

R E T U R N S

RELATIVE TO THE

P O S T A L S E R V I C E

“A RETURN of the total number of LETTERS and the total number of NEWSPAPERS
“forwarded during the Year ended 31st December, 1857, by the Direct Mail between Wel-
“lington and Nelson *via* the Wairau. Also, of the amount of Postage collected on those
“Letters and Newspapers for account of the General Government. Also, of the cost incurred
“by the General Government on account of this Mail during the above period. Also,
“Similar RETURNS with regard to the Overland Mail between Wellington, New Ply-
“mouth and Auckland.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,

April 27th, 1857.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, and other Printed PAPERS conveyed during the Twelve Months ending 31st December 1857, by the Overland Mail between Wellington, New Plymouth, and Auckland, distinguishing the Letters conveyed between Places in one Province, from those conveyed between separate Provinces; Also, of the cost of the Mail during the above period.

	Between the Provinces of Wellington, N. Plymouth and Auckland.			Between Places within the Province of Wellington.			Between Places within the Province of New Plymouth.			Between Places within the Province of Auckland.		
	Letters.	Newspapers and other Printed Papers.	Amount of Postage collected.	Letters.	Newspapers and other Printed Papers.	Amount of Postage Collected.	Letters.	Newspapers and other Printed Papers.	Amount of Postage collected.	Letters.	Newspapers and other Printed Papers.	Amount of Postage collected.
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
January ...	1192	682	6 0 7	995	275	11 0 6	12	14	0 1 0	107	35	1 7 10
February...	905	517	5 5 8	738	245	7 19 2	60	23	0 4 2	83	46	1 0 4
March.....	1354	507	6 4 0	749	281	7 17 10	12	17	0 0 10	100	18	1 1 4
April	130	605	6 5 5	785	230	9 5 5	14	10	0 1 5	116	22	1 12 8
May	1200	740	8 12 5	989	332	11 3 3	17	21	0 1 2	107	37	1 12 8
June	1160	560	6 9 1	815	203	9 14 0	21	18	0 0 6	76	22	0 14 0
July	1475	635	6 4 3	906	279	11 9 11	22	18	0 0 8	139	21	2 0 10
August ...	1513	646	5 14 11	1129	356	11 19 9	44	8	0 2 4	112	23	1 7 2
September	1258	821	6 2 10	868	224	9 19 1	39	12	0 1 4	112	27	1 2 10
October ...	1197	690	7 0 6	1112	270	12 12 6	41	25	0 2 10	165	27	2 3 11
November	1098	521	5 19 2	890	227	9 12 6	37	16	0 2 0	126	16	1 6 10
December	1449	765	7 8 3	1114	277	13 6 8	39	93	0 1 2	107	22	1 4 2
Total	15,102	7689	77 7 1	11,090	3199	126 0 7	358	275	0 19 5	1350	316	16 14 7

NOTE—This Return shows only the Letters and Papers received; those despatched are not included in the numbers given.

The figures in the New Plymouth Return for the month of October have been estimated, as the document in question is missing.

Totals: Letters, 27,900; Newspapers and other Printed Papers: 11,479; Amount of Postage collected, £221 1s. 8d.; Cost of the Mail: £656 17s. 6d.

W. CORBETT,
Postmaster.

The total number of Letters and Newspapers forwarded during the half year ending 30th June 1857, by the direct Mail between Wellington and Nelson via the Wairau: Letters, 2,333—Newspapers, 3,586; the amount of Postage collected on those Letters and Newspapers for account of the General Government: £18 15s. 11d.; the cost incurred by the General Government on account of this Mail: £175.

* This Mail was discontinued in the month of July 1857.

Compiled from Records of Colonial Secretary's Office.

W. GISBORNE,
Under-Secretary.