jan. 1870	41	20	20	41	839 2 10	84	419 18 5	48	765 8 0	493 13 3
Macarthur ..	18th Sept. 1869	41	26	12	55	1,560 18 7	182	991 6 11	44	1,267 12 6	1,284 13 0
Majorca ..	2nd May 1870	36	18	15	39	776 11 10	96	1,279 17 1	35	941 8 7	1,115 0 4
Maldon ..	6th Nov. 1865	280	62	20	322	2,571 4 10	355	2,225 7 5	95	1,012 12 11	3,783 19 4
Malmsbury ..	1st Nov. 1869	26	27	10	43	710 14 8	135	435 17 11	38	465 7 4	681 5 3
Mansfield ..	1st Nov. 1869	67	23	19	71	613 1 8	121	738 2 9	43	699 4 3	652 0 2
Maryborough ..	11 Sept. 1865	286	103	112	277	4,324 17 11	554	3,560 12 11	251	4,074 11 1	3,810 19 9
Meredith ..	2nd Oct. 1871	14	4	1	17	144 4 10	14	100 0 4	4	52 0 7	192 4 7
Merino ..	13th Nov. 1868	19	9	5	23	486 12 4	31	555 8 5	16	376 6 1	665 14 8
Moonee Ponds ..	17th Sept. 1866	113	47	23	137	591 5 8	462	650 11 6	69	502 18 0	738 19 2
Mornington ..	1st Nov. 1869	41	15	7	49	1,253 18 5	68	516 11 1	26	428 10 9	1,341 18 9
Mortlake ..	1st Nov. 1869	31	16	7	40	971 2 3	62	2,218 17 6	25	793 1 1	2,396 18 8
Mt. Blackwood ..	1st May 1873	..	63	6	57	..	244	491 5 4	14	91 19 11	399 5 5
Mt. Egerton ..	1st Oct. 1869	38	22	15	45	2,028 1 8	95	1,288 7 10	71	1,452 15 8	1,863 13 10
Moyston ..	10th May 1871	14	3	4	13	416 10 3	19	119 9 3	13	160 19 9	374 19 9
Nagamble ..	8th Aug. 1870	3	3	3	3	14 15 0	5	19 19 4	5	20 15 10	13 18 6
Newstead ..	18th Sept. 1869	13	16	2	27	165 11 6	68	628 19 8	15	262 5 8	532 5 6
Omeo ..	1st Jan. 1870	21	8	5	24	1,507 6 8	23	473 4 5	27	785 12 4	1,194 18 9
Penshurst ..	1st Jan. 1870	8	4	4	8	73 4 6	20	79 8 1	6	69 6 8	83 5 11
Piggoreet ..	1st Nov. 1869	69	19	19	69	2,420 6 6	109	1,787 5 9	88	1,789 4 7	2,418 7 8
Port Albert ..	1st Dec. 1865	78	19	11	86	2,539 5 11	142	949 2 3	49	1,270 11 7	2,217 16 7
Portarlington ..	1st Dec. 1872	2	11	..	13	0 2 6	33	268 8 4	4	91 9 0	177 1 10
Portland ..	1st Dec. 1865	30	7	4	33	4,221 6 5	27	624 1 1	21	1,155 0 0	3,690 7 6
Prahran ..	4th June 1866	681	278	184	775	6,819 10 8	2,665	7,754 13 6	594	6,464 12 0	8,109 12 2
Queenscliff ..	12th July 1866	124	17	19	122	1,013 7 1	92	664 13 11	52	746 3 5	931 17 7
Richmond ..	1st Oct. 1867	525	340	174	691	6,094 4 4	2,760	9,234 9 4	684	7,392 1 1	7,936 12 7
Rokewood ..	15th April 1867	136	24	20	140	4,323 11 8	131	1,988 17 8	78	1,926 9 8	4,385 19 8
Rosedale ..	16th April 1868	65	27	14	78	623 10 3	524	976 18 2	31	513 13 1	1,086 15 4
Rushworth ..	13th Nov. 1868	126	27	29	124	4,607 2 6	644	2,273 14 4	106	2,441 2 10	4,439 14 0
Rutherglen ..	1st Dec. 1865	45	8	12	41	837 12 2	64	843 17 1	34	949 11 1	731 18 2
St. Arnaud ..	1st Nov. 1867	65	21	15	71	924 14 3	176	529 19 6	49	622 4 4	812 9 5
St. Kilda ..	4th June 1866	343	180	80	443	2,585 13 1	1,035	3,715 17 0	299	1,816 10 3	4,484 19 10
Sale	6th Nov. 1865	195	47	27	215	2,526 6 3	361	1,902 19 2	93	1,572 18 4	2,856 7 1
Sandhurst ..	11th Sept. 1865	839	327	222	944	17,505 8 0	1,706	12,691 4 2	769	11,496 2 3	18,700 9 11
Sandridge ..	6th Nov. 1865	272	141	75	338	1,664 14 4	840	2,208 11 8	281	1,326 8 6	2,546 17 6
Scarsdale ..	1st Nov. 1867	42	23	14	51	692 15 0	145	471 3 6	40	404 15 6	759 3 0
Sebastopol ..	1st Nov. 1869	43	27	17	53	1,139 15 11	98	1,600 8 11	61	863 4 2	1,877 0 8
Seymour ..	1st Nov. 1869	57	33	31	59	1,524 13 7	136	1,299 7 10	89	1,722 5 5	1,101 16 0
Skipton ..	1st Feb. 1873	..	25	2	23	..	77	269 2 0	8	51 2 7	217 19 5
Smythesdale ..	1st Dec. 1865	43	12	7	48	1,066 1 9	69	877 12 2	31	690 8 1	1,253 5 10
Snake Valley ..	1st Feb. 1873	..	18	1	17	..	62	422 16 0	9	185 9 8	237 6 4
South Yarra ..	1st Jan. 1867	207	113	71	249	2,354 6 10	937	1,643 10 4	214	1,574 2 10	2,423 14 4
Stawell ..	1st Dec. 1867	224	88	66	246	4,068 6 3	435	3,188 19 3	197	3,445 3 9	3,812 1 9
Steiglitz ..	1st Jan. 1870	25	12	4	33	853 7 6	62	277 16 5	18	247 1 0	884 2 11
Stratford ..	1st July 1873	..	19	..	19	..	62	25 3 10	..	..	25 3 10
Stuartmill ..	1st April 1870	15	2	1	16	257 14 8	15	129 18 10	4	103 12 0	284 1 6
Streatham ..	1st March 1873	..	4	1	3	..	5	129 15 11	1	23 1 1	107 14 10
Sunbury ..	2nd May 1870	56	17	11	62	681 11 4	161	526 12 10	32	488 18 11	719 5 3
Swan Hill ..	1st Dec. 1865	31	14	4	41	664 19 11	53	695 14 9	18	513 5 8	847 9 0
Talbot ..	6th Nov. 1865	210	55	50	215	4,986 11 8	475	5,162 8 5	163	2,987 14 3	7,161 5 10
Taradale ..	1st Nov. 1869	81	30	16	95	824 2 10	264	568 18 8	48	404 13 1	988 8 5
Tarnagulla ..	6th Nov. 1868	60	15	11	64	581 17 7	123	260 17 4	40	170 4 11	672 10 0
Terang ..	1st Oct. 1872	..	5	1	4	..	9	50 19 11	3	27 10 0	23 9 11
Toorak ..	17th Jan. 1870	63	30	19	74	602 17 11	293	504 2 4	42	367 3 6	739 16 9
Vaughan ..	17th Jan. 1870	36	12	7	41	967 8 10	63	541 11 5	22	457 6 7	1,051 13 8
Wahgunyah ..	1st July 1872	12	24	2	34	72 5 4	97	145 19 5	12	53 17 10	164 6 11
Walhalla ..	1st Feb. 1871	74	45	23	96	1,260 17 5	273	1,812 12 0	57	985 3 11	2,088 5 6
Wangaratta ..	1st Feb. 1866	185	94	78	201	1,674 4 9	611	1,891 6 8	134	1,497 13 9	2,067 17 8
Warrnambool ..	1st Dec. 1865	75	23	25	73	1,668 4 8	113	1,109 16 3	59	1,035 17 5	1,742 3 6
Whroo ..	1st Feb. 1868	60	12	9	63	828 13 5	88	306 16 9	31	308 0 7	827 9 7
Wickliffe ..	1st Nov. 1872	4	5	..	9	13 10 9	9	32 12 8	..	..	46 3 5
Williamstown ..	11th Sept. 1865	769	228	121	876	14,363 14 2	2,364	8,482 14 8	491	6,539 3 3	16,307 5 7
Winchelsea ..	9th May 1870	45	5	9	41	1,192 8 1	45	390 3 11	21	635 9 4	947 2 8
Wodonga ..	1st Feb. 1871	12	14	4	22	376 8 3	36	422 11 8	8	162 5 4	636 14 7
Woodend ..	1st Nov. 1869	72	38	14	96	1,164 16 10	577	1,482 3 1	65	1,142 10 7	1,504 9 4
Wood's Point ..	1st Jan. 1869	105	20	19	106	2,448 16 10	153	1,777 17 11	95	986 5 7	3,240 9 2
Yackandandah	1st Jan. 1866	68	6	11	63	786 18 3	53	262 2 6	27	376 15 10	672 4 11
		19,314	7,547	4,647	22,214	314,161 14 2	55,229	246,691 6 9	16,320	205,576 9 11	355,276 11 0
Melbourne ..	11th Sept. 1865	10,814	4,247	2,915	12,146	229,268 13 1	28,919	203,075 11 3	13,060	184,097 0 0	248,247 4 4
	Totals ..	30,128	11,794	7,562	34,360	543,430 7 3	84,148	449,766 18 0	29,380	389,673 9 11	603,523 15 4

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Money Order System in Victoria for the Decennial Period from 31st December 1863 to 31st December 1873.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices.	Net Revenue received from Commission on Orders.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Total Transactions.	
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1864	88	2,199 16 5	39,026	148,283 13 5	32,341	124,153 0 4	71,367	272,436 13 9
1865	102	2,640 16 6	50,666	186,855 8 5	41,115	153,657 8 1	91,781	340,512 16 6
1866	107	2,888 11 2	60,119	218,850 16 5	50,479	189,261 8 2	110,598	408,112 4 7
1867	141	3,159 7 6	68,714	237,317 9 7	57,787	205,622 18 6	126,501	443,840 8 1
1868	154	3,278 0 10	73,222	247,484 0 7	61,656	214,025 15 4	134,878	461,509 15 11
1869	171	3,593 11 5	82,234	272,531 9 1	69,657	237,844 1 10	151,891	510,375 10 11
1870	175	3,883 1 11	91,002	291,626 3 5	79,191	261,871 15 0	170,193	553,497 18 5
1871	187	4,159 0 8	100,908	313,223 13 3	90,182	290,066 0 5	191,090	603,289 13 8
1872	196	4,542 8 5	113,050	341,976 6 10	105,084	328,138 16 3	218,134	670,115 3 1
1873	204	4,731 2 11	113,135	341,961 10 8	109,048	348,019 0 6	222,183	689,980 11 2

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Post Office Savings Banks in Victoria from the commencement of the system, 11th September 1865, to 31st December 1873.

Year.	No of Banks.	Deposits Received.		Repayments.		Interest credited to Depositors.	Depositors' Balances.	Depositors' Account.			Average Balance to each Account.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Accounts Opened.	Accounts Closed.	Accounts remaining Open.	
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.
1865	31	4,964	18,465 6 6	495	3,058 7 9	61 0 9	15,467 19 6	2,227	101	2,126	7 5 6
1866	50	25,909	85,381 15 7	6,204	43,348 4 11	1,189 0 9	58,690 10 11	5,703	1,055	6,774	8 13 3
1867	66	37,624	124,633 5 0	10,657	83,006 10 0	2,758 4 3	103,075 10 2	6,175	1,831	11,118	9 5 5
1868	72	45,408	184,115 4 6	14,293	125,565 10 7	4,435 19 3	166,061 3 4	6,540	3,302	14,356	11 11 4
1869	99	51,528	233,412 14 0	16,435	163,267 4 0	7,272 2 2	243,478 15 6	7,501	3,991	17,866	13 12 6½
1870	112	57,241	242,192 3 6	20,622	215,603 4 2	9,482 9 6	279,550 4 4	7,973	4,662	21,177	13 4 0
1871	122	63,693	292,679 17 3	22,213	229,871 18 11	11,167 2 2	353,525 4 10	8,864	5,237	24,804	14 5 0½
1872	130	74,842	521,978 6 10	26,406	348,314 15 7	16,241 11 2	543,430 7 3	11,458	6,134	30,128	18 0 8¾
1873	139	84,148	433,086 15 3	29,380	389,673 9 11	16,680 2 9	603,523 15 4	11,794	7,562	34,360	17 11 3¼

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with the Depositors from 1st January to 31st December 1873.

Dr. *Cr.*

1873.		£ s. d.	1873.		£ s. d.
January to December.	To Balance from 1872 ...	543,430 7 3	January to December.	By Repayment to Depositors in 1873	389,673 9 11
	„ Deposits received in 1873 ...	433,086 15 3		„ Balance due to Depositors...	603,523 15 4
	„ Interest credited to Depositors for 1873	16,680 2 9			
		993,197 5 3			993,197 5 3

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with the Honorable the Treasurer on account of Savings Bank Transactions for the year 1873.

Dr. *Cr.*

1873.		£ s. d.	1873.		£ s. d.
January to December.	To Balance, being Deposits received in 1872, and paid into Treasury January 1873	19,263 9 6	January to December.	By Balance, being amount due by Treasurer for repayment to Depositors during 1872	3,700
	„ Deposits received during 1873	433,086 15 3		„ Repayment to Depositors in 1873	389,673 9 11
	„ Cash received from Treasury	402,750 3 9		„ Cash paid into Treasury ...	451,389 8 0
	„ Interest allowed to Depositors for 1873	16,680 2 9		„ Amount due to Trust Fund for Interest credited to Depositors in 1873 ...	16,680 2 9
	„ Balance due from Treasury to replace money drawn from Money Order Account to repay Depositors	6,864 18 3		„ Cash in hand awaiting lodgment in Treasury ...	17,202 7 11
		878,645 9 6			878,645 9 6

CHANGES IN THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The growth of the business of the Department during the past year, and the extension of facilities both for Postal and Telegraphic communication, have rendered necessary a very considerable increase in the numbers of operators, letter-carriers, and telegraph messengers.

The augmentation of the business of the Department referred to above also made it desirable to increase the assistance in despatching Mails at the General Post Office, and the number of assistant sorters who were temporarily appointed last year for that purpose has been largely added to in consequence.

The Post and Telegraph Offices at the following places, namely, Market Square, Brighton, Emerald Hill, Hawthorn, Sandridge, St. Kilda, Alexandra, Berwick, Eaglehawk, Footscray, Leigh Road, Majorca, Lintons, Malmesbury, Mornington, New Gisborne, Prahran, Stratford, Stuartmill, Taradale, and Terang, are under the charge of postmistresses, and at the first six named places female assistants are employed. Female assistants are also employed at Cape Otway, Cape Schanck, Creswick, Dandenong, Kerang, Longwood, Queenscliff, Shady Creek, Scarsdale, and Stockyard Creek.

The employment of female operators in the Department has admitted of the advantages of electric telegraph communication being extended to several places in the country which must otherwise have been left without the accommodation, as the business at the stations referred to only justifies the payment of such salaries as those for which the services of postmistresses can be secured.

During the year the services of two officers were dispensed with, two officers were reduced in pay, and two officers resigned.

The following statement shows the strength and distribution of the Staff of the Department as at present constituted:—

Office.	Postmasters and Telegraph Managers.	Officers, Clerks, and Operators.	Sorters.	Instrument Fitters.	Mail-guards, Letter-carriers, and Stampers.	Line-repairers and Signalmen.	Printer's, &c., Assistants.	Mailmaster and Boatmen.	Office-keepers and Messengers.	Gas Engineer, Carpenter, Night-watchmen, and Constables.	Supernumeraries and Assistants.	Total.	Remarks.
Melbourne ...	...	144	46	4	116	6	14	5	50	7	49*	441	15 supernumeraries employed on arrival of the European mail
Alexandra ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Ararat ...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Avoca ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Bairnsdale	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Ballarat P.O. ...	1	4	2	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	15 supernumeraries employed on arrival of the European mail
Ballarat E.T.O. ...	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	...	...	16	
Beaufort	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Beechworth ...	1	2	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	8	
Belfast	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Benalla	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Berwick	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Bright	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Brighton ...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	5	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Buninyong ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Camperdown ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Cape Otway ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Cape Schanck ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Carisbrook ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Casterton ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Castlemaine P.O. ...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Castlemaine E.T.O.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Chiltern	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Clunes	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	
Colac	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Coleraine ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Collingwood ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	..	7	
Creswick	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	
Dandenong ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmaster paid out of Contingencies
Daylesford ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Dunolly	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Eaglehawk ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	
Eldorado ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Emerald Hill ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	4	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Echuca	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	7	
Footscray ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Fryerstown ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmaster paid out of Contingencies
Geelong	1	8	1	...	9	1	...	...	4	...	...	24	5 supernumeraries employed on arrival of European mail
Hamilton ...	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	6	
Hawthorn ...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	5	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Heathcote ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Hexham	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	
Inglewood ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Jamieson ...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Kangaroo Flat ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	

* These supernumeraries are employed only a portion of each month.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Officers, &c., employed in the Post and Telegraph Department in 1873—*continued.*

Office.	Postmasters and Telegraph Managers.	Officers, Clerks, and Operators.	Sorters.	Instrument Fitters.	Mail-guards, Letter-carriers, and Stampers.	Line-repairers and Signalmen.	Printers, &c., Assistants.	Mailmaster and Boatmen.	Office-keepers and Messengers.	Gas Engineer, Carpenter, Night-watchmen, and Constables.	Supernumeraries and Assistants.	Total.	Remarks.
Kerang	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Kilmore	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Koroit	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmaster paid out of Contingencies
Kyneton	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	
Leigh Road ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Linton	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Longwood ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Majorca	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Maldon	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Malmsbury ...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	..	...	3	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Mansfield ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Maryborough ...	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	7	
Mornington ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Mortlake ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
New Gisborne ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Newstead ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Penshurst ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Port Albert ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Portland	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	
Prahran	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Queenscliff ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	
Richmond ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	5	
Rosedale	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Rutherglen ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Sale	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Sandhurst ...	1	3	2	...	11	1	...	...	6	...	...	24	
Sandridge ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Sebastopol ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Seymour	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Shady Creek ...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Smythesdale ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
St. Arnaud ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
St. Kilda ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	4	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Stawell	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	8	
Stockyard Creek ...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	
Streatham ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Stratford	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Stuartmill ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Swan Hill ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Talbot	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Taradale	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Tarnagulla ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Terang	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	Postmistress paid out of Contingencies
Wahgunyah ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Walhalla ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Wangaratta ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	
Warrnambool ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	6	
Williamstown ...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	6	
Wilson's Promontory	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Wodonga ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Woodend ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Wood's Point ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Yackandandah ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Totals ...	93	175	56	4	195	19	14	5	167	7	64	800	

* Line-repairer in charge.

RETURN of Officers, &c., of the Melbourne Establishment, Absent from Duty on account of Illness, during 1873.

Branch.	Officers, &c.		Number of Days Absent.	Remarks.
	Number Employed.	Number Absent.		
Correspondence branch	8	5	32	One officer absent 17 days, and one 9 days.
Accounts branch	9	3	46	One officer absent 30 days, and one 15 days.
Mail branch	60	36	299	One officer absent 53 days, one 49 days, and five during 87 days.
Dead Letter branch	4	3	18	One officer absent 16 days.
Stores and Printing	27	10	44	
Money Orders and Savings Banks ...	20	12	249	One officer absent 196 days, and one 21 days.
Stamp branch	4	1	5	
Electric Telegraph branch	48	17	238	One officer absent 121 days, one 51 days, and one 11 days.

Out of nine mail guards, six were absent during 55 days.
Out of thirty-six letter-carriers, twenty-two were absent during 352 days. Of this number one was absent 118 days, one 74 days, one 53 days, and three 40 days, showing six letter-carriers absent during 285 days.
Out of forty telegraph messengers, twenty-four were absent during 168 days, six of whom were absent during 191 days.

Steam Postal Communication.

At the Conference held in Sydney, in January and February 1873, to which reference is made in the Post Office Report for 1872 (page 10) it was decided by a majority of delegates:—

1. That a four-weekly service should be established—to commence in January 1874—between Galle and Australia, with the terminus at Melbourne. The cost of the main and branch services to be borne by the several Australasian Governments, in proportion to the correspondence conveyed from each Colony.

2. That a Mail Service should be established between Singapore, Brisbane, and Sydney, provided the cost did not exceed £25,000 per annum, the cost to be divided between all the colonies, in proportion to the number of letters despatched by that route. The Imperial Government to be asked to contribute £5000 per annum towards the subsidy.

3. It was agreed to ask the Imperial Government to pay all charges on mails to and from London and San Francisco, and to contribute £20,000 annually towards a San Francisco service.*

The Government of New South Wales having declined to contribute to the maintenance of the Galle service, if Melbourne were made the terminus of the line, the Secretary of State for the Colonies proposed that the then existing service should be continued for two or three years as might be decided by the Imperial Government.

This proposal having been absolutely declined by the Government of Victoria, the Imperial Government determined to carry the mails to and from Galle, Singapore, and San Francisco, free of charge, and to pay to the Governments contributing to the services that might be established by the Colonies in connection with the places named, the postage received on outward mail matter conveyed by the respective routes—less Inland British postage and charges for Brindisi transit rate. In the case of the Galle service, it was made a condition that the steamers should call at a port in Western Australia.

As soon as practicable after this decision was made known to the Government of Victoria, a contract was entered into by the Postmaster-General of this colony with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of the mails between Melbourne and Point de Galle, from 1st January 1874 until 1st February 1880, at the rate of £90,000 per annum.

This Contract, a copy of which is appended to this Report (*see* Appendix G), provides for the steamers calling at King George's Sound, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, Victoria, at Glenelg, South Australia, on the outward and homeward voyages, the time allowed being—from Point de Galle to Melbourne, if calling at Glenelg, 516 hours, if not calling at Glenelg, 504 hours.

