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The result of the Conference was communicated in due course to the Imperial authorities, but it is to be regretted that the proposals made by the Colonies were not met in the same liberal spirit with which they were framed, the Home Government having, in reply, intimated its disinclination to enter into the scheme proposed by the Colonies. As Minutes of the Proceedings of this Conference have been laid before Parliament and printed, and as the Circular Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th October, 1867, communicating this disinclination of Her Majesty's Government to accede to the proposal, has been fully dwelt upon in the papers which will be laid before Parliament and published coincidently with this Report, it is not necessary for me to make any further observations relative thereto.

INLAND SERVICE.

Year.	Extent of Postal Route on 31st December.	Number of Miles travelled.	Cost of Conveyance of Mails.	Average Cost per Mile.	Number of Post Offices.
	Miles.		£ s. d.	About d.	
1866.....	11,883	2,556,700	52,699 2 5	5	455
1867.....	12,255	2,688,400	52,124 15 8	4¾	477
Increase	372	131,700	.....	.....	22
Decrease	.....	.....	574 6 9	¼	.....

The actual increase in the extent of postal route in the Colony, on the 31st December, 1867, is 372 miles.

Appendix, A and B. In the Appendix will be found returns shewing the extent of new lines established to be 481 miles, and the extent of postal route it was deemed expedient to abolish to be 109 miles.

It will be seen, by reference to the returns just mentioned, that the Grenfell Gold Fields were afforded speedy communication with Bathurst and the metropolis, by the establishment, in 1867, of a line from Cowra to Grenfell three times a week.

This communication is in addition to that previously afforded, by an arrangement made with the mail contractor between Young and Forbes, to travel *viâ* Grenfell. It will also be seen that lengthy postal lines were established between Grafton and Glen Innes, and between Casino and Wollomben.

Some changes and deviations from the postal route hitherto followed were sanctioned during 1867, amongst which may be mentioned the provision made for the mail between Hay, Maude, and Balranald (twice a week), to travel *once* a week *viâ Oxley;* also for the mail between Armidale and Inverell, to travel *viâ* Eversleigh. The mail line from Coonamble to Pilliga, *viâ* Wangan, Kienby, Baradine, and Denajoey, was substituted for that between Coonamble and Wee Waa.

During 1867, in consequence of the extension of the railway to Mittagong on the southern line, and to Weatherboard on the western line, the mails were conveyed by train a distance 51 miles further than in the previous year.

Appendix, C and D. Returns of the increased and decreased communication on existing lines are given in the Appendix.

The most important item mentioned in the return of increased postal facilities is, the additional communication afforded between Wagga Wagga and Deniliquin.

The number of miles travelled in 1867, as stated in the above return, shews an increase of 131,700 miles on the number travelled in 1866.

The extent of postal lines, by stage, horse, and rail, may be stated as follows:—

	Miles.
Stage	2,596
Horse	9,459
Rail	200
	12,255

In the above tabular statement the average cost per mile is given at about 4¾d.—a slight decrease upon the cost of conveyance during the previous year.

The number of post offices established during 1867 was 29, the number re-established 1, and the number discontinued 8; making an actual increase of 22 in the number of post offices in the Colony.

101 changes of Postmasters were effected during 1867.

A list of post offices on the 31st December, 1867, with the names of Postmasters and salaries paid to them, will be found in the Appendix. Appendix E.

Nine additional iron letter receivers were erected in 1867: one in Sydney, three at St. Leonards (North Shore), two at Newcastle, one at West Maitland, and two at Singleton.

On the 31st December, 1867, the number of iron letter receivers in the Colony was fifty-four, and the number of newspaper receivers was eight.

The following list shews the disposition of the iron receivers, and the hours at which they are emptied:—

LIST of Sydney Iron Receivers intended for the receipt of *Letters only*. (With the hours at which they are emptied.)

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
1—Sussex-street (Pyrmont Bridge)	7·30	12·20	3·30
2—Crescent and Princes Streets	7·35	12·25	3·35
3—Kent-street (Miller's Point)	7·30	noon	3· 0
4—George and Argyle Streets	7·35	12· 5	3· 5
5—Custom House	7·40	12·10	3·10
6—Exchange	7·45	12·15	3·15
7—Bridge and George Streets	7·50	12·15	3·15
8—Bent and Bligh Streets	7·55	12·20	3·20
9—Hunter-street (*Herald* Office)	8· 0	12·25	3·35
10—George-street (No. 293)	8· 5	12·30	3·40
11—Ocean and Piper Streets, Woollahra	7·10	...	3·10
12—Macleay and Wylde Streets	7·30	12·15	3·25
13—Macleay and Victoria Streets	7·35	12·20	3·30
14—William and Palmer Streets	7·45	12·25	3·40
15—Stanley and Yurong Streets	7·50	12·25	3·45
16—King and Castlereagh Streets	8· 0	12·30	3·50
17—Chippendale (Railway Bridge)	7· 5	noon	3·10
18—Devonshire and Elizabeth Streets	7·10	12· 5	3·15
19—Darlinghurst (Court House)	7·30	12·20	3·25
20—College and Liverpool Streets	7·35	12·20	3·30
21—Elizabeth and Park Streets	7·40	12·25	3·35
22—George-street and Market-place	7·50	12·30	3·40
23—Parramatta-street (Newtown Road)	7·15	noon	3·15
24—Parramatta and Botany Streets	7·20	12· 5	3·20
25—Railway Station	7·25	12·10	3·25
26—George-street (Haymarket)	7·30	12·15	3·30
27—George and Liverpool Streets	7·35	12·20	3·35
28—Wynyard Square	7· 0	for night posting only.	

LIST of Sydney Iron Receivers for the reception of *Newspapers only*. (With the hours at which they are emptied.)

	A. M.	P. M.
1—Sussex and Erskine Streets	7	2
2—Queen's Wharf	7	2
3—Exchange	7	2
4—William and Crown Streets	7	2
5—King-street East	7	2
6—Darlinghurst (Court House)	7	2
7—George-street South (Watchhouse)	7	2
8—George-street, corner of Bathurst-street	7	2

LIST of Country Iron Receivers. (With the hours at which they are emptied.)

		A. M.	P. M.
1—Balmain	Darling and Nicholson Streets	7· 0	3· 0
2— Do.	Mort and John Streets	7·10	3·10
1—Bathurst	George and Howick Streets	...	1· 0
2— Do.	Piper and Bentwick Streets	...	8· 0
1—East Maitland	George and Newcastle Streets	7·15	3·15
2— Do.	King and Lindsay Streets	7·15	3·15
1—Goulburn	Auburn-street	...	5· 0
2— Do.	Grafton-street	...	5· 0
1—Morpeth	High-street	7· 0	3 & 9
2— Do.	Swan-street	7· 0	3 & 9
3— Do.	Church-street	7· 0	3 & 9
1—Newcastle	Blane-street	5· 0 8·15	2·30
2— Do.	Hunter-street	5·15 8·35	2·40 4·40
3— Do.	Blane-street, West	8·15	2·30
4— Do.	Lake Macquarie Road	5· 0 8·15	2·20
1—Parramatta 2— Do. 3— Do.	Great Western Road and Church-street Church-street, opposite "Cornstalk Hotel" George-street, East	10· 0	8· 0
1—West Maitland.	High-street, opposite Joint Stock Bank	7·15	3·15 5·45
2— Do.	High and Sempill Streets	7·15	3·15 5·45
1—Windsor	Telegraph Office	...	2·30 9· 0
1—St. Leonards	Blue's Point	7· 0	2·30
2— Do.	Milsom's Point	7·30	3· 0
3— Do.	Millar and M'Laren Streets	6·30	2· 0
1—Singleton	Goulburn and George Streets	8·15	5·30
2— Do.	Elizabeth and John Streets	8·15	5·30

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Twelve licenses for the sale of postage stamps were granted to persons residing in Sydney, and eighteen to persons residing in the country.

Appendix F. A return of the licensed vendors of postage stamps (exclusive of Postmasters) will be found in the Appendix, which shews the number of such licensed persons to be 256.

Foreign Service.

Steam Communication with England.

The following is a return of the specified and actual days of arrival and departure of the contract steamers of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, during 1867, shewing the number of days taken in the passage to and from London, *viâ* Suez and Marseilles, and *viâ* Suez and Southampton.

Arrival at Sydney.

Name of Vessel.	Specified Date.	Actual Date.	Actual number of days *viâ* Marseilles.	Actual number of days *viâ* Southampton.
Bombay	14 January	13 January	48	54
Geelong	13 February	15 February	51	57
Avoca	18 March	19 March	52	59
Bombay	18 April	16 April	49	55
Geelong	16 May	13 May	48	54
Avoca	16 June	13 June	48	54
Bombay	17 July	13 July	47	54
Geelong	16 August	13 August	48	54
Avoca	15 September	13 September	49	55
Bombay	16 October	16 October	51	57
Geelong	16 November	17 November	52	58
Avoca	16 December	18 December	50	60
	Departure from Sydney.			
Avoca	24 January	24 January	49	56
Bombay	22 February	22 February	49	55
Geelong	24 March	24 March	49	56
Avoca	24 April	24 April	51	56
Bombay	24 May	24 May	57	62
Geelong	24 June	24 June	50	55
Avoca	24 July	24 July	49	55
Bombay	24 August	24 August	50	56
Geelong	24 September	24 September	53	60
Avoca	24 October	24 October	51	56
Bombay	24 November	24 November	49	55
Geelong	24 December	24 December	49	55

The year 1867 may be characterized by the great change in the conduct of the service by the steamers of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

It will be seen from the above return that for seven months the steamers arrived before the specified time, once to time, and the remaining portion of the year only a short period after they were due. It is very apparent that greater exertions have been made by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, to render this service more effective, since the action which it was deemed expedient to take on the part of this Colony, with reference to the prescribed notice of withdrawal from the contract.

The rivalry created by the establishment of the Panama line of packets has, no doubt, also had its effect in causing the time to be more regularly kept by the steamers of the Peninsular and Oriental Company.

Supplementary mails were despatched in the months of January, February, March, May, June, and September, all of which were placed on board the English mail packet at Melbourne.

Subsidies were only paid, however, on two occasions, viz., in March, £150, and in June, £50, for the conveyance of these supplementary mails by the steamers of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company to Melbourne.

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The following return will shew the arrival and departure of the Panama and New Zealand Royal Mail Contract Steamers, with the number of days occupied in conveying the mails to and from London by this route.

ARRIVAL AT SYDNEY.

Name of Vessel.	Specified Date.	Actual Date.	Number of days from London.
Ruahine	29 January	4 February	63
Rakaia	1 March	3 March	60
Mataura	29 March	19 April	76
Kaikoura	29 April	1 May	60
Ruahine	29 May	1 June	60
Rakaia	29 June	1 July	60
Mataura	31 July	31 July	58
Kaikoura	31 August	5 September	65
Ruahine	30 September	4 October	63
Rakaia	31 October	3 November	62
Mataura	30 November	1 December	60

DEPARTURE FROM SYDNEY.

Name of Vessel.	Specified Date.	Actual Date.	Number of days to London.
Mataura	1 January	1 January	59
Kaikoura	1 February	30 January	63
Ruahine	1 March	1 March	74
Rakaia	1 April	1 April	56
Mataura	1 May	2 May	55
Kaikoura	1 June	1 June	56
Ruahine	1 July	1 July	57
Rakaia	1 August	1 August	57
Mataura	1 September	1 September	58
Kaikoura	1 October	1 October	64
Ruahine	1 November	1 November	58
Rakaia	1 December	1 December	56

Although the Panama steam-packets have not arrived to time on a single occasion during the year, the delays have arisen in most cases on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus, and are not, therefore, attributable to any laxity on the part of the Steam Company controlling the packets between Sydney and Panama.

The average time occupied, between Panama and Sydney, during the year, has only been 36 days, which goes to prove that the class of steamers employed are quite equal to the service required, and that, with more effective arrangements right through to England, the service would be of greater advantage to the Colony.

The Mail Service between Sydney and Panama was maintained during 1867 solely by the Colony of New Zealand and this Colony—the other Australian Colonies having declined to contribute any direct subsidies to this Contract.

Had the proposal of the Conference, previously alluded to in this Report, been adopted, the burthen of this service would have been distributed amongst the Colonies, instead of pressing heavily, as it now does, upon the finances of this Colony and New Zealand.

In order, in some measure, to be remunerated for the conveyance of the letters, &c., of the non-contributing Colonies which are forwarded by the Panama mail-packets, an arrangement was entered into with them, which took effect from the 1st June, 1867, by which a sum of 20s. per lb. was charged on the gross weight of the mails forwarded from or to these Colonies. In making this arrangement, the transmission of newspapers was to some extent calculated upon, but in the case of Victoria, the authorities appear desirous to avail themselves of the advantages offered for the transmission of letters only, and with this view communicated with Great Britain to prevent the transmission of newspapers and packets by the Panama route.

This proceeding seems scarcely just on their part, and tends to throw impediments in the way of the small benefit which would be likely to accrue to this Colony and New Zealand by the transmission of newspapers and packets.

LETTERS,

Letters, Newspapers, and Parcels posted throughout the Colony.

For the reasons stated in my last Report, I am still unable to give what may be deemed reliable information as regards the number of letters, newspapers, and parcels posted throughout the Colony. The figures, however, which have resulted from the *average* returns, furnished to the Head Office by the several Country Postmasters, and from *average* calculations made upon the number posted in Sydney, such as they are, are given below; but I prefer referring this year also to the increase in the Revenue as the index of the progress made by the department during 1867, than to drawing any comparative conclusions from the following figures, viz. :—

	1866.	1867.
Letters.		
Posted for town delivery	447,500	457,860
" country delivery	5,075,300	5,143,164
" foreign despatch	583,274	587,513
Total number of letters posted	6,106,074	6,188,537
Newspapers.		
Posted for country delivery...	3,511,200	2,982,928
" foreign despatch	456,113	467,850
Total number of newspapers posted	3,967,313	3,450,778
Parcels, &c.		
Posted for country delivery, open at ends...	179,300	118,768
" " closed at ends	35,000	35,256
" foreign despatch	17,475	16,665
Total number of parcels, &c., posted	231,775	170,689

Dead Letter Branch.

In 1867, 46,396 letters were returned to the writers as unclaimed, being an increase of 6,923 on the number returned during 1866. Of the letters returned during 1867, 40,388 were originally addressed to places within the Colony, 3,958 to the neighbouring Colonies, 1,838 to the United Kingdom, and 212 to other places.

The number of registered letters returned as unclaimed was 520, being 124 less than in 1866; and the number unregistered, but containing articles of value, was 380, being 11 more than in 1866.

The letters originally received from the following places, and returned thereto, as being unclaimed, were as follows :—

To the neighbouring Colonies	4,422
To the United Kingdom	5,027
To other places	363
	9,812

In 1866, the numbers were respectively 3,878, 4,922, and 324.

The number of letters returned as unstamped, insufficiently stamped, and irregularly posted, was 13,944; being 1,305 more than were returned in 1866, under similar circumstances.

Registration Branch.

97,485 registered letters passed through the General Post Office during the past year, the number in 1866 being 80,336.

1,110¼ ounces of gold were received through the Post Office in 1867, against 963¾ ounces in 1866.

The large increase in the number of registered letters is mainly owing to the number of letters which were received from and addressed to the Registrar General relative to the registration of "Brands."

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The registration of letters, &c., especially those containing money, is not sufficiently appreciated by the public. This is apparent in almost all cases where money has been alleged to have been enclosed in letters reported to be missing, and it seems astonishing what little care or attention is bestowed by the senders, considering the means of security which is afforded by the department, both as regards the registration of letters, and the money order system for the transmission of remittances.

Postage Stamps.

During 1867, to meet the requirements and convenience of the public, postage stamps representing in value respectively 10d. and 4d. were issued.

The postage stamps in use during 1867 were as follows, viz. :—

One penny newspaper stamped wrapper.
One penny stamp.
Two-pence „
Three „ „
Four „ „ (New issue.)
Five „ „
Six „ „
Eight „ „
Ten „ „ (New issue.)
One shilling stamp.
Five „ „
Registration stamp, representing in value 6d.

As it may be of some interest to postage stamp collectors and others, I attach a description (compiled by Thos. Richards, Esq., the Inspector of Stamps) of all the postage stamps which have been issued in this Colony up to the present time.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE STAMPS.

(A.D. 1838 TO 1867.)

1838.—Stamped, Post Office cover.

1849.—View of Sydney, with church in distance; figures in foreground; inscribed "Postage" at top, and value at bottom; also, "*Sigillum Nov. Camb. Austr.*," in circle, with motto, "*Sic fortis Etruria crevit;*" slight differences in device of each stamp. Red, 1d.; green, blue, 2d.; green, brown, pink, 3d.
Copper; 40 stamps on each plate; those of the 1d. and 2d. were renewed.

1851.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, with laurel wreath; "Postage" in arch over head, "New South Wales" and value in border; printed on white and blue paper. Red, vermilion, 1d.; blue, 2d.
Steel; 50 stamps on each plate.

1852.—Similar to foregoing. Green, 3d.; brown, 6d.
Steel; 50 stamps on each plate.

1853.—Similar to foregoing. Orange, 8d.
Profile of Queen Victoria to left, in oval border, containing the words "New South Wales" at top, separated by scroll work from the word "Registered," at bottom. Printed in two colours. Red centre, with blue border; yellow centre, with blue border; value (6d.) not denoted.
Steel; 50 stamps on each plate.

1854.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, with diadem, enclosed in a circular garter, on which are the words "New South Wales" at top; over it a scroll with the word "Postage," and under it a scroll containing the words "One Shilling"; ornamented with *fleur de lis* at side, and enclosed in a white-lined octagonal frame; on square ground. Red, rose, 1s.
Patent hardened steel; 100 stamps on the plate.
Similar to foregoing, with the exception of the white-lined frame, which is hexagonal. Green, 5d.; various shades of lilac and brown, 6d.; yellow, 8d.
Patent hardened steel; 100 stamps on each plate.

[In *Government Gazette* of 31 January, 1854, it was notified that in future all stamps would be printed on watermarked paper.]

1856.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, with diadem; "Postage" in arch over head, "New South Wales" and value in border. Red, 1d.; blue, 2d.; green, 3d.
Patent hardened steel; 120 stamps on each plate.

1861.—Circular, large size, profile as before; head crowned. Inscribed "New South Wales—Five Shillings" in Old English characters; very richly engraved. Dark lilac, 5s.
Patent hardened steel; 50 stamps on the plate; perforated 5 x 10.

1862.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, on plain tinted groundwork, enclosed in border, arched at top—containing "New South Wales" in arch; "Postage" left side, and "Two-pence" at right side and foot. Light blue, 2d.
Electrotype; 240 stamps on the plate; perforated 12 x 20.

1864.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, on plain tinted groundwork, enclosed in oval border, containing "New South Wales Postage" over head, and "One Penny" under; oblong stamp; ornamental corners outside of oval. Red, 1d.
Electrotype; 240 stamps on the plate; perforated 12 x 20.

1867.—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, on tinted groundwork, in white diamond band, containing the words (in red letters) "New South Wales" at top, and "Postage, Four-pence" at bottom; corners filled in with white spray on solid ground. Red, 4d.
Electrotype; 120 stamps on the plate; perforated 10 x 12.

Profile of Queen Victoria to left, on tinted groundwork, in ornamental circle; inscribed (white letters) "New South Wales" in arch at top, and "Postage, Ten-pence" in inverted arch at bottom; ornamental corners. Light lilac, 10d.
Electrotype; 120 stamps on the plate; perforated 10 x 12.

The perforation of New South Wales stamps was introduced in 1860.

Newspaper Wrappers.

1864.—Embossed; profile of Queen Victoria to left, white on red ground, with white star at top, bottom, and either side, enclosed in a white oval band, in which are the words "Postage, One Penny" at top, and "New South Wales" at bottom—separated by red cross on either side, the whole enclosed in an oval red line. Red, 1d.
Steel dye; 8 on the sheet.

1865.—Similar to issue of 1d. stamp in 1864. Red, 1d.
Electrotype; 8 on the sheet.

Number of Mails received and despatched.

