

Crampford 1870(19)

COLONIAL POSTAGE.

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 30 August 1848;—for,

- “ RETURNS of the several RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed between the United Kingdom and each of the British Colonies and Possessions respectively; distinguishing the Rate when conveyed by Packet from that charged when the Conveyance is by Private Ship:”
- “ Of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed direct, whether by Packet or by Private Ship, between the several British Colonies and Possessions :”
- “ Of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed between the United Kingdom and *India*, whether viâ *Southampton* or viâ *Marseilles*, or by Private Ship :”
- “ Of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS between one part of the East Indies and another part of the East Indies, and between any British Colony or Possession and *India*, whether by Packet or by Private Ship :”
- “ Of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon the Conveyance of LETTERS within each of the several British Colonies and Possessions :”
- “ And showing the Gross Amount of POSTAGE collected, the EXPENDITURE and the NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE in each of the British Colonies and Possessions, and in *India*, for the Three Years ended the 5th day of January 1848.”

General Post Office, }
29 May 1849. }

W. L. MABERLY,
Secretary.

(*Mr. Ewart.*)

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— No. 1. —

A RETURN of the several RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed between the United Kingdom and each of the British Colonies and Possessions respectively, distinguishing the Rate when conveyed by Packet from that charged when the Conveyance is by Private Ship.

Between the United Kingdom and	RATES BY PACKET.		RATES BY PRIVATE SHIP.	
	s. d.	On a letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	s. d.	On a Letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Aden - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 10	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Africa (West Coast of) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Antigua - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ascension - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Australia (direct) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Bahamas - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Barbadoes - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Bermuda - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Berbice - - - - -	1 2*	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Canada - - - - -	1 2*	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Carriacou - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ceylon - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 10	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Demerara - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Dominica - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Falkland Islands - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Gibraltar - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Grenada - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Heligoland - - - - -	- 6	- - ditto - - -	- 6	- - ditto.
Honduras - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Hong Kong - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 10	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
India - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 10	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Jamaica (Kingston excepted) - - - - -	1 2*	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Ionian Islands - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 8	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Kingston (Port of Jamaica) - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Labuan (direct) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Malta - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Marseilles) - - - - -	1 3	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Mauritius (direct) - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Montserrat - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Nevis - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
New Brunswick - - - - -	1 2*	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Newfoundland - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
New South Wales (direct) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
New Zealand (direct) - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Nova Scotia (Halifax excepted) - - - - -	1 2*	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.
Halifax (port of Nova Scotia) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Prince Edward Island - - - - -	1 2*	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
St. Kitt's - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
St. Lucia - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
St. Vincent's - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Sierra Leone - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Tobago - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Tortola - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Trinidad - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Van Diemen's Land (direct) - - - - -	1 -	- - ditto - - -	- 8	- - ditto.
Ditto (via Southampton and India) - - - - -	1 4	- - ditto.	- -	- -
Ditto (via Marseilles and India) - - - - -	2 2	under the $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	- -	- -
Virgin Islands - - - - -	1 -	not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	- 8	- - ditto.

Note.—The rates marked thus * include the internal colonial rate of 2d. the half ounce, which is combined with the packet rate, and both rates are paid at the same time.—See also note, Return No. 5.

— No. 2. —

A RETURN of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed Direct, whether by Packet or by Private Ship, between the several British Colonies and Possessions.

	Packet Rate. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce in Weight.	Ship-Letter Rate. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce in Weight.
	s. d.	s. d.
Between any two ports in the British West Indies - -	- 4	- 4
Between any ports in British North America and any ports in the British West Indies - - - - -	- 4	- 4
Between Gibraltar and Malta - - - - -	- 5	- 5
Between Gibraltar and Corfu - - - - -	- 10	- 10
Between Gibraltar and Aden, India, Ceylon, Hong Kong*, Australia* and New Zealand*	1 10	- 4
Between Corfu and Malta - - - - -	- 5	- 5
Between Corfu and Aden, India, Ceylon, Hong Kong*, Australia*, and New Zealand*	1 10	- 4
Between Malta and Aden, India, Ceylon, Hong Kong*, Australia*, and New Zealand*	1 5	- 4
Between the Cape of Good Hope or any ports on the Eastern Coast of Africa, the Coast of Arabia, the Red Sea, the Bay of Bengal, the Indian Ocean; any ports in Hindostan, Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East India Islands; and Any ports in China and the Chinese Sea belonging to Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand - - - - -	1 -	- - No ship-letter rate is levied
Between any of the countries or places above stated (except between Australia and New Zealand) - - - - -		between any of these places under the Imperial Laws, except between any of the places specified and Hong Kong and New Zealand, and between the two last places, in which cases the rate is 4d.
Between any two ports in any of the countries or places above stated (except ports in Australia † and ports in New Zealand) - - - - -		
Between any two ports in New Zealand - - - - -	- 4	- 4