From Melbourne to Point de Galle, if calling at Glenelg 485 hours, if not calling at Glenelg 461, exclusive of stoppages.

The company is bound under the contract not to allow any of the vessels employed in the service, after delivering the mails at Melbourne, to proceed to any other port, save on return voyage to Point de Galle, without the consent in writing of the Postmaster-General, Victoria.

Arrangements have been made for the steamers to call at Glenelg, S.A., the Government of that Colony paying for the accommodation £5,000 per annum in addition to the amount to be paid for the carriage of the mails to and from Point de Galle, which is to be determined by the net weight of the correspondence contained therein according to the following scale, viz.:—Letters 1s. 7d. per oz., packets 1s. 6d. per lb., Newspapers 6d. per lb., as the equivalent of the ordinary postage rates.

The mail matter conveyed to and from Point de Galle and King George's Sound is also to be paid for at the above rates, and an agreement has also been entered into with the Governments of Tasmania, New South Wales, New Zealand, and Queensland, to carry Mails between Melbourne and Point de Galle for and from those Colonies on the same terms.

The following is a summary of the conditions upon which the Suez Mail Service has been settled:—

The British Government is to convey Mails for and from Australia and New Zealand, between England and Point de Galle, free of cost to the Colonies, and to account to them respectively for all postages collected on outward correspondence, less British inland rate and Brindisi transit rates.

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* It was also agreed that the rate on intercolonial letters forwarded by sea is to be reduced from 3d. to 2d. on and after 1st January 1874.

The Victorian Government is to convey Mails for and from the Colonies between Point de Galle and Glenelg and Melbourne at its own cost, and to receive in consideration thereof:—

1. From the Imperial Government, British postage on outward correspondence, less inland rate.
2. From the Governments of Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, New South Wales, and Queensland, full British postage on correspondence contained in outward Mails and full Colonial postage on correspondence contained in the homeward Mails, according to the rates specified on page 23.
3. The Victorian Government is also to receive from the Government of South Australia the additional contribution of £5,000 per annum, on account of the Mail steamers being allowed to call off Glenelg on the voyage to and from Ceylon.

The Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand have contracted for a four-weekly Mail service between San Francisco and Sydney in the former, and Port Chalmers and Auckland in the latter colony, *viâ* Kandavau (Fiji) and Honolulu.

The amount to be paid for this service under the provisional contract entered into for one year from the 27th November 1873 (after which the permanent contract for six years will come into force) is as follows, namely:—

If conveyed from San Francisco to Sydney, and *vice versâ*, in 708 hours, £1,153 16s. 11d.; in 678 hours, £1,298 1s. 6d.; in 648 hours, £1,442 6s. 1d.; in 622 hours, £1,586 10s. 8d.; in 600 hours, £1,730 15s. 4d., for each mail conveyed.

If conveyed between San Francisco and Auckland in 645 hours, and Port Chalmers in 785 hours, £1,153 16s. 11d.; Auckland in 617 hours, and Port Chalmers in 752 hours, £1,298 1s. 6d.; Auckland in 591 hours, and Port Chalmers in 722 hours, £1,442 6s. 1d.; Auckland in 568 hours, and Port Chalmers in 695 hours, £1,586 10s. 8d.; Auckland in 546 hours, and Port Chalmers in 671 hours, £1,730 15s. 4d.

According to the Time Table prepared for the year 1874, the outward Mails from London are to be delivered in Sydney in 49 days, and the homeward Mails from Sydney to London are to be delivered in the same time, an arrangement which will admit, if the steamers keep time, of the line being used with advantage for correspondence passing between the United Kingdom and Victoria, although it will not afford the convenience of a fortnightly service.

The Government of Queensland has also entered into a contract for a four-weekly service between Brisbane and Singapore, for the sum of £20,000 per annum.

According to the Time Table for the year 1874, Victorian correspondence with the United Kingdom would not be facilitated by this service, which, however, will probably be found to be useful to this Colony in connection with the China and Japan correspondence.

An arrangement has been entered into by the Government of Victoria with the Governments of New South Wales and Queensland, under which the correspondence for and from Melbourne will be conveyed in the steamers to be employed in the San Francisco and Singapore Mail services on the same terms as the Mails for those Colonies are to be conveyed between Point de Galle and Melbourne, which have been fully explained above.

The following is an account showing the Amounts Chargeable on the Australian Colonies and New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service for the year ending 31st December 1873:—

Colonies.	Estimated Number of Letters Inwards and Outwards in 1873.	Service to Point de Galle.	Service between Point de Galle and King George's Sound.	Service between King George's Sound and Melbourne.	Service between Melbourne and Sydney.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	956,240	12,243 14 10	16,508 16 4	7,624 12 10	...
New South Wales	412,800	5,285 10 10	7,126 14 10	3,291 9 9	2,814 5 8
South Australia	198,800	2,545 7 2	3,432 0 6	...	...
New Zealand	472,300	6,047 9 11	8,154 2 7	3,765 18 3	3,219 18 7
Tasmania	71,430	914 11 10	1,233 3 9	569 11 0	...
Queensland	193,440	2,476 16 5	3,339 12 3	1,542 8 2	1,318 15 9
Western Australia... ...	32,340	414 4 0	558 9 9	...	...
Total ...	2,337,350	29,927 15 0	40,353 0 0	16,794 0 0	7,353 0 0

Colonies.	Moiety of Cost of Mail Bags.	Proportion of Cost of Special Packets between Dover and Calais.	Estimated Number of Newspapers, Inwards and Outwards, *viâ* Suez.	Egyptian Transit Rate on Newspapers *viâ* Suez.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	53 3 8	40 18 3	1,428,850	1,350 7 6	37,821 13 5
New South Wales	22 19 2	17 13 3	610,400	576 17 6	19,135 11 0
South Australia	11 1 1	8 10 1	289,990	273 19 6	6,270 18 4
New Zealand	26 5 6	20 4 2	634,700	599 19 0	21,833 18 0
Tasmania	3 19 5	3 1 1	160,300	151 9 0	2,875 16 1
Queensland	10 15 2	8 5 6	265,050	250 11 6	8,947 4 9
Western Australia... ...	1 16 0	1 7 8	49,510	46 16 0	1,022 13 5
Total ...	130 0 0	100 0 0	3,438,800	3,250 0 0	97,907 15 0

ACCOUNT CURRENT for the Year 1873, in continuation of that rendered for the Year 1872.

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Colonies.	Balance of Account to 31st December 1872.	Amount Chargeable for 1873 (as per above Statement).	Amounts Chargeable for the Years 1871 and 1872.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	73,132 5 3	37,821 13 5	2,985 18 0	113,939 16 8
New South Wales	26,050 0 4	19,135 11 0	2,127 18 8	47,313 10 0
South Australia	7,497 1 9	6,270 18 4	315 2 4	14,083 2 5
New Zealand	5,554 11 5	21,833 18 0	1,600 14 1	28,989 3 6
Tasmania	3,450 19 11	2,875 16 1	283 1 10	6,609 17 10
Queensland	14,715 7 4	8,947 4 9	1,923 4 6	25,585 16 7
Western Australia... ...	1,267 10 4	1,022 13 5	85 14 4	2,375 18 1
Total ...	131,667 16 4	97,907 15 0	9,321 13 9	238,897 5 1

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Colonies.	Remittances.	Branch Packet Service.	Amounts Overcharged to the Colonies in 1871 and 1872.	Balance due 31st December 1872.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	73,132 5 3	...	1,868 0 11	38,939 10 6	113,939 16 8
New South Wales ...	17,418 7 10	...	148 9 3	29,746 12 11	47,313 10 0
South Australia	4,815 16 9	2,681 5 0	77 17 8	6,508 3 0	14,083 2 5
New Zealand	...	...	7,167 18 9	21,821 4 9	28,989 3 6
Tasmania	...	...	24 8 9	6,585 9 1	6,609 17 10
Queensland	8,425 0 4	6,290 7 1	2 10 3	10,867 18 11	25,585 16 7
Western Australia ...	1,267 10 4	...	57 8 2	1,050 19 7	2,375 18 1
Total ...	105,059 0 6	8,971 12 1	9,346 13 9	115,519 18 9	238,897 5 1

With reference to the foregoing statement, showing the amounts chargeable on the Australian colonies and New Zealand, for the Mail Packet service, for the year 1873, the Receiver and Accountant-General of the London Post Office states:—

"That, for the purpose of this account, the number of letters and newspapers forming the basis of the charges against each colony have been estimated on the assumption that the service between New Zealand and San Francisco, which was suspended in March last, will not be resumed during the year, and that, consequently, the whole of the correspondence with New Zealand and Australia will be forwarded *viâ* Suez during nine months of the current year.

"The amount charged against the colonies on account of the service between England and Point de Galle includes the sum of £987 15s., being the colonial proportion, viz.:—One half of the amount paid for the conveyance by French Packet, from Point de Galle to Suez, of the New Zealand and Australian Mails due in England on the 17th and 24th March, these Mails having missed the British packet for Suez, owing to an accident sustained by the steamer which conveyed them to Galle.

"The number of New Zealand letters and newspapers *viâ* Suez, were over estimated in 1871, and under estimated in the account for the following year. An adjustment of the charges against the several colonies, based upon the actual numbers of letters and newspapers exchanged during each of the years 1871 and 1872, has been made in this account."

RETURN showing the Estimated Receipts on Account of Steam Postal Service for 1873.

	£ s. d.
Letters	15,964 18 9
Registration Fees	306 3 6
Packets	293 19 2
Newspapers	2,433 3 11
	£18,998 5 4

Cost of Steam Postal Communication between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, extracted from Accounts furnished by the London Office.

Year.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.			TASMANIA.			QUEENSLAND.			SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1866	193 16 4	555 8 9	749 5 1	459 12 8	1,865 9 3	2,325 1 11	1,354 4 11	7,219 4 10	8,573 9 9	1,406 3 10	3,893 8 2	5,299 12 0
1867	260 17 3	883 9 7	1,144 6 10	584 11 1	2,809 16 7	3,394 7 8	1,847 12 10	8,976 9 8	10,824 2 6	1,970 8 3	6,085 0 4	8,055 8 7
1868	540 17 6	813 15 0	1,354 12 6	1,134 4 11	2,407 4 4	3,541 9 3	3,062 12 2	7,430 9 2	10,493 1 4	3,710 14 3	5,356 10 5	9,067 4 8
1869	606 17 2	858 6 4	1,465 3 6	1,238 12 2	2,589 3 1	3,827 15 3	2,994 18 3	8,355 3 11	11,350 2 2	3,842 1 4	5,367 14 7	9,209 15 11
1870	410 11 6	743 5 2	1,153 16 8	871 17 1	2,242 8 5	3,114 5 6	2,293 6 2	6,920 1 0	9,213 7 2	2,518 17 8	4,480 8 5	6,999 6 1
1871	466 1 5	723 15 11	1,189 17 4	962 12 6	2,224 19 10	3,187 12 4	2,400 17 3	6,988 7 0	9,389 4 3	2,842 6 1	4,387 8 6	7,229 14 7
1872	499 5 1	800 6 7	1,299 11 8	1,052 6 9	2,665 1 1	3,717 7 10	2,684 16 2	9,955 4 10	12,640 1 0	2,960 9 11	4,796 13 11	7,757 3 10
1873*	414 4 0	608 9 5	1,022 13 5	914 11 10	1,961 4 3	2,875 16 1	2,476 16 5	6,470 8 4	8,947 4 9	2,545 7 2	3,725 11 2	6,270 18 4
Total	3,392 10 3	5,986 16 9	9,379 7 0	7,218 9 0	18,765 6 10	25,983 15 10	19,115 4 2	62,315 8 9	81,430 12 11	21,796 8 6	38,092 15 6	59,889 4 0

Year.	NEW ZEALAND.			NEW SOUTH WALES.			VICTORIA.			VICTORIA.		—
	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	England and Point de Galle.	Point de Galle and Australia, Egyptian Rate, &c.	Total Cost.	Estimated Receipts on account of this Service.	Estimated Loss on account of this Service.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1866	4,244 4 5	12,586 12 0	16,830 16 5	2,658 7 0	14,254 1 8	16,912 8 8	6,122 10 10	24,072 3 8	30,194 14 6	21,542 8 1	8,652 6 5	
1867	2,272 17 0	7,561 15 7	9,831 12 7	3,448 4 4	16,883 2 1	20,331 6 5	7,925 9 3	28,965 10 0	36,890 19 3	20,572 4 0	16,318 15 3	
1868	1,542 16 4	4,675 1 5	6,217 17 9	5,870 16 6	13,677 2 1	19,547 18 7	14,516 8 4	24,436 6 7	38,952 14 11	19,726 12 8	19,226 2 3	
1869	1,101 18 9	3,402 18 4	4,504 17 1	5,367 17 10	15,099 7 6	20,467 5 4	16,493 14 6	33,299 16 3	49,793 10 9	20,320 0 0	29,473 10 9	
1870	2,402 14 11	7,450 5 2	9,853 0 1	7,811 19 10	13,485 4 1	21,297 3 11	12,321 2 7	31,026 8 0	43,347 10 7	20,275 5 10	23,072 4 9	
1871	2,500 10 11	7,384 5 5	9,884 16 4	5,508 0 8	16,079 16 7	21,587 17 3	13,798 11 2	30,505 13 5	44,304 4 7	19,378 17 4	24,925 7 3	
1872	675 10 11	1,278 8 9	1,953 19 8	5,907 0 9	19,704 1 2	25,611 1 11	14,700 10 5	33,543 2 5	48,243 12 10	19,369 7 11	28,874 4 11	
1873*	6,047 9 11	15,786 8 1	21,833 18 0	5,285 10 10	13,850 0 2	19,135 11 0	12,243 14 10	25,577 18 7	37,821 13 5	18,998 5 4	18,823 8 1	
Total	20,788 3 2	60,125 14 9	80,913 17 11	41,857 17 9	123,032 15 4	164,890 13 1	98,122 1 11	231,426 18 11	329,549 0 10	160,183 1 2	169,365 19 8	

* Accounts not yet adjusted.

NOTE.—This Return does not include the cost of the Branch Services to New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, which is not charged against the other colonies.

RETURN showing the Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched by the Royal Mail Steamers in each Month during the Year 1873.

Received.					Despatched.				
Date.	Name of Steamer.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Date.	Name of Steamer.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1873.					1873.				
Jan. 19	Baroda	42,188	3,834	89,073	Jan. 3	Bangalore ...	33,905	921	45,465
Feb. 17	Mooltan ...	39,493	3,877	89,146	Jan. 31	Baroda ...	38,668	1,149	39,788
March 9	Bangalore ...	40,627	4,218	96,729	Feb. 28	Mooltan ...	41,900	1,140	40,237
April 7	Sumatra ...	38,570	4,090	92,471	Mar. 28	Bangalore ...	39,781	826	41,473
May 5	Baroda	38,489	3,906	89,409	April 23	Sumatra ...	37,604	772	39,632
May 31	Bangalore ...	36,139	3,901	88,794	May 22	Baroda ...	41,975	985	53,788
June 27	China	38,126	3,733	88,426	June 18	Bangalore ...	41,616	1,151	44,547
July 26	Baroda	37,000	3,672	85,318	July 17	China ...	44,510	1,212	63,171
Aug. 27	Bangalore ...	36,059	3,956	93,545	Aug. 13	Baroda ...	38,188	1,358	45,704
Sept. 20	China	38,027	3,672	85,773	Sept. 10	Bangalore ...	38,050	1,006	44,813
Oct. 20	Baroda	40,359	3,826	87,254	Oct. 10	China ...	42,032	1,267	51,106
Nov. 15	Bangalore ...	41,584	3,817	87,823	Nov. 7	Baroda ...	35,344	1,142	35,655
Dec. 13	Nubia	42,423	3,979	92,306	Dec. 5	Bangalore ...	37,305	1,879	38,588
	Totals ...	509,084	50,481	1,166,067		Total ...	510,878	14,808	583,967

STATEMENT showing the Dates upon which the Royal Mail Steamers were due in Melbourne, and the Dates upon which they arrived; also the Duration of the Voyage from Galle.

Name of Steamer.	Due at Melbourne.		Arrival at Melbourne.		Duration of Voyage from Galle.	Late.	Before appointed Time.
	Date.	Time.	Date.	Time.			
	1873.		1873.		Days hrs. min.	Days hrs. min.	Days hrs. min.
Baroda	Jan. 14th	11 p.m.	Jan. 19th	8.20 a.m.	20 21 5	4 9 20	...
Mooltan	Feb. 11th	,,	Feb. 17th	10.45 a.m.	24 21 30	5 11 45	...
Bangalore	March 11th	,,	March 9th	8.15 p.m.	20 2 45	...	2 2 45
Sumatra	April 8th	,,	April 7th	4.20 p.m.	21 0 20	...	1 6 40
Baroda	May 6th	,,	May 5th	5.30 p.m.	20 18 0	...	1 5 30
Bangalore	June 3rd	,,	May 31st	9 p.m.	20 21 30	...	3 2 0
China	July 1st	,,	June 27th	11 a.m.	19 18 43	...	4 12 0
Baroda	July 29th	,,	July 26th	5.30 p.m.	20 23 20	...	3 5 30
Bangalore	Aug. 26th	,,	Aug. 27th	2.30 p.m.	19 19 30	0 15 30	...
China	Sept. 23rd	,,	Sept. 20th	2.20 p.m.	19 23 47	...	3 8 40
Baroda	Oct. 21st	,,	Oct. 20th	9.30 a.m.	21 20 45	...	1 13 30
Bangalore	Nov. 18th	,,	Nov. 15th	9.48 p.m.	20 12 38	...	3 1 12
Nubia	Dec. 16th	,,	Dec. 13th	11.45 a.m.	19 4 15	...	3 11 15

STATEMENT showing the Dates upon which the Royal Mail Steamers despatched from Melbourne were due in London, and the Dates upon which they arrived at destination.

Name of Steamer.	Date of Despatch.	*Via* Brindisi.		Late.	Before appointed Time.	*Via* Southampton.		Late.	Before appointed Time.
		Due in London.	Arrived in London.			Due in London.	Arrived in London.		
	1873.	1873.	1873.	Days.	Days.	1873.	1873.	Days.	Days.
Bangalore ...	Jan. 3rd	Feb. 17th	Feb. 16th	...	1	Feb. 24th	Feb. 25th	1	...
Baroda ...	Jan. 31st	March 17th	Mar. 17th	...	...	March 24th	Mar. 27th	3	...
Mooltan ...	Feb. 28th	April 14th	April 14th	...	...	April 21st	April 22nd	1	...
Bangalore ...	March 28th	May 12th	May 12th	...	...	May 19th	May 22nd	3	...
Sumatra ...	April 23rd	June 9th	June 8th	...	1	June 16th	June 14th	...	2
Baroda ...	May 21st	July 7th	July 8th	1	...	July 14th	July 16th	2	...
Bangalore ...	June 18th	Aug. 4th	Aug. 3rd	...	1	Aug. 11th	Aug. 13th	2	...
China ...	July 16th	Sept. 1st	Sept. 1st	...	...	Sept. 8th	Sept. 8th	...	...
Baroda ...	Aug. 13th	Sept. 29th	Sept. 30th	1	...	Oct. 6th	Oct. 8th	2	...
Bangalore ...	Sept. 10th	Oct. 27th	Oct. 27th	...	...	Nov. 3rd	Nov. 3rd	...	...
China ...	Oct. 10th	Nov. 24th	Nov. 23rd	...	1	Dec. 1st	Dec. 1st	...	...
Baroda ...	Nov. 7th	Dec. 22nd	Dec. 22nd	...	...	Dec. 29th	Dec. 30th	1	...
		1874.	1874.			1874.	1874.		
Bangalore ...	Dec. 5th	Jan. 19th	Jan. 18th	...	1	Jan. 26th	Jan. 25th	...	1

General Post Office,
Melbourne, 31st March 1874.

W. TURNER,
Deputy Postmaster-General.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the Revenue and Expenditure and Net Annual Cost of the Post Office and Telegraph Department; also the Number of Inland Letters Posted in the Colony, the Ship Letters Received and Despatched, and the Number of Telegraphic Messages Transmitted in each year from 1862 to 1873 inclusive.

Year.	Number of Offices.	Post Office.					Electric Telegraph.		
		Expenditure.				Total Revenue.	Net Cost.	Total Expenditure.	Total Revenue.	Net Cost.
		Steam Postal Service.	Inland Mail Service.	All Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.					
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1862	408	43,534 11 4	48,322 17 1	67,311 4 0	159,168 12 5	117,515 1 8	41,653 10 9	33,340 2 3	26,834 19 8	6,505 2 7
1863	437	40,122 17 4	53,854 8 3	68,785 0 11	162,762 6 6	121,212 5 0	41,550 1 6	35,645 11 9	25,768 15 8	9,876 16 1
1864	475	40,122 17 4	59,732 17 8	74,069 0 4	173,924 15 4	129,373 0 7	44,551 14 9	35,976 6 3	30,601 17 11	5,374 8 4
1865	525	40,122 17 4	58,904 8 6	77,984 2 8	177,011 8 6	138,807 0 3	38,204 8 3	37,846 17 5	35,767 17 4	2,079 0 1
1866	555	28,774 16 11	61,012 11 9	85,571 2 11	175,358 11 7	130,558 12 4	44,799 19 3	38,473 2 10	36,178 17 4	2,294 5 6
1867	583	37,297 2 7	66,430 6 9	90,715 16 6	194,443 5 10	114,029 2 9	80,414 3 1	40,462 9 2	29,148 12 2	11,313 17 0
1868	633	42,145 14 1	70,626 15 11	96,379 9 9	209,151 19 9	119,280 4 2	89,871 15 7	41,715 3 4	30,760 10 4	10,954 13 0
1869	660	46,555 16 2	68,416 3 0	129,156 5 7	244,128 4 9	164,735 12 7	79,392 12 2	..	..	..
1870	688	35,529 5 8	75,764 1 11	135,701 8 2	246,994 15 9	161,191 12 2	85,803 3 7	..	..	..
1871	711	44,415 5 2	83,391 3 0	137,318 18 3	265,125 6 5	166,933 5 4	98,192 1 1	..	..	..
1872	741	47,125 15 9	97,588 7 6	147,909 2 9	292,623 6 0	184,308 11 9	108,314 14 3	..	..	..
1873	794	37,821 13 5	94,297 7 5	158,043 5 11	*290,162 6 9	193,384 5 11	96,778 0 10	..	..	..