The following return shews the number of Mails received at and despatched from the General Post Office, during the years 1866 and 1867:—

Year.	Received.		Despatched.		Total Number which passed through the Office.
	Inland.	Foreign.	Inland.	Foreign.	
1866	42,064	2,898	45,136	3,016	93,114
1867	43,407	2,676	43,252	3,182	92,517

Money Order System.

It is gratifying to notice the yearly increase in the business of the Money Order Office, as will be seen from the Report of the Superintendent to be found in the Appendix. Appendix G.

Considering that the money order system has only been in operation since the year 1863, that the transactions already amount to upwards of £450,000 per annum, and that the expenses of the department are already more than covered by its revenue, there is ample reason to believe that, in a very few years, this department will assume immense proportions. I have, however, to remark that, notwithstanding the large increase in the business of the Money Order Office, the system is not made use of by the public to the extent it should be, and I cannot too strongly urge upon the notice of remitters of money by post, the security which the money order system affords.

Savings Banks.

In my last Report I mentioned that the establishment of Savings Banks, throughout the Colony, in connection with the Post Office Department, had not escaped attention.

I may now state that, the matter having been fully considered, it was not deemed expedient to incur the large expenditure necessary for the introduction of the system during 1867.

It is also considered that the low rate of remuneration to which the majority of Country Postmasters are necessarily restricted, would not justify imposing upon them the increased responsibility which the introduction of such a system would entail.

As I shall elsewhere in this Report have occasion more forcibly to remark, were the numerical staff at my disposal of greater strength, many improvements in various branches could be accomplished; and this has, no doubt, been the reason why New South Wales, as the oldest Australian Colony, has not taken the lead in the introduction of all postal improvements.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The following return shews the Revenue of the Post Office Department, collected during the year 1867, compared with the Revenue of 1866 :—

Year.	Sale of Stamps.	Fees for Private Boxes.	Postage on Unpaid Letters.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1866	75,367 2 6	350 3 0	3,365 5 11	79,082 11 5
1867	79,995 0 9	337 2 0	2,899 16 8	83,231 19 5
Increase	4,627 18 3	.....	.....	4,149 8 0
Decrease	.....	13 1 0	465 9 3	.....

The revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps has increased about 6 per cent., while the fees collected for the use of private boxes have decreased 3¾ per cent., and the postage on unpaid letters has decreased 14 per cent.

It is gratifying to state that the total revenue shews an increase of about 5¼ per cent. on the previous year.

This fact can be pointed to with a degree of certainty, as a sufficient proof of the steady progress of the business of the department generally.

The expenditure of the department during 1867, compared with that for the year 1866, may be stated as follows :—

Year.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Conveyance of Mails.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1866	28,044 4 11	1,947 4 2	56,514 0 10	86,505 9 11
1867	30,210 14 2	3,099 11 11	56,539 0 9	89,849 6 10
Increase	2,166 9 3	1,152 7 9	24 19 11	3,343 16 11
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....

The total expenditure shews an increase of about 4 per cent. It will be observed that, while the expenditure of the department has been augmented by £3,343 16s. 11d. the additional revenue collected, viz., £4,149 8s., was more than sufficient to meet the cost of the increased postal facilities afforded during the year 1867.

The increase under the head of salaries is chiefly owing to the establishment of new post offices, to increases in the pay of Country Postmasters, to the appointment of two Postal Inspectors, and to the appointment of extra letter carriers.

The increase under the head of contingencies has principally arisen from the cost of the new iron letter receivers erected in 1867, from the additional expense attending the clearing of the same, and from the amount it was found necessary to expend in travelling purposes of postal inspection.

With reference to the last-mentioned item, I may mention that the department having for some considerable period been without the services of Postal Inspectors, it was deemed expedient that, as early as possible after their re-appointment, a general inspection of the inland service should be instituted.

The increased amount expended for mail conveyance during 1867 is only £24 19s. 11d., notwithstanding the additional advantages gained by the establishment of new postal lines, and of increased postal communication on existing lines. In another portion of this Report it has been shewn that the cost per mile travelled is about 4¾d., being ¼d. less in 1867 than during the previous year.

I may, perhaps, here mention that the cost of mail conveyance in this Colony is found to be considerably less than the price paid for mail conveyance in Victoria, in which Colony the cost per mile travelled in 1867 is estimated at 5⅝d.

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The item conveyance of mails may be particularized as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Mail conveyance by horse and stage	50,134	4	7
Do. rail	1,990	11	1
Do. steam and sailing vessels ...	3,579	1	1
Do. to and from railway stations, and porterage	715	4	0
Gratuities for sorting Hunter River and other mails	120	0	0
	56,539	0	9

The amount voted for mail conveyance during 1867 was £58,420, irrespective of the subsidies paid to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and to the Panama and New Zealand Royal Mail Company, towards the English mail contracts, which are not included in the above returns.

Appendix H. In 1867 there were 259 distinct mail contracts, of which ten were transferred at the request of the original contractors, and five were cancelled during the year.

I may remark that, considering the numerous difficulties contractors have to contend against, their contracts have, for the most part, been faithfully performed, in some instances, I fear, to the prejudice of the contractor's pecuniary interest.

Staff of Officers.

The number of officers and servants of the department on the 31st December, 1867 (exclusive of mail contractors), was as follows :—

Postmaster General	1
Secretary	1
Accountant	1
Superintendent, Mail Branch	1
Cashier	1
Clerks	34
Postal Inspectors	2
Mail Guards	2
Stampers, Letter Carriers, Messengers, &c.	60
Country Postmasters	477
Assistant Clerks to Postmasters	2
	582

I have on previous occasions alluded to the requirements of the Postal Department as regards an efficient staff of officers, in order to render it of increased usefulness to the public generally. I shall on this occasion endeavour to shew how the clerical efficiency of the department has been impaired during the past ten years, by the efforts which have been made with the view of retrenchment.

I shall first direct attention to the following comparative return of the relative numerical strength of the General Post Office, Melbourne, and of the General Post Office Sydney, during the year 1867, viz. :—

Office.	Officers and Clerks.	Sorters, Letter-carriers, &c.	Total.	Remarks.
Melbourne	83	124	207	Also 40 Supernumeraries employed on arrival of English Mail.
Sydney	41	47	88	No extra assistance of this kind employed.
Difference	42	77	119	

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The strength of the Melbourne Post Office, it will be seen from the above figures (which have been taken from the annual Report of the Deputy Postmaster General, Melbourne, for 1867), is more than double that of this office, while the relative amount of work performed in the two offices does not bear anything like that proportion.

It has frequently been remarked, that the Postal Department of Victoria affords greater facilities to the public than this Colony, and that the postal business is more expeditiously and satisfactorily transacted; but it will be apparent, from the inequality in the resources at the disposal of the two departments, that this Colony cannot be expected to afford the superior advantages which a smaller Colony with a larger and more efficient staff of officers is enabled to confer.

In a large and growing department like the Post Office, it is both inexpedient and dangerous to impair its efficiency by curtailing the number of its officers, or by reducing the salaries at the disposal of the department for the retention of the services of efficient and experienced officers, and for the encouragement and promotion of those by whose endeavours the postal service is rendered effective.

That the efficiency of the Sydney office has been impaired by disappointment in the prospects of the *employés*, caused by curtailments of the higher salaries which they naturally looked forward to as the reward of meritorious service, will be clearly shewn by the following comparative return of the nine principal salaries paid during the years 1859 and 1867 respectively, viz. :—

1859.		1867.	
	£		£
1 officer at	530	1 officer at	*600
1 „	530	1 „	450
1 „	530	1 „	400
1 „	375	1 „	350
1 „	375	1 „	300
1 „	375	1 „	300
1 „	375	1 „	300
1 „	315	1 „	250
1 „	300	1 „	250

* *Special Increase.*—When the Office of Postmaster General was made political, it of course became necessary to place the Secretary in the same position as the Under Secretaries of other Ministerial Departments. This has been done in all respects except salary.

In proof of the injurious effect the withdrawal of the larger salaries from the estimate of the Post Office has had, I may mention that no less than nine of the most useful and efficient officers have during a very few years left the department, in order to secure better remuneration.

I cannot but remark that the salaries at present at the disposal of the Post Office are not sufficient fairly to remunerate officers possessing the requisite qualifications for the higher positions; nor is the number of officers at present on the staff sufficient to meet the requirements of the Colony, as regards increased postal facilities, or even satisfactorily to fulfil the duties which are now incumbent upon the department.

In a public department such as the Post Office, in which the number of persons employed (exclusive of mail contractors and mailmen) is 582, there should be every possible encouragement, in the shape of promotion, held out to deserving officers; but it is evident from the fact, that there being only three salaries worthy of competition in the whole department (and those three salaries only very moderate in comparison with the responsibilities of the officers who receive them, and with the pay of officials holding positions of similar responsibility in other departments), that unless some radical change is effected, this encouragement and incentive to a zealous performance of duty cannot exist in the Post Office.

The clerical staff of the Head Office consists of thirty-four persons, including those who are charged with the immediate management of the several branches. The average salary paid to these clerks during 1867 was about £170; and with such slight prospects of increased pay, it is not surprising that the more intelligent of the officials should be constantly watching for opportunities with the desire of bettering their positions by seeking employment in other services.

I have said thus much on this subject in the hope that, when measures are taken to place the staff of the Post Office upon a better footing, no obstacles may be thrown in the way of the adoption of such proposals as have this object in view; and I am persuaded that the interest of the public will be best served when the officers connected with the Post Office have held out to them the inducements to energy and zeal I have just alluded to, as being so essential to the successful transaction of the business of any public department.

Since the appointment of two Postal Inspectors, on the 1st January, 1867, several portions of the Colony have been visited, and no doubt improvement may be already observed in the conduct of the postal business in those parts of the Colony.

Appendix, I and J. In the Appendix will be found a report of the proceedings of each of the Inspectors, giving a list of the Post Offices which have been inspected.

I may here observe, that regular and systematic inspection is undoubtedly absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the postal service; but this regular inspection cannot possibly be afforded by two Inspectors only in so large a Colony as New South Wales; and not until the department is in a position to adopt some such scheme as that suggested in my Annual Report for 1865, *i.e.*, of making the Official Postmasters, Inspectors in their respective districts, can the full benefit of postal inspection be realized.

In order to render the service more efficient, in some instances the duties of Postmasters have been conferred upon the Electric Telegraph Station-masters; and it is my intention, in all cases, as opportunities occur and the circumstances of the case will permit, to amalgamate the offices of Postmaster and Electric Telegraph Station-master.

The principal advantage in the combination of these offices is, that a person who is solely under the control of the Government is entrusted with both duties, conducted, in most instances, in buildings erected by the Government.

It may not be out of place here to state, as a matter of record, that the Electric Telegraph Department, hitherto under the ministerial control of the Honorable the Minister for Public Works, was transferred to the Postmaster General on the 1st July, 1867, and the Report of the Superintendent of that Branch will be found in the Appendix. Appendix K.

Office Accommodation.

The building at present used as a temporary office is found, through increased business of each succeeding year, to be worse adapted for the proper and efficient conduct of the postal business; and therefore, the completion of the new building, now in course of erection, is looked forward to as a means of rectifying many of the inconveniences which the officers of the department and the public are at present subjected to.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,

J. DOCKER,

Postmaster General.

APPENDIX.

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A.

RETURN of Postal Lines established in 1867.

Road.	Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Miles.
Western ...	Blacktown and Eastern Creek	Six times a week ...	7
	Gilgandra and Collie	Once a week ...	25
	Warren and Mount Harris	Once a week ...	30
	Cowra and Grenfell	Three times a week	40
	King's Plains and Half-way House	Three times a week	6
Southern ...	Picton and the Oaks	Six times a week ...	12
	Nelligen and Araluen	Once a week ...	20
	Oranmeir and Fairfield	Once a week ...	9
	Laggan and Crookwell	Once a week ...	6
Northern ...	Armidale and Puddledock	Once a week ...	12
	Casino and Wollumben	Once a fortnight ...	60
	Yarrawa and Mungendie	Once a week ...	6
	Grafton and Glen Innes	Once a week ...	105
	Wingham and Woodside	Twice a week ...	12
	Denison Town and Turee	Once a week ...	30
	Gloucester and Nowendoc	Once a fortnight ...	50
	Denison Town and Cassilis	Once a week ...	39
	Singleton and Westbrook	Twice a week ...	12
		Total ...	481

B.

RETURN of Postal Lines discontinued in 1867.

Road.	Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Miles.
Western ...	Parramatta and Eastern Creek	Three times a week	9
	Mundooran and Collie	Once a week ...	60
	Greenswamp and Littleton	Three times a week	1
Southern ...	Brownlow Hill and Oaks	Six times a week ...	9
Northern ...	Denison Town and Turee	Once a week ...	30
		Total ...	109

C.

RETURN of Increased Postal Accommodation afforded during 1867, on existing Lines.

Road.	Postal Line.	Additional Communication afforded.	Miles.
Southern ...	Wagga Wagga, Urana, Conargo, and Deniliquin	Twice a week ...	180
" ...	Gerringong and Broughton's Creek	Once a week ...	12
Northern ...	Stroud and Myall River	Once a week ...	25
		Total ...	217

D.

RETURN of decreased Postal Accommodation during 1867, on existing Lines.

Road.	Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication. 1866. Per week.	Frequency of Communication. 1867. Per week.	Miles.
Western ...	O'Connell and Fish River Creek	Twice ...	Once ...	7
Southern ...	Braidwood and Nelligen	Twice ...	Once ...	35
" ...	Cooma and Kiandra	Twice ...	Once ...	50
			Total ...	92

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LIST of Post Offices on the 31st December, 1867.

Name of Post Office.	Salary. £	s.	d.	Name of Postmaster or Postmistress.	Name of Post Office.	Salary. £	s.	d.	Name of Postmaster or Postmistress.
Aberdeen	15	0	0	Thos. Patterson.	Canberra	12	0	0	F. Williams.
Adaminiby	12	0	0	S. Hinton.	Cannonbar	12	0	0	John Colley.
Adelong	30	0	0	A. Graham.	Canowindra	12	0	0	J. P. Pierce.
Adelong Crossing-place	15	0	0	C. C. Spurway.	Canterbury	12	0	0	Wm. Slocombe.
Albion Park	18	0	0	Jas. Grey.	Carcoar	50	0	0	Jno. Whittaker.
Albury	230	0	0	T. H. Stone.	Carroll	12	0	0	Geo. Walker.
Appin	30	0	0	J. Armstrong.	Casino	30	0	0	Jas. Stocks.
Araluen	24	0	0	J. H. Blatchford.	Cassilis	30	0	0	Ellen M'Laren.
Armidale	200	0	0	J. W. Emblem.	Castlereagh	12	0	0	Jas. Anderson.
Ashfield	15	0	0	Jas. Gibbs.	Cathcart	12	0	0	M. Gerathy.
Ashford	15	0	0	Joseph Slack.	Cessnock	12	0	0	Jas. Melville.
Avisford	15	0	0	T. Gorrie.	Charcoal Creek	20	0	0	E. F. Smith.
Ballalaba	12	0	0	Jas. South.	Clarence Town	25	0	0	E. Farquhar.
Balmain	15	0	0	A. Chape.	Clarence River Heads	12	0	0	W. Black.
Balranald	20	0	0	Jno. Cramsie.	Clarendon	12	0	0	Saml. Bishop.
Bandon Grove	12	0	0	W. A. Smith.	Cobbora	12	0	0	Wm. H. Dean.
Bankstown	12	0	0	H. Monkley.	Codrington	12	0	0	Jno. M'Millan.
Baradine	12	0	0	Wm. Davis.	Collarenebri	12	0	0	J. Bresen.
Barraba	15	0	0	D. Sinclair.	Colo	12	0	0	W. H. Gosper.
Barragan	12	0	0	A. Tindale.	Collector	25	0	0	Martha Donohue.
Bateman's Bay	30	0	0	P. O'Hehir.	Collie	12	0	0	Jas. M'Dougall.
Bathurst	300	0	0	W. G. Thompson.	Collington	12	0	0	Cathe. Ware.
Baulkham Hills	18	0	0	J. Kelly.	Conargo	12	0	0	Jno. M'Dougall.
Bega	25	0	0	R. W. Sharpe.	Condobolin	20	0	0	John Bowman.
Belford	12	0	0	F. J. Deitz.	Coolah	25	0	0	A. Henderson.
Bendemeer	40	0	0	J. K. Osborne.	Cooma	90	0	0	Ann Walters.
Berrima	85	0	0	A. J. Powell.	Coonabarabran	15	0	0	D. Cockburn.
Bigga	12	0	0	T. M'Guinness.	Coonamble	18	0	0	Arthur Willmott.
Billabong	12	0	0	G. T. Parsons.	Cooranbong	12	0	0	Thos. D'Aram.
Binalong	25	0	0	M. Murphy.	Copabella	15	0	0	Jas. Robinson.
Binda	25	0	0	Ed. Webster.	Corang	12	0	0	D. M'Grath.
Bingera	15	0	0	A. W. Mallon.	Coramundra	12	0	0	Thos. Barnes.
Bishop's Bridge	12	0	0	Terans O'Brien.	Copmanhurst	12	0	0	Geo. Gerrard.
Blacktown	25	0	0	Mrs. Ann Collins.	Cowra	50	0	0	Stephen Alford.
Blandford	12	0	0	Thos. Forster.	Corowa	20	0	0	J. W. Weir.
Blayney	15	0	0	Geo. Black.	Crookwell	12	0	0	Geo. Gordon.
Black Rock	12	0	0	Geo. Gallimore.	Crown Flat	15	0	0	Wm. H. Myers.
Bobundarah	12	0	0	Andw. Sturgeon.	Cudgegong	12	0	0	Wm. Readford.
Bodalla	15	0	0	Robt. Clarke.	Cullen Bullen	15	0	0	Wm. Hart.
Bolong	12	0	0	D. Monroe.	Cundletown	18	0	0	Robt. Broad.
Bombala	35	0	0	H. Hogarth.	Currabubula	12	0	0	E. R. Davis.
Bong Bong	12	0	0	Richd. Stone.	Currawang	12	0	0	John Armstrong.
Bonshaw	12	0	0	H. Hallam.	Dalton	12	0	0	Jno. Wheatley.
Bookham	15	0	0	John Hy. Vicq.	Dandaloo	12	0	0	Florant Martel.
Booligal	12	0	0	Geo. Williamson.	Dapto	40	0	0	K. M'Kenzie.
Borehole	12	0	0	Jane Peters.	Darlington	12	0	0	Wm. Taylor.
Boro	30	0	0	Jas. V. Williams.	Darkwater	12	0	0	Wm. Dawes.
Botany	12	0	0	Wm. Gambell.	Delegate	12	0	0	Mrs. C. C. Stuart.
Bourke-street	12	0	0	D. Law.	Denham Court	12	0	0	Annie Millar.
Bourke	30	0	0	J. Becker.	Deniliquin	200	0	0	G. M. White.
Bowenfells	60	0	0	W. Corderoy.	Denison Town	15	0	0	Jane M'Cubbin.
Bowling Alley Point	15	0	0	Thos. Leary.	Denman	30	0	0	G. A. F. Kibble.
Bowrall	12	0	0	D. Harrison.	Dingo Creek	12	0	0	W. Small.
Braidwood	150	0	0	Chas. Harrison.	Douglas Park	15	0	0	F. W. Le Messurier.
Branxton	25	0	0	D. H. M'Donald.	Dovedale	12	0	0	John Marx.
Breeza	15	0	0	T. H. B. M'Gee.	Drake	15	0	0	Henrietta Smith.
Brenda	12	0	0	F. R. M'Pherson.	Dural	12	0	0	Wm. Hawkins.
Brewarina	12	0	0	Wm. Kerrigan.	Dubbo	45	0	0	Alfred Hayes.
Bringelly	18	0	0	W. Neal.	Dundee	15	0	0	Fredk. Metz.
Brookfield	12	0	0	J. Thorndike.	Dungog	35	0	0	Saml. Redman.
Broughton's Creek	15	0	0	D. Stewart.	Dunkeld	12	0	0	James Ison.
Brownlow Hill	12	0	0	M. Roberts.	East Kempsey	15	0	0	F. Litchfield.
Brush Grove	12	0	0	Donld. M'Leod.	East Maitland	230	0	0	R. Browne.
Buckley's Crossing-place	12	0	0	R. Barnes.	Eastern Creek	12	0	0	Jno. Beggs.
Bundarra	25	0	0	M. Hayes.	Ebenezer	12	0	0	M. M'Fetridge.
Bungendore	18	0	0	J. Ford.	Eccleston	12	0	0	R. Sivyer.
Bungonia	24	0	0	Cath. Armstrong.	Eden	25	0	0	Solomon Solomon.
Bungowannah	12	0	0	John Kruse.	Ellalong	12	0	0	Mrs. Eliza Daunt.
Bunyan	12	0	0	Jno. Cullen.	Ellenborough	12	0	0	Mrs. Elzbth. Kirkman
Burkeville	12	0	0	Jno. A. Burke.	Emu	20	0	0	J. Smyth.
Burragorang	12	0	0	Mary A. Meurant.	Emu Ferry	12	0	0	Geo. N. Sanders.
Burrawang	12	0	0	Jno. Thos. Lawler.	Enfield	12	0	0	W. J. Innes.
Burrowa	30	0	0	John Hurley.	Euston	12	0	0	F. M. Black.
Burrendong	12	0	0	Thos. J. Dawson.	Evans' Plains	12	0	0	Job Boardman.
Burrier	12	0	0	Chas. Burness.	Fairfield	12	0	0	Jas. A'Hern.
Burwood	15	0	0	James Attwell.	Falconer	12	0	0	Thos. Rae.
Cadia	12	0	0	S. A. Clarke.	Field of Mars	15	0	0	Wm. Spuraway.
Caloola	12	0	0	R. Knott.	Fig Tree	12	0	0	Wm. R. Bow.
Camberwell	20	0	0	J. Hawke.	Fish River Creek	12	0	0	Jno. Fawcett.
Cambewarra	12	0	0	J. Fraser.	Five Dock	12	0	0	Jno. Croker.
Camerons	12	0	0	Hy. St. John.	Forbes	200	0	0	Geo. J. Robinson.
Camden	100	0	0	Eliza Pearson.	Fordwich	12	0	0	J. Clarke.
Campbelltown	200	0	0	John Boag.	Frederickton	15	0	0	J. W. Wilson.
Camperdown	12	0	0	J. Larkins.	Gannon's Forest	12	0	0	C. Clagget.

