

POSTAGE.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS that passed through the various Post Offices in the Colony of Victoria, during the year 1857, distinguishing Ship from Inland Letters.

Number of Post Offices.	Number of Letters passed through the Post Offices.		Number of Newspapers passed through the Post Offices.		Total.		Income.	Expenditure.
	Inland.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Newspapers.		
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.
152	2,415,933	1,484,048	1,333,439	1,648,531	3,899,981	2,981,970	77,662 12 1	96,242 11 9

WILLIAM TURNER,
Secretary.

CHURCHES, CHAPELS, ETC.

RETURN of the Number of CHURCHES, CHAPELS, &c., in the Colony of Victoria on the 31st December, 1857.

DENOMINATION.	Number of Churches, &c.	Number of Persons they are estimated to contain.
Church of England	138	27,356
Roman Catholic Church	72	26,340
Presbyterian Church	19	4,860
Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland	34	8,910
United Presbyterian Church	16	5,140
Wesleyan Church	166	23,910
Independent Church	25	7,255
Primitive Methodist Church	50	4,217
Bible Christian Church	6	700
Baptist Church	9	2,620
Evangelical Lutheran Church	18	1,824
Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria	7	2,180
Society of Friends	1	50
Primitive Church	1	200
Israelites' Church	3	740
Unitarian Church	1	230
Jews' Synagogue	6	1,240
United Methodist Free Church	15	3,160
Total	587	120,932

W. H. ARCHER,
Registrar-General.