

## Postmasters of Jamaica.

This listing was compiled initially from Foster's Postal History and additional notes from him passed to Derek Sutcliffe.

The notes state that from:

- 1782 to 1881 information was taken from the Almanacs of Jamaica
- From 1881 onwards the Handbook of Jamaica (which replaced the Jamaica Almanac)
- From 1904 onwards the full names of these officers were found from various editions of Who's Who in Jamaica and information from letters from the Institute of Jamaica.

Further information has been extracted, by Steve Jarvis, from editions of the Jamaica Gleaner newspaper.


Prior to 1860 the Post Masters for Jamaica were appointed by the Post Master General in London, and their appointments would not appear in the Government lists, when made.

Acting From	PMG From	Absence From	PMG To	Postmaster	Notes
	1671			Gabriel Martin	Appointed by the Legislative Council of Jamaica on 31st October 1671, but does not appear to have held the post for very long.
	1687			James Wales	Appointed in November 1687 by the Earl of Rochester (Postmaster General), and did not hold the position any length of time.
	1691		1700	Thomas Neale	Appointed by a Crown Patent of 17 <sup>th</sup> February 1691 to the position of Postmaster of all the offices in the Americas.
	1700		1701	Andrew Hamilton Robert West	A joint administration which was assigned to these two gentlemen by Thomas Neale.
	1702			Thomas Wood	Appointed by Edmund Dummer in accordance with the terms of his contract with the Post Office. Probably held office until 1711.
	1721			Robert Baldwin John Cleaves Gilbert Kennedy	These three gentlemen were taken into custody at this time and charged with exacting money for letters, and were probably acting as Postmasters with some authority.
	1725 or 1726		1726 or 1727	Thomas Bartlet	He was accused of extorting money for letters under the power of a deputation from the Post Office in England.
	1735		1737	Alexander McFarlane	Appointed by means of a warrant from Alexander Spotwood. Deputy Postmaster General in the Americas.
	1744			James Angus Peter Baldwin Robert Baldwin	These three men were charged with extortion and had been acting as Postmasters.
	1747			Lawrence Brodbelt	According to information from the Journals of Assembly.
	1749			John Macculloch	Appointed by Elliot Benger. Deputy Postmaster General in the Americas. under a warrant of 23rd August 1749. Died shortly afterwards.

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	1749		1751	Mrs. Anna McCulloch	Appointed to the office on the death of her husband by means of a warrant from the Governor.
	1751		1754	William Graham	Held the position by virtue of a 'farm' from Mrs. Anna Macculloch.
	1754		1781	Edward Dismore	Appointed by the Postmaster General in April 1754 and in constant conflict with the local authorities.
	1758		1759	Robert Lock	A local appointment of 19th October 1758 in place of Edward Dismore. The action was declared illegal on 15th December 1759.
	1782			Thomas Gray	
	1783		1793	Francis Dashwood	A scandalous appointment! initially made on payment of £300 annually to a friend of Lord Carteret, the Postmaster General in London. Francis Dashwood's salary was £150 per annum! Born in <b>Somerset, England</b> on <b>1751</b> to Robert DASHWOOD and Mary Sweeting. Francis Dashwood married Frances Ludlow and had 1 child. He passed away on <b>1793</b> . Died 19 Jun 1793 [Royal Gazette Sat 22 June 1793: Early on Wednesday morning, Francis Dashwood, Esq. Deputy Post Master General of this island, and in the commission of the peace for this parish. He was a few hours before his death in apparent good health, but was seized in the night with a fit of apoplexy, which shortly deprived him of life. In the department this Gentleman held under Government, he studiously endeavoured to give general satisfaction, and by his affability endeared himself to a large and respectable circle of friends and acquaintances.]
	1793			George Brooks	) All these appointments are taken from the Almanacs of Jamaica for those years. ) [Royal Gazette Sat 22 June 1793: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint George Bogle, Esq. Deputy Post Master General of this island, protempore, in the place of Francis Dashwood, Esquire, deceased.]
	1794			George Atkinson	
	1795			George Bogle	
	1796		1799	Glocester Wilson	
	1800		1806	John Smith	
	1807		1809	Benjamin Barbauld	
	1810		1817	John Milbourne Marsh	
1822				David Watt	) Acting appointments from the Almanacs of those wars. )
1823				John Wilson	
	1824 Feb 4		1832 Oct 17	William Jekyll Anstey	Became Postmaster of Bath (UK) 18 Oct 1832 dismissed 29 Nov 1833. Correspondence from him in West Sussex archives to Lord Richmond
	1833		1834	???	TF says: No information available for these years, however ...
1833				John Morce	Blue Book for 1833 states DPMG = John Morce with a footnote saying that Mr Morce, Acting DPMG died without having made any return of the Office – no dates of Office.