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Name of Post Office.	Salary. £	s.	d.	Name of Postmaster or Postmistress.
Gap Range	12	0	0	W. Toohey.
Gerringong	18	0	0	M. F. Egan.
Gilgandra	12	0	0	Jas. Christien.
Ginninderra	15	0	0	G. Harcourt.
Gladesville	12	0	0	J. Irvine.
Glanmire	12	0	0	Mrs. Margt. Ward.
Glebe	15	0	0	J. Tucker.
Glen Innes	30	0	0	G. Cobley.
Gloucester	12	0	0	R. Lavers
Goonoo Goonoo	30	0	0	G. King.
Gosford	20	0	0	J. Coulter.
Gongolgon	12	0	0	Jno. Forbes Tulloch
Goulburn	300	0	0	J. Scowcroft.
Grafton	60	0	0	Thos. Fisher.
Grenfell	75	0	0	Jas. Dunphy.
Gresford	20	0	0	J. Bush.
Guildford	12	0	0	Nelson F. Taylor.
Gulligal	25	0	0	Geo. Humphries.
Gundagai	125	0	0	A. S. Smith.
Gundaroo	25	0	0	S. S. Viles.
Gunnedah	35	0	0	G. Cohen.
Gunning	25	0	0	F. W. Connolly.
Guntawang	12	0	0	Thos. H. Rooke.
Guyong	15	0	0	W. Rowe.
Hanging Rock	12	0	0	G. Bond.
Hartley	90	0	0	P. Finn.
Hay	50	0	0	C. A. Middleton.
Hexham	30	0	0	F. Harvey.
Hinton	25	0	0	H. Atkins.
Hornsby	12	0	0	J. E. Wild.
Howlong	12	0	0	J. Drew.
Hunter's Hill	15	0	0	J. S. Stanner.
Huntingdon	12	0	0	L. Lindsay.
Hursley	12	0	0	J. H. Young.
Icely	12	0	0	Jno. Sturt.
Inverell	25	0	0	Colin Ross.
Ironbarks	25	0	0	J. L. Isaacs.
Jamberoo	20	0	0	S. Major.
Jembaicumbene	12	0	0	G. Summers.
Jereelderie	20	0	0	Thos. Trader.
Jerry's Plains	20	0	0	Oliver Saunders.
Jindabyne	12	0	0	Thos. Baggs.
Jones' Island	12	0	0	T. W. Dugdale.
Jugiong	18	0	0	Jno. Sheahan.
The Junction (Newcastle)	15	0	0	W. Mills.
Junee	12	0	0	Mrs. Cathe. Dacey.
Kameruka	12	0	0	W. M. White.
Kangaloon	12	0	0	W. R. Russell.
Keen's Swamp	20	0	0	Eliza Harris.
Kelso	30	0	0	Ann Glasson.
Kempsey	30	0	0	Eliza P. Dangar
Kenny's Point	12	0	0	Jno. Kenny.
Kiama	40	0	0	Thos. Fuller.
Kogarah	12	0	0	W. Blake.
Kiandra	12	0	0	Geo. Atkinson.
Kincumber	12	0	0	H. H. Lane.
King's Plains	12	0	0	R. Synes.
Kiora	12	0	0	W. Hawdon.
Kunopia	12	0	0	A. Wightman.
Laggan	12	0	0	W. A. Forster.
Lagoons	12	0	0	T. B. Carson.
Laguna	12	0	0	Mrs. M. B. Townsend.
Lambton	12	0	0	Danl. Jones.
Lane Cove	12	0	0	Eliza Edwards.
Langworthy's	12	0	0	W. Langworthy.
Lanyon	12	0	0	A. J. Cunningham.
Larbert	12	0	0	John Stephens.
Largs	20	0	0	Mrs. H. C. Roberts.
Lawrence	20	0	0	F. Gare.
Lewinsbrook	12	0	0	Mrs. R. H. Fowler.
Limekilns	12	0	0	S. Taylor.
Lismore	12	0	0	A. Wotherspoon.
Limeburner's Creek	15	0	0	Jno. Witt.
Lithgow	20	0	0	N. Woolley.
Little Hartley	20	0	0	Mrs. E. Jarvis.
Liverpool	60	0	0	H. B. Beresford
Lochinvar	25	0	0	Isaac Beckett.
Longbottom	15	0	0	P. M'Grath.
Long Creek	12	0	0	Wm. Fletcher.
Long Reach	12	0	0	Emily M'Mahon
Long Swamp	15	0	0	F. W. Rovison.
Lostock	12	0	0	F. M'Namara.
Louisa Creek	18	0	0	W. C. Howard.
Lower Portland	12	0	0	H. Everingham.
Lucknow	20	0	0	Thos. Devery.

Name of Post Office.	Salary. £	s.	d.	Name of Postmaster or Postmistress.
Major's Creek	15	0	0	J. H. Blatchford.
Mangrove Creek	12	0	0	D. M'Intosh.
Manar	12	0	0	Mrs. Jessie M'Elroy.
Manilla	12	0	0	G. Veness.
Manly	12	0	0	J. Fox.
Marengo	20	0	0	R. Stevens.
Marrickville	12	0	0	Mrs. Charl. Fairbairn.
Marsdens	12	0	0	R. Butler.
Marulan	35	0	0	John O'Neil.
Maryland	15	0	0	W. Hardy.
Mathoura	12	0	0	Hy. Burton.
Maude	12	0	0	P. Macauley.
Meadow Flat	25	0	0	H. G. Brown.
Meadows, The	12	0	0	W. Murray.
Menangle	18	0	0	J. Beeston.
Menindee	18	0	0	Patk. Green.
Merimbula	20	0	0	Armstrong Munn.
Merrendee	12	0	0	F. M'Grath.
Merri Merri	12	0	0	Thos. Stone.
Merriwa	30	0	0	Matilda Winter.
Michelago	15	0	0	Mrs. Ellen Hayes.
Miller's Forest	20	0	0	H. Carpenter.
Millfield	12	0	0	Mrs. Susan Sneden.
Millamurra	12	0	0	Chas. Reid.
Milton	15	0	0	F. Hall.
Minmi	15	0	0	J. Parker.
Mitchell's Creek	15	0	0	Geo. Hodgson.
Moama	30	0	0	F. Hogarth.
Molong	25	0	0	Ed. Jones.
Molonglo	12	0	0	Wm. Barnett.
Monga	12	0	0	Wm. Breckenridge.
Monkerai	12	0	0	Jno. Jones.
Montefiores	25	0	0	J. Sorwall.
Moonan Brook	12	0	0	Mrs. Ann Pinkerton.
Moonbi	18	0	0	R. G. Gill.
Morangarell	20	0	0	John Cameron.
Marangaroo	12	0	0	Richd. Rowe.
Moree	18	0	0	D. M'Kenzie.
Morpeth	100	0	0	AnnLindsayLarrymore
Moruya	50	0	0	Oliver Lodge.
Moss Vale	12	0	0	James Clifford.
Mount Harris	12	0	0	Wm. Todhunter.
Mount Murchison	12	0	0	August Becker.
Mount Vincent	15	0	0	Thos. Latter, senior.
Moulamein	18	0	0	Wm. Linton.
Mudgee	250	0	0	Matthew A. Walker.
Mulgoa	12	0	0	P. O'Connor.
Mullenderree	18	0	0	R. Arnett.
Mulwala	15	0	0	P. Dunn.
Mummel	12	0	0	T. Abberton.
Mundooran	15	0	0	John Byrnes.
Mungindie	12	0	0	A. G. Walker.
Murga	15	0	0	Jno. Antram.
Murrumbah	15	0	0	W. R. Farrow.
Murrumburrah	30	0	0	Geo. Barnes.
Murrurundi	110	0	0	H. Wheeler.
Muswellbrook	90	0	0	J. S. Arnott.
Mutt Billy	15	0	0	Jno. R. Hilton.
Mutton's Falls	12	0	0	Elizth. A. Webb.
Myall River	12	0	0	Aubrey J. Somerville.
Myrtleville	12	0	0	G. Blay.
Narrabri	25	0	0	A. Goldman.
Narrandera	15	0	0	Fdk. G. Savage.
Narellan	15	0	0	J. Hartley.
Nattai	24	0	0	Wm. Frazer.
Nelligen	18	0	0	F. Guy.
Nerriga	12	0	0	Mrs. Mary Rolfe.
Nerrigundah	25	0	0	Amelia Hardy.
Newcastle	280	0	0	Wm. Thompson.
Newtown	15	0	0	G. West.
Nimitybelle	20	0	0	Ellen Bell.
North Richmond	20	0	0	J. Winter.
Norwood	12	0	0	W. H. Sutton.
Nowendoc	12	0	0	Thos. Laurie.
Nowra	20	0	0	J. Green.
Numeralla	12	0	0	H. Agnew.
Nundle	30	0	0	S. Lambert.
Oaks	15	0	0	Ed. Rielly.
Oakey Creek	12	0	0	J. Allison.
Oberon	12	0	0	C. W. Cunningham.
Obley	18	0	0	Thos. Conner.
O'Connell	15	0	0	H. Renwick.
One Tree Hill	12	0	0	W. Avery.
Ophir	12	0	0	Geo. Slater.
Orange	100	0	0	J. Dale.

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Name of Post Office.	Salary. £	s.	d.	Name of Postmaster or Postmistress.
Paddington	15	0	0	R. Westaway.
Palmer's Island	12	0	0	A. Ross.
Pambula	20	0	0	J. H. Bennett.
Parramatta	280	0	0	J. Wickham.
Paterson	30	0	0	M. L. Saunders.
Peel	15	0	0	J. Reed.
Penrith	200	0	0	F. A. Kellett.
Pennant Hills	12	0	0	Joseph Sanday.
Petersham	15	0	0	H. Williams.
Picton	60	0	0	E. G. Larkin.
Pilliga	12	0	0	W. C. Hodgson.
Pitt Town	20	0	0	Joseph Hobbs.
Port Macquarie	30	0	0	M. J. Spence.
Prospect	18	0	0	Jas. Watts.
Pyrmont	12	0	0	E. Fleming.
Quartz Ridge	12	0	0	J. Johnson.
Queanbeyan	60	0	0	Jas. Kinsela.
Quirindi	15	0	0	Elizth. Cook.
Randwick	15	0	0	F. Veness.
Raymond Terrace	60	0	0	W. E. Shaw.
Redbank	12	0	0	R. Fitzpatrick.
Redfern	12	0	0	A. Allen.
Reidsdale	12	0	0	Thos. Hy. Cummins.
Reid's Flat	20	0	0	R. Lowe.
Richmond	60	0	0	W. Price.
Richmond River Heads	15	0	0	Ed. Ross.
Rocky Mouth	15	0	0	Saml. M'Naughton.
Rockley	21	0	0	A. Budden.
Rocky River	20	0	0	W. Cleghorn.
Rolland's Plains	12	0	0	W. H. Lancaster.
Rouse Hill	20	0	0	Elizth. Retallick.
Russell's	12	0	0	J. J. Patrick.
Rylstone	30	0	0	A. M. Armstrong.
Rydal	12	0	0	Geo. Stevenson.
Ryde	25	0	0	Geo. Pope.
Sackville Reach	15	0	0	H. C. Kirwan.
St. Alban's	12	0	0	Mary A. Walters.
St. Leonard's	15	0	0	G. H. Stephens.
St. Mark's	12	0	0	F. M'Lean.
St. Mary's	30	0	0	M. Webb.
St. Peter's	18	0	0	J. M'Kenzie.
Scone	60	0	0	Francis Isaacs.
Seaham	15	0	0	A. Cameron.
Shellharbour	15	0	0	Geo. Aitken.
Shoalhaven	50	0	0	J. Lang.
Singleton	200	0	0	S. Baker.
Smithfield	15	0	0	J. Manfield.
Sofala	35	0	0	Margt. Smith.
South Gundagai	20	0	0	Thos. Henderson.
South Wangan	12	0	0	J. Newell.
South Grafton	20	0	0	A. Davis.
Spring Valley	12	0	0	W. Payne.
Stockton	12	0	0	Saml. Stirling.
Stroud	25	0	0	T. Laman.
Summer Island	12	0	0	F. M'Cormick.
Sutton Forest	24	0	0	Ed. Stagg
Swatchfield	12	0	0	R. Stapleton.
Tabulam	20	0	0	C. H. E. Chauvel.
Tambaroora	25	0	0	W. J. Slack.
Tambar Springs	12	0	0	Stepn. H. Humphries.
Tamworth	200	0	0	G. Denshire.
Tarago	15	0	0	J. Miller.
Taralga	18	0	0	S. Phillips.
Tarcutta	45	0	0	T. Mate.
Taree	18	0	0	Ebenezer Doust.
Tarlo	18	0	0	Jas. Martin.
Teesdale	12	0	0	Elizth. L. Boss.
Ten-mile Creek	35	0	0	James Ford.
Tenterfield	40	0	0	E. O'Connell.
Terrara	20	0	0	Jas. Armstrong.
Thornthwaite	12	0	0	Arabella Gordman.
Timbarra	15	0	0	Elizth. Horton.
Tinonee	30	0	0	H. Dean.
Tomago	15	0	0	Miss M. E. Gordon.
Tomerong	12	0	0	M. Craig.
Toogong	12	0	0	Andw. Irvine.
Tooloom	12	0	0	D. M'Lean.
Tuena	25	0	0	A. M'Ausland.
Tumut	70	0	0	Hy. Hilton.
Tumberumba	20	0	0	M. Langford.
Two-mile Flat	12	0	0	Mrs. M. A. Tucker.
Ulladulla	20	0	0	W. Sturrock.
Ulmarra	18	0	0	D. M'Auley.
Upper Adelong	20	0	0	A. Watson.
Upper Araluen	15	0	0	R. Baker.
Upper Bingera	12	0	0	Chas. Michell.
Upper Run	12	0	0	Mrs. E. M'Killop.
Uralla	40	0	0	J. M'Crossin.
Urana	20	0	0	E. J. Scott.
Vacy	12	0	0	J. Morcom.
Vittoria	12	0	0	Wm. Nixon.
Wagga Wagga	130	0	0	P. S. Murray.
Wagonga	12	0	0	Alfd. Cowderoy.
Walcha	20	0	0	Geo. Erratt.
Walgett	25	0	0	F. H. Williams.
Wallabadah	18	0	0	Miss J. Cropper.
Wallsend	20	0	0	W. W. Johnson.
Wandandian	12	0	0	Thos. Walsh.
Wanganella	18	0	0	J. Dillon.
Waratah	25	0	0	G. T. Ferris.
Warialda	35	0	0	M. A. Geddes.
Warkworth	12	0	0	Maria A. Squire.
Warneton	12	0	0	J. Warne.
Warren	15	0	0	E. Readford.
Waterloo	20	0	0	Joseph Hinchcliffe.
Watson's Bay	15	0	0	J. Fairbairn.
Wattle Flat	15	0	0	G. Morehouse.
Waverley	15	0	0	W. Thomas.
Weatherboard	30	0	0	Richd. Norris.
Wee Waa	30	0	0	J. H. Burrell.
Welaregang	12	0	0	S. G. R. M'Donald.
Wellingrove	18	0	0	J. E. Maund.
Wellington	45	0	0	H. Pike.
Wentworth	50	0	0	W. Camper.
Westbrook	12	0	0	Mrs. Clarke.
West Maitland	300	0	0	E. B. Daly.
Wheeo	20	0	0	T. Glennan.
Wheeny Creek	18	0	0	J. Lamrock.
Wilberforce	20	0	0	A. Simpson.
Windellama	12	0	0	Eliza Cartwright.
Windeyer	15	0	0	Wm. Mulholland.
Windsor	200	0	0	J. A. Dick.
Wingecarribee	12	0	0	Jno. Hanrahan.
Wingham	15	0	0	W. G. Higgs.
Wiseman's Ferry	12	0	0	G. P. Black.
Wollombi	20	0	0	Eliza Arnott.
Wollongong	200	0	0	T. W. Elliott.
Wollumben	12	0	0	Joshua Bray.
Wolumla	12	0	0	R. Beck.
Woodside	12	0	0	R. Andrews.
Woodville	15	0	0	Mrs. Ruth Paine.
Woodhouselee	12	0	0	Richd. Harvie.
Wombat	15	0	0	Geo. Lyons.
Woodsreef	12	0	0	W. Regan.
Woonona	20	0	0	H. Fry.
Yass	200	0	0	P. Goold.
Yetholme	15	0	0	W. J. Adams.
Yetman	12	0	0	R. Holmes.
Young	150	0	0	J. M'Innes.

POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED IN 1867.

Baradine.
Bungowannah.
Burkeville.
Cameron's.
Collarenebri.
Crookwell.
Dandaloo.
Dunkeld.
Fairfield.
Field of Mars.
Fig-tree.
Gilgandra.
Guildford.
King's Plains.
Manar.
Mathoura.
Morangaroo.
Moss Vale.
Mount Harris.
Mungindie.
Pilliga.
Reidsdale.
Tambar Springs.
Two-mile Flat.
Upper Run.
Vittoria.
Westbrook.
Woodside.
Yetman.

POST OFFICE RE-ESTABLISHED IN 1867.

Nowendoc.

POST OFFICES DISCONTINUED IN 1867.

Belalie.
Frederick's Valley.
Honeysuckle Point.
Lake Macquarie Road.
Littleton.
Oranmeir.
Turee.
Yarawa.