Year.	Inland.			Ship— Received and Despatched.			Total.			Numbers of Telegraphic Messages Transmitted.
	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	
1862	4,345,066	..	2,310,346	1,931,557	..	2,598,873	6,276,623	..	4,909,219	211,685
1863	4,581,169	..	2,164,475	2,055,122	..	2,766,171	6,636,291	..	4,930,646	234,520
1864	4,778,028	40,443	2,763,544	2,012,216	22,468	2,908,001	6,790,244	62,911	5,671,545	256,330
1865	5,579,097	70,871	3,151,385	1,906,711	37,017	2,886,144	7,485,808	107,888	6,037,529	279,741
1866	6,650,000	267,843	2,495,045	1,981,133	47,362	2,943,343	8,631,133	315,205	5,438,388	277,787
1867	7,663,200	238,332	2,435,934	1,904,790	48,421	2,471,885	9,567,990	286,753	4,907,819	235,648
1868	7,905,067	272,942	2,527,549	1,844,649	51,201	2,446,553	9,749,716	324,143	4,974,102	276,677
1869	8,759,848	314,695	2,596,892	1,822,863	61,344	2,654,435	10,582,711	376,039	5,251,327	277,132
1870	9,288,153	344,515	2,697,579	1,845,130	68,771	2,589,903	11,133,283	413,286	5,287,482	454,598
1871	9,900,064	394,398	2,807,501	1,816,102	75,149	2,365,469	11,716,166	469,547	5,172,970	537,398
1872	11,000,000	452,711	2,998,633	1,941,095	103,755	2,492,139	12,941,095	556,486	5,490,772	639,960
1873	12,342,000	594,591	3,524,857	2,133,085	112,725	2,555,150	14,475,085	707,316	6,080,007	718,167

In 1869 the Electric Telegraph was amalgamated with the Post Office Department, and from that period the Revenue and Expenditure for both Services appear under one head.

A separate account of packets was not kept previous to the year 1864.

* The cost of construction and repairs of Electric Telegraph lines—£15,519—is not included in these figures. Previous to the year 1873 expenditure of the kind was borne upon the Estimates of the Public Works Department.

APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing the Interruption to Telegraphic Communication in Victoria during the Year 1873.

Date.	Designation of Line.	Points of Interruption.	Period of Interruption.	Supposed or ascertained Causes.
1873.				
January 20 ...	Wood's Point Branch	Between Benalla and Mansfield ...	7 hours	Tree fallen on line.
„ 21 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	5½ „	„ „
„ 21 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	3 „	„ „
„ 22 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	3½ „	„ „
„ 22 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	5½ „	„ „
„ 23 ...	No. 3 Western ...	„ Hamilton and Coleraine ...	7 „	„ „
„ 25 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Shady Creek	3 „	„ „
„ 30 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	5½ „	„ „
„ 30 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Shady Creek...	8½ „	„ „
February 6 ...	Ditto	„ Shady Creek and Rosedale ...	5 „	Posts blown down.
„ 7 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ..	11½ „	„ „
„ 17 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Shady Creek	5 „	Post injured by lightning.
„ 18 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day	Heavy storm ; lines blown down.
„ 24 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	Defective connections on line.
„ 25 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 26 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 27 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 28 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	7½ hours	„ „
March 19 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Shady Creek	6 „	Trees blown down on line.
„ 22 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Sandridge and Mornington ...	6 „	Posts blown down.
„ 25 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day	„ „
„ 26 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 27 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 28 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	3½ hours	„ „
„ 28 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 day	„ „
„ 29 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	3½ hours	„ „
April 4 ...	Gippsland	„ Rosedale and Walhalla ...	9 „	Trees blown on line.
„ 9 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Cape Shanck and Flinders ...	3 „	Wire blown off posts.
„ 10 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	6 „	„ „
„ 18 ...	Swan Hill	„ Inglewood and Kerang ...	6 „	Posts blown down.
May 1 ...	Gippsland	„ Stockyard Creek and Wilson's Promontory	8 „	Tree on line.
„ 7 ...	Ditto	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	5½ „	„ „
„ 8 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	6 „	„ „
„ 9 ...	Bright Branch ...	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	1 day	„ „
„ 15 ...	Gippsland	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	9 hours	„ „
June 3 ...	Ditto	„ Rosedale and Sale	4 „	„ „
„ 4 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	7 „	„ „
„ 4 ...	Swan Hill	„ Kerang and Swan Hill ...	4 „	Line off posts.
„ 5 ...	Gippsland	„ Melbourne and Dandenong ...	11 „	Tree on line.
„ 6 ...	Ditto	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	1 day	„ „
„ 10 ...	Ditto	„ Shady Creek and Rosedale ...	3 hours	„ „
„ 11 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	9 „	„ „
„ 13 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 day	Defective connections, Jamieson office.
„ 14 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 20 ...	Gippsland	„ Berwick and Shady Creek ...	6 hours	Tree on line.
„ 20 ...	Wahgunyah Branch ...	„ Beechworth and Yackandandah	1½ „	„ „
„ 25 ...	Gippsland	„ Shady Creek and Rosedale ...	4½ „	„ „
„ 26 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	11 „	„ „
„ 27 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	6 „	„ „
„ 30 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	8 „	„ „
July 1 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 day	„ „
„ 8 ...	Gippsland	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	2½ hours	„ „
„ 9 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	9½ „	„ „
„ 14 ...	Ditto	„ Shady Creek and Rosedale ...	9½ „	„ „
„ 14 ...	Ditto	„ Stockyard Creek and Port Albert	8 „	„ „
„ 15 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 day	„ „
„ 15 ...	Ditto	„ Berwick and Shady Creek ...	4 hours	„ „
„ 16 ...	Ditto	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	4 „	„ „
„ 15 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	4 „	„ „
„ 16 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Mornington and Cape Schanck	6 „	Post blown down.
„ 18 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Berwick ...	9 „	Defect in lightning arrester, Dandenong office.
„ 23 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	5 „	Trees on line.
„ 24 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 day	„ „
„ 25 ...	Wahgunyah ...	„ Chiltern and Rutherglen ...	6 hours	„ „
August 18 ...	Bright	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	1 day	Posts blown down.
„ 19 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 20 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	5½ hours	„ „
„ 21 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 day	„ „
„ 28 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	6½ hours	„ „
Sept. 11 ...	Gippsland	„ Rosedale and Shady Creek ...	2¼ „	Tree on line.
„ 13 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Mornington and Cape Schanck	2 „	Post blown down.

RETURN showing the Interruption to Telegraphic Communication—*continued.*

Date.	Designation of Line.	Points of Interruption.	Period of Interruption.	Supposed or ascertained Causes.
1873.				
October 4 ...	Gippsland	Between Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	6 hours	Tree on line.
„ 4 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Sandridge and Mornington ...	5½ „	Posts blown down.
„ 6 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	10½ „	„ „
„ 7 ...	Gippsland	„ Rosedale and Walhalla ...	5½ „	Trees on line.
„ 8 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	9½ „	„ „
„ 13 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day	„ „
„ 15 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	2½ hours	„ „
„ 18 ...	Wahgunyah Branch ...	„ Rutherglen and Wahgunyah ...	8½ „	Posts blown down.
„ 22 ...	Gippsland	„ Rosedale and Walhalla ...	7½ „	Trees on line.
„ 22 ...	Ditto	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	5½ „	„ „
„ 23 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Geelong and Queenscliff ...	2 „	Post down.
„ 27 ...	Gippsland	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	1 day	Trees on line.
„ 31 ...	Wahgunyah Branch ...	„ Yackandandah and Chiltern ...	4½ hours	„ „
Nov. 3 ...	Gippsland	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	8 „	„ „
„ 5 ...	Wahgunyah Branch ...	„ Beechworth and Yackandandah	8 „	Line off posts.
„ 10 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point ...	1 day	
„ 11 ...	Ditto	„ Mansfield	1 „	Defective connections, Jamieson office.
„ 12 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	
„ 13 ...	Cross Country ...	„ Maryborough and Avoca ...	6 hours	Posts down.
„ 13 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	9 „	Trees on line.
„ 25 ...	Cape Otway ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day	„ „
„ 26 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	1 „	„ „
„ 28 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	4 hours	„ „
„ 29 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	9 „	„ „
Dec. 3 ...	Rokewood	„ Smythesdale and Rokewood ...	5 „	Defect in Rokewood office.
„ 8 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Sandridge and Mornington ...	4 „	Bush-fires; several posts burnt down.
„ 9 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	8 „	
„ 9 ...	Gippsland	„ Dandenong and Berwick ...	3½ „	Bush-fires.
„ 10 ...	Ditto	„ Berwick and Shady Creek ...	7½ „	„
„ 13 ...	Ditto	„ Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	1 „	Trees on line.
„ 15 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	2½ „	„ „
„ 15 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Sandridge and Mornington ...	2 „	Bush-fires; posts burnt.
„ 16 ...	Gippsland	„ Berwick and Shady Creek ...	4½ „	Posts blown down.
„ 17 ...	Wood's Point Branch	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point ...	3½ „	Trees on line.
„ 17 ...	Southern Coast ...	„ Mornington and Cape Schanck	1 „	Bush-fires.
„ 18 ...	Ditto	„ Ditto	5 „	„
„ 31 ...	Gippsland	„ Shady Creek and Rosedale ...	2 „	Trees on line.

REMARKS.

1873.

Jan. 1 ... Southern coast line crossed with Sandridge Railway wire between Melbourne and Sandridge.
„ 1 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 1 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Longwood and Seymour.
„ 6 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Longwood and Seymour.
„ 6 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„ 7 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„ 8, 9 ... Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„ 13 ... Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„ 21 ... All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 23 ... Western lines crossed between Geelong and Werribee.
„ 23 ... Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„ 23 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wangaratta.
„ 28 ... Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„ 29 ... Western lines crossed between Colac and Geelong.
„ 29 ... Western lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 30 ... Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong, also Geelong and Colac.
„ 30 ... All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.

Feb. 10 ... Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Woodend.
„ 11 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„ 13 ... North-Western lines crossed between Castlemaine and Maldon.
„ 18, 19 ... All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 20 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 21 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 22 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 22 ... All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 24 ... Northern lines crossed between Castlemaine and Sandhurst.

March 11 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„ 12 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth.
„ 12 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 19 ... Western lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 21 ... Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Kyneton.
„ 21 ... Western lines crossed between Colac and Camperdown.
„ 26 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.

April 25 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 26 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 28 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„ 28 ... All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„ 29 ... North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Seymour, also Longwood and Benalla.
„ 29 ... Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Castlemaine.

1873.		REMARKS—*continued.*
May	5, 6 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	5, 6 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	12, 13 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	14 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Melbourne.
„	17 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
„	27 ...	North-Western lines crossed between Maldon and Castlemaine.
„	31 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„	31 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
June	5 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	6 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	6 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	9 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„	13 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	14 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	16 ...	Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Castlemaine.
„	19, 20 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore, Seymour, and Longwood.
„	27 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	27 ...	Western lines crossed between Warrnambool and Camperdown.
July	1 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wangaratta.
„	7, 8 ...	Western lines crossed between Terang and Warrnambool.
„	9 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth.
„	13 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
„	15, 16 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	19 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	21 ...	Western lines crossed between Warrnambool and Camperdown.
„	25 ...	Western lines crossed between Warrnambool and Camperdown.
August	11 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Melbourne and Kilmore.
„	13 ...	Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„	13 ...	Western lines crossed between Warrnambool and Terang.
„	18 ...	Western lines crossed between Belfast and Warrnambool.
„	18, 19 ...	Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„	20 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„	29, 30, 31	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
Sept.	1 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	3 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	4 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown, Terang, and Warrnambool.
„	5, 6 ...	Northern lines crossed between Sandhurst and Echuca.
„	6 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	12 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	12 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	15 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Melbourne and Kilmore.
„	16 ...	Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„	22 ...	Western lines crossed between Terang and Warrnambool.
October	6 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	9, 10 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Seymour and Longwood.
„	11 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Werribee.
„	11 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	16 ...	Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Castlemaine.
„	17 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
„	17 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	18 ...	Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Gisborne.
„	18 ...	Western lines crossed between Terang and Camperdown.
„	20 ...	Northern lines crossed between Kyneton and Castlemaine.
„	20 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth.
„	21 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Longwood and Seymour.
„	22 ...	Western lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
„	22 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	26, 27 ...	Western lines crossed between Geelong and Ballarat.
„	27 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	28 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Werribee.
„	31 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Werribee.
„	31 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
Nov.	4 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	8, 9 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wodonga.
„	12, 13 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Kilmore and Longwood.
„	24, 25, 26	Northern lines crossed between Castlemaine and Sandhurst.
„	26 ...	Western lines crossed between Ballarat and Geelong.
Dec.	2 ...	Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Gisborne.
„	4 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Melbourne and Wallan-wallan.
„	8, 9 .	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	10 ...	All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances.
„	10 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
„	12 ...	Western lines crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
„	16 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth.
„	17 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta.
„	18 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth.
„	19, 20 ...	Western lines crossed between Geelong and Ballarat.
„	22 ...	Western lines crossed between Geelong and Ballarat.
„	23 ...	Western lines crossed between Terang and Warrnambool.
„	23 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wangaratta.
„	24 ...	Northern lines crossed between Castlemaine and Melbourne.
„	24 ...	Western lines crossed between Terang and Warrnambool.
„	26 ...	Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
„	27 ...	North-Eastern lines crossed between Seymour and Kilmore.
„	28 ...	North-eastern lines crossed between Seymour and Kilmore.
„	29 ...	North-eastern lines crossed between Seymour and Kilmore.
„	31 ...	Western lines crossed between Geelong and Ballarat.

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the names of the several Electric Telegraph Stations and the Lines of Telegraph now in operation in the Colony of Victoria.

Main Lines.	Extent in Miles from the Melbourne Office.	Name of Station.	Branch Line.	Name of Station.	Extent in Miles.
		Melbourne	Parliament House Branch	Parliament Houses	1 from Melbourne
		Williamstown		Treasury Buildings	
		Geelong			
		Queenscliff			
SOUTHERN COAST LINE	137	Sandridge	Point Lonsdale	Point Lonsdale	4 from Queenscliff
		Mornington			
		Cape Schanck			
		Flinders			
		Mount Gambier			
		Portland			
WESTERN COAST LINE	303	Belfast	Koroit Branch	Koroit	9 from Belfast
		Warrnambool			
		Terang			
		Camperdown			
		Colac			
			Buninyong Branch	Sebastopol	7 from Ballarat
				Buninyong	
			Linton Branch	Smythesdale	23 from Ballarat
		Ballarat		Linton	
				Scarsdale	3 from Smythesdale
			Rokewood Branch	Rokewood	20 from Smythesdale
CROSS COUNTRY—WESTERN LINE	333		Stawell Branch	Ararat	57 from Ballarat
				Stawell	
		Beaufort			
		Streatham			
		Hexham			
		Mortlake			
		Penshurst			
		Hamilton	Portland Branch		53 from Hamilton
		Coleraine			
		Casterton			
CAPE OTWAY LINE	140	Otway			
		Footscray			
		Leigh Road			
		Creswick			
		Daylesford			
		Carisbrook			
CROSS COUNTRY LINE	312	Talbot			
		Maryborough	Majorca Branch	Majorca	11 from Maryborough
		Clunes			
		Avoca			
		Stuartmill			
		St. Arnaud			
		Tarnagulla			
		Inglewood			
		Serpentine			
		Kerang			
		Swan Hill			
SWAN HILL LINE	231	Gisborne			
		Kyneton			
		Malmsbury	Chewton Branch	Chewton	3 from Castlemaine
		Taradale	Fryerstown Branch	Fryerstown	6 from Castlemaine
		Castlemaine	Newstead Branch	Newstead	10 from Castlemaine
		Maldon			
		Dunolly			
NORTHERN LINE	156	Sandhurst	Eaglehawk Branch	Eaglehawk	5 from Sandhurst
		Echuca			
		Kilmore	Heathcote Branch	Heathcote	31 from Kilmore
					25 from Sandhurst
		Seymour			
		Longwood	Alexandra Branch	Alexandra	30 from Jamieson
				Mansfield	
			Wood's Point Branch	Jamieson	85 from Benalla
		Benalla		Wood's Point	
NORTH-EASTERN LINE	210		Gaffney's Creek Branch	Gaffney's Creek	12 from Wood's Point
		Wangaratta			
		Eldorado			
				Yackandandah	
			Wahgunyah Branch	Chiltern	50 from Beechworth
		Beechworth		Wahgunyah	
				Rutherglen	
			Bright Branch	Bright	36 from Beechworth
		Wodonga			
		Albury			
		Dandenong			
		Berwick			
		Shady Creek			
		Rosedale	Walhalla Branch	Walhalla	32 from Rosedale
GIPPSLAND LINE	271	Sale	Bairnsdale Branch	Bairnsdale	43 from Sale
		Port Albert		Stratford	
		Stockyard Creek			
		Wilson's Promontory			
				Collingwood	
				Richmond	
				Hawthorn	
		RAILWAY CIRCUIT.	SUBURBAN CIRCUIT	South Yarra	25
				Prahran	
		Spencer street		Emerald Hill	
		Sunbury		St. Kilda	
		Lancefield Road		Brighton	
		Woodend			
NORTHERN LINE	156	Castlemaine			
		Sandhurst			
		Runnymede			
		Echuca			
				Ballarat Line (1)	97
		Williamstown Pier		Williamstown Line (1)	9½
		Williamstown Junction		Melbourne to Albury (1)	200
		Werribee		Melbourne to Mount Gambier (1)	303
WESTERN LINE	97½	Geelong	SPECIAL WIRES	Melbourne to Mornington (1)	35
		Buninyong		Ballarat to Maryborough	44
		Ballarat West		Castlemaine to Sandhurst	22
		Wallan-wallan			
		Broadford			
		Seymour			
		Avenel			
		Longwood			
NORTH-EASTERN LINE	200	Violet Town	Coburg Branch	Brunswick	5 from Melbourne
		Benalla		Coburg	
		Wangaratta			
		Chiltern			
		Wodonga			

Showing a total of 131 stations or offices; 3159½ miles of line, provided with 3870 miles of wire.

APPENDIX D.

STATISTICS of Business from 1854 to 1873, inclusive.

Year.	Cash Revenue.	Charge for Government Telegrams.	Number of Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1854 ...	223 2 7	1,037 0 5	1,570	3,869
1855 ...	3,162 13 11	3,074 11 8	2,559	12,241
1856 ...	3,225 13 5	2,422 2 3	2,685	13,174
1857 ...	10,024 16 10	3,023 12 2	6,628	60,058
1858 ...	16,474 17 10	10,126 15 10	17,834	131,486
1859 ...	25,249 17 0	21,301 8 7	31,699	197,320
1860 ...	24,955 18 2	21,270 12 2	49,918	167,872
1861 ...	25,217 5 4	8,566 13 11	40,818	184,688
1862 ...	26,834 19 8	15,466 0 9	49,038	211,685
1863 ...	25,768 15 8	18,289 8 2	78,038	234,520
1864 ...	30,601 17 11	14,375 12 0	71,939	256,380
1865 ...	35,767 17 4	11,546 19 3	68,946	279,741
1866 ...	36,178 17 4	12,899 16 0	63,506	277,787
1867 ...	29,148 12 2	6,588 18 0	59,887	235,648
1868 ...	31,058 6 8	9,916 1 11	57,047	276,677
1869 ...	34,183 0 5	10,460 10 7	57,966	277,132
1870 ...	33,145 10 4	5,996 12 9	60,634	454,598
1871 ...	36,941 17 1	5,247 0 4	63,877	537,398
1872 ...	42,617 17 3	7,029 11 9	85,645	648,947
1873 ...	45,322 17 5	9,056 7 7	124,319	718,167
	516,104 14 4	197,695 16 1	994,553	5,170,401

APPENDIX E.

LIST of Post Offices in Victoria, with Names of Postmasters and the Amount of their Salaries, for 1873.

Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Aberfeldy	J. Hefferin ...	45 0 0	Avon Plains	H. Stratford ...	30 0 0
Adelaide Lead ...	C. Noller ...	15 0 0	Axedale	P. Drake ...	25 0 0
Alberton	N. Christensen ...	15 0 0			
Alexandra	Harriet C. Campbell	120 0 0	Bacchus Marsh ...	J. Taubman ...	60 0 0
Alfredton	J. H. Palmer ...	20 0 0	Bairnsdale	B. C. Jones ...	180 0 0
Allansford	J. Anderson ...	35 0 0	Bald Hills	D. Slattery ...	15 0 0
Alma	B. Wilds ...	30 0 0	Bald Hills (Gippsland)	C. Rümpff ...	15 0 0
Alphington	J. S. Adams ...	25 0 0	Ballan	G. Flack ...	65 0 0
Amherst	J. P. Smith ...	50 0 0	Ballangeich	W. Tomlinson ...	20 0 0
Amphitheatre ...	Anne Hardie ...	35 0 0	Ballarat	W. Thacker ...	485 0 0
Anakie	G. Belcher ...	25 0 0	Ballarat East ...	G. Tress ...	30 0 0
Apsley	M. A. Botterell ...	50 0 0	Ballyshanassy ...	W. T. Clarke ...	20 0 0
Ararat	K. L. Murray ...	250 0 0	Balmoral	B. Lyon ...	40 0 0
Arcadia	Geo. Spencer ...	10 0 0	Balnarring	P. Vansuylen ...	15 0 0
Armstrongs	G. A Nason ...	15 0 0	Barfold	J. Ryan ...	30 0 0
Ascot	J. Ogilvy ...	20 0 0	Baringhup	R. G. Lawrence ...	35 0 0
Avenel	W. Campion ...	55 0 0	Barker's Creek ...	E. Homan ...	20 0 0
Avoca	P. Arkins ...	220 0 0	Barkly	J. Cheesman ...	25 0 0
Avoca Forest ...	D. Stewart ..	30 0 0	Barkstead	S. J. Lawrence ...	20 0 0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Barnawartha	M. McKeone	35	0	0
Barry's Reef	W. Shaw	25	0	0
Bass	D. B. Kennedy	25	0	0
Batesford	H. A. Smith	30	0	0
Baynton	E. Fay	20	0	0
Bealiba	Elizabeth Lyndon	35	0	0
Beaufort	T. Lewis	180	0	0
Beeac	A. Gilbert	50	0	0
Beechworth	R. B. Hodgson	350	0	0
Belfast	J. A. Lynar	350	0	0
Bellarine	W. Andrews	25	0	0
Belmont	J. Williams	25	0	0
Benalla	W. H. Saxe	180	0	0
Bendoc	W. G. Sellars	20	0	0
Berlin	R. N. Williams	45	0	0
Berwick	Julia Mulcahy	60	0	0
Bet Bet	Mary Grant	20	0	0
Beveridge	N. Fletcher	20	0	0
Big Hill	P. C. Perry	15	0	0
Birregurra	L. A. Gilbert	60	0	0
Black Hill	Ann Turner	25	0	0
Black Lead	A. W. Chapman	15	0	0
Blakeville	J. T. Chapman	15	0	0
Bontherambo	J. Cozens	20	0	0
Bo-Peep Hill	J. J. Meredith	10	0	0
Bowman's Forest	W. P. Moore	25	0	0
Box Hill	S. Padgham	25	0	0
Brandy Creek	Hugh Fraser	25	0	0
Branxholme	T. Kemp	50	0	0
Braybrook	J. Dickson	15	0	0
Break-o'-Day	D. E. Thomas	30	0	0
Breakwater	C. Smith	20	0	0
Briagolong	Margt. Fitzgerald	15	0	0
Bridgewater-on-Loddon	J. Stebbins	35	0	0
Bright	W. H. Hollick	180	0	0
Brighton	Frederika Thomas	80	0	0
Brighton South	J. G. Reynolds	*55	0	0
Brighton East	W. Norquay	*110	0	0
Brimboal	W. T. Pugh	10	0	0
Broadford	J. McLiesh	50	0	0
Broadmeadows	G. Couser	30	0	0
Brown Hills	F. Bradbury	30	0	0
Brown's Diggings	J. Booth	15	0	0
Brown's Plains	H. G. Brown	15	0	0
Brunswick	J. George	*220	0	0
Bruthen	R. McDougall	30	0	0
Buangor	E. Keith	50	0	0
Buckland	M. White	35	0	0
Bulla	W. Bethell	25	0	0
Bullarook	J. T. Ham	20	0	0
Bulldog Flat	J. Russell	15	0	0
Bullengarook	W. Gorman	10	0	0
Bulltown	A. F. Cross	10	0	0
Bulumwaal	G. Allan	20	0	0
Bundoora	W. Emms	15	0	0
Bung Bong	J. Nicholls	15	0	0
Bungaree	T. Chalmers	25	0	0
Buninyong	G. A. Firman	150	0	0
Buninyong Railway Station	W. D. McKee	45	0	0
Burke's Flat	J. Goullet	15	0	0
Burnt Creek	J. G. Russell	20	0	0
Burrumbeet	J. Miller	55	0	0
Buxton	F. Nichols	10	0	0
Byaduk	L. Anderson	25	0	0
Cabbage-tree	J. Benson	15	0	0
California Gully	T. Jones	50	0	0
Callawadda	J. M. Joyce	15	0	0
Camberwell	L. Keen	20	0	0
Cambrian Hill	D. Williams	35	0	0
Campaspe	J. O'Brien	20	0	0
Campbellfield	G. Stranks	25	0	0
Campbell's Creek	C. Tolstrup	*100	0	0
Camperdown	J. Duigan	180	0	0
Canterbury	M. Wall	15	0	0
Cape Bridgewater	C. Hedditch	10	0	0
Cape Clear	A. L. Gibson	35	0	0
Caramut	J. Bendall	60	0	0
Carapooee	S. J. Edelsten	15	0	0
Cardigan	J. W. Surman	30	0	0
Cargarie	J. Hewitt	20	0	0
Carisbrook	D. J. O'Brien	150	0	0
Carlsruhe	Isaac Phillips	20	0	0
Carlsruhe Railway Station	A. Cobham	20	0	0
Carlton	C. G. Lawson	80	0	0
Carngham	J. Crowther	25	0	0
Carpendeit	P. Morrison	10	0	0
Casterton	F. L. Merchant	180	0	0
Castlemaine	E. H. Stodart	350	0	0
Castle Reef	S. O'Toole	15	0	0
Cathcart	T. Flattely	15	0	0
Caulfield	R. Boxill	*80	10	0
Cavendish	J. Mercer	30	0	0
Ceres	R. McDowell	30	0	0
Charlton	G. Dobie	15	0	0
Chatsworth	S. Wilson	20	0	0
Cheltenham	Margaret Trail	35	0	0
Chepstowe	W. B. Wilson	15	0	0
Chetwynd	J. Harmer	15	0	0
Chewton	J. Lamb	*91	16	0
Chiltern	H. J. T. Tymms	180	0	0
Chinaman's Flat	A. Watson	45	0	0
Clare Inn	J. Wells	35	0	0
Clarendon	A. McDonald	20	0	0
Clarke's Hill	J. Daly	15	0	0
Clifford	J. H. Sleator	20	0	0
Clunes	J. L. Collier	350	0	0
Clyde	Anne Manks	15	0	0
Clydebank	C. A. Beilby	10	0	0
Clydesdale	E. Sutcliffe	10	0	0
Cobbler's Gully	R. Miles	25	0	0
Cobden	R. H. Roberts	25	0	0
Cobram	H. Campbell	15	0	0
Coburg	S. A. Reid	*151	0	0
Cockatoo	G. L. Küsel	20	0	0
Coghill's Creek	W. Matthews	25	0	0
Coimadai Creek	D. D. Bower	15	0	0
Colac	G. E. Jackson	135	0	0
Colbinabbin	C. H. Wendel	15	0	0
Coleraine	H. Salkeld	180	0	0
Collingwood	S. B. Montefiore	350	0	0
Condah	T. Maxwell	35	0	0
Connewarre	J. Walther	20	0	0
Conover	R. Quick	10	0	0
Coongulmerang	F. Holloway	15	0	0
Cooper's Creek	J. Day	15	0	0
Cope-Cope	E. Bennetto	10	0	0
Corinella	J. Mitchell	10	0	0
Corop	M. Jacobson	40	0	0
Costerfield	F. Field	30	0	0
Cove	D. McLellan	20	0	0
Cowes	J. West	40	0	0
Cowie's Creek	M. Jones	10	0	0
Cowwaar	T. Gebhardt	15	0	0
Coy's Diggings	E. Mann	15	0	0
Craigieburn	C. Wyer	25	0	0
Cranbourne	A. Thompson	45	0	0
Cressy	T. A. Hall	45	0	0
Creswick	J. Thwaites	350	0	0
Crossley	J. Malone	15	0	0
Crossover Diggings	J. Veysey	10	0	0
Crowlands	S. J. Wilkinson	25	0	0
Croxton East	H. John	15	0	0
Cundare	P. McMahon	10	0	0
Cunninghame	W. Roadknight	15	0	0
Curlewis	E. O. M. Tobin	15	0	0
Dandenong	J. Dobson	100	0	0
Dargalong	T. Tidboald	15	0	0
Dargo Flat	J. B. Kelly	20	0	0
Darlingford	J. Dunn	30	0	0
Darlington	S. D. Hodgson	40	0	0
Darraweit Guim	M. A. Francis	20	0	0
Dartmoor	A. McDonald	20	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Daylesford	J. Nicol ...	250	0	0
Dean	C. Maples ...	30	0	0
Dean's Marsh ...	J. Schram ...	15	0	0
Deep Lead	M. J. Sweetman...	25	0	0
Delatite	Wm. Lovick ...	10	0	0
Dennington	A. O'Sullivan ...	25	0	0
Deptford	H. McKinnon ...	10	0	0
Dereel	C. Bown ...	10	0	0
Derrimut	R. Hopkins ...	10	0	0
Derrinallum ...	R. T. Harper ...	15	0	0
Devil's Creek ...	G. Hansen ...	20	0	0
Diamond Creek ...	J. F. L. Edmonds	25	0	0
Diamond Hill ...	H. Nixon ...	25	0	0
Digby	M. Townsend ...	25	0	0
Diggersrest	R. Donnelly ...	30	0	0
Dimboola	W. H. Lloyd ...	75	0	0
Dobie's Bridge ...	W. Molony ...	20	0	0
Docker's Plains ...	H. S. Parfitt ...	15	0	0
Dolly's Creek ...	B. Nesbitt ...	15	0	0
Donald	J. A. Meyer ...	50	0	0
Doncaster	J. Gill ...	20	0	0
Donnelly's Creek ...	A. Marshay ...	25	0	0
Donnybrook ...	P. Crichton ...	25	0	0
Dookie South ...	H. Playford ...	20	0	0
Doon	M. Jones ...	25	0	0
Dromana	A. Haldan ...	60	0	0
Drummond	C. M. Roen ...	20	0	0
Drik-drik	C. S. Dunbar ...	10	0	0
Drung-drung ...	J. Sparkes ..	20	0	0
Dry Creek	J. Sherring ...	15	0	0
Dry Diggings ...	Thos. Elliott ...	15	0	0
Drysdale	C. Brazier ...	40	0	0
Duck Holes	G. Miscamble ...	15	0	0
Dunach	C. H. Corfield ...	20	0	0
Dunkeld	S. Fisher ...	45	0	0
Dunnstown	D. Darcy ...	15	0	0
Dunolly	H. F. O'Connell ...	220	0	0
Durdidwarrah ...	Rose A. Honor ...	25	0	0
Durham Lead ...	R. Lamb ...	25	0	0
Durham Ox	W. H. Argyle ...	35	0	0
Eaglehawk	J. Constable ...	100	0	0
East Shelbourne ...	T. S. Sampson ...	25	0	0
East Trentham ...	M. J. Phelan ...	15	0	0
Echuca	D. W. Forbes ...	350	0	0
Eddington	A. Gray ...	45	0	0
Edenhope	J. J. Welsh ...	35	0	0
Edwards' Reef ...	J. Dolan ...	15	0	0
Eganstown	D. Vanderbilt ...	30	0	0
Elaine	W. Montgomery	25	0	0
Elaine Railway Station	R. J. L. Jenkins	40	0	0
Eldorado	T. Holderness ...	150	0	0
Ellerslie	S. A. Conghlan ...	15	0	0
Elmhurst	H. Spiers ...	25	0	0
Elphinstone	C. Stephens ...	45	0	0
Elsternwick	G. Morris ...	*87	0	0
Eltham	A. Hunniford ...	30	0	0
Emerald Hill ...	M. Aspinall ...	100	0	0
Enoch's Point ...	J. Bain ...	20	0	0
Ensay	H. Johnston ...	20	0	0
Epping	T. Mitchell ...	20	0	0
Epsom	R. Sharp ...	35	0	0
Essendon	J. West ...	15	0	0
Estcourt	J. Pratt ...	15	0	0
Eurambeen	M. Kelly ...	20	0	0
Euroa	J. de Boos ...	45	0	0
Eurobin	S. Winter ...	10	0	0
Evansford	R. Hastie ...	20	0	0
Eversley	H. H. Mansfield...	35	0	0
Everton	T. Davenport ...	10	0	0
Faraday	J. Boyle ...	10	0	0
Fernbank	J. Scott ...	25	0	0
Fernshawe	M. Jefferson ...	15	0	0
Ferntree Gully ...	W. K. Ross ...	15	0	0
Flemington	A. B. Brady ...	*120	0	0
Flinders	A. Worrall ...	20	0	0
Flynn's Creek ...	D. Barclay ...	10	0	0
Footscray	Margt. Larritt ...	*60	0	0
Framlingham ...	B. Lee ...	20	0	0
Franklinford ...	W. Bumstead ...	20	0	0
Frankston	S. M. Savage ...	30	0	0
Freeburgh	W. McKay ...	15	0	0
Freshwater Creek ...	C. Vains ...	15	0	0
Fryerstown	S. H. Hazlett ...	100	0	0
Fyansford	T. Littlewood ...	20	0	0
Gaffney's Creek ...	J. Weatherhead...	90	0	0
Gap	J. Murphy ...	10	0	0
Garvoc	J. Glowrey ...	25	0	0
Geelong	S. C. Vivian ...	448	6	8
Geelong East ..	T. S. Stone ...	20	0	0
Geelong West ...	J. Birrell ...	25	0	0
Germantown ...	A. Benari ...	20	0	0
Gheringhap	W. Moore ...	15	0	0
Gipsy Village ...	Margt. Lewis ...	10	0	0
Gisborne	R. Haines ...	55	0	0
Glendaruel	A. Hockey ...	15	0	0
Glendonald	E. Good ...	15	0	0
Glengower	W. McKenney ...	30	0	0
Glenluce	C. Hilder ...	10	0	0
Glenlyon	J. Macfarlan ...	35	0	0
Glenmaggie	G. Green ...	15	0	0
Glenorchy	J. Wallace ...	60	0	0
Glenpark	J. J. Glen ...	10	0	0
Glenrowan	H. J. Reynolds ...	30	0	0
Glenthompson ...	J. McLennan ...	35	0	0
Glenvale	W. S. Welsh ...	15	0	0
Gnarwarre	P. Corbett ...	20	0	0
Godfrey's Creek ...	G. E. Simcocks ...	35	0	0
Golden Lake ...	J. Young ...	25	0	0
Golden Point ...	E. Hopper ...	15	0	0
Golden Square ...	J. Miller ...	60	0	0
Goldie	J. Douglas ...	10	0	0
Goldsboro' Reef ...	T. N. King ...	20	0	0
Gooley's Creek ...	J. Holt ...	15	0	0
Goornong	Joseph White ...	15	0	0
Gordon's	S. M. Robertson...	50	0	0
Grant	W. Hopkins ...	50	0	0
Graytown	W. Oddy ...	*100	0	0
Great Western ...	R. J. Roberts ...	25	0	0
Greendale	M. Cassidy ...	20	0	0
Green Gully ...	F. Lauer ...	15	0	0
Green Hill	W. Mellen ...	15	0	0
Greensborough ...	J. Iredale ...	15	0	0
Green's Creek ...	C. F. Procter ...	15	0	0
Greenvale	G. R. Hancock ...	15	0	0
Gre-gre	W. A. Dowling ...	10	0	0
Grenville	E. Tucker ...	15	0	0
Greta	S. Ellis ...	20	0	0
Griffith's Point ...	Thos. Smith ...	10	0	0
Growler's Creek ...	W. Dunphy ...	30	0	0
Guildford	J. Sinclair ...	45	0	0
Haddon	R. Sims ...	35	0	0
Hamilton	Geo. Harriott ...	350	0	0
Happy-go-Lucky ...	C. Collins ...	15	0	0
Happy Valley ...	W. Craig ...	25	0	0
Harcourt	S. Williamson ...	20	0	0
Hardie's Hill ...	W. N. L. Pearse	15	0	0
Harkaway	J. Hessel ...	15	0	0
Harrietville	H. D. Harkin ...	25	0	0
Harrow	C. R. Tulloh ...	45	0	0
Hartwell	Ann E. Hurry ...	10	0	0
Hastings	H. Peddle ...	30	0	0
Havelock	J. Rule ...	15	0	0
Hawkesdale	J. Davidson ...	30	0	0
Hawthorn	Margaret Haverty	80	0	0
Hazelglen	A. Smith ...	10	0	0
Healesville	L. Flanagan ...	35	0	0
Heathcote	A. L. Sutton ...	180	0	0
Heidelberg	F. P. Dunn ...	45	0	0
Hepburn	J. Hill ...	30	0	0
Hesket	Jane Kays ...	15	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Hesse	E. M. Jenner ...	15	0	0
Hexham	S. Hannah ...	35	0	0
Heyfield	A. H. Crooks ...	20	0	0
Heywood	A. M. McKeand	65	0	0
Highton	J. Nicol ...	25	0	0
Hillsborough ...	J. Brown ...	20	0	0
Hit-or-Miss	J. James ...	20	0	0
Hochkirch	O. Müller ...	20	0	0
Hoddle's Creek ...	G. Gray ...	15	0	0
Homebush	J. McKinnon ...	15	0	0
Horsham	J. Langlands ...	100	0	0
Hotham	J. Macgibbon ...	80	0	0
Hotspur	J. McEachern ...	15	0	0
Hovell's Creek ...	Margt. Walker ...	35	0	0
Huntly	B. Cartnell ...	40	0	0
Indigo	C. Robinson ...	20	0	0
Inglewood	J. H. Kibble ...	180	0	0
Inglewood (Old) ...	M. Power ...	10	0	0
Inkermann	J. E. Matthews ...	10	0	0
Inverleigh	Robt. Murray ...	35	0	0
Italian Gully ...	J. Dowd ...	10	0	0
Jamieson	J. Piper (acting)...	148	13	6
Janefield	J. Peacock ...	20	0	0
Jan Juc	W. Cook ...	15	0	0
Jasper Road ...	W. Ward ...	15	0	0
Jones' Creek ...	J. Burns ...	10	0	0
Jordan	R. J. Donaldson ..	30	0	0
Joyce's Creek ...	F. Frankling ...	25	0	0
Kalymna	J. Bramley ...	15	0	0
Kangaroo Flat ...	J. Hopkins ...	60	0	0
Kangaroo Ground ...	W. McLaughlin ...	35	0	0
Karabeal	W. W. Berry ...	10	0	0
Keilor	R. G. Ely ...	30	0	0
Keilor Road Station ...	T. Johnston ...	30	0	0
Kensington	R. McWilliams ...	25	0	0
Kerang	J. Comyn ...	148	13	6
Kew	F. Barnard ...	*150	0	0
Kiewa	J. Lawson ...	65	0	0
Killarney	J. J. Madden ...	45	0	0
Kilmore	G. E. Groves ..	200	0	0
Kilmore East ...	Wm. Butters ...	15	0	0
Kimberley	T. Smith ...	15	0	0
Kingower	F. W. Wallis ...	60	0	0
King Parrot Creek ...	W. Doyle ...	10	0	0
Kingston	T. Rossell ...	40	0	0
Kiora	T. Biggin ...	20	0	0
Kirkstall	J. Reidy ...	15	0	0
Koetong	R. A. Ecclestone	25	0	0
Koroit	J. J. Doherty ...	100	0	0
Kyneton	H. B. Bristow ...	350	0	0
Laanecoorie	T. Langdon ...	20	0	0
Lake Bolac	C. Lonisson ...	45	0	0
Lake Town	A. F. Wane ...	25	0	0
Lal-lal	C. H. Orr ...	40	0	0
Lamplough	P. M. Fogarty ...	20	0	0
Lancefield	J. N. Beasley ...	55	0	0
Lancefield Road Station	W. W. Moule ...	35	0	0
Landsborough ...	J. Johnston ...	65	0	0
Langley	J. Twyford ...	60	0	0
Larpent	A. C. Mackay ...	30	0	0
La Trobe Bridge ...	J. Flint ...	10	0	0
Lauriston	J. Crymble ...	35	0	0
Lawloit	J. McNevin ...	25	0	0
Learmonth	M. McKay ...	55	0	0
Ledcourt	T. W. Dadswell ...	20	0	0
Leigh Creek ...	J. Mungovan ...	15	0	0
Leigh Road	Edith Pohlman ...	60	0	0
Leonard's Hill ...	J. Wilkie ...	20	0	0
Lethbridge	A. Ross ...	25	0	0
Lexton	W. Fairlie ...	30	0	0
Lilydale	H. Perrin ...	50	0	0
Linton's	M. McDonagh ...	75	0	0
Lismore	J. Parry ...	40	0	0
Little Bendigo ...	O. Skogland ...	20	0	0
Little River	G. Sims ...	35	0	0
Lockwood	S. Espie ...	35	0	0
Longerenong ...	Thos. Davey ...	25	0	0
Long Gully	P. Pentreath ...	55	0	0
Longwood	F. St. Leger ...	150	0	0
Lord Clyde	D. McRae ...	10	0	0
Lower Alma ...	W. Meincke ...	10	0	0
Lower Buckland ...	J. Dunphy ...	20	0	0
Lyall	T. Lowes ...	20	0	0
Lyndhurst	P. Walker ...	10	0	0
Macarthur	J. Bulstrode ...	45	0	0
Macedon	R. Stewart ...	40	0	0
McCullum's Creek ..	M. Vowles ...	25	0	0
Mack's Creek ...	J. Dellar ...	15	0	0
McIntyre's	W. Dawson ...	10	0	0
Maffra	W. Campbell ...	45	0	0
Magpie	R. Lewis ...	15	0	0
Maidentown ...	A. Black ...	25	0	0
Maidstone	W. Pullar ...	20	0	0
Maindample ...	A. McIntyre ...	20	0	0
Main Lead	J. Reidy ...	10	0	0
Majorca	S. H. Gearing ...	60	0	0
Major Plains ...	W. Williams ...	15	0	0
Maldon	T. Reed ...	200	0	0
Malmesbury... ...	Jenny Roberts ...	84	0	0
Malvern	W. J. Wilson ...	*84	0	0
Mansfield	G. W. Newlands	150	0	0
Marong	H. Palmer ...	30	0	0
Maroona	E. Wyatt ...	15	0	0
Marshalltown ...	W. J. Morrison ...	10	0	0
Maryborough ...	C. M. Maplestone (acting)	350	0	0
Maryfield	C. White ...	10	0	0
Marysville	M. Keppel ...	30	0	0
Matlock	E. J. Tindall ...	45	0	0
Maude	T. Biles ...	15	0	0
Melton	J. Ferris ...	40	0	0
Meredith	C. L. Nugent ...	70	0	0
Merino	F. Ford ...	55	0	0
Merriang	J. Davies ...	15	0	0
Merton	B. Nolan ...	55	0	0
Metcalfe	J. Farrant ...	20	0	0
Mia-mia	T. Dwyer ...	35	0	0
Mickleham	J. Edis ...	15	0	0
Middle Creek ...	J. Newton ...	20	0	0
Middleton	E. Cawood ...	10	0	0
Minersrest	J. Blennerhasset...	25	0	0
Mitta-mitta	M. Thompson ...	15	0	0
Modewarre	E. Ash	15	0	0
Moe	C. Murcutt ...	30	0	0
Moliagul	R. Leck ...	25	0	0
Moolap	J. Yeoman ...	20	0	0
Moolort	W. W. Liddel ...	15	0	0
Moonambel	C. Middleton ...	60	0	0
Moonee Ponds ...	J. T. Hinkins ...	*140	0	0
Moorabool	W. Simpson ...	15	0	0
Moorabool Creek ...	G. Stubbs ...	15	0	0
Moorookyle	J. Manson ...	30	0	0
Mooroopna	G. Morrow ...	15	0	0
Morang	H. M. Thomson ...	30	0	0
Morang South ...	Robt. Grant ...	10	0	0
Mordialloc	E. Saunders ...	25	0	0
Mornington	A. D. McKenny ...	75	0	0
Morrison's Diggings ...	G. B. Silvester ...	40	0	0
Mortlake	J. Hayes ...	150	0	0
Morton Plains ...	J. Miller ...	20	0	0
Mosquito Flat ...	W. Morris ...	15	0	0
Mount Beckworth ...	T. Dunn ...	15	0	0
Mount Blackwood ...	J. F. Hansen ...	65	0	0
Mount Blowhard ...	F. Carver ...	25	0	0
Mount Bolton ...	R. K. Sanderson ..	30	0	0
Mount Cameron ...	J. Holden ...	15	0	0
Mount Clear... ...	J. Davidson ...	20	0	0
Mount Cole	M. A. Jones ...	15	0	0
Mount Cotterell ...	W. D. Hocking ...	20	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Mount Duneed ...	C. Lamond ...	20	0	0
Mount Egerton ...	R. W. Tanner ...	45	0	0
Mount Gellibrand ...	J. Duncan ...	60	0	0
Mount Greenock ...	J. McLennan ...	25	0	0
Mount Mercer ...	W. W. Birrell ...	20	0	0
Mount Moriac ...	C. J. Elden ...	40	0	0
Mount Pleasant ...	J. Campbell ...	15	0	0
Mount Prospect ...	W. S. Jones ...	20	0	0
Mount Rowan ...	S. Reynolds ...	20	0	0
Mount Wallace ...	R. Robertson ...	10	0	0
Moutajup	J. Lane ...	15	0	0
Moyhu	S. M. Staton ...	20	0	0
Moyston	R. Moore ...	45	0	0
Muckleford	E. Thwaites ...	40	0	0
Muddy Creek Bridge ...	M. Kearney ...	15	0	0
Mulgrave	G. Stott ...	15	0	0
Murchison	B. Goddard ...	80	0	0
Murgheboluc ...	M. A. Morris ...	15	0	0
Murmungee	G. Thompson ...	35	0	0
Murroon	G. K. Prime ...	15	0	0
Muskvale	J. Hatton ...	10	0	0
Myers' Flat	S. Dalton ...	15	0	0
Myrniong	H. W. Simmons	40	0	0
Myrtleford	T. Mathieson ...	35	0	0
Nagambie	W. Sheehan ...	45	0	0
Napoleon's	J. Membrey ...	30	0	0
Nareen	A. Grant ...	20	0	0
Narrawong	D. McLean ...	15	0	0
Narree-Warren ...	G. Rae	15	0	0
Nattie Yallock ...	J. Robinson ...	15	0	0
Navarre	J. A. Stuart ...	25	0	0
Newbridge	H. Pearson ...	40	0	0
Newbury	J. Jack ...	15	0	0
New Gisborne ...	E. L. Palmer ...	60	0	0
Newham	E. Gibbs ...	25	0	0
Newhaven	J. Fowler ...	15	0	0
Newington	S. Smith ...	20	0	0
Newlyn	F Wilkins ...	25	0	0
Newstead	H. J. Howson ...	75	0	0
Newtown-Scarsdale ...	G. D. Knight ...	35	0	0
Nirranda	E. Lee	10	0	0
Northcote	E. Bastings ...	*80	0	0
North Redesdale ...	C. McNamara ...	15	0	0
Nuggety Reef ...	J. Moir ...	10	0	0
Oaklands Junction ...	J. Dewar ...	15	0	0
Oakleigh	W. H. Wastell ...	40	0	0
Omeo	C. H. Hodgson ...	40	0	0
Opossum Gully ..	E. C. Webb ...	10	0	0
Orford	M. Horan ...	25	0	0
Ormond	J. Harrington ...	10	0	0
Osborne's Flat ...	J. B. Carkeek ...	15	0	0
Oxley	A. Donald ...	35	0	0
Oxley Plains ...	C. Gardner ...	55	0	0
Pakenham	M. Bourke ...	40	0	0
Panmure	J. Anderson ...	25	0	0
Pastoria	J. Donovan ...	10	0	0
Penshurst	F. W. Rackham ...	150	0	0
Percydale	H. Wise ...	35	0	0
Pettavel	L. Mermod ...	15	0	0
Piggoreet	F. Blythman ...	40	0	0
Piper's Creek ...	P. Kellas ...	15	0	0
Pirron Yaloak ...	T. Sharrow ...	25	0	0
Pitfield	Jessie Crowe ...	15	0	0
Point Henry ...	A. Gray ...	15	0	0
Pomborneit	C. H. Bowker ...	15	0	0
Porcupine Flat ...	D. F. Martin ...	10	0	0
Pore-Punka	W. Hooper ...	45	0	0
Port Albert	J. Ferris ...	180	0	0
Portarlington ...	R. Wright ...	25	0	0
Portland	S. R. Deverell ...	350	0	0
Powlett Plains ...	J. Guilfoyle ...	10	0	0
Powlett's Hill ...	J. Morris ...	10	0	0
Prahran	Isabella White ...	*106	0	0
Preston	E. Wood ...	*95	0	0
Preston Hill	W. Wilson ...	25	0	0
Purnim	G. Dowie ...	20	0	0
Pyalong	H. Cathery ...	30	0	0
Queenscliff	G. S. Caldwell ...	350	0	0
Raglan	C. Tucker ...	15	0	0
Ravenswood	E. M. Stewart ...	25	0	0
Raywood	R. Johns ...	35	0	0
Redan Bridge ...	C. Giles ...	25	0	0
Redbank	E. Murphy ...	25	0	0
Redcastle	J. McKee ...	25	0	0
Redesdale	J. McNiff ...	45	0	0
Redhill	C. S. Davies ...	15	0	0
Red Jacket	M. O'Keefe ...	15	0	0
Reedy Creek ...	G. Davis ...	20	0	0
Reid's Creek	E. Gannell ...	10	0	0
Richmond	E. Mackenzie ...	220	0	0
Riddell's Creek ...	R. Hutchison ...	40	0	0
Rochester	T. Seward ...	60	0	0
Rochford	J. Edwards ...	30	0	0
Rockbank	J. Fraser ...	10	0	0
Rocky Flat	E. Peters ...	20	0	0
Rocky Lead	J. H. Werner ...	20	0	0
Rokewood	W. H. White ...	60	0	0
Rokewood Junction ...	J. Gladstone ...	20	0	0
Romsey	W. T. Moffat ...	45	0	0
Rosebrook	H. J. H. Irwin ...	20	0	0
Rosedale	S. Baker ...	150	0	0
Ross' Bridge ...	W. S. Bryant ...	10	0	0
Ross' Creek	A. J. Oswell ...	10	0	0
Running Creek ...	J. Forsyth ...	25	0	0
Runnymede	J. Johns ...	55	0	0
Rushworth	J. H. Roberts ...	60	0	0
Russell's Creek ...	M. E. Gadd ...	10	0	0
Rutherglen	E. S. Outtrim ...	180	0	0
Rye	G. Mitchell ...	20	0	0
Sailor's Gully ...	J. Patterson ...	15	0	0
St. Andrew	R. Smith ...	25	0	0
St. Arnaud	J. A. B. Smith ...	180	0	0
St. Kilda	M. A. Sievwright	100	0	0
St. Leonards ...	R. Smiley ...	10	0	0
Sale	J. Coverdale ...	350	0	0
Sandford	J. Andison ...	25	0	0
Sandhurst	G. W. B. Vibert ...	350	0	0
Sandon	A. Kirwan ...	15	0	0
Sandridge	Isabella Kelly ...	100	0	0
Sandy Creek ...	H. Briddon ...	15	0	0
Sarsfield	J. Dick ...	10	0	0
Scarsdale	E. Knights ...	70	0	0
Scotchman's Lead ...	W. L. Clarke ...	25	0	0
Sebastopol	F. Dore ...	180	0	0
Serpentine Creek ...	C. Hutton ...	35	0	0
Seymour	P. Orr	150	0	0
Shady Creek	W. Barry ...	148	13	6
Shelbourne	H. S. Brett ...	15	0	0
Shelford	H. M. Wilson ...	35	0	0
Shepherd's Flat ...	J. Landells ...	10	0	0
Shepparton	W. Fraser ...	15	0	0
Shirley	H. Kemmis ...	25	0	0
Skipton	A. M. Elder ...	45	0	0
Smeaton	A. Dockery ...	50	0	0
Smythesdale	P. R. Tucker ...	200	0	0
Snake Valley ...	J. Greig ...	35	0	0
Snowy Creek ...	J. Aitken ...	25	0	0
Somerville	J. Grant ...	15	0	0
Sorrento	J. B. Clark ...	20	0	0
South Muckleford ...	Mary Monks ...	10	0	0
South Yarra	J. Turner ...	80	0	0
Springfield	M. Kenny ...	15	0	0
Spring Gully ...	J. Malone ...	15	0	0
Spring Hill	S. Knight ...	15	0	0
Springvale	J. Coates ...	15	0	0
Springs	W. Barbour ...	35	0	0
Staffordshire Reef ...	J. Landles ...	20	0	0
Stanley	J. Mathieson ...	35	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
tawell	L. O. Peyton ...	350	0	0
tawell West ...	G. Magnus ...	70	0	0
teiglitz	E. Cooper ...	55	0	0
tockyard Creek ...	S. Hodder ...	148	13	6
tockyard Hill ...	B. H. Stuart ...	30	0	0
tonyford	H. Cameron ...	10	0	0
trangways	W. H. Mulholland	20	0	0
tratford	M. Hodgson ...	80	0	0
trathfieldsaye ...	J. Owen ...	20	0	0
trathloddon ...	P. McHardy ...	20	0	0
trathmore	J. Spruhan ...	20	0	0
treatham	I. Watt ...	110	0	0
tuartmill	Isabella J. Landells	72	0	0
ulky Gully	G. Redman ...	25	0	0
unbury	W. McElwee ...	45	0	0
utherland's Creek ...	D. McCallum ...	20	0	0
utton Grange ...	J. Elphinstone ...	20	0	0
wan Hill	W. T. Swann ...	150	0	0
wift's Creek ...	E. J. Johnson ...	20	0	0
abilk	J. Wylie ...	25	0	0
ahara	F. Cussen ...	25	0	0
alangatta	W. Dyring ...	20	0	0
albot	Jas. Colles ...	350	0	0
albotville	Annie Ross ...	10	0	0
allarook	T. Fox	40	0	0
angil	C. H. Williams ...	25	0	0
aradale	Annie W. Stanton	84	0	0
arilta	W. L. Ferrier ...	15	0	0
arnagulla	G. N. Hayward (acting)	180	0	0
arraville	T. Lang ...	40	0	0
arrawingee	T. Ladson ...	35	0	0
atyoon	J. Crothers ...	25	0	0
eesdale	David Todd ...	20	0	0
emplestowe ...	J. Field ...	15	0	0
en-mile House ...	T. Allen ...	20	0	0
erang	L. E. Kinahan ...	100	0	0
errick Terrick ...	E. Davies ...	10	0	0
homastown	E. Perry ...	15	0	0
imor	S. S. Brown ...	45	0	0
intaldra	J. Ross ...	25	0	0
ongio	J. Fregon ...	10	0	0
ooborac	E. F. Ewen ...	15	0	0
oolamba	G. Thompson ...	15	0	0
oolern	J. Fairhall ...	15	0	0
oolleen	F. W. Campbell ...	15	0	0
oongabbie	J. Bassett ...	35	0	0
oorak	E. Morell ...	60	0	0
ourello	D. McDonald ...	10	0	0
owaninnie	J. Finlay ...	15	0	0
raralgon	K. Campbell ...	40	0	0
rawalla	L. Hamblin ...	35	0	0
rentham	G. McPherson ...	35	0	0
runk Lead	R. Hall ...	10	0	0
ullamarine	J. Cousins ...	15	0	0
wist's Creek ...	J. Burke ...	10	0	0
ylden	A. M. Clayton ...	60	0	0
llina	S. H. Lowry ...	20	0	0
lupna West ...	J. Gracey ...	10	0	0
pper Dargo ...	J. Fairley ...	35	0	0
pper Macedon ...	A. de Forest ...	20	0	0
pper Maffra ...	F. McKinnell ...	20	0	0
aughan	J. Chapman ...	30	0	0
ictoria Valley ...	H. H. Ireland ...	10	0	0
Violet Town	J. Fivey ...	50	0	0
Wahgunyah	R. Kilborn ...	350	0	0
Wahring	J. Adams ...	20	0	0
Walhalla	W. B. Payter ...	110	0	0
Wallan Wallan ...	H. Sinclair ...	50	0	0
Wallan Wallan Railway Station	J. Bond ...	10	0	0
Wallington	S. Coleman ...	20	0	0
Walmer	D. Corbet ...	15	0	0
Wangaratta	W. Shields ...	250	0	0
Wannon	A. Cameron ...	20	0	0
Wareek	C. Fitzgerald ...	10	0	0
Warrandyte	A. McDonald ...	25	0	0
Warrenheip	J. Day	15	0	0
Warrenmang ...	J. Croad ...	10	0	0
Warrnambool ...	T. R. Rackham ...	350	0	0
Waterloo	T. R. Morgan ...	15	0	0
Watgania	A. Glen ...	15	0	0
Waurn Ponds ...	O. Ambler ...	15	0	0
Weatherboard Hill ...	J. Nicholson ...	15	0	0
Wedderburn ...	J. R. Gray ...	55	0	0
Wehla	J. Brown ...	35	0	0
Welchman's Reef ...	M. Morris ...	15	0	0
Wendouree	H. Martin ...	25	0	0
Wensleydale ...	M. Halkyard ...	15	0	0
Werracknebeal ...	J. A. Sutcliffe ...	25	0	0
Wharparilla	J. Brisbane ...	10	0	0
Whim Holes	D. Kelly ...	15	0	0
Whipstick	L. Marsden ...	15	0	0
White Hills	G. S. Butter ...	35	0	0
Whittlesea	J. Gibson ...	35	0	0
Whorouly	E. Tillotson ...	15	0	0
Whroo	J. H. Collier ...	35	0	0
Wickliffe	Jas. Pyle ...	70	0	0
Wild-duck Creek ...	G. Murrowood ...	15	0	0
Williamstown ...	F. L. Outtrim ...	180	0	0
Williamstown Junction	C. Nantes ...	20	0	0
Winchelsea	W. Stirling ...	50	0	0
Windermere	R. Comber ..	30	0	0
Winslow	W. Ould ...	15	0	0
Winton	G. Chandler ...	20	0	0
Wodonga	A. Cheyne ...	135	0	0
Wombat Creek ...	J. Nicholson ...	10	0	0
Woodend	R. Nicholson ...	70	0	0
Woodford	P. M. Patison ...	35	0	0
Woodside	J. Collins ...	20	0	0
Wood's Point ...	J. Sennett ...	180	0	0
Woodstock	O. Quinn ...	15	0	0
Woodstock, Loddon ...	G. N. Wardell ...	20	0	0
Woolshed	J. M. Kerr ...	10	0	0
Woolsthorpe ...	W. Davidson ...	20	0	0
Wooragee	H. Gale ...	15	0	0
Woorndoo	G. Nalder ...	20	0	0
Wyndham	F. Schultz ...	35	0	0
Yackandandah ...	R. Kennedy ...	180	0	0
Yackandandah Junction	J. McCully ...	10	0	0
Yambuk	O. Doherty ...	25	0	0
Yandoit	C. Hedges ...	25	0	0
Yangery	W. T. Chalkley ...	10	0	0
Yapeen	J. Smith ...	20	0	0
Yarra Flats	J. H. Petty ...	45	0	0
Yarram-yarram ...	C. Devonshire ...	15	0	0
Yarraville	J. Palmer ...	15	0	0
Yea	S. A. Wall ...	55	0	0
Yowen Hill	T. Armstrong ...	35	0	0

