POST OFFICE.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 14 May 1841;—for,

RETURNS of the Number of Letters registered in the United Kingdom since the Introduction of the present mode of Registration, up to the latest Date it can be conveniently furnished; stating the Date of such mode of Registration, and the Fee charged therefor above the Postage:—also, the Date on which the Post Office discontinued the former Practice of gratuitous Registration of Letters containing Coin, and the Reasons for discontinuing the same.

General Post Office, June 1841.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

RETURNS of the Number of Letters registered in *Great Britain* since the Introduction of the present mode of Registration, up to the 20th May 1841; stating the Date of such mode of Registration, and the Fee charged therefor above the Postage; and also, the Date on which the Post Office discontinued the former Practice of gratuitous Registration of Letters containing Coin, and the Reasons for discontinuing the same.

Number registered in England and Wales - - 39,796
" in Scotland - - - - 2,836

Total, Great Britain - - 42,632

The present system of Registration commenced on the 6th January 1841, and the Fee charged therefor above the Postage is One Shilling.

The entering of Letters containing Coin was discontinued on the 1st January 1840, because the number of such Letters under the Fourpenny system was found to be so great, that the service could not be carried on with any regularity, and it was decided therefore, by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Postmaster General, that it would be impossible to attempt it when the Penny Postage came into operation.



POST OFFICE.

RETURNS of the NUMBER of LETTERS registered in the UNITED KINGDOM since the Introduction of the Present Mode of Registration, &c.

(Mr. Wallace.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 22 June 1841.

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