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LIST of Stamp-sellers on the 31st December, 1867.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Appointment.
Aitken, J. C.	Botany-street, South Head Road.	3 Jan., 1860
Abrams, L. G.	333, Pitt-street	24 April, 1866
Ateak, Chin	George-street	1 Aug., 1866
Allen, Alfred	136, King-street	26 May, 1865
Asher, J. H.	129, King-street	1 Oct., 1865
Allingham & Paterson	513, George-street	7 Nov., 1865
Abreu, A. F.	690, George-street South	6 Aug., 1867
Allman, John	333, Pitt-street	15 Mar., 1867
Baird, A.	Surry Hills	23 Feb., 1861
Bartlett, J.	256, George-street	11 Oct., 1859
Brown, Catherine	Circular Quay	24 Aug., 1861
Burrell, H. N.	South Head Road	27 June, 1856
Bowyer, George	Elizabeth-street South	26 May, 1865
Bartram, Wm.	Botany Road	29 May, 1865
Bradley, C. B.	Newtown Road	19 July, 1865
Banks, Eliza	69, Market-street	19 Sept., 1865
Bozon, F.	William-street	29 Jan., 1866
Booth, Josh.	Corner Druitt and Sussex Streets.	29 Jan., 1866
Brown & Co., F.	299, Pitt-street	22 Mar., 1866
Boucher, Mrs. E.	70, South Head Road	7 Feb., 1867
Campbell, D.	143, Castlereagh-street	24 Aug., 1860
Canvin, Maria	247, Crown-street	11 May, 1864
Cubitt, A.	Bridge-street	31 Aug., 1864
Cuddeford, J.	154, William-street	13 Mar., 1863
Carter, J. B.	48, William-street	14 Jan., 1865
Clifford, James	Botany Road, Redfern	20 Sept., 1865
Cassidy, Wm.	Union Club	22 Sept., 1865
Clarke, Emma	27, Hunter-street	7 Nov., 1865
Connolly, Jas.	93, South Head Road	13 Feb., 1866
Causford, M. C. B.	37, South Head Road	13 Feb., 1866
Couzens, Saml.	Pitt and Liverpool Sts.	16 July, 1866
Cole, F. & E.	380, George-street	22 Oct., 1867
Collis, John	198, Parramatta-street	14 Nov., 1867
Cooper, J. J.	Railway Station	31 Jan., 1867
Cox, Annie M.	64, Bathurst-street West	16 April, 1867
Davies, J.	York-street	13 Nov., 1863
Davis, John	Market-street	29 June, 1866
Dawson, H.	8, Sussex-street	19 July, 1866
Davis, R.	47, Bathurst-street	14 Oct., 1863
Davis, H.	Phœnix Wharf	29 April, 1862
Dawson, T. H.	Australian Club	1 Dec., 1864
Day, James	South Head Road	30 July, 1864
Dolman, W.	236, Pitt-street	2 Sept., 1858
Donaldson, Margaret	Paddington	14 Aug., 1861
Douglass, A.	51, Clarence-street	16 Feb., 1858
Dole, James	Glebe Road	2 June, 1865
Dowsett & Gould	Market-buildings	18 Oct., 1865
Eames, W. D.	16, South Head Road	28 Jan., 1864
Edwards, F. L.	Pitt-street	28 Feb., 1865
Fairfax & Sons	Hunter-street	5 April, 1864
Fenton, Mrs.	71, Crown-street	22 Dec., 1863
Flanagan, E. F.	594, George-street	28 June, 1864
Fludden, H.	Erskine-street	14 Oct., 1861
Fry, J. W.	452, George-street	5 May, 1864
Ford, Mrs. E.	Ocean-st., Paddington	2 Oct., 1865
Fortier, Wm.	83, Sussex-street	14 Nov., 1866
Fischer, J. P.	266, George-street North	13 Aug., 1867
Gee, H.	Parramatta-street	22 April, 1863
Gill, G.	115, George-street	19 Dec., 1865
Godfrey, J.	South Head Road	6 July, 1863
Gould, S.	178, Pitt-street	9 Sept., 1859
Graham, F.	Castlereagh-street	14 July, 1856
Gordon & Gotch	281, George-street	8 April, 1865
Grimley, Peter	89, Sussex-street	18 Aug., 1866
Hamilton, Mrs. E. M.	Woolloomooloo-street	26 May, 1862
Hamilton, J.	Chippendale	16 Mar., 1860
Hardman, Abel	Park-street	18 May, 1863
Hayman Brothers	George-street	28 Jan., 1864
Hill, J.	790, George-street	16 June, 1858
Hogan, W.	King-street	1 Aug., 1861
Hogan, P. J.	Argyle-street	3 June, 1863
Holroyd, Mrs.	351, Bourke-street	12 June, 1860
Holroyd, Michl.	278, George-street	13 May, 1864
Holmes, W. H.	184, Sussex-street	23 Nov., 1860
Hayes, J. J.	555, George-street	7 April, 1865
Hale, Thos.	3, Exchange-buildings	2 Aug., 1865
Humphries, T.	Newtown	15 Nov., 1865
Hogan, P. J.	Clyde-street	24 April, 1866
Hill, Geo.	76, South Head Road	30 Aug., 1866
Jackson, J.	78 & 80, Dowling-street	25 July, 1864
Jenkins, W. J.	252, George-street	27 Aug., 1859
Jeyes, Geo.	193, Kent-street	23 Mar., 1863
Jacobs, Sydney	366, George-street	6 Aug., 1866
Kirschbaum, A.	124, King-street	20 April, 1859
Lacerda, D.	206, Parramatta-street	23 Oct., 1863
Larter, F.	South Head Road	11 Oct., 1859
Levi & Co.	George-street North	17 Feb., 1864
Lissak, J. J.	85, King-street	3 Feb., 1859
Lowe, B.	Miller's Point	6 Aug., 1863
Lowther, Ed.	Sussex-street	13 May, 1865
Lee, W. B.	215, George-street	10 July, 1865
Long, C. H.	Elizabeth-street	5 Dec., 1865
Laurence, Richd.	167, South Head Road	25 Feb., 1867
Lock, George	79, Parramatta-street	31 Jan., 1867
Maddock, W.	George-street	6 Aug., 1863
Madden, M. J.	Market-street West	24 Oct., 1864
Mailer, J.	286, George-street	11 Mar., 1863
M'Intosh, A.	252, Sussex-street	4 Aug., 1862
M'Neill, J.	40, Sussex-street	20 Mar., 1860
Moffitt, W.	Pitt-street	24 Oct., 1857
Moon, W.	Railway Station	17 Feb., 1864
Moore, J.	George-street	23 July, 1856
Murphy, F.	455, Bourke-street	1 Feb., 1860
Muspratt, E.	William-street	18 Jan., 1860
Musgrave, T.	Windmill-street	25 Nov., 1864
M'Donald, W.	659, Elizabeth-street	23 May, 1865
Mort, H.	Erskine-street	11 June, 1866
Nelson, J. H.	Old South Head Road, Paddington.	16 Mar., 1866
Nash, Wm.	Lower George-street	31 Dec., 1866
Penfold, E. T.	George-street	12 May, 1857
Pierce, T.	Yurong and Stanley Sts.	9 July, 1860
Porter, G.	324, George-street	22 April, 1863
Palmer, T.	George-street (Brickfield Hill).	23 May, 1865
Pert, Robt.	427, Crown-street, Surry Hills.	6 Sept., 1865
Pearce, A. C.	247, Crown-street	12 July, 1866
Pearson, Joseph	37, Erskine-street	18 Dec., 1867
Rabone, Stephen	George-street (Market)	11 Aug., 1864
Reilly, P.	Macquarie-street South	8 April, 1863
Roberts, D.	Pitt-street	31 Aug., 1859
Ross, A.	194, Lower George-street	23 Jan., 1863
Reynolds, R. H.	Pitt-street, near Victoria Theatre.	16 Mar., 1866
Rogalsky, A.	247, Pitt-street	16 Mar., 1866
Sandon, C. T.	George-street	16 Feb., 1857
Saywell, T. R.	14, Park-street	7 April, 1863
Scholey, Mrs. R.	49, Parramatta-street	25 Aug., 1862
Scholes, W.	Clarence and Margaret Streets.	3 Dec., 1862
Smyth & Wells	Hunter-street	28 Mar., 1859
Smith, H. M.	591, George-street	13 April, 1865
Smith, Robert	121, William-street	25 Oct., 1865
Sparrow, Chas. C.	William-street	12 Feb., 1866
Saddling, Jno.	Hunter-street	9 Mar., 1866
Shaw, Wm.	Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst	22 Aug., 1867
Turner, E.	26, Hunter-street	9 Dec., 1864
Trader, Mrs.	Upper Paddington	14 Mar., 1865
Walsh, Wm.	King-street	16 Oct., 1866
Weir, D.	George-street	28 June, 1864
Williamson, Mrs. J.	75, William-street	8 Sept., 1862
Wright, A.	40, Princes-street	18 Dec., 1863
Weekes, N.	101, Parramatta-street	1 Mar., 1865
Weissberger, —	157, Pitt-street	19 Dec., 1865
Allingham, E.	Armidale	28 Oct., 1862
Armstrong, J. F.	Forbes	18 Oct., 1862
Asser, N. F.	Scone	3 Mar., 1863
Ambrose, C. N.	Windsor	2 Aug., 1865
Austin, E. W.	Bathurst	6 Sept., 1867
Ball, E.	Goulburn	30 Dec., 1862
Barnes, S. H.	Mudgee	8 Sept., 1864
Barrie, J.	Douglass Park	3 Mar., 1860
Black, E.	St. Leonards	18 Oct., 1862
Broadhead, Maria	West Maitland	27 July, 1863
Burrows, Jno.	Newcastle	18 Oct., 1865
Byrnes, Jas.	Grenfell	14 Dec., 1866
Carpenter, Alfd.	Deniliquin	9 Mar., 1866
Chatterton, E.	Sackville Reach	8 Sept., 1863

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Name.	Residence.	Date of Appointment.
Clift, J.	Parramatta	8 Oct., 1862
Cohen, Wm.	Tamworth	21 June, 1864
Coul, W.	Picton	27 Aug., 1864
Coulter, R.	Penrith	10 May, 1864
Cottrell, J.	Yass	18 Feb., 1863
Curry, H.	Tamworth	1 July, 1863
Cochrane, Josh.	Wingham	9 Nov., 1865
Chittenden, Geo.	Singleton	20 Dec., 1865
Carkeet, W. H.	Carcoar	25 Feb., 1867
Davis, Mrs. J.	Gosford	22 Dec., 1864
Dunn, Patrick	Mulwalla	8 Dec., 1864
De Barr, M.	Goulburn	13 Dec., 1865
Druce, Jas.	Parramatta	19 July, 1866
Dawson, C. H.	Hay	31 Dec., 1866
Duff, Thos.	Wingham	27 Aug., 1867
Falls, A.	West Maitland	24 Feb., 1864
Ferris, J.	Parramatta	1 July, 1863
Fieldhouse, E. & W.	Campbelltown	8 Aug., 1864
Ferguson, Jas.	Parramatta	27 Aug., 1867
Finch, Henry	Newcastle	22 Jan., 1867
Gallagher & Hollings	Tamworth	13 April, 1864
George, R. R.	Bathurst	21 May, 1866
Gerber, C.	Young	1 Oct., 1862
Glover, Ed.	Balmain (Darling-street)	4 April, 1865
Good, John	Parramatta	18 June, 1866
Heath, Thos.	Wagga Wagga	24 July, 1865
Hamilton, Elizabeth.	Ryde	19 Dec., 1865
Hewlett, W.	Wollongong	15 Sept., 1862
Hill, J.	Singleton	1 Dec., 1862
Hippgrave & Craigie.	Armidale	13 April, 1864
Jackes, J.	Do.	8 Oct., 1862
Jones, J. R.	Bathurst	1 Oct., 1862
Jones, A. S.	Breadalbane, near Mutt Billy.	13 June, 1864
Jefferson, T. B.	South Deniliquin	7 June, 1865
Jennings, J. C.	Weddin Mountains	6 July, 1865
Jarvis, D.	Forbes	27 Dec., 1866
Jones, E. A.	Wollongong	20 July, 1867
Knaggs & Co.	Newcastle	29 June, 1865
Kelly, M. W.	Deniliquin	4 Mar., 1867
Kidd, John	Campbelltown	5 April, 1867
Lee, H.	Deniliquin	16 Sept., 1864
Lester, W. R.	Mudgee	8 Sept., 1864
Levien, A.	West Maitland	1 Nov., 1862
Lloyd, E.	Murrumbah	13 Aug., 1862
Mallam, H. G.	Armidale	5 Dec., 1864
Marks Brothers	Forbes	28 Oct., 1862
Mason, E.	Parramatta	15 Sept., 1862
M'Clelland, —	Newcastle	25 Oct., 1859
Moore, J.	Armidale	18 Oct., 1862
Mutlow, W. H.	Do.	31 Mar., 1864
Manning, T.	Orange	28 Feb., 1865
Millar, Wm.	Penrith	14 Nov., 1865
Myer, Jno.	Young	29 June, 1866
M'Guigan, Jno.	Bathurst	9 Mar., 1866
Martel, H. C.	Dandaloo Station, Bogan River.	19 July, 1866
Manning, Thos.	Dubbo	6 Sept., 1866
Marks, E. P.	Pretty Plains, near Orange.	4 May, 1867
Middleton, J. C.	Albury	26 July, 1867
Montgomery, Hugh.	Railway Camp, Marulan	17 Sept., 1867
Moses Brothers	Grenfell	22 Jan., 1867
Nicholas, W. A.	Forbes	13 Sept., 1866
Payne, J. T.	Newcastle	4 Mar., 1864
Price, A.	Tambar Springs, Gunnedah.	31 Aug., 1864
Pring, E. J. L.	Windsor	18 April, 1867
Quick, Wm.	Maitland	25 Mar., 1864
Quinn, J. P.	Singleton	16 Nov., 1867
Rae, A. B.	Bathurst	31 Aug., 1863
Ramsay, E.	Balmain	5 Dec., 1859
Ranwell & Lawrence.	Mudgee	17 Aug., 1864
Regan, D.	Tamworth	6 Aug., 1863
Riley, W. R.	Goulburn	27 Nov., 1862
Robinson, Jno.	Newcastle	13 June, 1865
Riebe, G. A.	Parramatta	2 June, 1866
Richmond, Cathe.	Forbes	3 Aug., 1866
Sippell Bros.	Young	1 Nov., 1862
Stormer, J. B.	Do.	8 Dec., 1862
Saloshin, H.	Deniliquin	7 April, 1866
Savage, F. J.	Narrandera	26 April, 1866
Stace, R. A.	Wellington	18 Oct., 1866
Scardon, G. D.	Lake Macquarie Road	10 May, 1867
Sippel Brothers	Grenfell	22 Jan., 1867
Solling, W. B.	West Maitland	29 Mar., 1867
Tatham, S.	Balmain	27 Oct., 1866
Thomas, H.	West Maitland	9 Dec., 1864
Torckler, H.	Singleton	25 Mar., 1863
Trimm, J.	Armidale	21 Nov., 1862
Tuke, C.	Parramatta	6 Aug., 1863
Turner, Hy.	Richmond	12 Oct., 1865
Tookey, J. T.	Lithgow Vale	19 Mar., 1867
Walker, W.	Sofala	13 May, 1864
Walsh, G.	Goulburn	25 May, 1864
Watson, R. C.	West Maitland	8 April, 1863
Weston, Jno.	Do.	28 Oct., 1862
White, Laban	Windsor	4 April, 1864
White, J. C.	Bathurst	17 May, 1864
Whitton, Joseph	Camberwell	25 Aug., 1864
Winchcombe, J. P.	Young	6 Aug., 1863
Waugh, T. W.	Bowenfells	27 Jan., 1865
Willson, G.	Tenterfield	21 Feb., 1865
Wright, Jas.	Singleton	24 July, 1865
Whiting & Son	Taralga	19 July, 1866
Watkinson, Jas.	Balmain	30 Oct., 1866

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REPORT ON THE MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

(31st December, 1867.)

1. I am happy in being able to shew that the confidence expressed by me in reporting upon the Money Order Department for the year 1866, as to the prospect of continued and progressive increase in its transactions and revenue, has been fully borne out.

2. The number of Country Agencies existing in the Colony at the present time amount to 119, against 109 for the preceding year, whilst the total transactions for the year 1867, viz., £450,383 5s. 9d., shew an increase on the year 1866 (when they amounted to £364,312 18s. 8d.) of £86,070 7s. 1d.—an increase to be accounted for, not so much by the number of offices as in the extension of the money order system more largely amongst the people of the Colony, the great benefits and convenience arising therefrom having been strikingly evidenced during the past year by the large amount remitted from the Country Districts, in connection with the Brands Registration Act—a sum exceeding £1,800 having been paid in small sums in one day.

3. A large addition to the number of Agencies is anticipated in the year 1868.

4. The usual statistical tables are annexed, from which the transactions of the year will be seen in detail.

5. The revenue of the department has exceeded the expenditure, as in the preceding year, but in a larger proportion.

6. I do not consider that my Report for the year 1867 would be complete without reference to an inquiry, which was instituted into the working of the department generally, with special reference to the system of accounts. This inquiry took place in the month of October last, and the result is to be found in the report of the Treasury Accountant, attached hereto, which contains much valuable information.

F. W. HILL,
Superintendent.

Money Order Office,
Sydney, 1st June, 1868.

(No. 1.)

RETURN shewing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in New South Wales, during the year 1867.

On New South Wales.		On England.		On Ireland.		On Scotland.		On New Zealand.		On Queensland.		On South Australia.		On Tasmania.		On Victoria.		On Western Australia.		Total.	
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
48639	187058 15 4	4801	21012 8 10	2540	10826 15 6	1002	4398 2 11	350	1574 7 3	983	3960 2 9	180	677 3 4	247	1365 7 6	2102	9136 17 9	12	52 0 6	60856	240062 1 8

(No. 2.)

RETURN shewing the Number and Amount of Money Orders paid in New South Wales, during the year 1867.

Issued in New South Wales.		Issued in England.		Issued in Ireland.		Issued in Scotland.		Issued in New Zealand.		Issued in Queensland.		Issued in South Australia.		Issued in Tasmania.		Issued in Victoria.		Issued in Western Australia.		Total.	
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
48401	186929 18 3	911	4283 17 7	35	131 4 11	42	183 12 0	988	5309 0 10	1597	7102 2 0	152	610 9 8	154	645 9 5	1308	4914 1 5	31	211 8 0	53619	210321 4 1

(No. 3.)

RETURN shewing the Number and Amount of Money Orders Issued, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders Paid at each Office in New South Wales, during the year 1867.

