



POSTAGE.

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DUTIES on POSTAGE.**

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
27 January 1840.*

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P O S T A G E.

**RETURNS to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 28 January 1840;—for,**

A RETURN, showing, as far as practicable, the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *London* DISTRICT during the Establishment of the FOURPENNY RATE; viz. from the 5th day of December 1839 to the 9th day of January 1840 inclusive; also, during the corresponding period of 1838-9; together with the Number of LETTERS for each period (as nearly as it can be estimated) on which such POSTAGE is charged.

A similar RETURN for the period since the Establishment of the PENNY RATE; viz. from the 10th day of January 1840 inclusive, to as late a Day as the Account can be made up.

Similar RETURNS for *Dublin*.

Similar RETURNS for *Edinburgh*.

A RETURN of the TOTAL NUMBER of LETTERS, excluding FRANKS, if possible, delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in the Week commencing 18th and ending 24th day of November 1839.

A RETURN of the TOTAL NUMBER of LETTERS, excluding FRANKS, if possible, delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in the Week commencing 16th and ending the 22d day of December 1839:

A RETURN of the Amount of POSTAGE collected in the UNITED KINGDOM, during the Months commencing the 5th day of December 1839 and the 5th day of December 1838, respectively.

(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)

**Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
17 March 1840.**

A RETURN, showing, as far as practicable, the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *London* DISTRICT during the Establishment of the FOURPENNY RATE; viz. from the 5th of December 1839 to the 9th of January 1840 inclusive; also, during the corresponding period of 1838-9; together with the Number of LETTERS for each period (as nearly as it can be ascertained) on which such POSTAGE is charged, as far as regards the GENERAL POST OFFICE.

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1838-39.

DATE.	NUMBER.			AMOUNT.					
	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.			
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
6 Dec. to 12 Dec. - }	151,750	24,166	175,916	8,104	10	2	3,109	1	4
13 Dec. to 19 Dec. - }	149,275	27,233	176,508	7,538	8	-	3,294	4	4
20 Dec. to 26 Dec. - }	149,292	32,635	181,927	6,908	-	5	4,050	14	8
27 Dec. to 2 Jan. - }	148,412	27,181	175,593	7,146	4	7	3,332	6	8
3 Jan. to 9 Jan. - }	155,208	29,776	184,984	8,029	-	4	3,863	6	6
10 Jan. -	22,925	6,064	28,989	1,170	15	-	753	11	3
TOTAL -	776,862	147,055	923,917	38,896	18	6	18,403	2	9

Franks, both Parliamentary and Government, excluded.

* N.B.—£. 3,637. 8. out of the Total Amount was received from Government Departments.

1839-40.

DATE.	NUMBER.			AMOUNT.					
	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.			
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
5 Dec. to 11 Dec. - }	230,249	40,529	270,778	4,961	16	4	2,660	5	8
12 Dec. to 18 Dec. - }	237,863	34,218	272,081	4,327	4	6	3,121	-	11
19 Dec. to 25 Dec. - }	217,139	36,386	253,525	4,208	4	4	3,240	7	1
26 Dec. to 1 Jan. - }	215,639	29,520	245,159	3,726	19	-	3,326	3	2
2 Jan. to 8 Jan. - }	222,842	30,316	253,158	4,190	-	2	3,180	6	10
9 Jan. -	31,530	2,762	34,292	563	16	2	1,186	1	9
TOTAL -	1,155,262	173,731	1,328,993	21,978	-	6	16,714	5	5

Franks, both Parliamentary and Government, excluded.

* N.B.—£. 1,316. 2. out of the Total Amount was received from Government Departments.

RETURNS RELATING TO POSTAGE.

A RETURN, showing, as far as practicable, the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *London* DISTRICT during the Establishment of the PENNY RATE; viz. from the 10th day of January to the 13th day of February 1840 inclusive; also, during the corresponding period of 1839; together with the Number of LETTERS for each period (as nearly as it can be ascertained) on which such POSTAGE is charged, as far as regards the GENERAL POST OFFICE.