* When the correspondence of either Gibraltar, Corfu, or Malta is transmitted by the post to Bombay or Madras or Calcutta, and between any of those places and any port or place to the eastward of them (Ceylon excepted), by packet boat or private ship, it is liable to an additional rate of 4d. the half ounce; which additional postage is accounted for by the British Post-office to the East India Company.

† The Post-office in Australia is not under the control of the Postmaster-general.

— No. 3. —

A RETURN of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS conveyed between the United Kingdom and India, whether viâ Southampton, viâ Marseilles, or by Private Ship.

	Viâ Southampton. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.	Viâ Marseilles. On a Letter under a Quarter of an Ounce.	By Private Ship. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Between the United Kingdom and India -	1 -	1 10	- 8

N.B.—This information is also given in Return No. 1.

— No. 4. —

A RETURN of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon LETTERS between one part of the *East Indies* and another part of the *East Indies*, and between any British Colony or Possession and *India*, whether by Packet or by Private Ship.

	By Packet. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce, conveyed by British Packet between one Port in the East Indies and another.	By Private Ship. On a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.
Between one part* of the East Indies and another part of the East Indies - - - - -	s. d. 1 -	s. d. †
Between any British colony or possession and India - -	1 -	- 4

* The rates between one part of the interior of the East Indies and another cannot be stated, the control of the posts being vested in the East India Company.

† This rate cannot be stated, the ship-letter postage between any two ports in the East Indies being levied under the authority of the East India Company.

— No. 5. —

A RETURN of the RATES of POSTAGE charged upon the Conveyance of LETTERS within each of the several British Colonies and Possessions.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA* AND BRITISH WEST INDIES*.

Postage charged on a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.

For any distance not exceeding 60 miles - - - - -	4 d.
Ditto - - exceeding 60 miles, and not exceeding 100 miles - - - - -	6 d.
Ditto - - exceeding 100 miles, and not exceeding 200 miles - - - - -	8 d.
And for every additional distance not exceeding 100 such miles beyond such 200 miles, and for every such further distance, a rate of - - - - -	2 d.

* The correspondence between the United Kingdom and these colonies is charged, in lieu of the rates here stated, with an uniform internal colonial rate of 2 d. the half ounce, except when posted or delivered at the port of dispatch or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same; such letters posted or delivered at the port are not liable to any colonial rate.

HONG KONG.

Postage charged on a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.

Posted in any post town in Hong Kong, addressed to any person or place within such town or the suburbs thereof, an uniform rate of - - - - -	1 d.
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NEW ZEALAND.

Postage charged on a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce.

An uniform rate of 4 d., whatever distance conveyed.

Note.—The above-mentioned are the only colonies and possessions subject to the control of the Postmaster-general, in which internal rates of postage are charged under the Imperial Laws.

— No. 6. —

RETURN showing the Gross Amount of POSTAGE collected, the EXPENDITURE and the NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE in each of the British Colonies and Possessions, and in India, for the Three Years ended the 5th January 1848.