APPENDIX F.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria during the Year 1873.

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from the General Post Office and Spencer street Railway Station, as often as required, including the conveyance of mail guard or letter-carrier	... ...	Wagonette	19*	145 0 0	5,928
For the conveyance of seven letter-carriers from the General Post Office to Hotham and Carlton	Once a day	Wagonette and Tilbury	5*	185 0 0	1,560
also the conveyance of mails from the General Post Office to Hotham and Carlton	Three times a day				
and from Hotham and Carlton to the General Post Office	Twice a day				
For the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in the city of Melbourne now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, and that on Wellington parade, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Five times a day ...	Tilburies ...	50*	370 0 0	15,600
For the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in Fitzroy and Collingwood now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Four times a day ...	Tilburies ...	36*	250 0 0	11,232
For the conveyance of eight letter-carriers from the General Post Office to Fitzroy and Collingwood	Once a day	Wagonette and Tilbury	5*	170 0 0	1,560
also for the conveyance of mails to and from the General Post Office and Fitzroy and Collingwood	Twice a day				
also for the conveyance of an extra mail from the Post Office, Collingwood, to the General Post Office, on the despatch of an English mail	... ...				
For the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in Carlton and Hotham now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Three times a day ...	Tilbury ...	27*	185 0 0	8,424
For the conveyance of all mails between the General Post Office and the wharfs at Melbourne and Sandridge, inclusive of the transport of the English mails, as also all mails arriving at the Port of Melbourne in transit for or from the adjacent colonies	... ...	Spring cart	40*	297 10 0	12,480
From Melbourne to Sandridge, by way of Emerald Hill ...	Three times a day	Buggy ...	21*	98 10 0	6,552
and from Sandridge to Melbourne, by way of Emerald Hill	Four times a day				
including the conveyance of six letter-carriers to and from Sandridge, Emerald Hill, and Melbourne	Once a day				
From Melbourne to Prahran, by way of South Yarra ...	Three times a day	Wagon ...	24*	108 0 0	7,488
and from Prahran to Melbourne, by way of South Yarra	Four times a day				
including the conveyance of seven letter carriers from and to Prahran and Melbourne	Once a day				
To and from South Yarra and Malvern, by way of Toorak	Twice a day ...	Horseback	3	78 0 0	3,744
From Melbourne to Richmond	Three times a day	One-horse vehicle	17*	226 13 4	5,304
and from Richmond to Melbourne	Four times a day				
including the conveyance of four letter-carriers from and to Richmond and Melbourne	Once a day				
to and from Richmond and Kew, by way of Lower Hawthorn	Twice a day ...	One-horse vehicle	3		3,744
to and from Hawthorn and Ballyshanassy, by way of Camberwell and Hartwell	Six days a week ...	One-horse vehicle	3		1,872
To and from Lilydale and Hoddle's Creek, by way of Wandon Yaloak and Launching-place	Once a week ...	Horseback	35	50 0 0	3,640
To and from Lilydale and Yarra Flats, by way of the Lodge and St. Hubert's	Three days a week...	Horseback	10	50 0 0	3,120
To and from Melbourne and Lilydale, by way of Box Hill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	21	200 0 0	13,104
To and from Kew and Warrandyte, by way of Doncaster	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12	90 0 0	7,488
To and from Melbourne and St. Kilda	Twice a day	Cab ...	14*	73 6 8	4,368
including the conveyance of five letter-carriers to and from Melbourne and St. Kilda	Once a day				
To and from Melbourne and Bulla, by way of Flemington, Moonee Ponds, Essendon, Tullamarine, and Oaklands Junction, with a branch mail to and from Mickleham, by way of Greenvale and Broadmeadows	Six days a week ...	One-horse vehicle	21	148 0 0	13,104
To and from Melbourne and Merriang, by way of Northcote, Preston, Thomastown, Epping, and Woodstock	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	25	500 0 0	15,600
to and from Morang and Hazelglen	Three days a week...	Coach ...	4		1,248
to and from Preston and Glenvale, by way of Bundoora, Janefield, Morang, and Whittlesea	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20		12,480
to and from Bundoora and Diamond Creek, by way of Greensborough	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	6		3,744
To and from Melbourne and Heidelberg, by way of Alphington	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	8	470 0 0	9,984
to and from Heidelberg and Templestowe	Once a day ...	Horseback	2		1,248
to and from Melbourne and Eltham	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
and to and from Eltham and St. Andrew's, by way of Kangaroo Ground	Three days a week...	Coach ...	15		4,680