1839.									
DATE.	NUMBER.			AMOUNT.					
	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.		TOTAL.		
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
11 Jan. to 17 Jan. }	146,838	33,186	180,024	8,136	11	1	4,260	1	-
18 Jan. to 24 Jan. }	160,411	27,972	188,383	7,571	11	2	3,890	9	1
25 Jan. to 31 Jan. }	148,258	33,307	181,565	8,092	3	10	3,065	3	4
1 Feb. to 7 Feb. }	161,352	31,811	193,163	8,535	11	4	4,646	14	9
8 Feb. to 14 Feb. }	151,138	35,942	187,080	7,924	3	6	3,938	5	7
TOTAL -	767,997	162,218	930,215	40,260	-	11	13,800	13	9

1840.									
DATE.	NUMBER.			AMOUNT.					
	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.	TOTAL.	Inland.	Ship and Foreign.		TOTAL.		
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
10 Jan to 16 Jan. }	480,933	35,537	516,470	3,137	5	9	3,158	3	5
17 Jan. to 23 Jan. }	402,089	34,136	436,225	2,480	-	9	2,678	4	-
24 Jan. to 30 Jan. }	419,000	33,597	452,597	2,442	6	9	2,784	10	3
31 Jan. to 6 Feb. }	432,098	40,231	472,329	2,550	11	8	3,485	13	2
7 Feb. to 13 Feb. }	370,348	38,416	*408,764	2,259	8	10	3,648	-	6
TOTAL -	2,104,468	181,917	2,286,385	12,869	13	9	15,754	11	4

Franks, both Parliamentary and Government, excluded.

* N. B.—£.4,624. 12. 1. out of the Total Amount was received from Government Departments; viz. from the Customs, Excise, and Stamps and Taxes; the Correspondence of almost all the others was forwarded without charge.

Letters from or to those Government Offices with which Accounts are kept at the Post Office, excluded.

* The apparent falling off during this week may be accounted for by the holiday on the 10th February.

† N. B.—£.858. 11. 1. out of the Total Amount has been received from Government Departments, and £.11,044. 12. 5. remains due out of the Total Amount of £.40,527. 8. 7.

W. L. Maberly.

A RETURN of the NUMBER of LETTERS for the *London* DISTRICT POST, and AMOUNT of POSTAGE (Weekly), from the 5th December 1839 to the 9th January 1840; with a similar Return for the corresponding period of 1838 and 1839, as near as it can be estimated.

	5 December 1839 to 9 January 1840.		5 December 1838 to 9 January 1839.	
	Number of Letters.	Amount of Postage.	Number of Letters.	Amount of Postage.
		£. s. d.		£. s. d.
From 5th to 11th December -	299,145	1,973 5 2	234,012	2,547 18 4
From 12th to 18th December	327,632	2,107 9 11	253,361	2,504 5 8
From 19th to 25th December	318,556	1,980 12 8	236,557	2,388 11 4
From 26th Dec. to 1st Jan. -	317,394	1,941 3 6	247,023	2,437 7 10
From 2d to 8th January -	348,481	2,056 7 4	267,171	2,508 6 -
9th January - - -	56,324	323 15 8	42,563	347 10 5
	1,667,532	10,382 14 3	1,280,687	12,933 19 7

The rated Franks are included in the Postage, not in the Numbers: the Postage amounts to £.79. 4. 8.

The number of rated General Post Letters are not included; but the Twopenny Post rates on such Letters may be averaged at £. 1.25 per Week, and which is included in this Return.

A RETURN of the NUMBER of LETTERS for the *London* DISTRICT POST, and AMOUNT of POSTAGE (Weekly), from the 10th January 1840 to the 13th February; with a similar Return for the corresponding period of 1839, as near as it can be estimated.

	10 January to 13 February 1840.		10 January to 13 February 1839.	
	Number of Letters.	Amount of Postage.	Number of Letters.	Amount of Postage.
		£. s. d.		£. s. d.
From 10th to 16th January -	381,352	2,029 4 3	271,207	2,787 14 9
From 17th to 23d January -	401,454	2,092 2 7	262,725	2,711 8 3
From 23d to 30th January -	395,562	2,053 3 4	266,255	2,691 13 8
From 31st Jan. to 6th Feb. -	411,842	2,099 1 5	269,421	2,728 14 6
From 7th to 13th February -	400,924	2,095 3 5	303,321	2,794 9 8
	1,991,134	10,368 15 -	1,372,929	13,714 - 10

The Postage on rated General Post Letters may be averaged at £. 1.25 per Week, and which is included in this Return.