NAMES OF PLACES.	Years ended 5th January	Gross Amount of Postage collected after deducting Returned Letters, &c.*			Expenditure.*			Net Revenue.*		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Canada - - - - -	1846	58,336	11	10	44,489	10	7	13,847	1	3
	1847	63,562	16	4	44,419	16	4	19,143	-	-
	1848	68,048	14	9	49,394	4	7	18,654	10	2
Nova Scotia - - - - -	1846	7,040	18	6	7,019	3	11	21	14	7
	1847	6,738	17	10	6,444	8	9	294	9	1
	1848	8,278	3	7	6,467	18	5	1,810	5	2
New Brunswick - - - - -	1846	5,476	10	11	4,831	5	1	645	5	10
	1847	6,092	9	-	4,870	8	4	1,222	-	8
	1848	7,254	18	2	5,662	1	4	1,592	16	10
Prince Edward Island - - - - - Half year from the 6th July 1845, before which period the accounts of Prince Edward Island were included with those of Nova Scotia.	1846	406	-	4	405	6	9	-	13	7
	1847	999	17	9	985	5	-	14	12	9
	1848	1,160	10	-	1,146	16	3	13	13	9
Jamaica - - - - -	1846	13,959	4	3	10,087	-	1	3,872	4	2
	1847	13,880	6	5	9,012	8	1	4,867	18	4
	1848	14,586	8	4	9,721	16	1	4,864	12	3
Antigua - - - - -	1846	821	11	3	272	1	-	549	10	3
	1847	962	16	7½	270	1	-	592	15	7½
	1848	885	1	3½	270	1	-	615	-	3½
Bahamas - - - - -	1846	326	18	10½	45	9	11	281	8	11½
	1847	332	12	4	69	15	11	262	16	5
	1848	337	19	10	72	19	7	265	-	3
Barbadoes - - - - -	1846	1,924	10	4½	686	2	8	1,238	7	8½
	1847	2,041	8	7	708	19	4	1,332	9	3
	1848	2,083	18	3	865	18	-	1,218	-	3
Belize - - - - - During three quarters of the year 1846, only the postage on the correspondence addressed to foreign ports in the West Indies was collected at Belize.	1846	104	13	10	105	3	8	-	-	-
	1847	230	18	11	165	15	8	65	3	3
	1848	258	2	7	167	1	2	91	1	5
Berbice - - - - -	1846	575	10	3½	118	15	-	456	15	3½
	1847	620	7	2½	157	14	2	462	13	-½
	1848	553	18	7	156	4	4	397	14	3
Bermuda - - - - -	1846	549	2	-½	187	2	6	361	19	6½
	1847	578	1	2	163	9	6	414	11	8
	1848	587	14	3½	154	2	6	431	11	9½
Carriacou - - - - -	1846	18	5	2	-	-	-	18	5	2
	1847	9	-	3	13	14	2	-	-	-
	1848	24	14	8	1	2	2	23	2	6
Demerara - - - - -	1846	1,975	13	9	341	13	7½	1,634	-	1½
	1847	1,952	6	10½	343	9	3½	1,608	17	7
	1848	2,025	15	9½	351	3	3½	1,674	12	6
Dominica - - - - -	1846	304	8	1	100	4	6	204	3	7
	1847	352	10	11½	100	2	6	252	8	5½
	1848	347	-	-	100	3	6	246	16	6
Grenada - - - - -	1846	504	8	5	196	1	6	308	6	11
	1847	542	19	9	208	3	10	334	15	11
	1848	567	11	5½	204	11	10	362	19	7½
Montserrat - - - - -	1846	100	14	9	20	-	-	80	14	9
	1847	107	2	3	20	19	8	86	2	7
	1848	81	11	2	21	2	8	60	8	6

* "The Gross Amount of Postage collected," of course includes so much of the Packet Postage as is collected in the Colonies. On the other hand, no part of the expense of the Packets is included under the head of "Expenditure."

