

POSTMASTERS GENERAL.—
POSTAGE.

RETURN of the NAMES, RANK, and DATE of
APPOINTMENT of the POSTMASTERS-GENE-
RAL, from the earliest to the present Time.

RETURN of the NAMES of the PERSONS, and
the TOWNS, to which HALF-SHEETS of POST-
AGE-FREE PAPER will be sent for Sale.

(Mr. Wallace.)

*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
10 June 1844.*

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Under 2 oz.

Brawford 1870 (18)

POSTAGE STAMPS, &c.

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 18 June 1846;—for,

RETURN "for each Year, commencing from the Establishment of the PENNY POSTAGE to the 5th day of April 1846, of the Amount Expended for producing STAMPED POSTAGE ENVELOPES, classed under the following Heads: Machinery, Paper, Salaries, Wages, Folding, Bands, and all other Contingencies."

"ACCOUNT or CALCULATION from the above Particulars, showing how much per Million the said ENVELOPES cost, including any Per-centage allowed upon the Sale of them."

"ACCOUNT showing, from similar Particulars (or Contract Price), how much the POSTAGE LABELS cost per Million."

"RETURN of the NAMES of all PERSONS who have sustained INJURIES connected with the Operation of Stamping or Folding ENVELOPES, with the Nature of such Injuries in each Case, within the same Period."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 22 July 1846.

RETURN for each Year, commencing from the Establishment of PENNY POSTAGE to the 5th day of April 1846, of the Amount Expended for producing STAMPED POSTAGE ENVELOPES, classed under the following Heads: Machinery, Paper, Salaries, Wages, Folding, Bands, and all other Contingencies.

ACCOUNT or Calculation from the above Particulars, showing how much per Million the said Envelopes cost, including any Per-centage allowed upon the Sale of them.

ACCOUNT showing, from similar Particulars (or Contract price), how much the POSTAGE LABELS cost per Million.

ENVELOPES	1840.	1841.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	First Quarter of 1846.	TOTALS.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Machinery; repairs and annual share of first cost*	-	93 1 4	95 14 8	59 10 6	75 3 1	65 9 3	15 5 10	404 4 8
Paper	-	1,796 13 -	2,427 1 -	2,411 6 -	2,915 13 -	3,254 10 -	929 17 -	13,735 - -
Salaries	-	446 12 -	442 12 -	442 12 -	520 2 4	584 6 -	146 18 -	2,525 2 4
Wages	-	319 19 3	390 12 8	381 19 -	409 3 2	411 9 -	104 11 5	2,017 14 6
Folding, including the previous milling and cutting out of the paper under the contract	-	1,025 18 5	1,487 19 9	1,249 10 -	1,584 19 2	1,846 14 5	476 8 9	7,621 10 6
Ornamental bands	-	187 2 11	111 8 1	99 15 7	90 4 -	97 2 3	24 5 6	609 18 4
Contingencies, including packing, carriage, poundage, and other expenses of distribution	-	397 5 2	624 19 6	646 - 8	595 3 11	689 7 1	148 14 9	3,101 11 1
TOTAL COST	-	4,268 12 1	5,530 7 8	5,290 13 9	6,190 8 8	6,948 18 -	1,846 1 3	20,075 1 5
Repaid by the consumers, in addition to the retailer's profit	-	4,292 - -	5,470 - -	5,415 - -	6,540 - -	7,261 - -	2,000 - -	31,068 - -
Profit to Government	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	992 18 7
Number of Stamps issued in the whole period, 83,694,240.								
Cost per million, upon the average of the period	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	359 6 11
Repaid by the consumers, per million	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	371 4 2
Profit per million upon the whole number issued	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	11 17 3
Profit per million at the present time	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	21 16 1
LABELS :								
Paper, per million stamps	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	5 11 -
Salaries - ditto	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1 19 3
Contingencies, including poundage, &c.	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	46 10 4
Printing and gumming, contract price	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	25 - -
TOTAL COST per Million, none of which is repaid by the Consumers	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	79 - 7

* The money actually expended in the purchase of machinery from the commencement of Penny Postage to 5th April 1846, was 435 l.; but the whole of this sum is not charged herein, because the machines in use are in good serviceable condition, and likely to continue so for years. The sums herein set down consist of the expense of repairs (appertaining principally to an old stock of machinery now disused), added to a charge at the rate of eight per cent. per annum upon the cost price of each of the present machines from the time of its erection. This distinction is necessary to meet the second part of the Order of The House, which requires a calculation of the proportion of cost per million of the stamped envelopes.

2 ACCIDENTS AT MACHINES FOR STAMPING AND FOLDING POSTAGE ENVELOPES.

RETURN of the NAMES of all PERSONS who have sustained INJURIES connected with the Operation of Stamping or Folding ENVELOPES, with the Nature of such Injuries in each case, commencing from the Establishment of the Penny Postage to the 5th day of April 1846.

ACCIDENTS

AT THE STAMPING MACHINES.

DATES.	NAMES.	NATURE OF INJURIES.	
6 May 1841	Edward Arliss -	-- Crushed thumb, requiring amputation at the insertion of the nail.	Eight of the accidents in stamping occurred with machines which have been since discarded. The improved machines in use are much superior in safety.
15 Dec. -	Frederick Baldwin -	Crushed finger, the bone slightly injured.	
26 Jan. 1842	Thomas Coggins -	Crushed finger, a flesh wound only.	
24 June -	Joseph Galloway -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
16 Feb. 1843	James Walkley -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
27 Dec. -	Frederick Angel -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
12 Jan. 1844	Alfred Biggin -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
20 July -	James Tribe -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
27 August -	Frederick Angel -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
20 June 1845	William Cowle -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	
23 March 1846	William Lock -	Ditto - - ditto - - ditto.	

AT THE FOLDING MACHINE USED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

1845	Allen Avery -	-- Crushed finger and thumb, flesh wounds only.	The folding machine is no longer dangerous, its construction having been altered, with a view to safety.
-	James Castle -	Cut thumb, flesh wound only.	
-	Thomas Sweetman -	Crushed finger - - ditto.	

Postage Stamps, 16 July 1846.

EDWIN HILL.

512.	Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 22 July 1846.	(Mr. Thomas Duncombe.)	A RETURN of the Expenses of MACHINERY, PAPER, SALARIES, &c.; and the Cost per Million for ENVELOPES, &c.	POSTAGE STAMPS, &c.
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