W. L. Maberly.

TOTAL AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *London District*, and NUMBER of LETTERS, from the 5th of December 1839 to the 13th of February 1840 inclusive, as compared with the corresponding period of 1838-9.—(In this Account both General and District Post Letters are included.)

		NUMBER OF LETTERS.			POSTAGE COLLECTED.		
		First Period.	Second Period.	Increase.	First Period.	Second Period.	Decrease.
1838:		1839:			1840:		
*December 6 to December 12 - - -	†December 5 to December 11 - - -	409,928	569,923	159,995	£. s. d. 13,761 9 10	£. s. d. 9,595 7 2	£. s. d. 4,166 2 8
December 13 to December 19 - - -	December 12 to December 18 - - -	429,869	599,713	169,844	13,336 18 -	9,555 15 4	3,781 2 8
December 20 to December 26 - - -	December 19 to December 25 - - -	418,484	572,081	153,597	13,547 4 5	9,429 4 1	4,118 - 4
December 27 to January 2 - - -	December 26 to January 1 - - -	422,616	562,553	139,937	12,915 19 1	8,994 5 8	3,921 13 5
1839:		1840:					
January 3 to January 9 - - -	January 2 to January 8 - - -	452,155	601,639	149,484	14,400 12 10	9,426 14 4	4,973 18 6
January 10 - - -	January 9 - - -	71,552	90,616	19,064	2,271 16 8	2,073 13 7	198 3 1
TOTAL FOURPENNY RATE - - -	- - -	2,204,604	2,996,525	791,921	70,234 - 10	49,075 - 2	21,159 - 8
January 11 to January 17 - - -	†January 10 to January 16 - - -	451,231	897,822	446,591	15,184 6 10	10,565 - 4	4,619 6 6
January 18 to January 24 - - -	January 17 to January 23 - - -	451,108	837,679	386,571	14,173 8 6	9,311 12 -	4,861 16 6
January 25 to January 31 - - -	January 24 to January 30 - - -	447,820	848,159	400,339	13,849 - 10	10,210 4 11	3,638 15 11
February 1 to February 7 - - -	January 31 to February 6 - - -	462,584	884,171	421,587	15,911 - 7	10,870 19 8	5,040 - 11
February 8 to February 14 - - -	February 7 to February 13 - - -	490,401	809,688	319,287	14,656 18 9	9,938 6 8	4,718 12 1
TOTAL PENNY RATE - - -	- - -	2,303,144	4,277,519	1,974,375	£73,774 15 6	£50,896 3 7	22,878 11 11

* These Dates do not agree exactly with those for which the District Post Returns are made; but this will not materially affect the results.

† Fourpenny Rate established December 5, 1839

‡ Penny Rate established January 10, 1840.

§ This amount includes £ 4,624. 12. 1. received from Government Departments; viz. the Customs, Excise, and Stamps and Taxes; the Correspondence of almost all the others was forwarded without charge.

|| This amount includes £. 11,903. 3. 6. received and due from Government Departments: the Correspondence of which, with the exception of the Customs, Excise, and Stamps and Taxes, was before forwarded free of charge.

W. L. Maberly.

IRELAND.

A RETURN, showing, as far as practicable, the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *Dublin* DISTRICT during the Establishment of the FOURPENNY RATE; viz. from the 5th of December 1839 to the 9th of January 1840 inclusive; also, during the corresponding period of 1838 and 1839; together with the Number of LETTERS for each period (as nearly as it can be estimated) on which such Postage is charged.

	From 5 December 1839 to 9 January 1840.	From 5 December 1838 to 9 January 1839.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Week ended 11 December - - - -	954 12 5	1,433 1 4
Week ended 18 December - - - -	903 15 -	1,394 7 8
Week ended 25 December - - - -	839 2 9	1,295 - 11
Week ended 1 January - - - -	776 6 8	1,226 9 9
Week ended 8 January - - - -	832 12 1	1,250 2 3
One Day, 9 January - - - -	112 9 8	251 11 5
TOTAL - - - £.	4,418 18 7	6,850 13 4

Number of Letters (as nearly as can be estimated) from 5 December 1838 to 9 January 1839, 212,000; from 5 December 1839 to 9 January 1840, 280,000.