NAMES OF PLACES.	Years ended 5th January	Gross Amount of Postage collected, after deducting Returned Letters, &c.*			Expenditure.*			Net Revenue.*		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Nevis - - - - -	1846	175	-	11	60	1	8	114	19	3
	1847	169	9	2	60	2	4	109	6	10
	1848	181	19	1	60	16	-	121	3	1
Newfoundland - - - - -	1846	929	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	252	6	4	676	19	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1847	1,006	9	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	260	12	8	745	17	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1848	1,331	4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	298	16	6	1,032	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. Kitts - - - - -	1846	492	7	10	120	-	-	372	17	10
	1847	519	6	-	120	1	6	399	4	6
	1848	523	9	6	127	14	10	395	14	8
St. Lucia - - - - -	1846	345	15	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	82	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	263	10	5
	1847	373	6	2	81	8	8	291	17	6
	1848	380	1	6	76	16	-	303	5	6
St. Vincent - - - - -	1846	563	9	10	200	5	10	363	4	-
	1847	599	18	9	205	5	3	394	13	6
	1848	672	4	7	206	17	11	465	6	8
Tobago - - - - -	1846	298	-	6	226	8	-	71	12	6
	1847	326	17	3	217	7	11	109	9	4
	1848	307	16	10	215	13	11	92	2	11
Tortola - - - - -	1846	59	10	2	53	12	8	5	17	6
	1847	59	11	8	53	14	7	5	17	1
	1848	65	3	5	52	1	-	13	2	5
Trinidad - - - - -	1846	1,352	-	7	162	11	10	1,189	8	9
	1847	1,470	14	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	196	3	5	1,274	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1848	1,563	12	1	277	19	6	1,285	12	7
Gibraltar - - - - -	1846	1,876	19	1	390	4	10	1,486	14	3
	1847	2,036	5	11	435	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,600	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1848	2,320	7	-	442	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,878	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Malta - - - - -	1846	2,651	2	1	477	19	-	2,173	3	1
	1847	2,683	2	9	498	19	3	2,184	3	6
	1848	2,918	6	2	484	2	10	2,434	3	4
Hong Kong - - - - - Commenced 5th August 1845; previous to that date the postage was carried to the account of the Colonial Treasury.	1846	880	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	632	11	1	247	15	- $\frac{1}{2}$
	1847	4,857	13	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,956	16	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,900	16	6
	1848	5,212	17	5	2,512	1	9	2,700	15	8
Bombay - - - - -	1846	4,923	7	6	-	-	-	4,923	7	6
	1847	6,232	13	4	-	-	-	6,232	13	4
	1848	5,716	13	11	-	-	-	5,716	13	11
Calcutta - - - - - These accounts are founded on estimate, the accounts rendered being incorrect.	1846	1,722	16	11	-	-	-	1,722	16	11
	1847	4,533	19	-	-	-	-	4,533	19	-
	1848	6,292	2	2	-	-	-	6,292	2	2
Madras - - - - -	1846	849	5	2	-	-	-	849	5	2
	1847	2,094	-	8	-	-	-	2,094	-	8
	1848	2,200	9	7	-	-	-	2,200	9	7
Ceylon - - - - -	1846	79	18	-	-	-	-	79	18	-
	1847	681	17	-	412	6	10	269	10	2
	1848	1,177	1	11	246	9	8	930	12	3
New Zealand - - - - -		No accounts have been received during these years from this colony.								

* "The Gross Amount of Postage collected," of course includes so much of the packet postage as is collected in the colonies. On the other hand, no part of the expense of the packets is included under the head of "Expenditure."

N. B.—Since the date of the Order of the House of Commons, the following alterations have been made in the rates of postage set forth in this Return.

British North America.—The postage on the correspondence passing between the United Kingdom and British North America has been altered to 1 s., in lieu of the rates mentioned in Statement No. 1; and the exemption from the internal colonial postage referred to in note to Statement No. 5, is no longer enjoyed by the port of Halifax; the postage on the correspondence to and from that port being now the same as that between all other parts of British North America and the United Kingdom, viz. 1 s.

New Zealand.—The rates of postage on the correspondence conveyed from one port to another in New Zealand (*see* Statement No. 2), and within New Zealand (Statement No. 5), will no longer be leviable under the Imperial Laws, the Post-office in New Zealand having, since the date of the Order of The House, ceased to be subject to the control of the Postmaster-general.

St. Lucia.—A rate of 1 d. the half ounce has been fixed for the correspondence passing between the towns of Castries (the port), and Souffriere, in lieu of the rates stated in No. 5, as the postage charged for conveyance of correspondence in the interior of the West Indies, &c.

Bahama Islands.—The communication between the different islands of the Bahamas has ceased to be under the control of the Postmaster-general, but is maintained by the colonial government, and the correspondence between these islands is therefore exempted from the internal rates given in Statement No. 5.