Name of Office.	Orders issued.		Orders paid.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adaminiby	148	416 16 6	15	55 4 6
Adelong	378	1,218 1 5	65	338 17 9
Albury	556	1,405 17 0	181	854 9 7
Araluen	902	3,590 1 6	132	492 1 8
Armidale	714	2,458 9 5	252	938 10 0
Balmain	153	496 16 2	84	384 14 5
Balranald	140	686 8 6	8	37 10 10
Bathurst	2,082	6,486 4 8	884	3,869 0 6
Bega	163	604 4 5	49	180 16 4
Bendemeer	207	1,054 16 4	37	114 13 5
Berrima	250	798 8 6	203	1,015 13 6
Binalong	139	510 16 4	17	85 11 3
† Blayney	49	213 14 5	14	83 11 1
Bombala	758	4,353 17 4	54	162 4 4
Bourke	262	1,323 5 4	9	24 2 9
Bowenfells	471	3,278 12 4	42	203 17 10
Braidwood	1,436	4,813 12 10	417	1,842 19 3
Branxton	107	221 17 5	51	310 7 1
Bundarra	192	814 4 5	20	86 0 10
Burrowa	650	2,028 0 0	80	297 16 1
Camden	222	798 10 9	187	1,035 19 8
Campbelltown	195	952 4 9	127	754 14 9
Carcoar	576	1,264 2 5	58	218 17 0
Cassilis	660	3,835 1 5	17	56 3 8
Casino	646	4,594 7 3	70	358 13 8
Clarence Town	79	192 15 10	34	126 10 9
Cooma	1,029	2,967 11 11	108	362 19 8
Coonabarabran	197	834 8 7	12	38 16 6
Coonamble	49	101 7 0	2	7 0 0
Cowra	278	850 6 9	31	164 4 1
Cundletown	54	123 13 9	18	116 5 1
† Dapto	15	48 13 3	8	30 11 1
Deniliquin	187	765 18 9	90	330 13 4
Dubbo	464	1,199 5 0	94	359 3 8
Dungog	280	1,108 4 4	35	87 18 2
Eden	212	979 17 1	73	332 8 8
Emu	82	386 7 6	32	151 2 8
Fish River Creek	222	591 5 2	5	17 2 2
Forbes	600	2,073 7 6	163	707 0 3
Gosford	186	797 10 4	30	183 10 8
Goulburn	2,052	6,065 1 7	972	4,084 13 9
Glen Innes	213	555 2 1	28	101 10 2
Grafton	595	2,492 14 5	154	696 15 6
† Grenfell	652	2,415 11 2	139	604 15 10
Gundagai	971	2,958 13 0	114	487 8 6
Gundaroo	251	760 13 9	36	204 2 5
Gunnedah	186	579 8 10	22	109 17 8
† Gunning	57	266 15 0	31	123 15 3
Hartley	365	2,077 15 0	63	225 1 2
Hay	274	1,532 16 2	25	129 17 6
Inverell	281	1,072 2 0	39	170 13 11
Ironbarks	73	284 14 5	52	288 4 0
Kempsey	272	538 13 3	75	433 1 4
Kiama	606	1,742 18 7	119	506 2 4
Kiandra	158	855 0 0	22	142 0 0
* Lithgow	441	2,435 8 5	5	27 8 0
Little Hartley	196	834 12 10	15	124 15 6
Liverpool	129	348 17 11	116	481 9 3
Lochinvar	25	84 18 3	61	326 5 10
Louisa Creek	238	1,513 5 11	8	45 1 4
Maitland, East	435	1,497 19 4	301	1,464 7 3
Maitland, West	981	3,295 16 6	1,343	5,825 2 9
Marulan	154	506 15 3	17	46 13 10
Merriwa	317	1,008 2 6	30	82 18 10
Minmi	128	430 15 0	6	29 2 0
Moama	132	242 15 5	41	217 8 2
Molong	369	1,693 16 9	25	66 2 9
Morpeth	214	692 18 1	238	1,345 7 3
Moruya	1,740	11,132 0 0	118	529 13 9
Mudgee	1,143	4,101 16 7	395	2,020 14 4
Mundooran	33	80 2 11	7	13 17 6
Murrurundi	240	550 10 10	87	407 17 5
Muswellbrook	835	2,608 19 1	215	1,045 1 9
Narribri	112	401 6 5	32	147 15 7
†Nattai	190	1,056 1 3	92	376 2 1
Nerrigundah	261	1,349 3 1	36	134 9 6
Newcastle	1,647	6,417 7 11	741	2,779 13 2
Newtown	163	459 4 6	145	475 6 8
Nimitybelle	279	1,118 5 11	17	48 7 11
Nundle	950	6,005 19 9	42	184 17 1

No. (3)—*continued.*

Name of Office.	Orders issued.		Orders paid.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Orange	1,251	3,601 0 1	324	1,347 1 3
Paddington	56	197 14 5	30	106 1 6
Parramatta	279	988 5 4	491	2,066 13 2
Paterson	183	583 5 7	24	97 3 1
Penrith	441	1,200 0 0	256	1,183 18 8
Port Macquarie	344	1,424 1 7	66	237 17 5
Picton	265	1,399 15 3	205	1,161 16 11
Queanbeyan	913	3,199 16 0	169	636 14 0
Raymond Terrace	199	673 2 1	176	752 12 8
Richmond	120	464 0 9	120	679 11 4
Scone	575	2,806 1 2	90	546 19 7
Shoalhaven	255	1,233 14 8	91	371 10 3
Singleton	854	2,563 13 4	809	3,984 13 4
Sofala	481	1,508 5 0	81	270 15 2
Stroud	187	742 15 4	14	40 15 7
Tambaroora	471	2,075 3 0	25	106 1 10
Tamworth	943	2,630 0 2	340	1,490 14 5
Tarcutta	41	161 17 0	8	39 3 0
Taree	111	283 0 10	24	98 6 11
Tenterfield	174	612 1 5	48	168 14 4
Tinonee	4	23 19 5	14	47 8 1
Tumut	716	2,219 18 11	129	567 15 9
Ulladulla	207	494 14 6	33	147 15 4
Uralla	691	5,224 5 11	27	162 15 0
Urana	145	432 4 8	12	67 9 5
Wagga Wagga	818	3,013 14 1	167	591 19 8
Walcha	103	414 5 8	15	75 13 5
Wallgett	150	960 6 2	9	24 8 2
Wallsend	233	782 5 7	27	118 15 11
Warialda	209	634 3 3	19	61 12 11
Wee Waa	298	1,784 3 6	5	11 19 6
Wellingrove	355	1,550 9 1	102	293 13 9
Wellington	66	220 19 8	2	20 0 0
Windeyer	70	237 15 7	11	41 10 5
Windsor	455	1,375 9 0	224	948 6 6
Wollombi	247	623 4 6	40	290 19 1
Wollongong	667	1,978 15 7	288	1,188 11 0
Yass	735	1,946 9 10	355	1,527 1 7
Young	944	3,863 7 7	287	1,223 4 9
Sydney C.O.	11,244	48,577 13 4	38,636	144,153 5 9
TOTALS	60,846	240,062 1 8	53,619	210,321 4 1

* Office opened on 1st April, 1867.
† Office opened on 1st May, 1867.

(No. 4.)

RETURN shewing the Number and Amount of Money Orders, with the amount of Commission thereon, issued at the Chief Office, Sydney, during each month of the year 1867; also, the Number and Amount of Money Orders paid at the Chief Office, during the same period.

Month.	Number issued.	Amount issued.	Commission.	Number paid.	Amount paid.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
January	849	3,697 3 9	63 0 0	2,502	11,803 16 7
February	789	3,343 7 5	57 10 0	2,985	10,749 12 5
March	831	3,664 7 7	60 18 6	4,201	14,609 19 1
April	843	3,677 2 0	60 9 6	3,807	12,269 18 8
May	887	4,081 0 6	70 13 0	3,688	12,529 10 11
June	1045	4,479 0 0	77 7 0	6,420	14,495 16 10
July	1268	5,167 18 9	92 8 6	2,758	12,115 9 5
August	974	4,550 14 7	79 4 0	2,414	10,783 9 7
September	887	3,700 2 0	61 6 6	2,597	11,695 15 0
October	1193	5,090 0 11	91 15 6	2,562	11,545 14 3
November	915	3,859 7 0	62 15 6	2,214	10,301 13 3
December	763	3,267 8 10	50 18 0	2,488	11,252 9 9
Totals	11,244	48,577 13 4	828 6 0	38,636	144,153 5 9

(No. 5.)

RETURN shewing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in New South Wales during the Year 1867, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

Month.	Colonial.		Intercolonial.		United Kingdom.				Total.	Amount.		
	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.		£	s.	d.
January.....	2,581	1,131	212	76	239	255	36	116	4,646	19,475	0	6
February ...	3,237	1,014	203	66	217	225	35	100	5,097	18,078	3	0
March	8,753	1,354	218	96	249	227	43	110	11,050	26,570	7	10
April	2,637	1,033	215	88	247	251	27	125	4,623	18,654	17	4
May	2,258	1,131	226	72	261	292	41	155	4,436	19,776	13	9
June	2,046	1,149	252	107	191	219	27	167	4,158	19,490	9	6
July	2,600	1,005	272	99	290	311	37	193	4,807	19,847	9	1
August	2,257	1,002	278	103	255	283	44	180	4,402	19,184	11	2
September...	2,150	1,170	243	88	261	265	36	98	4,311	19,575	8	8
October.....	2,370	1,213	214	77	393	450	54	165	4,936	21,952	4	3
November...	1,991	1,068	257	84	261	283	39	79	4,062	18,359	17	11
December ...	2,318	1,170	234	82	217	190	30	77	4,318	19,066	18	8
	35,198	13,440	2,824	1,038	3,081	3,251	449	1,565	60,846	240,062	1	8

Account Branch,
Treasury, New South Wales,
28 October, 1867.

Sir,

In accordance with the Honorable the Treasurer's memorandum of the 16th instant, which I received on the 21st, I proceeded to the Money Order Office on the following day, and, after having shewn my authority to the Superintendent, I at once commenced to inquire generally into the working of the department, with special reference to the system of accounts.

I now beg to submit, for the information of the Honorable the Treasurer, the result of this inquiry, upon which I was engaged during the greater part of three days. The system of accounts in the Money Order Office of New South Wales is the same as that prescribed by the English Code of Regulations; and the several cheques now in operation are precisely similar to those adopted in the London office, which have been found from experience to be in every respect suited to the nature of the business. As the English system has been adopted by all the British Colonies, any material departure from it, so long as they draw upon each other and upon the United Kingdom, would, it is believed, only lead to confusion in the accounts.

Great improvements have been effected by the present Superintendent, since I visited the office in July, 1865, as a member of a Board appointed by the late Treasurer, Mr. Smart, to examine the accounts of the office, and to suggest improvements for its better management. Mr. Hill had only been appointed to the office of Superintendent a few weeks previous to the appointment of this Board, and could not, therefore, be held responsible for the state of the office at the date of our visit. We then found that the examination of the country agents' accounts was more than six months in arrear, and that several important books required by the Imperial Code of Regulations were not in use.

I am glad to say that all arrears have now been worked up, and the books which were wanting in 1865 have been in use for a considerable period, and contain a record of the transactions of the department from the 1st July, 1864.

The present arrangements of the office are, in my opinion, highly satisfactory; and great credit is due to Mr. Hill for the efficient manner in which the business of the department generally is now conducted. The more commodious building which he now occupies has, no doubt, enabled him to carry out improvements which could not be effected so long as the business was conducted in those lately occupied small and inconvenient premises in George-street.

The staff of the head office consists at present of—1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Clerk, 1 Accountant, 1 Teller, 3 Clerks, and 1 Messenger.

The following is a list of books in use:—Ledger, Journal, Intercolonial and United Kingdom Account Current Book, Monthly Abstract of Ledger, Quarterly Abstract of Ledger, Intercolonial and United Kingdom Paid Order Book, Intercolonial Issue Book, United Kingdom Issue Book, Postmaster's Ledger, Final and Divided Account Book, Paid Order Record Book, Postmaster's Commission Memorandum, Forfeited Order Book, Teller's Cash Book, Teller's Issue Journal, Teller's Paid Journal, Abstract of List of Intercolonial Issue, Remittance Book, Superintendent's Cash Book, Duplicates and Transfer Register, Commission Account Book, Register of Remittances to Postmasters.

The duties of the Superintendent and his staff are of a very onerous and responsible nature, as the closest application and vigilance are requisite to prevent errors creeping into the accounts, as well as to keep arrears from accumulating. In addition to having to keep a full and clear record of own issues and payments, the head office records the transactions of every agency in the Colony.

The Teller's Cash Book is examined daily by the Chief Clerk, and the cash balance therein shewn at the close of every day's business is counted by that officer, who locks it up in the office safe until the following morning, when it is handed back to the Teller to enable him to commence the business of the day. As the amount of orders paid at the head office largely exceeds the amount of orders issued (see statement marked A), the Teller's cash account has frequently to be replenished by drafts on the Superintendent's account in the Bank of New South Wales, the balance on which on the 21st instant was £5,974 3s. 4d. This balance is verified, as also the cash balance of £223 14s. 4d., shewn by the Teller's Cash Book on the same date.

Letters containing remittances from country agents are opened by the Chief Clerk, who also keeps what is styled the "Superintendent's Cash Book." These letters are entered in a register for the purpose, and as remittances are frequently made in half-notes, orders, and cheques, particulars are recorded (although not so fully as I think might be), until the second halves of the notes are received, and the cheques and orders have been converted into cash, when the necessary cash book entries are made. Although the Accountant has the means of checking at a subsequent stage of the accounts the several remittances which thus come into the hands of the Chief Clerk, yet, in my opinion, it would be preferable that letters containing remittances in any form should be opened, as in the Treasury, in the presence of a second clerk, both of whom should record in separate books full particulars of every sum received.

Perhaps

Perhaps the most important duties of the head office are those connected with the country agents accounts, which I will now proceed to describe, having fully examined the system upon which they are kept, and which, as I have already stated, is precisely similar to the system in operation in the United Kingdom.

There are at present about 120 money order offices throughout the Colony, all of which draw upon each other, as well as upon the head office, the several Australian Colonies, and the United Kingdom. The agents furnish to the head office daily returns of their receipts and payments, together with all paid orders and advices in support of the same. These are at once examined, and where errors are found to exist they are corrected, the agents being informed in every case, and instructed to make similar corrections in their books.

After examination and correction, the transactions exhibited by these daily returns are duly recorded in the ledger, which is so arranged as to shew the balance in the hand of agents at the close of each day's business. As a general rule, agents should remit to the head office any balance in hand in excess of a fixed sum varying from £10 to £80, allowed as a reserve fund for the business of their office.

When an agent does not do so, he is written to, in a certain form prescribed by the English Code of Regulations; and should no attention be paid to this, he is written to again in the second prescribed form, which is of a more urgent character; and if this also fail to produce a reply, a third letter is despatched, informing him that, in the event of an immediate explanation and remittance not being received, his conduct would be brought under the serious notice of the Honorable the Postmaster General. Should no notice be taken of this third and last communication, a full report of the case, accompanied by a statement of account to the latest date, is at once laid before the political head of the department, who directs all further proceedings which may be necessary.

A weekly statement of the balances in the hands of the several agents in the Colony is prepared for the information of the Superintendent, who, after a careful examination of the same, and due inquiry into the general state of the accounts of those who appear to have a larger sum in hand than that allowed as a reserve, draws the attention of such agents as he considers to be falling too much behind to the state of their accounts, by addressing them in the first form prescribed by the regulations referred to.

In addition to the daily return, each agent is required to furnish a monthly statement, in order that it may be seen whether the errors discovered in the former have been duly corrected. If on examination with the ledger the monthly statement is found to differ, it is corrected in red ink, and returned to the agent, in order that he may examine the corrections, initial the statement, and return it to the head office. By this means the agent's balances at the end of every month are made to agree with the books of the Superintendent's Office.

I found on inquiry, that an average of more than one-third of the monthly statements had to be returned to the agents, although many of the errors are of a trifling nature, yet if allowed to remain uncorrected would in a short time lead to great confusion in the agent's accounts and serious inconvenience to the head office.

As the agents have not, I believe, had the advantage of being verbally instructed in their duties, it is not surprising that many of them should fail to render their returns in a correct form. Should the Legislative Assembly consent to vote the amount on the 1868 Estimates for an Inspector of Public Revenue Collector's Accounts, that officer could, I imagine, without inconvenience, undertake the duty of visiting all the money order offices, for the purpose of instructing the agents in the proper method of keeping their accounts and preparing returns for the head office.

The accounts between this Colony and the United Kingdom, and the other Colonies, are kept upon a different principle to those between the head office and the country agents. In the latter case, the agents are debited with the amounts of orders issued and credited, with the amount of orders paid; while in the former, the United Kingdom and the several Colonies are debited with the amount of their orders paid in this Colony, and credited with the amount of New South Wales orders paid by them. By every opportunity, statements of orders drawn in this Colony on the United Kingdom and the Colonies, and statements of their orders paid in New South Wales, are transmitted, accompanied by the necessary advices and paid orders. In addition to these statements, quarterly accounts are made out by the Superintendent, and forwarded to the chief office of each country for verification. When the balance of an account is in favour of the Colony, a remittance is requested, if against it, a remittance is made, so soon as the quarterly accounts is returned approved. The accounts for the September quarter have been made out and despatched, with the exception of the New Zealand one, which will be transmitted by the Panama mail of the 1st proximo. The rule with regard to these quarterly accounts is, that they should be prepared by the remitting office, that is, the office which draws more orders than it pays. For example—as between this Colony and the United Kingdom—this is the remitting country, because the amount of orders drawn by the United Kingdom on New South Wales is small compared with the amount of orders drawn by the latter on the former.

The following Statement for the quarter ended the 30th June last will more fully illustrate this, namely:—

Orders drawn in the Colony.

	Number.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
On the United Kingdom	2,003	9,187	7	2
" New Zealand	77	348	14	6
" Queensland	250	988	10	8
" South Australia	41	131	19	2
" Tasmania	69	381	17	2
" Victoria	533	2,353	15	0
" Western Australia	2	10	19	0
In all	2,975	13,403	2	8

Orders drawn on the Colony.

	Number.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
By the United Kingdom	223	837	0	5
" New Zealand	246	1,346	14	8
" Queensland	405	1,723	7	6
" South Australia	11	39	2	6
" Tasmania	40	167	14	0
" Victoria	350	1,411	17	8
" Western Australia	7	35	3	3
In all	1,282	5,561	0	0

A balance sheet shewing the liabilities and assets of the department is prepared quarterly, and submitted to the Honorable the Postmaster General.

The last statement of this kind that has been prepared is that for the quarter ended 30th June last, which I examined and compared with several accounts in the ledger. The following is a copy of it:—

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid orders, 30 June, 1867	£12,359	1	5
Balance due to Tasmania	274	11	1
Do. Victoria	953	11	9
Commission due to Treasury	47	17	7
Total Liabilities	£13,635	1	10

ASSETS.

Balance in hands M.O. Agents	£ 7,659	19	0
Balance on hands of M.O. Agents	£7,659	19	0
" due by New Zealand	310	17	2
" " Queensland	746	9	8
" " South Australia	13	5	0
" " Western Australia	14	4	4
" " United Kingdom	1,577	0	1
Amount of robbed remittance, to be recovered from Treasury	92	0	0
Cash in Bank New South Wales	3,223	6	7
Total Assets	£13,635	1	10

In the above statement of Assets, it will be observed that the United Kingdom appears indebted to this Colony to the amount of £1,577 0s. 1d. This arises from remittances having been made in May and June to meet orders drawn during these months, which orders could not of course be paid in England before July and August, the amount of which is included in the £12,359 1s. 5d. unpaid orders under the head of liabilities.

No better proof of the correctness of the system of accounts in the Money Order Office can be furnished than this statement of liabilities and assets, which was prepared and transmitted to the Honorable the Postmaster General on the 26th September last—nearly a month prior to my visit of inspection.

The commission received for orders issued at the head office is paid into the Treasury weekly, and that received by the country agents monthly. A monthly attested account of the sums thus received is furnished by the Superintendent to the Auditor General, who checks the same with the amounts found credited in the books of the Treasury.

In the Report of the Board appointed by Mr. Smart in 1865, it was recommended that the bank balance on the General Money Order Account be tested by the Auditor General, or such officer of his department as he may depute, at uncertain periods, and not less than four times a year. This recommendation has not, I find, been approved—at all events, it has not been carried out. I annex several statements illustrative of the money order business in this Colony, which may be found interesting as well as useful. I cannot close this Report without acknowledging the ready assistance rendered by the Superintendent and his assistants whilst I was engaged in the prosecution of this inquiry, notwithstanding it took place during the busiest part of the month.

The Under Secretary
For Finance and Trade.

I have, &c.,
JAMES THOMSON.

(A.)

RETURN of Number and Amount of Money Orders issued, and the Number and Amount of Orders paid at Sydney Office, during the Quarter ended 30 June, 1867.

Issued.				Paid.			
Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
2,775	12,237	2	6	13,915	39,295	6	5

(B.)

RETURN of Number and Amount of Money Orders issued, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders paid at the Country in New South Wales, during Quarter ended 30 June, 1867.

Issued.				Paid.			
Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
10,452	45,684	18	1	3,539	15,177	18	7

(C.)

(C.)

RETURN shewing the Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom, during the month of October, in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, and 1867.

Drawn on	1863.		1864.		1865.		1866.		1867.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
England	361	1,250 14 10	401	1,498 17 9	515	1,855 16 11	624	2,708 10 4	541	2,211 15 8
Ireland	156	691 0 9	237	977 11 0	311	1,371 16 5	320	1,431 4 0	354	1,502 18 4
Scotland	67	271 10 0	100	413 5 10	107	498 8 10	101	385 5 4	121	528 6 7
	584	2,213 5 7	738	2,889 14 7	933	3,726 2 2	1,045	4,524 19 8	1,016	4,243 0 7

(D.)

COMPARATIVE RETURN shewing the number and amount of Money Orders Issued and Paid in New South Wales, during the years 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1866, and the first nine months of the year 1867, together with the amount of Commission on Orders Issued in the Colony during the same period.