* Per diem.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.			Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£	s.	d.	
To and from Melbourne and Brunswick	Twice a day	Cab ...	16*	60	0	0	4,992
and to and from Brunswick and Coburg	Once a day						
To and from Footscray Railway Station and Braybrook, by way of Footscray Post Office and Maidstone	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	23	6	8	3,120
To and from Melbourne and Dandenong, by way of Oakleigh and Spring Vale	Six days a week ...	One-horse vehicle	21	200	0	0	13,104
To and from Dandenong and Berwick	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9	36	0	0	5,616
To and from Berwick and Narre Warren, by way of Harkaway	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	16	0	0	3,744
To and from Dandenong and Cranbourne, by way of Lyndhurst	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9	48	0	0	5,616
To and from Cranbourne and the Clyde	Three days a week...	Horseback	5	10	0	0	1,560
To and from Cranbourne and the Bass, by way of Corinella	Two days a week ...	Horseback	50	49	0	0	10,400
To and from Dromana and Sorrento, by way of Rye ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	18	46	16	0	5,616
To and from Dromana and Flinders, by way of Boneo and Cape Schanck	Two days a week ...	Horseback	23	48	0	0	4,784
To and from Dromana and Red Hill	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4	10	13	4	832
To and from North Brighton Railway Station and Mordialloc, by way of Brighton East, Brighton South, and Cheltenham	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	8				4,992
to and from Elsternwick Railway Station and the Post Office, Elsternwick	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	½	80	0	0	312
to and from East Brighton and Jasper Road	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2				1,248
To and from Melbourne and Dromana, by way of Cheltenham, Mordialloc, Frankston, and Mornington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	50				31,200
to and from Mordialloc and Cowes (Phillip Island), by way of Frankston, Somerville, and Hastings	Three days a week	Coach, boat, and horseback	40				12,480
with a branch to and from Hastings and Balnarring ...	Three days a week						
to and from Melbourne and Sale, by way of Oakleigh, Springvale, Dandenong, Berwick, Pakenham, Shady Creek, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, and Rosedale	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	140				87,360
to and from Shady Creek and Walhalla, by way of Tangil, Cooper's Creek, and Happy-go-Lucky	Three days a week...	Horseback	35				10,920
to and from Shady Creek and Crossover Diggings ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12				2,496
to and from Sale and Bairnsdale, by way of Stratford (Telegraph line)	Three days a week...	Coach ...	42				13,104
with a branch mail to and from Fernbank	Three days a week...	Horseback	2				624
to and from Longwood and Beechworth, by way of Euroa, Violettown, Benalla, Winton, Glenrowan, Wangaratta, and Tarrawingee	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	89	18,921	2	0[1]	[2]55,536
to and from Wangaratta and Albury, by way of Docker's Plains, Bontherambo, Chiltern, Barnawartha, and Wodonga	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45				
and to and from Bontherambo and Wahgunyah, by way of Rutherglen	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18				11,232
to and from Beechworth and Growler's Creek, by way of Murmungee, Taylor's Gap, Myrtleford, Eurobin, Porepunka, and Bright	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45				28,080
to and from Wood's Point and Melbourne, by way of Kangaroo Ground, Yarra Flats, Healesville, Fernshawe, Marysville, and Matlock	Three days a week...	Coach ...	109				34,008
to and from Alexandra and Jamieson, by way of Darlingford	Three days a week...	Coach ...	32				9,984
to and from Tallarook and Alexandra, by way of Yea ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48				29.952
to and from Yea and Ghin-ghin	Three days a week...	Horseback	7				2,184
To and from Oakleigh and Ferntree Gully, by way of Mulgrave	Three days a week...	Horseback	12	31	1	4	3,744
To and from Tangil and Russell's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	6	52	0	0	624
To and from Walhalla and Matlock, by way of Aberfeldy, Violettown, Red Jacket, and Jericho	Three days a week...	Horseback	43	383	6	8	13,416
to and from Aberfeldy and Edwards' Reef, *viâ* Donnelly's Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	14				4,368
To and from Rosedale and Walhalla, by way of Toongabbie and Happy-go-Lucky	Three days a week...	Horseback	35	220	0	0	10,920
To and from Toongabbie and Cowwarr (Upper Heyfield)...	Three days a week...	Horseback	10	52	0	0	3,120
To and from Rosedale and Flynn's Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6	24	0	0	1.248
To and from Rosedale and Port Albert, by way of Tarraville and Woodside	Three days a week...	Wagonette	45	218	0	0	14,040
To and from Port Albert and Stockyard Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	35	196	9	4	10,920
To and from Port Albert and Tarraville with steamers' mails, as often as required	Being 53 trips ...	Horseback	4	24	0	0	371
To and from Port Albert and Yarram-yarram, by way of Alberton	Three days a week...	Horseback	8	34	9	0	2,496
Per trip for extra mails per steamer...	... ...	...	...	0	5	0	[3]9
To and from Sale and Port Albert, by way of La Trobe Bridge, Woodside and Tarraville	Once a week ...	Horseback	50	59	0	0	5,200
To and from Sale and Maffra	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	15	89	16	8	9,360
To and from Maffra and Upper Maffra	Three days a week...	Horseback	8	40	0	0	2.496
To and from Sale and Glenmaggie, by way of Dennison, Heyfield, and Bald Hills	Two days a week ...	Vehicle summer horseback winter	50	110	0	0	10,400
To and from Stratford and Grant, by way of Briagolong, Iguana Creek, and Dargo Flat	Two days a week ...	Horseback	94	406	13	4	19,552
to and from Iguana Creek and Bairnsdale, by way of Coongulmerang	Two days a week ...	Horseback					
to and from Grant and Bulltown, by way of Talbotville	Once a week ...	Horseback	7				728
To and from Bairnsdale and Deptford, by way of Store Creek and Boggy Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	16	65	6	8	3,328

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[1] From above amount the sum of £1,267 15s. 2d. has been deducted, consequent on reduction in mileage, owing to completion of North-Eastern Line.

[2] From above mileage 24,100 miles have to be deducted, in consequence of various portions of North-Eastern Line having been opened during year 1873. [3] One trip.

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Bruthen and Cunningham (Lakes entrance)	Once a week ...	Horseback	14	17 0 0	1,456
To and from Omeo and Snowy Creek, by way of Wombat and Merrimac	Once a week ...	Horseback	55	117 0 0	5,720
To and from Upper Dargo and Omeo	Once a week ...	Horseback	32	95 0 0	3,328
To and from Bright and Harrietville, by way of Freeburgh	Three days a week...	Horseback	45	80 0 0	14,040
To and from Harrietville and Grant, by way of Upper Dargo	Once a week ...	Horseback	51	160 0 0	5,304
To and from Kiewa and Snowy Creek, by way of Sandy Creek, Noorongong, Tallandoon, and Mitta-mitta	Once a week ...	Horseback	50		5,200
to and from Kiewa and Towong, by way of Tangambalanga, Bungoonie, Mitta-mitta Crossing, Toolangatta, Bungil, Thologolong, Burrowye, Jingellac, Walwa, Tintaldra, Cudgiewa, Colac-colac, and Gravel Plains	Two days a week ...	Horseback	105		21,840
to and from Beechworth and Yackandandah, by way of Wooragee	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	15		9,360
to and from Yandandandah and Albury, by way of Osborn's Flat, Kiewa, and Wodonga	Three days a week...	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Beechworth and Wahgunyah, by way of Chiltern, Indigo, and Rutherglen	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33	3,592 18 0	20,592
to and from Chiltern and Howlong, N.S.W., by way of Brown's Plains	Three days a week...	Coach ...	20		6,240
to and from Sutton and Yackandandah, by way of Hillsborough, Yackandandah Junction, and Twist's Creek	Three days a week...	Coach ...	10		3,120
to and from Beechworth and Hillsborough, by way of Stanley	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
to and from Beechworth and Wangaratta, by way of Reid's Creek, Woolshed, Reidford, and Eldorado	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	30		18,720
to and from Wangaratta and Taylor's Gap, by way of Oxley, Oxley Plains, Everton, and Bowman's Forest	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	28		17,472
with a branch to and from Oxley and Greta, by way of Moyhu Post Office	Three days a week...	Horseback	20		6,240
To and from Bowman's Forest and Whorouly	Three days a week...	Horseback	3	14 13 4	936
To and from Porepunka and Buckland, by way of Lower Buckland	Three days a week...	Coach ...	18	300 0 0	5,616
To and from Myrtleford and Running Creek	Three days a week...	Coach ...	14	200 0 0	4,368
To and from Wangaratta and Estcourt	Three days a week...	Horseback	8	47 0 0	2,496
To and from Benalla and Cobram, by way of Major-Yabba and Katandra	Once a week ...	Horseback	50	59 6 8	5,200
To and from Benalla and Shepparton	Once a week ...	Horseback	40	48 0 0	4,160
To and from Benalla and Mansfield, by way of McKellars, Swan Pool, and Barjarg	Once a week ...	Horseback	43	66 13 4	4,472
To and from Longwood and Mansfield, by way of Merton, Doon, and Maindample	Six days a week ...	Buggy ...	50	1,994 13 4	31,200
and to and from Mansfield and Jamieson, by way of Old Devil's River Inn and Brack's	Three days a week...	Horseback	25		7,800
To and from Jamieson and Matlock, by way of Mack's Creek, Ten-mile House, Gaffney's Creek, Castle Reef, and Wood's Point	Three days a week...	Horseback	39	514 0 0	12,168
To and from Wood's Point and Gooley's Creek	Two days a week ...	On foot ...	2	19 10 0	416
To and from Mansfield and Delatite	Once a week ...	Horseback	7	20 0 0	728
To and from Doon and Dry Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	7	19 0 0	1,456
To and from Murchison's and McMillan's (Arcadia Station), by way of Kearney's Hotel, Featherbridge, Castle Creek, and Spencer's Farm	Once a week ...	Horseback	20	15 6 8	2,080
To and from Murchison and Mooroopna	Once a week ...	Horseback	21	33 6 8	2,184
To and from Kilmore and Heathcote, by way of Pyalong	Three days a week...	Coach ...	30	290 0 0	9,360
To and from Kilmore and Lancefield, by way of Spring Hill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20	133 6 8	12,480
with a branch mail to and from Goldie	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	4		2,496
To and from the Railway Station and the Post Office, Broadford	Twice a day ...	On foot ...	2*	15 0 0	624
To and from the Railway Station and the Post Office, Wallan-wallan	Twice a day ...	Spring Cart	2	50 0 0	2,496
To and from the Railway Station and the Post Office, Kilmore	Twice a day ...	Horseback	2½	73 6 8	3,120
To and from Wallan-wallan and Darraweit Guim ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	20 0 0	1,872
To and from the Keilor Road Railway Station and Keilor	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5		3,120
to and from Keilor Road Railway Station and Bacchus Marsh, by way of Melton	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	20		24,960
to and from Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat, by way of Pentland Hills, Ballan, Gordon's, Mount Egerton, Moorabool Creek, and Dunnstown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	35		21,840
to and from Mount Blackwood and Pentland Hills, by way of Greendale	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20	1,993 0 0	12,480
to and from Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef ...	Twice a day ...	Horseback	4		4,992
to and from Ballan and Blakeville	Three days a week...	Coach ...	7		2,184
to and from Gordon's and Ormond	Three days a week...	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Melton and Rockbank	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10		2,080
To and from Echuca and Ulupna, by way of Lower Moira, Kotupna, Karimba, and Ulupna West	Once a week ...	Horseback	50	101 0 0	5,200
To and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Echuca	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	1		1,248
to and from Runnymede and Murchison, by way of Colbinabbin, Campaspe, and Rushworth	Three days a week...	Coach ...	40		12,480
to and from Corop and Rochester	Three days a week...	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Seymour and Rushworth, by way of Graytown, Coy's Diggings, and Whroo	Three days a week...	Coach ...	40		12,480

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Heathcote and Graytown, by way of Costerfield	Three days a week...	Coach ...	20		6,240
with a branch mail to and from Costerfield and Redcastle	Three days a week...	Coach ...	5		1,560
to and from Sandhurst and Heathcote, by way of Axedale and Wild Duck Creek Post Office	Three days a week...	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Sandhurst and Strathfieldsaye	Three days a week...	Horseback	7		2,184
to and from Sandhurst and Huntly, by way of the White Hills and Epsom	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	6		3,744
to and from Sandhurst and Eaglehawk, by way of Long Gully and California Gully	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	5		3,120
to and from Sandhurst and Raywood, by way of Long Gully, California Gully, Eaglehawk, Myers' Flat, and Whipstick	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Sandhurst and Tarnagulla, by way of Golden Square, Kangaroo Flat, Lockwood, East Shelbourne, Woodstock-on-Loddon, Newbridge, and Maidentown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	28		17,472
to and from Sandhurst and Swan Hill, by way of Serpentine Creek, Durham Ox, and Kerang	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	120		24,960
to and from Swan Hill and Euston, by way of Pyangil, Narung, and Wyrlong	Once a week ...	Coach ...	80		8,320
to and from Euston and Wentworth, by way of Tarpallen, Mildura, and the Mission Station	Once a week ...	Coach ...	60		6,240
to and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Sandhurst, as often as required; including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	... ...	Vehicle ...	15*		4,680
for the clearance of the letter and newspaper boxes in Sandhurst now established, or any that may be opened during the currency of the contract, twice a day, including the conveyance of a letter carrier	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	17*		5,304
to and from Sandhurst and Wedderburn, by way of Marong, Inglewood, and Old Inglewood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48		29,952
to and from Inglewood and Powlett Plains	Once a week ...	Horseback	18		1,872
to and from Wedderburn and Yowen Hill Post Office ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	20		4,160
to and from St. Arnaud and Yowen Hill Post Office, by way of Yowong Springs	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	30		6,240
to and from Yowen Hill Post Office and Towaninnie, by way of Glenloth and Wycheproof	Once a week ...	Horseback	30		3,120
to and from St. Arnaud and Gre Gre	Once a week ...	Horseback	10		1,040
to and from Burke's Flat and Wehla	Three days a week...	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Inglewood and Wehla, by way of Kingower, Berlin, and Lingham's Flat	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	15		9,360
to and from St. Arnaud and Morton's Plains, by way of Donald and Mount Jeffcott	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	40		8,320
to and from Dunolly and New Inglewood, by way of Jones Creek, Tarnagulla, and Maidentown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Dunolly and Berlin, by way of Inkerman, Moliagul, and McIntyre's	Six days a week ...	Coach and horseback	19		11,856
to and from Dunolly and St. Arnaud, by way of Goldsborough Reef, Bealiba, and Carapooee	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	40		24,960
to and from Castlemaine and Dunolly, by way of Maldon and Eddington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33		20,592
to and from Maldon and Dunolly, by way of Eddington and Burnt Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Castlemaine and Creswick, by way of Green Gully, Newstead, Sandon, Glengower, Moorookyle, Smeaton, and Kingston	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45		28,080
to and from Castlemaine and Daylesford, by way of Yapeen, Guildford, Yandoit, Franklinford, Shepherd's Flat, and Hepburn	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18		11,232
to and from Castlemaine and Maldon, by way of Muckleford	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	80*		24,960
to and from Maldon and Maryborough, by way of Baringhup and Carisbrook	Six days a week ...	Coach ...			
to and from Castlemaine and Maryborough, by way of Newstead, Joyce's Creek, Moolort, and Carisbrook	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33		20,592
to and from Malmesbury and Daylesford, by way of Drummond and Glenlyon	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	22		27,456
to and from Kyneton and Mount Blackwood, by way of Tylden, Trentham, and Newbury	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Tylden and Spring Hill	Three days a week...	Horseback	3		936
to and from Tylden and East Trentham	Three days a week...	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Kyneton and Heathcote, by way of Langley, Barfold, Redesdale Post Office, and Mia-mia	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	30		18,720
to and from Diggers' Rest and Coimadai Creek, by way of Toolern	Three days a week...	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Daylesford and Leonard's Hill, by way of Muskvale	Three days a week...	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Hepburn and Dry Diggings	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3		1,872
to and from Ballarat and Daylesford, by way of Mount Rowan, Sulky Gully, Creswick, Newlyn, Mount Prospect, and Deep Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	28		17,472
to and from Maryborough and Majorca, by way of Mosquito Flat and McCullum's Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	8		4,992
to and from Maryborough and Wareek, by way of Chinaman's Flat, Timor, and Alma, including clearance of letter-box at Chinaman's Flat daily	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	12		7,488

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Maryborough and Ararat, by way of Adelaide Lead, Bung Bong, Avoca, Amphitheatre, Elmhurst, Eversley, and Crowlands	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	56	30,767 15 10	34,944
to and from Avoca and Percydale	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Buangor and Mount Cole	Two days a week ...	Horseback	9		1,872
to and from Ararat and Moyston, by way of Cathcart ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	10		6,240
to and from Ararat and Ross' Bridge, by way of Tatyoon	Two days a week ...	Horseback	25		5,200
to and from Wickliffe and Ararat, by way of Kiora and Maroona	Three days a week...	Coach ...	32		9,984
to and from Avoca and Stawell, by way of Moonambel, Landsborough, Green's Creek, and Kirkella	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	55		34,320
to and from Avoca and Homebush, by way of Nattie Yallock	Three days a week...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Talbot and Avoca, by way of Amherst ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	15		9,360
to and from Talbot and Evansford	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		4,368
to and from Talbot and Majorca, by way of Cockatoo ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	4		2,496
to and from Moonambel and St. Arnaud, by way of Redbank, Hinds, and Stuartmill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	34		21,216
to and from Moonambel and Navarre, by way of Barkly and Canterbury	Three days a week...	Coach ...	20		6,240
to and from Moonambel and Warrenmang, *viâ* Kimberley	Three days a week...	Coach ...	14		4,368
to and from Stawell and Horsham, by way of Stawell West, Deep Lead, Glenorchy, Ledcourt, and Drung Drung	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	47		29,328
to and from Glenorchy and Longerenong, by way of Ashens	Three days a week...	Coach ...	18		5,616
to and from Glenorchy and Donald, by way of Callawadda, Wirchilleba, Ayers, Anderson's, Creswick Station, Avon Plains Post Office, and McLachlan Lakes (Stratford's)	Two days a week ...	Horseback	65		13,520
to and from Horsham and Werracknebeal, by way of Sheep Hill Station and Kewell	Two days a week ...	Vehicle or horseback	40		8,320
to and from Horsham and Lake Hindmarsh, by way of Dimboola	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	50		10,400
to and from Lake Hindmarsh and Wonga Lake, by way of Albacutya	Once a week ...	Horseback	45		4,680
to and from Dimboola and Lawloit, by way of Lochiel, Drumbanagher, Nhill, and Mount Elgin	Two days a week ...	Horseback	49		10,192
to and from Dimboola and Lockhart, by way of Glenlee, Lorquon, Yanack-a-Yanack, Balrook, Bunyip, Yarrock, and Cove	Once a week ...	Horseback	80		8,320
to and from Werracknebeal and Lake Corong, *viâ* Brim	Two days a week ...	Horseback	25		5,200
to and from Horsham and Apsley, by way of Vectis, St. Mary's Lake, Spring Hill, Spring Bank, Pleasant Banks, Rose Banks, Lemon Springs, and Bringalbert	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	81		16,848
to and from Stawell West and Ballarat, by way of Stawell, Great Western, Armstrong's, Ararat, Dobie's Bridge, Buangor, Shirley, Eurambeen, Beaufort, Trawalla, Burrumbeet, Windermere, and Cardigan	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	78		48,672
to and from Burrumbeet and Weatherboard Hill, by way of Windermere	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	5		3,120
to and from Ballarat and Avoca, by way of Wendouree, Lake Learmonth, Mount Bolton, Springs, Lexton, and Lamplough	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	44		27,456
to and from Ballarat and Talbot, by way of Miners' Rest, Mount Blowhard, Ascot, and Clunes	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	31		19,344
to and from Ballarat and Hamilton, by way of Smythesdale, Scarsdale, Linton's, Skipton, Streatham, Lake Bolac, Wickliffe, Glenthomson, Strathmore, Dunkeld, and Mountajup	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	115		71,760
to and from Ballarat and Linton's, by way of Smythesdale and Scarsdale	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	21		13,104
to and from Ballarat and Maryborough, by way of Mount Rowan, Sulky Gully, Creswick, Glendonald, Clunes, Dunach (Mount Greenock South), Talbot, and Amherst	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	42		26,208
with a branch mail to and from Dunolly and Maryborough, by way of Havelock and Bet-bet	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
to and from Ballarat and Haddon (Sago Hill), by way of Redan Bridge, Mount Pleasant, Sebastopol, Cobbler's Gully, and Cambrian Hill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	11		6,864
to and from Ballarat and Alfredton, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	3		3,744
for the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in Ballarat West now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, and of the Post Office at Newington, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	20*		6,240
to and from Ballarat and Barkstead, by way of Black Hill, Little Bendigo, Brown Hill, Leigh Creek, Bullarook, and Devil's Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	15		9,360
to and from Ballarat and Sebastopol, by way of Redan Bridge	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2½		1,560
from Ballarat to Ballarat East	Twice a day	Vehicle	12*		3,744
from Ballarat to Newington	Twice a day	Vehicle			
also the conveyance of two letter-carriers from Ballarat to Newington	Once a day				

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
for the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in Ballarat East now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, and of the Post Office at Ballarat East, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	8*	*See* preceding page	2,496
to and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Ballarat, as often as required, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	... ...	Vehicle ...	1½*		468
to and from Ballarat and Bungaree, by way of Dunn's Town and Warrenheip	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	16		9,984
to and from Ballarat and Buninyong, by way of Mount Clear	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9		5,616
to and from Brown Hills and Clarke's Hill	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	7		4,368
To and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Rochester	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1	55 0 0	1,248
To and from Goornong Railway Station and Clare Inn, by way of the Goornong Post Office	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8	58 10 0	4,992
and to and from Clare Inn and Tolleen	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6		1,248
To and from Sandhurst and Kangaroo Flat, by way of Golden square	Six days a week ...	Vehicle or horseback	4	72 0 0	2,496
To and from Shelbourne West and East Shelbourne ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	8	22 0 0	2,496
To and from Kangaroo Flat Post Office and Railway Station	Twice a day ...	On foot ...	1	16 0 0	1,248
To and from Kangaroo Flat Post Office and Diamond Hill	Six days a week ...	Vehicle or horseback	2	48 0 0	1,248
To and from Eddington and Laanecoorie	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	25 0 0	1,872
To and from Castlemaine and Harcourt, by way of Barker's Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	46 0 0	3,744
To and from Castlemaine and Glenluce, by way of Spring Gully and Fryerstown	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9	102 0 0	5,616
To and from Castlemaine and Chewton	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	18*	66 13 4	5,616
including the clearance of the letter-boxes at Chewton	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...			
and to and from Chewton and Golden Point	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...			
To and from Castlemaine and Vaughan, by way of Campbell's Creek, Yapeen, Strathloddon, Guildford, and Tarilta	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	11	103 0 0	6,864
To and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Castlemaine	As often as required	Covered vehicle	3*	50 0 0	936
To and from Newstead and Clydesdale	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	68 0 0	2,496
to and from Newstead and Strangways	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,872
To and from Elphinstone and Sutton Grange	Three days a week...	Horseback	9	36 0 0	2,808
to and from Elphinstone and Faraday	Three days a week...	Horseback	4		1,248
To and from Maldon and Porcupine Flat	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	5	72 13 4	3,120
to and from Maldon and Nuggety Reef	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	5		3,120
to and from Maldon and Welshman's Reef	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	6		3,744
To and from Muckleford and Walmer, by way of Chinaman's Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8	52 0 0	4,992
and extra trip from Chinaman's Creek to Muckleford ...	On outgoing English mail days	Horseback			
To and from Ravenswood Railway Station and the Big Hill, by way of Old Ravenswood Post Office	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	20 0 0	2,496
To and from Kyneton and Lauriston	Six days a week ...	Cab or horseback	6	19 6 8	3,744
To and from Kyneton and Pastoria, by way of Piper's Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	7	26 0 0	2,184
To and from Railway Station and Post Office, Kyneton ...	Six times a day ...	Wagonette	16*	30 0 0	4,992
and for the clearance of the letter-boxes, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Wagonette			
To and from Redesdale and Myrtle Creek, by way of North Redesdale	Three days a week...	Horseback	7	20 6 8	2,184
To and from Langley and Metcalfe, by way of Green Hills	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7	30 0 0	4,368
To and from Langley and Baynton	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	19 18 8	1,872
To and from Woodend and Carlsruhe, by way of Springfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7	33 6 8	4,368
To and from Woodend and Lancefield, by way of Newbam and Rochford	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	15	73 6 8	9,360
To and from Rochford and Hesket	Three days a week...	Horseback	3	19 16 8	936
To and from Macedon and Upper Macedon	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3	40 0 0	1,872
To and from Gisborne Railway Station and Gisborne ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2½	39 5 4	1,560
also the conveyance of a mail on Saturday from the Railway Station to Gisborne	Once a week ...	Horseback			
To and from Gisborne and Bullengarook	Three days a week...	Horseback	7		2,184
To and from Gisborne and Cabbage tree	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	14 10 0	1,872
To and from Lancefield road Railway Station and Romsey	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	10	80 0 0	12,480
and to and from Romsey and North Lancefield, by way of Lancefield	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	5		3,120
To and from Sunbury and the Gap	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	11 19 4	2,496
To and from Ararat and Opossum Gully	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	30 0 0	3,744
To and from Moyston and Watgania, by way of Kalymna	Two days a week ...	Horseback	19	49 13 4	3,952
To and from Beaufort and Charlton, by way of Main Lead, Waterloo, and Raglan	Three days a week...	Horseback	9	104 0 0	2,808
To and from Beaufort and Stockyard Hill, by way of Sailor's Gully	Three days a week...	Horseback	10		3,120
To and from Burrumbeet and Bo-Peep	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4½	24 15 0	936
To and from Mount Greenock and Mount Cameron (Splitter's Creek)	Three days a week...	Horseback	10	See next page	3,120