A RETURN of POSTAGE collected in the *Dublin* DISTRICT for the period since the Establishment of the PENNY RATE; viz. from the 10th of January to the 13th of February 1840 inclusive.

	£. s. d.
Week ended 16 January 1840 - - -	664 - 10
Week ended 23 January 1840 - - -	563 4 9
Week ended 30 January 1840 - - -	551 16 4
Week ended 6 February 1840 - - -	533 12 3
Week ended 13 February 1840 - - -	530 19 1
TOTAL - - - £.	2,843 13 3

Number of Letters (as nearly as can be estimated) from 10 January to 13 February 1840, 444,316.

W. L. Maberly.

SCOTLAND.

A RETURN, showing, as far as practicable, the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the *Edinburgh* DISTRICT, during the Establishment of the FOURPENNY RATE; viz. from the 5th of December 1839 to the 9th of January 1840 inclusive; also, during the corresponding period of 1838 and 1839; together with the Number of LETTERS for each period (as nearly as it can be estimated) on which such Postage is charged.

	From 5 December 1839 to 9 January 1840.	From 5 December 1838 to 9 January 1839.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Week ended 11 December - - - -	651 7 10½	933 17 5
Week ended 18 December - - - -	599 18 8½	864 4 7½
Week ended 25 December - - - -	586 5 11	857 9 6½
Week ended 1 January - - - -	609 6 -½	805 8 11
Week ended 8 January - - - -	611 1 9	816 3 3
One Day, 9 January - - - -	74 1 5	139 5 -
TOTAL - - - £.	3,132 1 8½	4,416 8 9

No Account has been kept upon which any estimate of the Number of Letters can be framed.

A RETURN of POSTAGE collected in the *Edinburgh* DISTRICT for the period since the Establishment of the PENNY RATE; viz. from the 10th of January to the 13th of February 1840 inclusive.

	£. s. d.
Week ended 16 January 1840 - - -	684 6 11½
Week ended 23 January 1840 - - -	446 2 -
Week ended 30 January 1840 - - -	440 2 -½
Week ended 6 February 1840 - - -	487 10 8½
Week ended 13 February 1840 - - -	420 2 9
TOTAL - - - £.	2,478 4 5½

Number of Letters in Week ended 6 February, 81,520; in Week ended 13 February, 72,432. No Account has been kept before these periods upon which any estimate of the Number of Letters can be framed.

W. L. Maberly.

A RETURN of the TOTAL NUMBER of LETTERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in the Week commencing on the 18th and ending on the 24th day of November 1839.

1,585,973.

Franks cannot be excluded from this Return.

A RETURN of the TOTAL NUMBER of LETTERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in the Week commencing on the 16th and ending on the 22d day of December 1839.

2,008,687.

Franks cannot be excluded from this Return.

General Post Office, }
March 1840. }

W. L. Maberly.

A RETURN of the AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Month commencing on the 5th day of December 1839, and the 5th day of December 1838, respectively.

Month commencing 5 December 1838	-	-	-	£. 200,587	16	1
Month commencing 5 December 1839	-	-	-	136,680	2	7

C. T. Court, Acc^t Gen^l.
26 February 1840.

W. L. Maberly.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the NUMBER of LETTERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in the Weeks ended the 24 November 1839, 22 December 1839, and 23 February 1840.

ENGLAND AND WALES.	Week ended 24 Nov. 1839.	Week ended 22 Dec. 1839.	Week ended 23 Feb. 1840.
Country Offices - - - - -	764,938	963,616	1,658,002
London, Inland, Foreign and Ship-Letter Offices -	229,292	279,457	431,298
TOTAL, excluding Twopenny Post -	994,230	1,243,073	2,089,300
Twopenny Post, including chargeable Newspapers -	258,747	340,693	406,476
TOTAL, ENGLAND and WALES -	1,252,977	1,583,766	2,495,776
IRELAND - - - - -	179,931	225,889	349,928
SCOTLAND - - - - -	153,065	199,032	353,933
GROSS TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM -	1,585,973	2,008,687	3,199,637

Franks are included in this Return.

General Post Office, }
13 March 1840. }

W. L. Maberly.