Year.	Particulars of Orders Issued.		Commission.	Particulars of Orders Paid.	
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1863	11,478	53,861 14 4	614 19 6	8,425	40,871 19 9
1864	21,912	105,899 13 10	1,203 12 6	16,683	84,139 3 2
1865	28,469	130,746 12 0	1,439 1 0	23,556	112,367 0 0
1866	41,968	196,071 5 4	2,055 13 0	35,398	168,241 13 4
1st nine months of 1867	47,532	180,641 9 0	2,038 15 0	42,292	158,693 10 1

(E.)

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the Number and Amount of Money Orders, with the Amount of Commission thereon, issued at the Chief Office, Sydney, during the first nine months of the years 1866 and 1867; also, the Number and Amount of Money Orders paid at the Chief Office during the same periods.

Months.	Particulars of Orders issued.						Particulars of Orders paid.			
	Number of Orders.		Amount of Orders.		Amount of Commission.		Number of Orders.		Amount of Orders.	
	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.	1866.	1867.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	621	849	2,784 9 10	3,697 3 9	47 8 6	63 0 0	1,684	2,502	8,070 0 8	11,803 16 7
February	576	789	2,632 1 9	3,343 7 5	43 19 0	57 10 0	1,503	2,985	6,945 1 3	10,749 12 5
March	732	831	3,432 8 3	3,664 7 7	60 3 0	60 18 6	2,089	4,201	8,757 17 8	14,609 19 1
April	737	843	3,059 2 3	3,677 2 0	54 9 0	60 9 6	1,863	3,807	8,850 9 5	12,269 18 8
May	774	887	3,238 9 7	4,081 0 6	56 1 6	70 13 0	1,815	3,688	8,664 14 9	12,529 10 11
June.....	695	1,047	2,964 4 5	4.479 0 0	51 0 0	77 7 0	1,725	6,420	8,377 15 7	14,495 16 10
July	931	1.268	4,412 9 8	5,167 18 9	75 8 0	92 8 6	2,035	2,758	9,297 0 7	12,115 9 5
August	960	974	4,557 19 8	4,550 14 7	80 18 0	79 4 0	2,191	2,414	10,354 7 0	10,783 9 7
September	861	887	4,123 1 7	3,700 2 0	69 7 6	61 6 6	2,249	2,597	11,430 10 8	11,695 15 0
Total.....	6,887	8,375	31,204 7 0	36,360 16 7	538 14 6	622 17 0	17,154	31,372	80,747 17 7	111,053 8 6

Amount of Remittances received at the Chief Office during the nine months ended 30th of September, 1867 ..... £112,825 1 7
Amount of Remittances despatched from Chief Office during the nine months ended 30th of September, 1867 ..... 110,626 13 4

£223,451 14 11

H.

PARTICULARS of Contracts entered into for the Conveyance of Post Office Mails, from the 1st January, 1867.

Contractors. Names.	Contractors. Addresses.	Postal Lines.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractors.	Date of Termination of Contract.
		WESTERN ROADS.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
1 Richd. Porter	Pennant Hills	Parramatta, Field of Mars, and Pennant Hills.	Six	Horseback	60 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
2 Joseph Gillespie	Lower Pitt Town	Parramatta Railway Station, and Post Offices, Parramatta, Baulkham Hills, and Rouse Hill.	do	do	95 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
3 Jno. Kelly	Baulkham Hills	Baulkham Hills and Dural	Three	do	40 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
4 David Gash	Blacktown	Blacktown, Prospect, and Eastern Creek.	Six	do	44 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
5 Jos. Connoly	Windsor	Windsor, Pitt Town, and Wilberforce.	do	do	37 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
6 Matthew Thompson	Pitt Town	Pitt Town, Wiseman's Ferry, and St. Alban's.	Two	do	72 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
7 Jas. Wamsley	Wiseman's Ferry	Wiseman's Ferry and Mangrove Creek.	One	do	24 18 0	1868. 31 Dec.
8 Geo. Turnbull	Wilberforce	Wilberforce, Ebenezer, and Sackville Reach.	Three	do	29 0 0	31 Dec.
9 Hy. Everingham	Lower Portland	Sackville Reach and Lower Portland.	do	do	18 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
10 Jos. Connoly	Windsor	Richmond, North Richmond, and Wheeny Creek (Lamrock's Inn.)	Six	do	52 0 0	31 Dec.
11 R. J. Gosper	Colo	Colo and Wheeny Creek	One	do	22 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
12 P. O'Connor	Mulgoa	Richmond and Camden, *viâ* Castlereagh, Penrith, Greendale, Mulgoa, and Bringelly.	Three	do	180 0 0	31 Dec.
13 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Penrith and Orange	Six	4-wheeled coach.	1,592 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
14 Do.	do	Orange, Stony Creek, Ironbarks, Black Rock, Wellington, and Montefiores.	Three	do	692 10 0	1867. 31 Dec.
15 W. F. Wynne 50s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Molong	Orange, Molong, Black Rock, Wellington, and Montefiores.	do	1-horse vehicle.	690 0 0	31 Dec.
16 Jno. Payne 15s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Montefiores	Wellington, Montefiores, and Dubbo.	Four	2 horse coach.	320 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
17 Chas. H. Beresford £5 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Liverpool	Dubbo, Warren, Cannonbar, Gongolgan, and Bourke.	One	Vehicle or on horseback.	875 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
18 M. Doohan	Wentworth	Bourke, Fort Bourke, and Mt. Murchison, travelling on either side of the Darling River.	do	Horseback	375 0 0	31 Dec.
19 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Hartley, Bowenfels, and Mudgee	Six	4-wheel conveyance.	1,092 0 0	31 Dec.
20 Thos. Cheshire	Mudgee	Mudgee, Guntawang, Cobbora, Mundooran, and Coonamble	Two	Horseback—to provide coach between Mudgee and Mundooran if required.	635 0 0	31 Dec.
21 John Hill and Rob. Falconer.	Mundooran	Coonamble, and Merri Merri (M'Lean's Station), *viâ* Bimbimbleyon, Bundy, Ningey, and Coanbone.	One	Horseback	100 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
22 Hy. J. Ferguson	Rylstone	Kean's Swamp and Rylstone	Three	do	115 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
23 Dominick Healy	Collie	Gilgandra and Collie	One	do	70 0 0	31 Dec.
24 Wm. Bars	Hartley	Hartley, Fish River Creek, and Oberon.	do	do	70 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
25 Thos. Cheshire	Mudgee	Mudgee, Merrendee, Burrendong, and Ironbarks.	do	do	119 0 0	31 Dec.
26 F. Millgate	Molong	Molong and Ironbarks	Three	do	129 0 0	31 Dec.
27 Stephen Tucker	Long Creek	Mudgee, Grattai, Windeyer, Pure Point, Campbell's Creek, Long Creek, and Upper Pyramul, with a branch post to and from Grattai, Avisford, and Louisa Creek.	Two	do	199 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
28 Martin Nash	Mudgee	Mudgee and Barragon	One	do	35 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
29 Thos. Adams	Coolah	Mudgee and Cassilis	Two	do	157 0 0	31 Dec.
30 John Hill and R. Falconer	Mundooran	Mudgee, Guntawang, and Dubbo	Two	do	289 0 0	31 Dec.

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Contractors. Names.	Contractors. Addresses.	Postal Lines.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractors.	Date of Termination of Contract.
			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
31 John Hill and R. Falconer —Transferred to Thos. Cheshire, 1 June, 1867.	Mundooran	Dubbo and Cobbora.....	One	Horseback	92 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
32 Dond. Paterson	Mitchell's Creek..	Yetholme and Mitchell's Creek	Two	do	52 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
33 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Bathurst, Peel, and Sofala	Three.....	4-wheel conveyance.	119 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
34 Jno. M'Cann	Wattle Flat	Sofala and Tambaroora	Two	Horseback	125 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
35 Andw. Hickey.....	Louisa Creek.....	Tambaroora and Louisa Creek .	One	do	32 0 0	31 Dec.
36 Jno. Tobin	Limekilns	Peel and Limekilns	do	do	22 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
37 Phillip Ryan	Keen's Swamp ...	Sofala and Keen's Swamp	Two	do	80 0 0	31 Dec.
38 Andw. Whiteford	Mutton's Falls ...	Bathurst and O'Connell; and O'Connell, Mutton's Falls, Oberon, and Fish River Creek.	do ..... One	do	110 0 0	31 Dec.
39 Martin Ryan	Bathurst	Bathurst, Millamurra and Quartz Ridge.	Two	do	120 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
40 Edwd. Kerwick	Yetholme	Bathurst, Caloola, and Long Swamp, *viâ* Denis Island.	One	do	75 0 0	31 Dec.
41 J. W. de Lisle Evans.....	Rockley.....	Bathurst Lagoons and Rockley.	Two	do	118 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
42 F. C. Hawkins	do.	Rockley and Swatchfield, *viâ* Swallow's Nest Diggings.	One	do	60 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
43 J. W. de Lisle Evans.....	do.	Rockley, Long Swamp, and Tuena.	do	do	73 14 0	31 Dec.
44 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Bathurst, Evans' Plains, Blayney, Carcoar, and Cowra.	Three.....	Coach, 2 or more horses.	649 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
45 Wm. Worner	Lucknow	Cowra, South Wangan, and Forbes.	do	Horseback	200 0 0	31 Dec.
46 Jas. Baker	Blayney.....	Blayney and Teesdale	One	do	24 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
47 T. G. Murray	Young	Cowra and Marengo, *viâ* Bombaldry.	Two	do. or by vehicle.	133 6 8	31 Dec.
48 Alex. Ferguson	Tilga, near Canowindra.	Cowra and Canowindra	Three.....	Horseback	99 19 0	1869. 31 Dec.
49 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Orange, Toogong, Murga, and Forbes.	do	Coach, 2 or more horses.	810 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
50 Wm. Worner — Transferred to Napoleon Smith, 23 April, 1867.	Forbes	Forbes and Condobolin, *viâ* Finn's.	Two	Horseback	200 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
51 T. J. Grace	Hyandra, Lachlan River.	Condobolin, Booligal, and Hay.	do	do	700 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
52 James Goodluck	Forbes	Forbes and Young, *viâ* Pinnacle Reefs and Emu Creek.	do	do	380 0 0	31 Dec.
53 Augustus Coulson	Orange	Orange and Ophir	One	do	45 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
54 Wm. Palmer	Carcoar	Orange, Cadia, and Carcoar ...	do	do	105 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
55 Augustus Coulson	Orange	Orange and the Meadows	do	do	23 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
56 George Field	Billabong	Forbes and Billabong	Three.....	do	120 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
57 John Barry	Carcoar	Molong and Obley	Two	do	95 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
58 Wm. Dickinson	Obley	Obley and Canonbar, *viâ* Nyingan.	One	do	270 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
59 Robt. Kendall	Mount Foster ...	Warren and Mount Harris, *viâ* Drungalee.	do	do	80 0 0	31 Dec.
60 Wm. Howlett	Bourke	Bourke and Belalie (Warrego River), *or* Bourke and Cameron's, Cuttaburra Creek.	Once a fortnight	do	156 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
61 W. T. Price.....	Richmond.....	Railway Station and Post Office, Richmond.	Twenty-four.	On foot ...	26 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
		SOUTHERN ROADS.				
1 Thos. Arundell — Transferred to Wm. Braithwaite, 1 Oct., 1867.	Liverpool	Liverpool, Denham Court (on return by Kemp's Creek), and Bringelly.	Six	Horseback	92 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
2 Ann Galvin ..... 2s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors and Mail Guards.	Camden	Railway Station, Campbelltown, and Post Offices, Campbelltown, Narellan, and Camden.	Twelve ...	4-wheel coach, 2 or more horses.	60 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
3 Matthew Roberts	Brownlow Hill...	Camden and Brownlow Hill ...	Six	Horseback	34 0 0	31 Dec.
4 Jas. Herring	Picton	Picton and Oaks	do	do	50 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
5 Timothy Lacy.....	Oaks	Oaks and Burragorang	Three.....	do	34 10 0	1867. 31 Dec.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
						1867.
6 J. Waterworth	Campbelltown	Campbelltown, Appin, Woonona and Wollongong.	Six	American vehicles.	490 0 0	31 Dec.
7 Ben Rixon	Wollongong	Wollongong, Dapto, Jamberoo, Kiama, and Shoalhaven.	do	Horseback and by vehicle.	530 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
8 Fk. Walters	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven, Terrara, and Nowra, *viâ* Green Hills.	do	Horseback	45 0 0	31 Dec.
9 P. Walsh	Wandandián	Nowra, Milton, and Ulladulla	Three	do	154 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
10 Jas. Grey	Albion Park	Albion Park and Shellharbour	do	do	20 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
*11 Francis Moon	Gerringong	Gerringong and Broughton's Creek.	Two	do	28 10 0	31 Dec.
12 Isaac Thorburn	Shoalhaven	Nowra and Burrier	do	do	36 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
13 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Picton and Yass	Six	4-wheel vehicle.	1,592 0 0	31 Dec.
14 Sheahan and Garry	Jugiong	Yass and Albury	do	2-horse coach.	3,600 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
15 Ed. Riley	Bong Bong	Berrima, Bowral, and Bong Bong.	do	Horseback	52 0 0	31 Dec.
16 Eliza Wallace	Sutton Forest	Berrima and Sutton Forest	do	do	70 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
17 Wm. Johnston	Kangaloon	Sutton Forest, Burrawang, Wingecarribbee, and Kangaloon.	Two	do	38 0 0	31 Dec.
18 Thos. Moran	Goulburn	Goulburn and Bungonia	Three	do	70 0 0	31 Dec.
		Bungonia and Marulan	do			
		Bungonia and Windellama	One			
19 Jno. Wade	Marulan	Marulan and Long Reach	Two	do	21 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
20 J. M. Munoz	Goulburn	Goulburn, Laggan, and Tuena	One	do	93 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
21 T. Moran	do	Goulburn, Wheeo, and Binda, *viâ* Mummell, Pomeroy, and Gullen.	Two	do	125 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
22 G. W. M'Donald	Binda	Binda and Tuena	do	do	50 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
23 P. Glennan	Wheeo	Wheeo, Reid's Flat, and Cowra	One	do	114 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
24 G. W. M'Donald	Binda	Binda and Bigga	do	do	35 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
25 J. Malone	Braidwood	Goulburn, Boro, and Braidwood	Six	1 or more horse coach	490 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
26 Patk. Cahill	do	Braidwood, Upper Araluen, Redbank, and Crown Flat, *viâ* Reidsdale, and Bell's Creek.	Three	2-horse vehicle.	124 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
27 Robt. Little	Gundary, *viâ* Crown Flat.	Crown Flat, Lower Araluen, Mullenderree, and Moruya.	Two	Horseback	80 0 0	31 Dec.
28 Robt. Elliott Half of usual fare to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Queanbeyan	Boro, Bungendore, Queanbeyan, and Cooma.	Three	do, or by 2-horse vehicle.	550 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
29 Jas. Walters	Cooma	Cooma, Adaminaby, Russell's, and Kiandra.	One	Horseback	107 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
30 Jas. Malone	Braidwood	Bungendore and Molonglo	Three	do	43 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
31 Wm. Roohan	Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan and Lanyon	Two	do	58 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
32 Patk. Egan	Cooma	Cooma and Buckley's Crossing-place, *viâ Woolway and Jejizrick.*	One	do	61 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
33 Thos. Prior	Jejizrick	Jejizrick and Jindabyne	do	do	30 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
34 Hy. Goodwin	Umaralla, *viâ* Cooma.	Cooma, and the junction of the Big Badger and Numeralla Rivers.	do	do	35 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
35 Wm. Reed	Bombala	Cooma, Nimitibelle, and Bombala.	Two	do	239 10 0	31 Dec.
36 Do	do	Cooma, Bobundarah, and Bombala.	One	do	95 0 0	31 Dec.
37 Jno. Hopkins	Eden	Bombala, Cathcart, Bambula, and Eden.	Two	do	190 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
38 W. H. Hopkins	Bega	Bega and Kameruka	do	do	40 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
39 Wm. Reed	Bombala	Bombala and Delegate	Three	do	80 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
40 Patk. Cahill	Braidwood	Braidwood, Jembaicumbene, and Major's Creek, *viâ* Bell's Paddock.	do	do	52 0 0	31 Dec.

* Contractor allowed £14 5s. per annum extra for once a week extra communication, from 1st March, 1867.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
*41 Jas. Ellis	Major's Creek	Major's Creek, Ballalaba, and Oranmier (Stony Creek).	Two	Horseback	50 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
42 Thos. Lamond	Shoalhaven	Braidwood, Corang, Nerriga, and Shoalhaven.	One	do	150 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
43 Jas. Malone	Braidwood	Braidwood and Monga. (Little or Mongarlo River.)	Two	do	28 10 0	31 Dec.
44 T. Moran	Goulburn	Goulburn, Collector, and Gundaroo.	Three	do	220 0 0	31 Dec.
45 J. A. O'Neill	Queanbeyan	Gundaroo, Ginindera, Canberra, and Queanbeyan.	Two	do	145 0 0	31 Dec.
46 J. M. Munoz	Goulburn	Goulburn, Spring Valley, Currawang, and Kenny's Point, *viâ* Bangalore.	One	do	40 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
47 Thos. Moran	do	Goulburn, Tarlo, Myrtleville, and Taralga, *viâ* Chatsbury.	Two	do	63 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
48 J. Wheatley	Dalton	Gunning and Dalton	do	do	26 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
49 Wm. Myles 5s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Yass	Yass and Burrowa, *viâ* Limestone and Lang's Creek.	Three	2-wheeled vehicle.	220 0 0	31 Dec.
50 Thos. G. Murray	Young	Burrowa, Marengo, and Young	Two	Horseback	145 0 0	31 Dec.
51 S. Williams	Burrowa	Burrowa and Reid's Flat, *viâ* Hovel's Creek and Phil's Creek.	One	do	44 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
52 Jas. Roberts	Yass	Yass, Binalong, Murrumburrah, Wombat, and Young, *viâ* Demondrille, Stony Creek, and Spring Creek.	Three	4-wheel conveyance.	450 0 0	31 Dec.
53 Thos. H. West	Young	Young and Morangarell	One	Horseback	55 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
54 Do	do	Morangarell and Marsden's	do	do	40 0 0	31 Dec.
55 John Dillon	Murrumburrah	Murrumburrah, Coramundra, Junee, and Wagga Wagga, *viâ* Bathurga and Cudgegong.	Two	do	237 5 0	1869. 31 Dec.
56 Wm. Boswell	Gundaroo	Yass and Gundaroo, *viâ Mundoonan, and by Yass River Route.*	do	do	75 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
57 Wm. Carroll	Gundagai	Gundagai and Clarendon	One	do	65 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
58 Thos. Madigan	Tumut	Gundagai and Tumut	Three	do	110 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
59 Wm. Smiles	do	Tumut and Adelong	do	do	60 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
60 R. Hughes	West Denison, *viâ* Cooma.	Tumut and Kiandra	One	do	149 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
61 M. Bradley	Tumberumba	Tarcutta and Adelong	Three	do	160 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
62 Ed. Potter £1 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Wagga Wagga	Tarcutta and Wagga Wagga	Six	1-horse conveyance.	270 0 0	31 Dec.
63 R. Powell and J. Beveridge.	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga, Urana, Jerelderrie, Conargo, and Deniliquin, *viâ* Coonong.	Four	Horseback	1,195 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
64 W. Burgess—Cancelled	Moulamein	Deniliquin, Moulamein, and Balranald, *via* Wakool and Moolpar.	Two	do	400 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
65 Jas. Gormley	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga, Narandera, and Hay, *via* Angel's Station.	do	do	777 0 0	31 Dec.
66 Robertson, Wagner, and Co. £2 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Melbourne	Hay, Wanganella, and Deniliquin.	Three	2-horse vehicle.	595 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
†67 Geo. Carter	Maude	Hay, Maude, and Balranald	Two	Horseback	375 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
68 Jas. Hart £2 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Balranald	Balranald and Swan Hill	do	Horseback or by coach.	187 10 0	31 Dec.
69 M. Charters	Hay	Balranald, Euston, and Wentworth.	One	Horseback	290 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
70 Do.	do.	Wentworth, Menindie, and Mount Murchison.	do	do	570 0 0	31 Dec.
71 Geo. Davies	Ten-mile Creek	Adelong, Upper Adelong, Tumberumba, and Ten-mile Creek, with a branch post to and from Copabella, Gingillack, and Welaregang.	Two	do	320 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
72 Do.	do.	Ten-mile Creek, Piney Range, and Urana.	One	do	89 15 0	31 Dec.