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Talbot and Mount Greenock, by way of Rocky Flat	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Clunes and Glendaruel, by way of Tourello and Mount Beckworth	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Clunes and Glengower, by way of Lord Clyde and Middle Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	10		6,240
to and from Buninyong and the Buninyong Railway Station	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	7		4,368
to and from Buninyong and Grenville, by way of Durham Lead and Hardie's Hill	Three days a week...	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Buninyong and the Whim-holes	Three days a week...	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Buninyong and Napoleon's, by way of Black Lead and Scotchman's Lead	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
to and from Brown Hills and Bungaree Springs ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from Lal-lal Railway Station and Clarendon ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from the Railway Station and the Post Office, Meredith	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	1½*		468
to and from Meredith and Steiglitz	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		4,368
to and from Meredith and Cargarie	Three days a week...	Horseback	11		3,432
to and from Meredith and Morrison's	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Steiglitz and Durdidwarrah	Three days a week...	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Durdidwarrah and Mount Wallace ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6		1,248
to and from Morrison's and Dolly's Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Dolly's Creek and Elaine (Mount Doran) ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	3		936
to and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Lethbridge	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1		1,248
to and from Inverleigh and Leigh Road Railway Station	four days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9		3,744
to and from Leigh Road Railway Station and Anakies, by way of Darriwall and Maude	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
to and from Moorabool Railway Station and Post Office, Moorabool	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1		1,248
to and from Leigh Road Railway Station and Rokewood, by way of Teesdale and Shelford	Three days a week...	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Rokewood and Smythesdale, by way of Rokewood Junction, Bulldog Flat, Cape Clear, Newtown-Scarsdale, and Scarsdale	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18		11,232
to and from Rokewood and Mount Mercer	Three days a week...	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Rokewood and Break-o'-day	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Break-o'-day and Dereel	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4		832
to and from Cape Clear and Pitfield	Three days a week...	Horseback	3		936
to and from Rokewood and Cressy	Once a week ...	Horseback	10	14,910 13 4	1,040
to and from Beeac (Ondit) and Cressy, by way of Corangamite Junction	Once a week ...	Horseback	15		1,560
to and from Hamilton and Apsley, by way of Cavendish, Balmoral, Harrow, and Edenhope	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	98		20,384
to and from Coleraine and Harrow, by way of Narreen	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	35		7,280
to and from Hamilton and Casterton, by way of Wannon and Coleraine	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45		28,080
to and from Casterton and Kaladbra, by way of Lindsay	Three days a week	Horseback			
to and from Casterton and Kaladbra, by way of Argyle and Heathfield	Twice a week ...	Horseback	34		10,608
to and from Casterton and Kaladbra, by way of Green Lagoon and East Strathdownie	Once a week ...	Horseback			
to and from Casterton and Portland, by way of Sandford, Merino, Digby, Hotspur, and Heywood	Three days a week	Coach ...	61		19,032
to and from Coleraine and Merino, by way of Tahara ...	Three days a week	Vehicle ...	12		3,744
to and from Hamilton and Portland, by way of Branxholme, Condah, and Heywood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	56		34,944
to and from Casterton and Penola, by way of Lake Munday	Three days a week	Coach ...	35		10,920
to and from Heywood and Dartmoor, by way of Drik Drik and Balrook	Two days a week ...	Horseback	31		6,448
To and from Dunkeld and Karabeal	Once a week ...	Horseback	9		936
to and from Woorndoo and Lake Bolac	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12		2,496
to and from Smythesdale and Chepstowe, by way of Snake Valley, Preston Hill, and Carngham ...	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	18		11,232
to and from Smythesdale and Happy Valley, by way of Scarsdale, Newtown-Scarsdale, Golden Lake, and Piggoreet	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8		4,992
to and from Smythesdale and Staffordshire Reef, by way of Brown's and Italian Gully	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
to and from Smythesdale and Ross's Creek	Three days a week	Horseback	4		1,248
to and from Portland and Belfast, by way of Narrawong and Yambuk	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	45		9,360
to and from Portland and Cape Bridgewater, by way of Bridgewater	Once a week ...	Horseback	13		1,352
to and from Belfast and Hamilton, by way of Orford, Macarthur, and Byaduk	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	52		10,816
to and from Belfast and Penshurst, by way of Kirkstall and Hawkesdale	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	40		8,320
to and from Belfast and Wickliffe, by way of Koroit, Woolsthorpe, Caramut, and Chatsworth	Two days a week ...	Vehicle ...	60		12,480
to and from Koroit and Warrnambool, by way of Dennington	Four days a week ...	Vehicle ...	6		2,496
to and from Terang and Mortlake, by way of Kolora ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
to and from Mortlake and Hamilton, by way of Hexham, Caramut, Penshurst, Croxton East, and Hochkirch	Three days a week	Coach ...	54		16,848

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Hamilton and Penshurst, by way of Hochkirch and Croxton East	Two days a week ...	Horseback	18½		3,848
to and from Woodford and Winslow	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12		2,496
and to and from Woodford and Yangery	Two days a week ...	Horseback			
to and from the Landing-place and Post Office, Warrnambool	As often as required, being 548 trips	Vehicle ...	1¼		1,370
to and from Allansford and Mirranda, by way of Mepunga	Once a week ...	Horseback	10		1,040
to and from Geelong and Warrnambool, by way of Murgheboluc, Inverleigh, Hesse, Cressy, Lismore, Tooliorook, Darlington, Mortlake, Ellerslie, Ballangeich, Framlingham, Purnim, and Woodford	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	130		27,040
to and from Geelong and Belfast, by way of Waurn Ponds, Pettevel, Clifford, Mount Moriac, Lake Town, Winchelsea, Mount Gellibrand, Colac, Larpent, Pirron Yaloak, Stonyford, Pomborneit, Camperdown, Terang, Garvoc, Panmure, Allansford, Warrnambool, Dennington, Rosebrook, and Killarney	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	136	*See* preceding page	84,864
to and from Camperdown and Lismore, by way of Taaraak and Foxhow	Two days a week ...	Horseback	30		6,240
to and from Killarney and Crossley	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,872
to and from Crossley and Koroit	Four days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,248
to and from Camperdown and Darlington	Once a week ...	Horseback	18		1,872
to and from Camperdown and Cobden	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Stonyford and Carpendeit	Once a week ...	Horseback	10		1,040
to and from Stonyford and Terang, by way of McKenzie's farm, Colantet, Cobden, and Elingamite	Once a week ...	Horseback	39		4,056
to and from Colac and Beeac (Ondit)	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
to and from Beeac (Ondit) and Cundare	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6		1,248
to and from Beeac (Ondit) and Cammel Springs (Teatree), Warrion	Once a week ...	Horseback	3		624
to and from Birregurra and Dean's Marsh	Two days a week ...	Horseback	8		1,664
and to and from Birregurra and Murroon	Two days a week ...	Horseback	7		2,496
to and from Mount Gellibrand and Birregurra ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		
to and from Winchelsea and Wensleydale (Wordieboluc)	Two days a week ...	Horseback	11		2,288
to and from Mount Duneed and Connewarre ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Mount Duneed and Jan-Juc, by way of Freshwater Creek	Three days a week	Horseback	12		3,744
to and from Mount Moriac and Lake Modewarre ...	Three days a week	Horseback	7		2,184
to and from Geelong and Fyansford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from Geelong and Point Henry, by way of East Geelong and the Breakwater	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
to and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Geelong, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	As often as required	Vehicle ...	3½*		1,092
for the clearance of the Post Office letter and newspaper boxes in Geelong now established, or any that may be opened during period of contract, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Three times a day	Tilbury ...	26*		8,112
also the conveyance of a letter-carrier from Geelong to Newtown	Once a day				
to and from Geelong and Mount Duneed, by way of Belmont and Germantown	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Geelong and Queenscliff, by way of Moolap, Kensington, and Wallington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	19		11,856
to and from Portarlington and St. Leonard's	Three days a week...	Horseback	7		2,184
to and from Geelong and Portarlington, by way of Curlewis, Drysdale, and Bellarine	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	18		11,232
to and from Geelong and Ceres, by way of Highton ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Geelong and Sutherland's Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12		7,488
to and from Geelong and Gheringhap, by way of Geelong West, Cowie's Creek, and Batesford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12		7,488
to and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Wyndham	Twice a day ...	Horseback	2*		624
to and from Wyndham Railway Station and Derrimut, by way of Mount Cotterel	Three days a week...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Ceres and Gnarwarre	Three days a week...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from the Post Office and Landing-places, Queenscliff, whenever required, 5s. per trip	Thirteen trips ...	Vehicle ...	½		
also the conveyance of the English mails, and special mail conveyance between Geelong and Queenscliff, at £5 and £1 10s. per trip respectively	As often as required	Vehicle ...	...[1]	107 5 0	443
To and from Moorookyle and Ullina	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	24 12 0	3,120
To and from Smeaton and Hit-or-Miss	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	32 10 0	3,744
To and from Creswick and Rocky Lead, by way of Dean	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	151 13 4	3,744
To and from Creswick and Coghill's Creek, by way of Bald Hills and Ascot	Six days a week ...	Horseback	20		12,480
To and from St. Kilda and Caulfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2½	32 0 0	1,560
To and from Cowes and Newhaven	Two days a week ...	Horseback	9		1,872
to and from Darlingford and Enoch's Point	Three days a week...	Horseback	14		4,368
to and from Merton and Godfrey's Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Godfrey's Creek and Alexandra	Three days a week...	Horseback	16	529 2 6	4,992
to and from Seymour and Nagambie, by way of Gravel Pits, Mangalore, Eldridge's Saw Mills, and Tabilk	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	16		9,984
and to and from Nagambie and Murchison, by way of Wahring and Dargalong	Three days a week...	Coach ...	15		4,680
To and from Melbourne and North Brighton	Six days a week ...	Railway ...	7½	52 0 0	4,680

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[1] Distance previously stated.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Melbourne and Brighton, and for clearance of receiving boxes at Balaclava, Elsternwick, Bay-street, and Brighton Beach Railway Station, and conveyance of letters, &c., from these stations to Melbourne	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	7½	200 0 0	9,360
Clearing two receiving boxes at Prahran	Three times a day ...	Foot ...	5*	53 0 0	1,560
Clearing a receiving box at East Leigh	Daily	Foot ...	1*	10 0 0	312
Clearing three receiving boxes at Brunswick	Daily	Horseback	3*	30 0 0	936
Clearing a receiving box at Pascoevale	Daily	Foot ...	1*	12 0 0	312
Conveyance of English mail from Prahran to Melbourne ...	Every four weeks ...	Cab ...	...[3]	1 10 0	72
From Prahran to South Yarra	Twice a day ...	Cab ...	3*	18 0 0	936
Clearing receiving box at Coburg	Daily	Foot ...	1*	10 0 0	312
Clearing five receiving boxes at South Yarra ... ... and conveyance of English mail from Toorak to South Yarra	Three times a day ... Monthly	Foot and Cab	10*	63 0 0	3,120
Clearing box at corner of Moubray street and Punt road ...	Twice a day ...	Foot ...	¼	4 0 0	312
To and from Bairnsdale and Delegate, by way of Bruthen, Buchan, Gelantipy, Deduc, Tibbutt, Cobanandra, Bonang, and Bendoc	Once a week ...	Horseback	130	399 13 4	13,520
to and from Bairnsdale and Omeo, by way of Bruthen, Ensay, and Swift's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	70		7,280
To and from Post Office, Seymour, and Railway Station ...	Three times a day ...	Vehicle ...	1	78 0 0	1,872
To and from Rushworth and Coy's Diggings, by way of Whroo.	Three days a week...	Wagonette	10	100 0 0	3,120
To and from Broadford and King Parrot Creek, by way of Reedy Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	16	91 6 8	4,992
To and from Coburg and Campbellfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	65 0 0	3,120
To and from Little River and Staughton Vale	Three days a week...	Wagon ...	18	45 0 0	5,616
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Avenel	Twice a day ...	Buggy ...	1	30 0 0	1,248
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Tallarook	Twice a day ...	Horseback	...[3]	39 0 0	416
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Donnybrook	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1½	15 12 8	1,872
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Beveridge	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1¼	12 0 0	1,560
Conveyance of Mails to and from Melbourne, Footscray, and Williamstown	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	9¼	150 0 0	11,544
Conveyance of Mails to and from Melbourne, Geelong, Geelong West, and Ballarat	Three times a day ...	Railway ...	100¾	2,500 0 0	188,604
Conveyance of Mails to and from Melbourne and Sandhurst	Three times a day ...	Railway ...	100¾	2,500 0 0	188,604
Conveyance of mails to and from Sandhurst and Echuca	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	55¼	1,000 0 0	68,952
To and from Longwood and Violettown, from 20th March to 31st December to and from Violettown and Benalla, from 18th August to 31st December to and from Benalla and Wangaratta, from 28th October to 31st December to and from Wangaratta and Wodonga, from 21st November to 31st December	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	103	449 15 4	92,904
Conveyance of mails by the North-Eastern Railway between Melbourne and Violettown, from 1st January to 17th August 1873	Twice a day to and from Seymour, and once a day to and from Violettown	Railway ...	105	472 5 4	51,870
Clearance of a receiving-box on Arthur's Seat road, Brighton, from 9th May to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £10 per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3*	6 9 0	612
Conveyance of mails for Cobden, Colantet, Carpendeit, &c., from Pirron Yaloak instead of Stonyford, from 1st to 31st May 1873, at the rate of £4 6s. 8d. per month	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	4 6 8[1]	...
Conveyance of mails for Cobden, Colantet, and Elangamite, from Pomborneit instead of Pirron Yaloak; and conveyance of Carpendeit mails to and from Pirron Yaloak, *viâ* Irrewillipe, instead of Stonyford, at the rate of £2 3s. 4d. per month, from 1st June to 31st December 1873	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	15 3 4[1]	...
Conveyance of an additional letter-carrier to and from Melbourne and Prahran, from 1st May to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £1 6s. per month	Six days a week ...	Car ...	...[3]	10 8 0	...
Conveyance of mails to and from Dunkeld and Victoria Valley, from 1st October to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £8 per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12	2 0 0	624
For a deviation from mail route to convey mails to Jung Jung, from 21st June to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £10 5s. per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	3	5 8 2	336
Conveyance of mails to and from Rochester and Terrick Terrick, from 1st October to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £90 per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	27	22 10 0	1,404
For clearing receiving-box at Church's Flat, and conveying the letters to the Post Office, Fryerstown, from 3rd September to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £20 per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2	6 11 1	408
Conveyance of mails to and from Dunkeld and Karabeal, from 10th September to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £18 for the period from the 1st September 1873	Once a week ...	Horseback	10	6 13 2	320
Clearing receiving-box at Middle Brighton Station and conveying letters to Melbourne, from 19th September to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £25 per annum	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	...	7 1 8[2]	...

* Per diem. [1] Change of route, distance previously given. [2] Mileage previously given. [3] Distance previously stated.

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
Conveyance of an additional letter-carrier from General Post Office to Hotham and Carlton, from the 1st August to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £7 16s. per annum	Once a day ...	Wagonette	...[1]	3 5 0	...
Conveyance of mails to and from Murchison and Arcadia Station, by way of Muddy Creek Bridge, Pethybridge, Castle Creek, and Spencer's Farm, from 24th September to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £13 for the period	Once a week ...	Horseback	...[1]	4 11 11	560
Conveyance of mails to and from Gipsy Village and Brighton South, from 22nd September to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £20 per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2	5 10 0	336
Conveyance of mails to and from Newhaven and Griffith's Point, from 14th August to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £4 per annum	Two days a week ...	Foot and boat	1	1 10 6	80
Conveyance of mails to and from Eddington and Laanecoorie, from 6th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £20 per annum	Three days a week...	Horseback	...[1]	4 14 7	432
Conveyance of mails from Eaglehawk to Sandhurst, from 6th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of 15s. per week	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	...[1]	9 6 5	720
Conveyance of mails to and from Echuca and Wharparilla, from 25th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £20 per annum	Once a week ...	Horseback	10	3 14 2	200
Conveyance of mails to and from Conover and Nicoll's station, from 3rd November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £17 per annum	Four times a week...	Horseback	3½	2 14 9	224
Conveyance of mails to and from Haddon and Trunk Lead, from 21st October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of 10s. per week	Three days a week...	Horseback	3	5 5 0	180
Conveyance of mails to and from Murchison and Mooroopna, *viâ* Toolamba, from 9th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £43 10s. for the period from the 1st October 1873	Two days a week ...	Horseback	...[1]	13 7 8	1,008
Conveyance of an additional letter-carrier from Melbourne to St. Kilda, from 26th May to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of 1s. per diem	Six days a week ...	Car ...	...[1]	9 9 0	...
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Wangaratta, from the 28th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £34 10s. for the period from 27th October 1873	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	1	9 1 7	216
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Benalla, from the 28th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £30 for the period from the 27th October 1873	Once a day ...	Foot	1	7 16 6	108
Conveyance of mails to and from Benalla and Winton, from 28th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £33 6s. 8d. for the period from 27th October 1873	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	8 15 5	324
Conveyance of mails to and from Geelong and Queenscliff, by way of Moolap, Kensington, and Wallington, from 1st November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £13 per month	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	...[1]	26 0 0	2,052
Conveyance of mails to and from Wallan-wallan and Darraweit Guim, from 6th November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £14 for the period from 1st November 1873	Three days a week...	Horseback	...[1]	3 4 2	288
Conveyance of mails to and from Morrison's and Bungeeltap, from 8th November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £26 per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	14	3 16 6	448
Conveyance of mails to and from Tongio and Swift's Creek Turn Off, from 24th November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £10 for the period from 1st October 1873	Once a week ...	Horseback	6	1 7 4	60
Conveyance of mails to and from Casterton and Brimboal, from 3rd December to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £32 5s. per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	15	2 10 3	240
Conveyance of an additional mail to and from Beechworth and Wangaratta, by way of Tarrawingee, from 3rd November to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £300 per annum	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	21	48 6 8	2,016
Conveyance of mails to and from Wangaratta and Glenrowan, from 29th October to 30th November 1873, at the rate of £2 2s. 6d. per week	Three days a week...	Horseback	11	10 0 4	330
Addition to contract No. 369 of 1873–4, for a deviation from mail route to deliver Alberton mails, at the rate of £1 19s. for the period from 1st October to the 31st December 1873	Three days a week...	Horseback	...	0 13 0	...
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office, Bontherambo, and the Railway Station, Springs, from the 21st November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £12 for the period from 19th November 1873	Twice a day ...	On foot ...	¼	2 3 11	36
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Chiltern, from 21st November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £100 per annum	Three times a day ...	Vehicle ...	½	11 2 2	108
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Barnawartha, from 21st November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £43 15s. for period from 19th November 1873	Twice a day ...	Horseback	½	7 17 8	72

[1] Distance previously stated.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1873—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
Conveyance of mails from the Post Office to the Railway Station, Kilmore, from the 28th October to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £2 10s. per month	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2¼	5 6 5	288
Addition to contract 442 of 1873-4, for a deviation from mail route to convey mails to and from Marshalltown, from 8th November to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £36 per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3	5 6 0	288
Conveyance of mails to and from Barnawartha and Yackandandah, by way of South Barnawartha and North Wooragee, from 2nd to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £2 per week	Three days a week...	Coach ...	18	8 0 0	432
Conveyance of mails to and from Wangaratta and Glenrowan, from 1st to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £50 for the period	Three days a week...	Horseback	...[1]	7 2 10	264
Conveyance of mails to and from Echuca and Wharparilla, from 3rd to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £32 10s. per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10	2 10 8	160
Addition to contract 888 of 1873-4, for conveying Dookie South mails to and from Benalla and Benalla Station, from 1st August to the 31st December 1873, at the rate of £2 per month	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	10 0 0	...
To and from Bairnsdale and Bruthen, 1st January to 31st December 1873	Once a week ...	Horseback	...[1]	20 0 0	1,664
To and from Berlin and Avoca Forest, 1st January to 13th April 1873, at the rate of 30s. per week	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	16	22 1 4	2,880
To and from Hawthorn Post Office and Receiving House, Lower Hawthorn and clearance of two receiving boxes, Lower Hawthorn, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £40 per annum	Twice a day ... / Twice a day ...	On foot ... / On foot ...	3*	40 0 0	936
To and from Walhalla and Donnelly's Creek, by way of Edwards' Reef, from 1st February to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £52 per annum	Three days a week...	Horseback	14	47 13 4	4,032
Deviation conveyance of loose bag to and from Murrindale, from 2nd February to 31st December, at the rate of £20 per annum	Once a week ...	Horseback	5	18 5 6	480
From Footscray Post Office to Footscray Railway Station, 15th February to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £10 per annum	Six days a week ...	On foot ...	¼	8 15 0	138
Deviation consequent on conveying Reedy Creek mails by way of Lower Reedy Creek, from 20th January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 8s. per week	Three days a week...	Horseback	1	19 15 2	294
Deviation consequent on conveyance of mails to and from Chetwynd, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £40 per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	7	40 0 0	1,456
Clearance of three letter boxes at Stawell, including conveyance of letter-carrier, from 11th March to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £3 15s. per month	Twice daily ...	Buggy ...	4¼*	36 0 9	1,071
To and from Elmhurst and Glenpatrick, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £5 per annum	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6	5 0 0	1,248
To and from Sale and Clydebank, from 1st February to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £40 for period, 1st February 1873 to 30th June 1874	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10	24 17 2	1,920
To and from Alexandra and Marysville, by way of Buxton and Little River, from 1st February to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £92 1s. 8d. for period, 1st February 1873 to 30th June 1874	Two days a week ...	Horseback	25	59 11 8	4,800
Clearing five receiving boxes at Emerald Hill ... ... and one receiving box, from 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £90 for period, 1st January 1873 to 30th June 1874	Three times a day ... / Twice a day, and twice additional on outgoing mail days	Car ... / Car ...	15*	60 0 0	4,680
Clearing receiving box on St. Kilda road, 1st January to 31st December 1874, at the rate of £15 for period, 1st January 1873 to 30th June 1874	Three times a day ...	On foot ...	⅓	10 0 0	492
To and from Geelong and Queenscliff, by way of Moolap, Kensington, and Wallington, 1st January to 30th April 1873, at the rate of £13 per month	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	...	52 0 0	3,876
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Euroa, from 20th March to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 18s. per week	Six days a week ...	Horseback	¾	36 18 0	369
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Violet Town, from 20th March to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 12s. per week	Six days a week ...	Horseback	1¼*	24 11 11	308
To and from Berlin and Avoca Forest, from 14th April to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £2 10s. per week	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	...[1]	93 11 5	7,200
To and from Birregurra and Middleton, by way of Silk's Saw Mill, from 1st May to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £40 per annum	Once a fortnight ...	Horseback	60	26 13 4	2,100
To and from Dookie South and Major Plains ... ... and to and from Benalla Station and Dookie South, from 26th April to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £25 per annum	Once a week ... / Once a week ...	Horseback / Horseback	6 / 7	17 0 3	936
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Kilmore, from 1st April to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £60 per annum	Once a day ...	Vehicle ...	...[1]	45 0 0	1,053

* Per diem.

