

The number of letters Registered during the year was 12,324 ; the number *lost Two*, and the number from which the contents or part of the contents was alleged to have been abstracted *Three*, and the number of Non-registered letters alleged to have been lost or their contents abstracted *Six*.

It is only reasonable to suppose that some of the complaints of abstraction of portion of the contents of letters have originated in the error of either the sender or receiver in counting the money.

The number of letters Registered during the year is nearly 2,000 more than was Registered in any previous year, whilst the number lost or said to have been tampered with has not increased.

The number of Registered Money Letters transmitted through the Post is beyond any question very much greater than the number of Un-Registered, whilst the loss of Un-Registered letters exceeds that of those Registered, proving beyond doubt the greater security afforded the Public by the system of Registration.

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