* Contractor allowed £25 per annum extra for once a week additional communication between Ballalaba and Fairfield, from 1st May, 1867.
† Contractor allowed £80 per annum extra for travelling once a week *viâ* Oxley, from 1st February, 1867.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1869.
73 Ed. Smith—Transferred to A. O. Boyle, 1 July, 1867. £2 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Howlong	Albury, Howlong, Corowa, and Deniliquin.	Two	Buggy or coach, 2 or 4 horses.	317 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
74 Jas. Black	Corowa	Corowa, and Wahgunyah	Six	On foot ...	20 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
75 Robertson, Wagner, and Co. £1 to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Melbourne	Deniliquin, Moama, and Echuca	do	2-horse vehicle.	595 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
76 Patk. Honan	Mogo.....	Ulladulla and Bateman's Bay...	Two	Horseback	80 0 0	31 Dec.
77 Ed. Corrigan	Bateman's Bay...	Bateman's Bay, Mullenderree, and Moruya. It is clearly understood that the Mails shall leave Bateman's Bay immediately after the arrival there of the steamer from Sydney, and shall leave Moruya in time to meet the steamer leaving Bateman's Bay for Sydney, the Contractor finding adequate means for both requirements.	do	do	52 0 0	31 Dec.
78 Jas. M'Gregor	Bega	Moruya and Bodalla	do	do	70 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
79 Chas. and Jas. Macgregor	do.	Bodalla, Bega, Wolumla, Merimbula, Panbula, and Eden.	do	do	260 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
80 W. Jones	Moruya.....	Moruya and Kiora	do	do	17 15 0	31 Dec. 1869.
81 Jas. Macgregor	Bega	Bodalla and Nerrigundah	do	do	69 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
82 A. Cowdroy.....	Wagonga	Bodalla and Wagonga.....	One	do	50 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
83 Chas. and Jas. Macgregor	Bega	Merimbula Wharf and Post Offices, Panbula, and Eden.	do	do	40 0 0	31 Dec.
84 Owen Malone.....	Braidwood.....	Nelligen and Braidwood.....	do	do	45 0 0	31 Dec.
85 Do.	do.	Braidwood and Queanbeyan, *via* Molonglo Gap.	Two	do	140 0 0	31 Dec.
86 H. B. Beresford.....	Liverpool	Railway Station and Post Office, Liverpool.	Twelve or more.	do	54 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
87 Wm. Noakes	Cambewarra.....	Bolong and Cambewarra.....	Three.....	do	8 0 0	31 Dec.
		NORTHERN ROADS.				
1 Jeremiah Wall	St. Leonards.....	Sydney, Lane Cove, Hornsby, and Gosford.	Two	Horseback	195 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
2 I. Coulter	Gosford.....	Gosford and Kincumber.....	do	do	20 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
3 Wm. H. Rinker.....	Stockton	Newcastle and Stockton	Six or more.	Boat	50 0 0	31 Dec.
4 Robt. Downie.....	Newcastle	Newcastle Wharf, Post Office, and Railway Terminus.	Fourteen or more.	.....	90 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
5 Jno. Williams.....	Stroud	Raymond Terrace, Limeburner's Creek, and Stroud.	Four	2-horse vehicle.	155 0 0	31 Dec.
6 T. Johnson	do.	Stroud, Langworthy's, Gloucester, and Tinonee.	Two	Horseback	210 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
7 Chas. Dee, junr.....	Myall.....	Stroud and Myall River	do	do	45 0 0	31 Dec.
8 J. Hemingway	Dingo Creek.....	Tinonee and Wingham	do	do	30 0 0	31 Dec. 1869.
9 Do.	do.	Wingham and Dingo Creek ...	do	do	20 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
10 G. R. M'Cartney	Redbank	Tinonee and Redbank.....	do	do	34 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
11 Jno. Petrie	Cundletown	Tinonee, Taree, Cundletown, and Jones' Island.	do	do	30 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
12 J. V. Riddle	Holey Flat, *viâ* Tinonee.	Tinonee and Port Macquarie ...	do	do	214 0 0	31 Dec. 1869.
13 Jas M'Inherny	Port Macquarie..	Port Macquarie, Huntingdon, and the Junction of the Ellenborough and Hastings Rivers	One	Horseback..	58 10 0	31 Dec. 1868.
14 Chris. Felten	E. Kempsey	Port Macquarie, Rolland's Plains, and Kempsey, *via* Wilson River (Churchill's.)	Two	do	99 0 0	31 Dec. 1867.
15 H. Young	Hursley.....	Port Macquarie and Hursley ...	do	do	50 0 0	31 Dec.
16 O. O. Dangar	Kempsey	Kempsey and Frederickton.....	do	do	24 0 0	31 Dec.
17 Wright Hampson	E. Kempsey	Frederickton, Seven Oaks, Darkwater, and Summer Island	do	do	40 0 0	31 Dec. 1868.
18 L. F. M'Dougall.....	Frederickton.....	Frederickton and Dovedale ...	One	do	85 0 0	31 Dec.
19 Chris. Felten	E. Kempsey	Kempsey and Warneton.....	Two	do	22 0 0	31 Dec.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
20 S. Fitzgerald ..... 2s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	W. Maitland.....	Railway Station, High-street, and Post Office, West Maitland.	Fourteen or more.	1-horse cart.	34 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
21 Do. ..... 2s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	do	Morpeth and Hinton	Seven.....	On horseback or by 2 or 4-horse coach.	24 10 0	31 Dec.
22 Lawrence Arnold—Transferred to Stephen Fitzgerald, 1 April, 1867. 5s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Dungog	Hinton, Seaham, Clarence Town, Brookfield, Dungog, and Bandon Grove.	Three.....	Cart drawn by 2 or 4 horses.	125 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
23 P. Higgins	Monkerai	Dungog and Monkerai	One	Horseback..	17 0 0	31 Dec.
24 S. Fitzgerald ..... 4s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	West Maitland...	East Maitland, Largs, and Paterson.	Seven.....	Horseback or by 2 or 4-horse coach. Boat to be provided in times of flood	89 10 0	1867. 31 Dec.
25 Do.	do ...	Largs and Woodville	do	Horseback..	34 15 0	31 Dec.
26 S. Foster	Mount Vincent...	East Maitland and Mount Vincent.	Three.....	do	35 0 0	31 Dec.
27 J. F. Foster.....	do ...	Mount Vincent and Cooranbong	One	do	25 0 0	31 Dec.
28 R. Robinson	Trevallyn, *viâ* Paterson.	Paterson, Vacy, and Gresford...	Three.....	do	28 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
29 Jas. Kenny	Eccleston	Gresford and Eccleston	One	do	27 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
30 Joseph Owen	Gresford	Gresford and Lostock	Two	do	23 0 0	31 Dec.
31 S. Fitzgerald ..... 2s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	West Maitland...	West Maitland, East Maitland, and Morpeth.	Seven.....	do, or by 1-horse cart	74 15 0	31 Dec.
32 Do. ..... 10s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	do	West Maitland, Bishop's Bridge, Millfield, Cessnock, and Wollombi, with branch post to and from Millfield and Ellalong.	Three.....	Vehicle, 2 horses.	139 10 0	1868. 31 Dec.
33 Hy. Brown	Laguna	Wollombi and Laguna	Three.....	Horseback	14 0 0	31 Dec.
34 D. H. M'Donald.....	Branxton	Railway Station, and Post Office, Branxton.	Fourteen or more.	do	20 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
35 Wm. Gellathy—Transferred to Alfred Walters, 1 April, 1867. 1s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Lochinvar.....	Railway Station, and Post Office, Lochinvar.	Thirteen or more.	1-horse vehicle.	50 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.
36 Jas. Rowe	Fordwich	Singleton and Fordwich	Three.....	Horseback	58 10 0	1868. 31 Dec.
37 Jno. Vigors	Jerry's Plains ...	Singleton and Jerry's Plains, *via* Cockfighter's Creek, and in time of flood, *via* Thorley's.	do	do	60 0 0	31 Dec.
38 Jno. Gill	Moonbi	Railway Station, and Post Office, Singleton and Murrurundi and Armidale.	Six	Singleton and Murrurundi coach, 4 horses, and Murrurundi and Armidale coach, 2 or more horses.	4,946 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
39 A. M'Kenzie	Singleton	Muswellbrook, Denman, Merriwa, and Cassilis (contractor will be required to provide boat at Denman).	Three.....	4-wheeled coach	546 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
40 Hugh Eipper	Scone	Scone and Moonan Brook	Two	Horseback	75 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
41 John Turner	do	Scone, Thornthwaite, and Merriwa, *via* Wabong and Hill's Creek.	One	do	60 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
42 T. S. Russell	Murrurundi	Murrurundi and Oakey Creek..	do	do	100 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
43 Thos. Adams	Coonabarabran...	Cassilis, Turee, and Coolah.....	Two	do	127 0 0	31 Dec.
44 G. Montgomery	do ...	Coolah and Coonabarabran.....	One	do	88 0 0	31 Dec.
45 Geo. Walker	Carroll	Coonabarabran and Gunnedah..	do	do	99 10 0	1868. 31 Dec.
46 S. Denman	Denison Town ...	Coolah, Denison Town, and Cobbora.	do	do	84 0 0	1867. 31 Dec.
47 W. Kelly	Nundle	Goonoo Goonoo, Bowling Alley Point, Nundle, and Hanging Rock.	Three.....	do	148 0 0	31 Dec.
48 Rich. Cross	Currabubula	Goonoo Goonoo and Currabubula	One	do	24 0 0	31 Dec.
49 Lawrence Potts	Rocky River.....	Uralla and Rocky River.....	Three.....	do	24 0 0	31 Dec.
50 Wm. Riding	Gostwyck, Uralla	Bendemeer and Walcha	Two	do	105 0 0	1868. 31 Dec.
51 Jas. King.....	Armidale	Bendemeer, Bundarra, and Inverell.	One	do	135 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1867.
52 W. M. Stevenson	Armidale	Armidale and Bundarra	One	Horseback	95 0 0	31 Dec.
53 Geo. Burton	do	Armidale and Walcha	do	do	65 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
54 Jas. King	do	Armidale and Inverell, *via* Eversleigh, Ollera, Moredun, Paradise Creek, and Newstead	Two	do	290 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
55 Wm. White	Inverell	Inverell and Ashford, *via* Byron and Buckalla.	One	do	75 0 0	31 Dec.
56 Ed. Williams	Murrurundi	Murrurundi, Quirindi, Breeza, and Gunnedah, *via* Quipoly, and Murrurundi, Breeza, and Gunnedah, *via* Warra and Walhollow.	do / do	do	295 0 0	31 Dec.
57 W. H. Carr	Wee Waa	Gunnedah, Gulligal, Narrabri, Wee Waa, and Wallgett.	Two	do	496 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
58 Saml. Arndell—Transferred to Wm. M'Kenzie, 1st Sept., 1867.	do	Coonamble, Baradine, and Pilliga.	One	do	108 0 0	31 Dec.
59 Hy. Hume—Transferred to Catherine Hume, 1st July, 1867	Gunnedah	Gunnedah and Coolah	do	do	92 0 0	31 Dec.
60 T. H. B. M'Gee	Warialda	Barraba and Moree, *via* Tareela, Mount Lindsay, Currangandi, Ullembarrella, Eulourie, Pallal, Derra, Banghet, Gravesend, Binnigi, and Baldwin's.	do	do	240 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
61 Wm. Acheson	Tamworth	Wallgett, Baradine, and Coonabarabran, *via* Kienby, by the Castlereagh River, to its junction with the Barwin.	do	do	194 10 0	31 Dec.
*62 D. M. Jones	Wallgett	Wallgett and Yarawa	do	do	146 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
63 Do.	do	Wallgett and Fort Bourke	do	do	290 0 0	31 Dec.
64 E. J. Sparke	do	Wallgett, and Tate's Station, Culgoa River, *via* Forrester's on the Barwin and Narran River, and Thorold's on Bokhara River.	do	do	298 0 0	31 Dec.
65 W. Acheson—Cancelled	Tamworth	Warialda, Moree, and Narrabri	do	do	172 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
66 Hy. Goldsmith—Do	Coolah	Moree and Kunopia	do	do	112 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
67 T. H. B. M'Gee	Warialda	Kunopia and Gundawindi	do	do	160 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
68 Jas. Bowman	do	Moree and Yarrawa, *via* Crocker's Station, Mihi River	do	do	140 0 0	31 Dec.
69 Hy. Hume—Transferred to Catherine Hume, 1st July, 1867.	Gunnedah	Tamworth, Carroll, and Gunnedah.	Two	do	140 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
70 Jno. Gill	Moonbi	Tamworth, Manilla, Barraba, Bingera, and Warialda, *via* Barker's, North Bingera.	do	do	740 0 0	31 Dec.
71 M. Malley	Woodsreef	Barraba and Woodsreef	One	do	48 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
72 Thos. M'Gee	Breeza	Warialda and Gundawindi	do	do	180 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
73 Geo. Arnold	Grafton	Armidale and Grafton	do	do	210 0 0	31 Dec.
74 W. Drury	Casino	Grafton and Casino	do	do	100 0 0	31 Dec.
75 Do	do	Lawrence and Casino	do	do	120 0 0	31 Dec.
76 John O'Kelly	do	Casino, Lismore, and Richmond River Heads.	do	do	85 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
77 Jas. Duffy	do	Casino and Codrington	do	do	30 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
78 Hy. Sheldon	Lawrence	Lawrence, Tabulam, and Tooloom, *via* Pretty Gully.	do	do	200 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
79 Michl. Curry	Tenterfield	Grafton, Tabulam, Tableland, Timbarra, and Tenterfield, calling at Etonswill, Smith's Flat, Gordon Brook, and Yulgilbar (in time of flood to travel by the surveyed road).	Two	do	360 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
80 Gabriel Wardrop	Armidale	Armidale, Falconer, and Glen Innes, *via* Ben Lomond Station, with branch line from Armidale to Puddledock.	do / One	Coach licensed to carry 3 passengers.	550 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
81 S. Davison—Transferred to Ann Davison, 1st July, 1867.	Tenterfield	Glen Innes, Dundee, & Tenterfield.	Two	Horseback	390 0 0	31 Dec.
						1869.
82 E. M. Wright	do	Tenterfield and Ashford, *via* the south side of the Severn and Clifton Stations.	One	do	120 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
83 Do	do	Tenterfield and Maryland, *via* Boonoo Boonoo & Undercliff.	Two	do	160 0 0	31 Dec.

* Contractor allowed £45 per annum extra for travelling from Wallgett to Mungindie, *via* Colerenebri and Barrington, instead of Wallgett and Yarawa.

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			Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1867.
84 W. M. Stephenson	Armidale	Glen Innes and Wellingrove ...	Two ...	Horseback	270 0 0	31 Dec.
		Wellingrove and Inverell	One ...			
		Inverell and Warialda, *via* Bannockburn, Reedy Creek, and Gragin.	do ...			
						1869.
85 J. Cunningham	Casino	Casino and Brisbane	do	do	180 0 0	31 Dec.
		SUBURBAN LINES.				
1 Jas. Holland ..... 1s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	185, Elizabeth-street.	General Post Office and Watson's Bay, *via* St. Mark's and Waverley.	Six	Vehicle, 1 horse.	90 0 0	31 Dec.
2 Thos. Colley ..... 1s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Botany	General Post Office, Waterloo, and Botany.	Twelve ...	Omnibus, 2 or more horses.	70 0 0	31 Dec.
3 Rd. Palmer, jun. ..... 2s. 6d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Bankstown	General Post Office and Bankstown, *viâ* Camperdown, Petersham, Ashfield, Enfield, and Bark Huts.	Six	Coach drawn by not less than 2 horses, or on horseback.	100 0 0	31 Dec.
						1867.
4 Charlotte L. Fairbairn ...	Marrickville	Newtown and Marrickville.....	do	On foot ...	15 0 0	31 Dec.
						1868.
5 Agnes Gannon ..... 1s. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Cook's River.....	General Post Office & St. Peter's,	Twelve ...	Coach drawn by 3 horses.	38 0 0	31 Dec.
		and				
		St. Peter's, Gannon's Forest, and Kogarah.	Three.....	Horseback		
						1869.
6 John Walsh ..... 9d. to be paid for every seat required by Government, other than those for Postal Inspectors or Mail Guards.	Randwick	General Post Office and Randwick.	Twelve ...	Coach drawn by 3 horses.	50 0 0	31 Dec.
7 William Favell — Cancelled.	Cook's River.....	General Post Office and Newtown, and Newtown and General Post Office, calling at the Glebe Post Office.	Daily	.....	2 0 0 a month.	One month's notice on either side.
						1867.
8 P. Maloney.....	Sydney	General Post Office and Moore's Wharf, and General Post Office and Circular Quay.	Monthly, on arrival and despatch of English Mails.	Vehicles...	47 0 0	31 Dec.

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		WESTERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
62 M. Webb	St. Mary's.....	Railway Station, South Creek, and Post Office, St. Mary's.	Twenty-four.	.....	55 0 0	One month's notice on either side.
		SOUTHERN ROAD.				1867.
88 W. Reed	Bombala	Kameruka and Nimitybelle.....	One	Horseback	65 0 0	31 Dec.

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Contractors. Names.	Contractors. Address.	Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractors.	Date of Termination of Contract.
		WESTERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	
63 Cobb & Co.	Sydney	Cowra and Grenfell.....	Three.....	Coach.....	300 0 0	1 month's notice.

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Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		SOUTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1869.
*64 Wm. Smith	Deniliquin	Deniliquin, Moulamein, and Balranald, *viâ* Wakool and Moolpar.	Two	Horseback	400 0 0	31 Dec.

* In lieu of Contract No. 64, in printed notice, dated 17th December, 1866.

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Contractors.		Postal Lines.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Names.	Addresses.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.			£ s. d.	1868.
*86 S. W. Grey	Wollumben	Casino and Wollumben	Once a fortnight	Horseback	130 0 0	31 Dec.
*87 Jas. Bowman	Warialda	Yarrawa and Mungindie	Once a week	do	50 0 0	1869. 31 Dec.

* New lines.

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Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Amount payable to Contractor for the period of 9 months.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		SOUTHERN ROAD.			£ s. d.	1867.
88 Robt. Viles	Picton	Railway Station and Post Office, Picton.	Two or three times per day	Horseback	35 0 0	31 Dec.

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Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		SOUTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1868.
*89 Henry Manning	Nelligen	Nelligen and Araluen	One	Horseback	45 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

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Contractors.		Postal Lines.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Names.	Addresses.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1869.
*65 Wm. Gordon	Gunnedah.....	Warialda, Moree, and Narrabri	One	Horseback	140 0 0	31 Dec.
†66 Do	do	Moree and Kunopia	One	do	110 0 0	31 Dec.

* In lieu of Contract No. 65, Northern Road, in printed notice, dated 17th December, 1866.
† Do. No. 66, do. do. do.

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Contractors.		Postal Lines.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Names.	Addresses.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1869.
*88 Robert Andrews.....	Woodside	Wingham and Woodside, Upper Manning.	Two	Horseback	28 0 0	31 Dec.
*89 W. M. Stevenson and J. Braham.	Armidale	Glen Innes and Grafton, *viâ* Hook's River, Broad Meadows, Newton Boyd, and the Big Hill.	One	do	190 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

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Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1869.
*90 John M'Cubbin—cancelled	Denison Town ...	Denison Town and Turee *viâ* Cockatoo Corner (Uabry).	One	Horseback	60 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

PARTICULARS of a Contract entered into for the Conveyance of Post Office Mails, from the 1st August, 1867.

Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.			£ s. d.	1869.
*91 Roger Lavers	Gloucester	Gloucester and Nowendoc	Once a fortnight	Horseback	39 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

PARTICULARS

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PARTICULARS of a Contract entered into for the Conveyance of Post Office Mails, from the 1st August, 1867.

Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		WESTERN ROAD.	Number of times per day.		£ s. d.	1869.
64 P. O'Connor	Mulgoa	Penrith Post Office and Railway Station, Penrith; and Penrith Post Office, Emu Ferry, and Emu.	Three or oftener. Once or oftener.	Horse-back.	84 0 0	31 Dec.

PARTICULARS of Contracts entered into for the Conveyance of Post Office Mails, from the 1st September, 1867.

Contractors.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Names.	Addresses.					
		SOUTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1868.
*90 Thos. Wade	Goulburn	Laggan and Crookwell	Once	Horseback	25 0 0	31 Dec.
		NORTHERN ROAD.				1869.
†90 John M'Cubbin	Denison Town ...	Cassilis and Denison Town, *via* Tangua and Uabry.	Once	Do.....	96 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

† New arrangement in lieu of Contract No. 90, Northern Road, in notice dated 30th July, 1867, which is cancelled.

PARTICULARS of a Contract entered into for the Conveyance of Post Office Mails, from the 1st December, 1867.

Contractor.		Postal Line.	Frequency of Communication.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Amount payable to Contractor.	Date of Termination of Contract.
Name.	Address.					
		NORTHERN ROAD.	Number of times per week.		£ s. d.	1868.
*92 Colin McKenzie	Singleton	Singleton and Westbrook	Twice.....	.....	20 0 0	31 Dec.

* New line.

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The Postal Inspector, Northern District, to The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

Sydney, 8 April, 1868.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to furnish you, for the information of the Honorable the Postmaster General, with the Report on the work performed by me as Postal Inspector, during the year 1867.

I was appointed on the 1st of January of that year, and was engaged at the General Post Office, Sydney, until the beginning of April, in revising time-tables, reporting on different postal matters, and making myself thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of the department. I then started on my first tour, and inspected the post offices at Newcastle, The Junction, Stockton, and Raymond Terrace, I then returned to Sydney, having travelled 189 miles.

On the 3rd of April, I again started from Sydney on a visit to the north-western portion of the Colony; and on this journey I inspected the following post offices, viz.:—Newcastle, Singleton, Darlington, Warkwork, Jerry's Plains, Denman, Merriwa, Cassilis, Turee, Denison Town, Cobbora, Mundooran, Coolah, Turee, Cassilis, and Mudgee. I arrived in Mudgee on the 27th of April, having travelled 448 miles.

I left Mudgee for Mundooran the 11th of June, for the purpose of inquiring about certain postal matters at that place; visited on my way the post office at Denison Town, and came back to Mudgee on the 18th of the same month, having travelled 162 miles.

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On the 9th of July, I started on a tour of inspection, and visited Cassilis, Merriwa, Thornthwaite, Scone, Murrurundi, Quirindi, Wallabadah, Breeza, Gunnedah, Carroll, Gulligal, Narribri, Wee Waa, Pilliga, Wallgett, Collarenebri, Mugindi, Kunopia, Moree, Warialda, Bingera, Upper Bingera, Barraba, Wood's Reef, Manilla, Tamworth, Moonbi, Goonoo Goonoo, Currabubula, Bowling Alley Point, Nundle, Hanging Rocks, Moonan Brook, Scone, Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Camberwell, Darlington, Singleton, Belford, Branxton, Lochinvar, West Maitland, East Maitland, Woodville, Hinton, Morpeth, Hexham, Waratah, Lambton, Borehole, and Newcastle post offices, having travelled 1,480 miles. I then returned to Sydney, and remained at the head office until the 10th of November, attending to several urgent matters connected with my office.

I started on the 11th of November, for the purpose of inspecting the post offices, and reporting on different postal matters in the Northern Districts. From that date to the 31st of December, I visited the following post offices, viz.:—Raymond Terrace, Tomago, Limeburner's Creek, Stroud, Myall River, Langworthy, Gloucester, Woodside, Wingham, Dingo Creek, Tinonee, Taree, Cundletown, Redbank, Jones' Island, Port Macquarie, Hursley, Huntingdon, Ellenborough, Rolland's Plains, Kempsey, Warneton, Frederickton, Darkwater, Summer Island, Grafton, South Grafton, Brush Grove, Ulmarra, Palmer's Island, Rocky Mouth, and Lawrence, having travelled 863 miles. The total distance I travelled is 3,137 miles.

This report is only to shew the number of miles I have travelled, and the number of post offices I have inspected. It would not be possible to enumerate, in a report like this, the requirements or different improvements which could be made in this department; but as I have in my different reports pointed out, from time to time, the irregularities in the country offices, I think it is only necessary now to say, that a more frequent inspection ought to be made, and the system of fine under the 14th clause of the Postage Act of 1867 ought to be rigidly enforced.

I also beg to be allowed to dwell slightly on a few important topics:—1st. The construction of the mail coaches are not all that could be desired, as far as the safety of the mail bags is concerned. It would be perhaps advisable to bind persons taking fresh contracts, or contractors that when they built new coaches, they should be built according to specification furnished by the department. 2nd. The mode of carrying the mails on horseback is, in my opinion, an objectionable one. Certainly, in many cases it cannot be avoided; but when practicable, it ought to be done away with, and coaches run instead. 3rd. It is also my duty to notice, which I do with pleasure, that I found that the few offices I had inspected on my first tour, had on my second inspection, a few months later, very much improved in the working of the postal business. On the whole, I have found that the country postmasters are willing to do their duty, but unfortunately are very often thoroughly ignorant of it. 4th. The great majority of postmasters are dissatisfied with their low salary, and very eager for an increase. This is not perhaps practicable now, but a little improvement in their situation is advisable when possible.

I have reason to think that the public at large are satisfied with the working of the department in general. Applications for new post offices, although often sent in, are in many cases not necessary, considering the large number already in existence.

I have, &c.,
GABRIEL DE MILHAU,
Postal Inspector.

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The Postal Inspector, Southern District, to The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

Wagga Wagga,
15 July, 1868.

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions, I have the honor to furnish, for the information of the Honorable the Postmaster General, my Report for 1867.

I was appointed Postal Inspector for the Southern District of New South Wales, on the 1st January of that year, and during the months of January, February, and March, I was engaged in Sydney, revising the time-tables, and acquiring a practical knowledge of the working of the various branches of the department.

During the year I visited and inspected the following post offices, viz.:—Newtown, Menangle, Campbelltown, Berrima, Murrumbah, Marulan, Goulburn, Mutt Billy, Gunning, Gap Range, Yass, Bookham, Jugiong, Gundagai, South Gundagai, Adelong Crossing-place, Tarcutta, Wagga Wagga, Urana, Jerelderie, Conargo, Deniliquin, Moama, Tarago, Boro, Junee, Coramundra, Wombat, Young, Ten-mile Creek, Albury, Murrumburrah, Burrowa, Dalton, Nattai, Bathurst, Guyong, Orange, Molong, Mitchell's Creek, Yetholme, Spring Valley, Kenny's Point, Currawang, Narrandera, Hay, Booligal, Condobolin, Forbes, Grenfell, Cowra, Carcoar, King's Plains, Evans' Plains, Oberon, Fish River Creek, Mutton's Falls, O'Connell, Botany, Waterloo, Redfern, Bourke-street, St. Leonards, St. Peter's, Norwood, Marrickville, Camperdown, Petersham, Glebe, Balmain, Pyrmont, St. Mark's, Manly Beach, Watson's Bay, and Blaney.

It will be seen that I have inspected seventy-six post offices, besides the various mail services by which the offices are connected; travelled 4,023 miles, 1,390 miles by mail, 642 miles by rail, 1,991 miles by buggy. Much reliable information has been gained by me of distances, roads, creeks, and crossings, that will be of great value to the department.

The time on nearly all the mail lines in the southern and western parts of my district has been accelerated. Some towns have received considerable benefit. The Sydney mail arrives in Goulburn one hour earlier than formerly, in Albury six hours, Wagga Wagga six hours, Deniliquin nineteen hours, and Hay thirty hours. All districts near the above towns receive a similar advantage, as also do the residents of that part of the Colony south and west of Hay to the Darling.

The weather during the year 1867 was of unusual severity, the southern and western districts being visited by heavy floods, which in many instances stopped all traffic. The mail service was in consequence performed under great difficulties.

The new bridge at Gundagai, and the proposed bridge across the Fish River, near Gunning, will prevent detentions at those places in future.

The system of amalgamating the post office with the telegraph office, has been attended with the most beneficial results where adopted. I have found the postal duties more correctly performed, and the public seem better satisfied.

I consider in all small towns where there is a telegraph office, the amalgamation ought to take place, provided the telegraph station master is in a position to undertake both duties.

It is almost impossible to have the postal duties attended to in a correct manner in a store. The public consider that where the postmaster is a storekeeper, he has advantages not enjoyed by others of the same trade in the same town.

I have, &c.,
V. MOYSE,
Postal Inspector.

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REPORT of the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs on the progress and general condition of Electric Telegraphs in New South Wales, to the 31st December, 1867.

Office of the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs,
Sydney, 18 August, 1868.

Sir,

My last Report on the condition of the lines of Electric Telegraph was forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, on the 26th July, 1866, since which date the following extensions have been completed, to the end of 1867 :—

Yass to Burrowa, 32 miles—
Total cost of construction £1,323 7 4
Station opened at Burrowa, 20th December, 1866.

Cooma to Bombala, 51½ miles—
Total cost £2,090 9 0
Station opened at Bombala, 15th May, 1867.

The direct line to South Australia from Deniliquin, *viâ* Moulamein, Balranald, Euston, and Wentworth, was completed in May, 1867 ; total cost, £13,623 16s. 4d. ; length of line, 285 miles. A short branch line was also constructed from the Western Line to the Grenfell Gold Fields ; cost of construction, £305 12s. 8d. ; length, 8½ miles, with two wires. The Grenfell Station was opened, 10th November, 1867.

Short lines were also constructed from Newcastle to Wallsend, at a cost of £187 7s. ; and from Wollongong to Bulli, costing £153 10s. These lines have been leased to the respective Coal Companies, at an annual rental.

A railway telegraph has also been placed on the line from Blacktown to Windsor, at a cost of £683 19s. ; length, 16 miles.

Revenue and Expenditure.

Revenue for the half-year ending 31 December, 1866, amounted to £15,789 15s., as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary revenue	15,054	4	0
Intercolonial balances	667	4	6
Guaranteed lines	68	6	6
	£15,789	15	0

Year ending 31st December, 1867 :—

Ordinary revenue	28,179	0	10
Intercolonial balances	1,302	14	10
Guaranteed lines	523	12	11
Bellambi line	12	10	0
	£30,017	18	7

The following comparative statement will shew the receipts, and number of messages at each station, for the years 1866 and 1867.

BUSINESS of the Electric Telegraph for the Years 1866 and 1867 compared.

1866.					1867.				
	Messages.	Amount.				Messages.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Adelong	43	9	12	11	Adelong	391	82	2	11
Albury	19,500	502	16	6	Albury	15,672	548	10	6
Armidale	1,625	461	15	2	Armidale	1,490	424	12	2
Aralnen	1,587	215	13	5	Aralnen	1,278	156	16	0
Balranald	93	28	2	5	Balranald	489	127	4	11
Bathurst	4,018	837	8	1	Bathurst	3,288	661	15	9
Berrima	407	67	11	11	Berrima	297	45	19	5
Bendemeer	184	38	11	4	Bendemeer	178	48	3	10
Braidwood	2,169	429	12	10	Bombala	429	138	12	11
Burrowa	33	8	15	5	Braidwood	2,214	522	8	8
Campbelltown	430	49	19	2	Burrowa	611	146	3	2
Cassilis	489	100	19	1	Campbelltown	345	40	5	5
Cooma	1,021	413	19	0	Cassilis	390	95	17	3
Deniliquin	2,798	912	8	0	Cooma	931	311	3	1
Dubbo	1,839	369	1	10	Deniliquin	2,990	1,024	9	3
East Maitland	629	136	5	4	Dubbo	1,340	290	18	11
Forbes	1,630	463	8	9	East Maitland	566	119	0	4
Glen Innes	847	229	13	11	Euston	223	68	15	11
Goulburn	2,552	580	0	0	Forbes	1,132	318	18	11
Grafton	1,816	515	2	3	Glen Innes	707	172	18	7
Gundagai	968	232	19	1	Goulburn	2,376	521	12	0
Hartley	466	68	11	11	Grenfell	306	77	0	0
Hay	1,336	479	11	2	Grafton	1,699	480	17	3
Jerelderie	216	59	16	8	Gundagai	823	176	2	8
Kiama	507	100	9	10	Hartley	351	65	7	10
Kiandra	208	61	17	1	Hay	1,242	489	19	6
Kyamba	95	23	19	11	Jerelderie	363	97	6	9
Liverpool	284	44	14	4	Kiama	431	73	11	10
Maitland	4,734	1,041	18	10	Kiandra	168	46	18	3
Merriwa	513	116	0	6	Kyamba	73	23	2	3
					Liverpool	311	44	19	11
					Maitland	3,883	811	4	3
					Merriwa	564	140	4	10

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BUSINESS, &c.—*continued.*

1866.	Messages.	Amount. £	s.	d.	1867.	Messages.	Amount. £	s.	d.
Moama	382	98	14	6	Moama	395	117	5	10
Morpeth	986	172	11	1	Morpeth	823	127	9	2
Moulamein	260	78	12	11	Moulamein	228	73	10	0
Mudgee	2,769	635	19	8	Mudgee	1,999	455	19	8
Murrurundi	972	225	0	0	Murrurundi	929	230	16	9
Muswellbrook	1,011	187	11	9	Muswellbrook	964	180	18	1
Newcastle	6,043	1,493	13	10	Nattai	588	83	7	11
Orange	1,719	401	8	7	Newcastle	5,143	1,266	17	6
Parramatta	982	102	18	5	Orange	1,488	330	17	9
Penrith	1,277	185	12	10	Parramatta	1,049	114	19	2
Picton	597	78	15	6	Penrith	1,055	144	9	0
Queanbeyan	735	192	18	2	Picton	380	51	17	2
Redfern	686	91	16	4	Queanbeyan	606	145	5	0
Richmond	34	4	8	0	Redfern	748	108	8	7
Scone	349	59	19	11	Richmond	581	83	15	11
Singleton	1,993	359	1	8	Scone	433	71	12	11
Sofala	595	98	13	10	Singleton	1,746	293	1	4
South Head	137	8	1	0	Sofala	402	66	12	5
Tambaroora	547	115	15	2	South Head	202	8	0	10
Tamworth	1,131	327	19	6	Tambaroora	365	73	14	2
Tenterfield	12,024	302	7	5	Tamworth	1,013	278	16	11
Tumut	1,062	276	17	3	Tenterfield	9,615	208	19	2
Urana	454	126	2	8	Tumut	826	194	0	5
Wagga Wagga	2,396	665	4	9	Urana	385	104	9	6
Wellington	917	199	1	10	Uralla	16	3	1	7
Wentworth	553	190	17	0	Wagga Wagga	2,209	652	8	9
Windsor	1,135	179	3	5	Wellington	685	134	4	6
Wollombi	108	25	3	3	Wentworth	2,539	493	9	11
Wollongong	1,072	180	1	2	Windsor	826	112	5	0
Yass	1,059	255	4	5	Wollombi	135	22	1	6
Young	1,065	355	13	1	Wollongong	1,079	172	10	2
Sydney	45,436	14,409	12	0	Yass	1,222	261	0	6
Bellambi	.....	12	10	0	Young	1,173	363	8	6
Intercolonial accounts	.....	1,404	6	6	Sydney	41,049	12,756	0	0
Guaranteed lines	.....	187	7	0	Bellambi	.....	12	10	0
					Intercolonial accounts	.....	1,302	14	10
					Guaranteed lines	.....	523	12	11
Number of Messages	143,523				Number of Messages	130,447			
	£	32,290	0	9		£	30,017	18	7

The foregoing statement shews a decrease of revenue amounting to £2,272 2s. 2d. for the year 1867. This small decrease is accounted for through the stagnation of trade, and the extraordinary depression in all branches of business, in consequence of the English panic in 1866.

I am of opinion that there are strong reasons for congratulation that the falling off was not greater, when we compare—with the decrease for the same year—the Telegraph Revenue in the Colony of Victoria, which shews a loss on private messages of no less than £7,030 5s. 2d.; and on Government Telegrams, £6,310 18s.; or a total decrease of £13,341 3s. 2d. on the year.

Telegraph Receipts and Expenditure in each Colony, for the year 1867.

	£	s.	d.
Victoria—			
Cash receipts	28,875	6	3
Intercolonial balance	273	5	11
Service telegrams	6,588	18	0
Shipping reports, valued at	1,561	13	0
Total	37,299	3	2
Working expenses	40,462	9	2
Net loss	3,163	6	0
South Australia—			
Cash receipts, including service messages	12,368	2	4
Working expenses, including rent of offices, &c.	12,984	4	4
Net loss	616	2	0

Queensland—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash receipts	10,985	2	6			
Service messages	4,459	3	8			
Intercolonial balances	16	9	9			
				15,450	15	11
Working expenses.						
Salaries	9,494	9	9			
Contingencies	4,186	12	3			
Due to other Colonies	1,717	14	8			
				15,398	16	8
Net profit	.....			61	19	3

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Revenue, Expenditure, [illegible] Profit, for the year ending [illegible] 1866.

Revenue received [illegible] during the year 1866	[illegible]		
Working expenses, including salaries of officers for [illegible]	24,506	18	9
Net profit	7,783	2	0

[illegible] Expenditure, and Net Profit, for the year ending 31 *December*, 1867.

Revenue received from all sources during the year	30,017	18	7
Working expenses, including salaries of officers, for [illegible] period	28,308	16	3
Net profit	1,709	2	4
Cost of constructions	£164,656	6	0

Length of Lines, and Number of Stations in each Colony, at the end of 1867.

	No. of Stations.	Length of Line.	Length of Wire.
New South Wales	71	3,527	4,064
Victoria	87	2,613½	3,171
Queensland	33	1,584	1,752
South Australia	64	1,113½	1,164½

Telegrams received at Country Post Offices.

I have lately noticed that the system adopted in Belgium, of receiving telegrams at post offices, in places where there are no telegraph stations, has been extended to New Zealand. The plan is a very simple one, and might easily be adopted in this Colony. Each country postmaster should be provided with books of telegram forms and scales of charges; and an extra fee of 6d. on each message might be collected as a gratuity for the extra duty. The despatch to be placed in an envelope marked "telegram," and forwarded per mail to the nearest telegraph office. The charges collected to be sent with the telegram, in stamps or money order. This system will partially extend the advantages of telegraphic communication to about 300 additional places within the Colony.

Stamps for Telegrams.

The Indian Government have lately adopted stamps as franks for telegrams, on the same principle as postage stamps for letters. I would recommend for the consideration of the Government that the same system be tried in this Colony, as I have every reason to believe that it would prove a great public convenience, and simplify the collection of the revenue.

Amalgamation of Offices.

This might be done to a considerable extent by appointing the wives of the telegraph station-masters nominally as post-mistresses. The office of District Registrar might also be performed by the telegraph officers, with the understanding that the telegraph duties are to take precedence.

In minor towns where there are branch lines, alphabetical instruments might be employed, and placed in charge of the postmasters, as at Raymond Terrace and Scone.

Telegraph Communication with England.

I think little need be said, in this Report, on the extension of the Indian system of telegraphs to Australia, as the Home Government have refused any assistance to the scheme, either by a grant of public money or by guaranteeing interest on the necessary amount for the undertaking. I do not, until the new line to India, *via* Berlin, Warsaw, Odessa, Kertch, Tiflis, Teheran, Ispahan, and Bushire, is completed, communication by telegraph through the present Indo-European Line would be too expensive and unsatisfactory to be very largely availed of by the mercantile community of these Colonies. When the new line above referred to is in working order, I have no doubt that proposals will be made to construct the line by a public Company.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. C. CRACKNELL,
Superintendent of Telegraphs.

Sydney: Thomas Richards, Government Printer.—1868.