[1] Distance previously stated.

STATEMENT showing particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1873—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Bairnsdale and Coongulmerang, from 25th April to 31st December, 1873, at the rate of £15 for the period from 7th April 1873 to 30th June 1874	Once a week ...	Horseback	6	8 6 0	432
From Brighton to St. Kilda, from 5th May to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £20 per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	13 2 4	1,632
Deviation consequent on conveyance of loose bag to and from Lake Goldsmith, from 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £24 11s. 4d. for period, from 1st January 1873 to 30th June 1874	Three days a week...	Horseback	1½	16 7 6	468
To and from Tintaldra and Colac Colac, from 19th May to 18th July 1873, at the rate of £30 per annum	Once a week ...	Horseback	9	4 19 11	162
To and from Hoddle's Creek and Warburton, from 29th June to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 7s. 6d. per week	Once a week ...	Horseback	9	9 19 3	486
Deviation consequent on removal of Post Office, Lord Clyde, to another site, from 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £15 16s. 4d. per annum	Six days a week ...	Horseback	1	15 16 4	624
To and from Tintaldra and Cudgiewa, from 19th July to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £30 per annum	Once a week ...	Horseback	...[1]	13 10 11	432
To and from the Post Office, East Brighton, and the Railway Station, North Brighton, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £10 per annum	Six days a week ...	On foot ...	¾	10 0 0	468
To and from Apsley and Narracoorte, S.A., 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £26 4s. per annum	Twice a week ...	Horseback and coach	18	26 4 0	3,744
To and from Melbourne and Richmond, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £1 per week	Three times a day ...	Railway ...	1½	52 0 0	2,808
To and from Swan Pool and Samaria, from 25th July to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £5 per annum	Once a week ...	Horseback	4	2 3 6	184
To and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Longwood, 1st January to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £64 11s. 8d. per annum	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	2	64 11 8	1,248
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Benalla, from 18th August to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £52 per annum	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	...[1]	19 5 9	1,026
Deviation consequent on removal of Post Office, Corinella, to another site (Westaway), from 6th August to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4	2 12 10	336
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Wodonga, at the rate of £52 per annum, from 17th December to 31st December 1873	Once a day ...	Vehicle ...	¾	2 1 11	18
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Euroa, additional frequency, from 24th November to 31st December 1873, at the rate of 15s. per week	Once a day ...	Horseback	...[1]	4 1 5	45
To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Wallan Wallan, additional frequency, from 17th December to 31st December 1873, at the rate of £25 per annum	Once a day ...	Horseback	½	1 1 10	12
Conveyance of special mails during 1873	... ...	...	...	263 13 4	—

[1] Distance previously stated.

APPENDIX G.

MAIL CONTRACT.—POINT DE GALLE TO MELBOURNE.

COPY of the Contract entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this tenth day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, between The Honorable Edward Langton, as Her Majesty the Queen's Postmaster-General of the Colony of Victoria, and for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of the said Colony of Victoria, of the one part, and The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, hereinafter called "the Company," of the other part. Witness that the company for themselves and their successors hereby covenant with the said Edward Langton, his executors, administrators, successors, and assigns; and the said Edward Langton, as such Postmaster-General, and for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of the said colony, doth hereby covenant with the Company in manner following (that is to say):—

Company to provide steam vessels to convey Mails between Point de Galle and Melbourne *viâ* King George's Sound and Glenelg.

1. That the Company will at all times during the continuance of this Agreement, or so long as the whole or any part of the services hereby agreed to be performed ought to be performed in pursuance hereof, provide, keep seaworthy, and in complete repair and readiness, for the purpose of conveying, as hereinafter provided, all Her Majesty's Mails (in which term "Mails," used throughout this Agreement, all boxes, bags, or packets of letters, newspapers, books, or printed papers, and all other articles transmissible by the post, without regard either to the place to which they may be addressed or to that in which they may have originated, and all empty bags, empty boxes, and other stores and articles used or to be used in carrying on the Post Office Service which shall be sent by or to or from the Post Office, are agreed to be comprehended) which

shall at any time and from time to time by the Postmaster-General or any of his officers or agents be required to be conveyed, as hereinafter provided, between Melbourne, in Victoria, and Point de Galle, in Ceylon, by way of and calling at King George's Sound, in the Colony of Western Australia, and also, if required so to do, at any time or times hereafter, by the Postmaster-General, by way of and calling at Glenelg, in the Province of South Australia, a sufficient number of good, substantial, and efficient steam vessels of adequate power, and supplied with first-rate appropriate steam engines.

To stop at Queenscliff.

2. Every vessel carrying Mails under this Agreement shall, on entering Port Phillip Bay, in Victoria, weather permitting, stop to deliver alongside the vessel the Geelong Mails at Queenscliff.

Vessels to be equipped and manned, and subject to approval.

3. That the vessels to be employed under this Agreement shall be always furnished with all necessary and proper machinery, engines, apparel, furniture, stores, tackle, boats, fuel, lamps, oil, tallow, provisions, anchors, cables, fire-pumps, and other proper means of extinguishing fires, lightning conductors, charts, chronometers, nautical instruments, and whatsoever else may be requisite for equipping the said vessels and rendering them constantly efficient for the service hereby agreed to be performed, and also manned and provided with competent officers with appropriate certificates, granted pursuant to the Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland in force for the time being relative to the granting of certificates to officers in the Merchant Service, and with a sufficient number of efficient engineers and a sufficient crew of able seamen and other men, to be in all respects, as to vessels, engines, equipment, officers, engineers, and crew, subject in the first instance and from time to time and at all times afterwards to the approval of the Postmaster-General or of such person or persons as he shall at any time or times or from time to time authorize to inspect and examine the same.

To provide lockers.

4. The Company shall provide, to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, on board all vessels employed to carry Mails under this Agreement, proper, safe, vermin-proof, and convenient places of deposit for the Mails, with locks, keys, and secure fastenings.

Times of starting.

5. That one of such vessels so approved, equipped, and manned as aforesaid shall, once in every twenty-eight days and on such days and at such hours as shall be fixed by the Postmaster-General upon or after the day hereinafter appointed for the commencement of this Agreement (until and unless any other days or hours shall, under the proviso herein in that behalf contained, be substituted instead thereof), and immediately after the Mails are embarked, put to sea from the ports of Melbourne and Point de Galle respectively, and the Company shall convey in such vessels to and from and cause to be delivered and received at such of the ports or places hereinbefore mentioned all such Mails as shall or may be tendered or delivered to or received by the Company or any of their agents, officers, or servants by or from or under the direction of the Postmaster-General or any of his officers or agents.

Power to alter time.

6. That if at any time or times the Postmaster-General shall desire to alter the particular days, times, or hours of departure from and arrival at any of the ports or places to or from which Mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement, he shall be at liberty so to do on giving three calendar months' previous notice in writing of such his desire to the Company, and the Company shall observe, perform, fulfil, and keep such altered days, times, and hours.

Postmaster-General may delay starting for twenty-four hours.

7. That should it be deemed by the Postmaster-General requisite for the public service that any vessel to be employed under this Agreement should at any time or times delay her departure from any port from which the Mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement beyond the period appointed for her departure therefrom, the Postmaster-General, his officers or agents, shall have power to order such delay (not however exceeding twenty-four hours), by letter addressed by him or them to the master of any such vessel or person acting as such, and which shall be deemed a sufficient authority for such detention.

Duration of voyages.

8. That the Company shall convey the said Mails from Point de Galle by way of and calling at King George's Sound and Glenelg to Melbourne in five hundred and sixteen hours, but if not calling at Glenelg then in five hundred and four hours; and from Melbourne by way of and calling at Glenelg and King George's Sound to Point de Galle in four hundred and eighty-five hours, but if not calling at Glenelg then in four hundred and sixty-one hours, which several periods or portions of time are exclusive of stoppages for the purpose of the delivery and reception of Mails, the duration of which shall not exceed twenty-four hours at King George's Sound and twelve hours at Glenelg: And it is hereby agreed that if the Company shall fail to deliver the said Mails at Melbourne from Point de Galle by way of and calling at Glenelg in five hundred and sixteen hours, but if not calling at Glenelg in five hundred and four hours, or at Point de Galle from Melbourne by way of and calling at Glenelg in four hundred and eighty-five hours, but if not calling at Glenelg then in four hundred and sixty-one hours, then or in any of such cases, and so often as the same shall happen, the Company shall forfeit and pay to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of One hundred pounds for every complete period of twenty-four hours consumed on the respective voyages beyond the periods hereinbefore respectively specified: Provided always that the full amount of such sums payable on any one voyage shall never exceed the portion of the sum of the subsidy hereinafter agreed to be paid by the Postmaster-General as applicable to such voyage; and provided further that the payment of any such sum shall not be enforced against the Company if it be shown by them to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that the delay has arisen from causes over which they had not and could not have had any control.

Penalty for delay.

Premium for time saved.

9. The Postmaster-General doth hereby agree to pay to the Company a premium of Fifty pounds for every complete period of twenty-four hours by which the time occupied by any voyage shall be less than four hundred and eighty-five hours from Melbourne to Point de Galle by way of Glenelg and King George's Sound, or four hundred and sixty-one hours if not calling at Glenelg, and five hundred and sixteen hours from Point de Galle to Melbourne by way of and calling at King George's Sound and Glenelg, or five hundred and four hours if not calling at Glenelg.

Penalties for failing to provide vessels.

10. That if the Company fail to provide an efficient vessel at Point de Galle or Melbourne in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, ready to put to sea on and at the appointed day and hour, then and so often as the same shall happen the Company shall forfeit and pay unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of Five hundred pounds, and also the further sum of One hundred pounds for every successive twenty-four hours which shall elapse until such vessel actually proceeds to sea on her voyage in the performance of this Agreement: Provided always that the aggregate amount of the penalties to be recoverable under this clause in respect of any one voyage or contemplated voyage shall not exceed by more than the sum of Two thousand pounds the proportion of the subsidy hereinafter agreed to be paid by the Postmaster-General as applicable to such voyage.

Masters of vessels to take charge of Mails.

11. That during the continuance of this Agreement the commanders of the vessels to be employed for the time being in carrying the Mails under this Agreement shall take due care of and the Company shall be responsible for the receipt safe custody and delivery of the said Mails, and each of such masters or commanders shall make such oath or declaration or declarations now lawfully required or which may hereafter be lawfully required by the Postmaster-General in such and similar cases, and furnish such journals, returns, and information to and perform such services as the Postmaster-General may require: And every such master or commander or officer duly authorized by him having the charge of Mails shall himself immediately on the arrival at any of the said ports or places of any such vessel deliver all Mails for such port or place into the hands of the Postmaster or other person at such port or place as the Postmaster-General shall authorize to receive the same, receiving in like manner all the return or other Mails to be forwarded in due course.

No letters to be received on board but Her Majesty's Mails.

12. That the Company shall not nor shall any of the masters of any of the vessels employed or to be employed under this Agreement receive or permit to be received on board any of the vessels carrying the Mails under this Agreement any letters for conveyance other than those carried under this Agreement in charge of the said commander or other person authorized to have charge of the said Mails, or which are or may be privileged by law, nor shall any Mails be conveyed by the Company between Point de Galle and any of the Australasian Colonies or New Zealand, for or on behalf of any colony, province, or foreign country, save those carried under this Agreement, without the consent in writing of the Postmaster-General.

Melbourne to be the terminus.

13. That the Port of Melbourne shall be the Australian terminus of vessels carrying Mails under this Agreement, and such vessels shall not after delivering the Mails at Melbourne proceed to any other port or place with goods or passengers save on the return voyage to Point de Galle except with the consent of the Postmaster-General in writing.

Postmaster-General may survey vessels.

14. That the Postmaster-General shall have full power whenever and as often as he may deem it requisite to survey by any of his officers or agents all or any of the vessels employed and to be employed in the performance of this Agreement and hulls thereof; and the engines, machinery, furniture, tackle, apparel, stores, equipments, and the officers, engineers, and crew of every such vessel, and any defect or deficiency that may be discovered on any such survey shall be forthwith repaired or supplied by the Company; and if any of such vessels or any part thereof, or any engines, machinery, furniture, tackle, apparel, boats, stores, or equipments shall on any such survey be declared by any of such officers or agents unseaworthy, or not adapted to the service hereby agreed to be performed, every vessel which shall be disapproved of, or in which such deficiency or defect shall appear, shall be deemed insufficient for any service hereby agreed to be performed, and shall not be again employed in the conveyance of Mails until such defect or deficiency has been repaired or supplied to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General.

Orders as to the landing, &c., of Mails to be attended to.

15. That the Company and all commanding and other officers of the vessels employed in the performance of this Agreement, and all agents, seamen, and servants of the company, shall at all times punctually attend to the orders and directions of the Postmaster-General, his officers or agents, as to the mode, time, and place of landing, delivering, and receiving Mails.

Penalties to be considered as ascertained damages and may be retained by the Post-master-General.

16. That all and every the sums of money hereby stipulated to be forfeited or paid by the Company unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, shall be considered as stipulated or ascertained damages, whether any damage or loss have or have not been sustained, and shall and may be retained and deducted by the Postmaster-General out of any moneys payable or which may thereafter become payable to the Company.

Subsidy.

17. And in consideration of the due and faithful performance by the said Company of all the services hereby agreed to be by them performed, the said Postmaster-General doth hereby agree that there shall be paid at Melbourne to the said Company by Her Majesty's Government of Victoria, so long as the Company perform the voyages and services herein contracted to be performed, a sum of money after the rate of Ninety thousand pounds per annum (£90,000), in equal quarterly payments on the first day of April, the first day of July, the first day of October, and the first day of January in each year, and shall accrue due from day to day; and the said payments shall be received by the said Company as full compensation for all costs and expenses which they may incur or be put unto by reason or on account of all and singular the services hereby contracted to be performed, subject however to the abatement or deduction of any sums of money in respect to forfeitures which the said Company may have incurred, or to the addition of any sums in respect of premiums as the case may be, as herein provided.

Disputes to be referred to arbitration.

18. That if at any time during the continuance of this Agreement or after the determination thereof any dispute shall arise between the parties to these presents or their successors respectively concerning any breach or alleged breach by or on the part of the Company to this Agreement, or the sufficiency of any such breach to justify the Postmaster-General in the putting an end to the same, or concerning any of the covenants, matters, or things hereinbefore contained or in any-wise relating thereto, and notwithstanding the power herein contained to determine this Agreement, and any execution or attempted execution of such power, such dispute shall be referred to two arbitrators, one to be chosen from time to time by the Postmaster-General, and the other by the Company; and if such arbitrators should at any time or times not agree on the matter or question referred to them, then such question in difference shall be referred by them to an umpire to be chosen by such arbitrators before they proceed with the reference to them, and the joint and concurrent award of the said arbitrators or the separate award of the said umpire, when the said arbitrators cannot agree, shall be binding and conclusive upon both parties; and every such arbitration shall be held in Melbourne aforesaid.

Contractors to have no claim to postage except as herein provided.

19. The contractors shall have no claim to any postage nor to any payment on account thereof for Mails carried under this contract except as herein provided.

Commencement and duration of contract.

20. That this Agreement shall commence on and from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and shall continue until the first day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty, and shall then determine if the Postmaster-General shall by writing under his hand have given to the Company, or if the Company shall have given to the Postmaster-General, twenty-four calendar months' notice that this Agreement shall so determine; but if neither the Postmaster-General nor the Company shall give any such notice, this Agreement shall continue in force after the said first day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty until the expiration of a twenty-four calendar months' notice in writing as aforesaid, which may be given by either of the said parties hereto to the other of them, and which last-mentioned notice may be given at any time after the expiration of the first four years. This Agreement shall then determine accordingly, without prejudice nevertheless to any right of action or other proceeding which shall then have accrued to either party for any breach thereof.

Penalties for failing to commence service on 1st January 1874.

21. And it is hereby further agreed that in case the Company shall fail to commence the performance of the services herein agreed to be by them performed on the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, then and in such case the Company shall forfeit and pay unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of One hundred pounds, and also the further sum of One hundred pounds for every successive period of twenty-four hours which shall elapse after the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four until the actual and *bonâ fide* commencement of the performance by the Company of the services herein agreed to be by them performed: Provided always that the total amount of the penalties to be incurred by the said Company by reason of such failures as aforesaid respectively shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds.

Company not to assign, &c.

22. That the Company shall not assign, underlet, or dispose of this Agreement or any part thereof without the consent of the Postmaster-General signified in writing under his hand, and that in case of the same or any part thereof being assigned, underlet, or otherwise disposed of, or of any breach of clause numbered 12 of these presents, or of any great or habitual breach of this Agreement, or of any covenant, matter, or thing herein contained, on the part of the Company, their officers, agents, or servants, and whether there be or be not any penalty or sum of money payable by the Company for any breach, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General by writing under his hand to determine this Agreement without any previous notice to the Company or their agents.

Postmaster-General may determine contract on breach.

On determination voyages begun to be completed.

23. That if on the determination of this Agreement any vessel or vessels should have started or should start with the Mails, in conformity with this Agreement, such voyage or voyages shall be continued and performed and the mails be delivered and received during the same as if this Agreement had remained in force with regard to any such vessels and services; and with respect to such vessels and services as last aforesaid, this Agreement shall be considered as having terminated when such vessels and services shall have reached their port or place of destination and been performed.

Postmaster-General may delegate powers.

24. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, by writing under his hand, at any time and from time to time to delegate any of the powers vested in him by virtue of this Agreement to such person or persons as he may think fit.

As to notices.

25. That all notices or directions which the Postmaster-General, his officers, agents, or others, are hereby authorized to give to the Company, their officers, servants, or agents, other than any notice of termination of this contract, may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, either be delivered to the master of any of the said vessels or other officer or agent of the Company in the charge or management of any vessel employed in the performance of this agreement, or left for the Company at their office or house of business in Melbourne, or at their or any of their last known places of business or abode in Melbourne; and any notices or direction so given or left shall be binding on the Company: Provided always that any notice of termination of this contract shall be served on the Company, their officers, servants, or agents, at their office or last known office in Melbourne.

Any reference to be made a Rule of Court.

26. That any submission to arbitration in pursuance of this Agreement shall be made a Rule of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided. on the application of either party.

Bond Clause.

27. And for the due and faithful performance of all and singular the covenants, conditions, provisoes, clauses, articles, and agreements hereinbefore contained, and which on the part and behalf of the said Company, their officers, agents, or servants, are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled, and kept, the said Company do hereby bind themselves and their successors unto Her Majesty in the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds sterling, to be paid to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, by way of stipulated or ascertained damages, hereby agreed upon between the Postmaster-General and the said Company, in case of the failure on the part of the Company in the execution of this contract or any part thereof.

Interpretation.

28. The words "Postmaster-General" herein shall mean the Postmaster-General of the Colony of Victoria for the time being, or the Responsible Minister of the Crown for the time being administering the Post Office Department.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Edward Langton, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General of Victoria, has hereunto set his Hand and Seal, and the Company its Common Seal, the day and year first above written.

ENDORSEMENT.

Dated 10th June 1873

The Honorable Edward Langton, Postmaster-General of the Colony of Victoria, and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.—Mail Contract. Point de Galle to Melbourne.

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