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					Blue Book for 1834 states: Anstey as DPMG but absent from Colony for whole year.
	1833 Jul 19			Samuel Le Fevre	Declined the appointment
	1833 Nov 25		1834 Jan 29	Samuel M'Quoid 	Appointment cancelled Born about 1796, Died 1867
	1834 Feb 8		1834	Lord Sussex Lennox	Brother of Duke of Richmond – GB Postmaster General. Blue Book for 1834 states: absent from Colony from Nov 1834 (1802 – 1874).
	1834 Oct 20		1850 Jul 2	John Wilson	Appointed by Rt. Hon. The Marquis of Cunningham on 20 Oct 1834 at a salary of £400 per annum, increased to £1500 in 1844. Arrived in the island 16 Jan 1835 [Blue Book 1835]
	1850 Sep 21		1860 Jul 31	Maurice O'Connor Morris	He was dismissed on 31st July 1860.
	1860		1867/8	Alexander James Brymer	The first official Colonial appointment to the office. Still in post 8 Jul 1867
	1868 Mar 1		1870 Apr 20	W. Kemble	Date of First Appointment under Colonial Govt 1838. Appt. PM 1 Mar 1868 Sal: £600 Resigned on pension of £180 pa 20 Apr 1870 [Blue Book 1870]
1869 Aug?	1870 May 1		1891 Oct 31	Fred. Sullivan	Chief Clerk PO 1 Mar 1861 to 30 Apr 1870 Acting PMG by 12 Aug 1869 according to PO Notice PMG from 1 May 1870 to 31 Oct 1891 [CO137-547]
	1891 Dec 8	1903 Sep 4	1903 Oct 13	George Henry Pearce	
	1903 Oct 13		1905 Jan 15	Alfred Henry Miles	
	1905 Jan 16	1914 Sep 10	1915 Mar 20	John Barkly Lucie-Smith	
1906 Jul 16 1907 May 28				TH MacBayne	Chief Clerk to act as Postmaster for Jamaica (leave of absence for Lucie-Smith (Gazette 19 Jul 1906) Also for 6 weeks from 18 May 1907 (Gazette 30 May 1907) Also Ellis Wolfe stand-in from 5 May 1910 to 27 Nov
1914 Sep 10	1915 Mar 20	1925 Apr 1	1925 July 1	Ellis Wolfe	
1925 Apr 1	1925 Jul 7	1937 Apr 1	1937 Jul 1	Reginald Honan Fletcher	Also wartime postal censor

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1933 May 23				Mr. H. C. Savage	Mr. H. C. Savage, Assistant Postmaster, has been appointed to act as Postmaster for Jamaica as from the 23rd May, 1933, during leave of absence granted to Mr. R. H. Fletcher, or until further orders (Gazette 11 May 1933)
1938 Jul 11	1938 Oct 11	1944 Dec 12	1945 May 12	William Alexander Campbell	Confirmed as Postmaster in Gazette 29 Jun 1939
1944 Dec 13	1945 May 13	1948 May 17	1949 Mar 17	Esric Lionel Morris	
1946 Jul 29 1948 May 17	1949 Mar 18	1953 Apr 30	1953 Oct	George Fitzgerald White	JGZ19460808 states acting from 1946 Jul 29. Also wartime postal censor
1953 May 1	1954 Feb 22	1955 Sep 24	1955 (by 12 Dec)	Allison Alfred Vernon Nash	24 Sept 1955 Nash announces 9 months leave of absence prior to retirement (Gleaner 24 Sept 1955)
1955 Sep 24			1955 Dec 10	F. O. Rousseau	Acting Postmaster General from 24 Sept 1955 Deputy PMG to Green, later PMG
	1955 Dec 12	1959 Oct 20	1959 Nov 24	Joseph Green	
1959 Oct 20	1960 Jan		1964 Jun	F. O. Rousseau	Still in post 2 June 1964 (according to PO Notice)
1964 May 18				CS Irving	18 May 1964; Postmaster General [Gazette 4 Jun 1964] Mr. C. S. Irving, Assistant Postmaster General, has been appointed to act as Postmaster General, with effect from the 18th of May, 1964, and until further orders, vice Mr. F. O. Rousseau and during the absence from the Island of Mr. H. A. Fairweather.
1964 Jun	1965 Feb 15		1966 Oct to 1968 Apr	Harrington A. Fairweather	Appointed PMG 15 Feb, but immediately on 3 months leave prior to special duties in the Ministry of Communications and Works. On 17 Oct 1966 still PMG but not clear when relinquished PMG post
1965 Feb 15	1968 Apr 5	1972 Nov 6	1973 Jan 30	Winston G Brown	
				LG Jackson	Seems to have been acting PMG on 18 Nov 1966 (Gleaner)
1973 Feb 1	By 1974 Jan	1977 Oct	1978 May	Rupert .I. Knight	

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?	1978 By Dec 9		1979 May?	K. L. DePass	Gleaner 9 Dec 1978 refers to: Mr. K. L. DePass as Postmaster
1979 By May 14	1979 By Nov 13		1984 Sep 29	Hicks (HM) Williams	Acting PMG by 14 May 1979 & still acting 19 Aug 1979 PMG by 13 Nov 1979
	1984 Oct 4		1999/2000	Sam .E. Stewart	Was still Postmaster General 17 Dec 1999
	2000 Sep		2005 Sep	Dr. Blossom O'Meally-Nelson	
2005 Oct	2006 Aug 1			Michael Gentles	
	2021 Mar 1			Lincoln A. Allen	