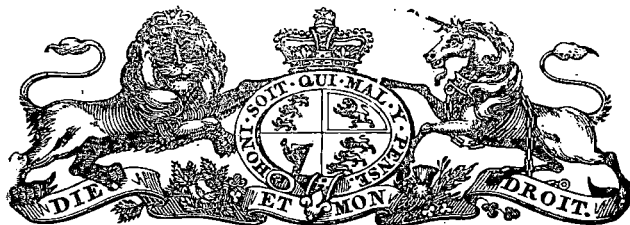


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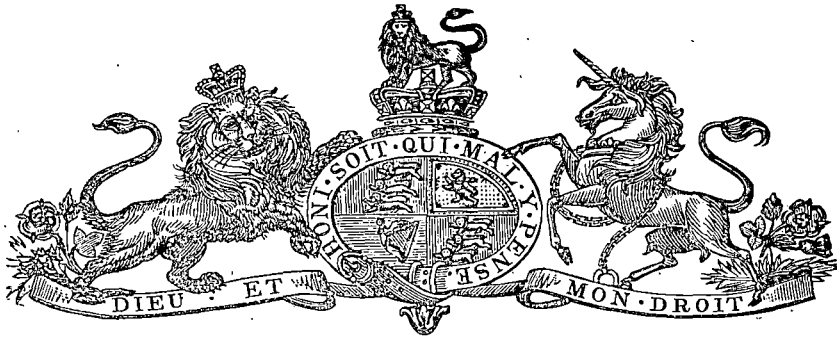
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GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR 1888.

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*Sheriff's Office, Hobart, 21st July, 1889.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish herewith Returns for the year 1888 in relation to the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston.

The number of prisoners in custody on the 31st December last were as follows—

	31 December, 1887.	31 December, 1888.
Hobart .....	106 males—33 females=139	118 males—20 females=138
Launceston .....	45 males—17 females= 62	49 males—14 females= 63.

being an increase of 12 men in Hobart and 4 in Launceston, but a decrease of 13 women in Hobart and 3 in Launceston.

The total number received and discharged during 1888 were as follows—

	Received.	Discharged.
Hobart.....	535 males—205 females=740	523 males—218 females=741
Launceston ...	458 males—197 females=655	454 males—200 females=654

which is a decrease in receipts as compared with the preceding year of 232 prisoners—viz., 188 males and 44 females.

On the 31st December last there were 201 prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston; ten years ago there were 312. Consequent upon these reduced numbers a reorganisation of the staff of both gaols has been effected by the amalgamation of offices, transfers to vacancies in the Territorial Police, retirement of aged officials, and abolition of positions now found to be unnecessary—effecting a saving of upwards of £1000 a year, without in any way impairing the efficiency of the staff.

The prisoners have been employed in works of a useful nature, and I am pleased to report that the conduct of the men has been on the whole very good, and that the staff generally have performed their duties to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Sheriff.*

*The Honorable the Attorney-General.*



*RETURN of Prisoners received in and discharged from the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1888.*

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1887—						
Convicted .....	106	33	139	44	17	61
Unconvicted .....	...	...	...	1	...	1
TOTAL .....	106	33	139	45	17	62
Received during the year .....	535	205	740	458	197	655
Totals, including strength at commencement of the year .....	641	238	879	503	214	717
Discharged during the year—						
By remission .....	33	4	37	10	2	12
By time .....	463	195	658	390	180	570
Absconded .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died .....	...	...	...	3	1	4
Executed .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unconvicted .....	27	19	46	51	17	68
TOTAL .....	523	218	741	454	200	654
Strength on 31st December, 1888, of whom were .....						
Convicted .....	116	19	135	44	14	58
Unconvicted .....	2	1	3	5	...	5
TOTAL .....	641	238	879	503	214	717

*RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1888.*

Number of Prisoners received.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTAL.	
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Hobart .....	9	...	495	160	20	18	117	60	641	238
Launceston .....	3	...	322	95	18	22	115	80	458	197

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1888.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1887.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1888.			
	Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Offences.</i>																				
Accessories and abettors .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Offences against the person.....	36	1	3	...	32	3	17	7	68	4	20	7	33	1	24	6	35	3	...	...
Malicious injury to property .....	...	...	...	1	1	2	4	...	1	2	4	1	1	2	5	1	...	...	...	1
Larceny and similar offences .....	30	6	21	2	72	15	83	18	102	21	104	20	49	16	93	16	53	5	22	2
Offences relating to coin .....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	9	...	...	1	14	...	7	...	23	...	7	1	12	...	6	1	11	...	1	1
All other offences.....	30	26	20	12	414	185	212	135	444	211	232	147	427	199	195	139	17	12	21	10
TOTAL.....	106	33	44	17	535	205	323	160	641	238	367	177	523	218	323	163	118	20	44	14
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives.....	52	20	19	6	247	104	120	52	299	124	139	58	235	114	121	57	64	10	17	4
Free to colony.....	28	6	11	1	141	21	89	21	169	27	100	22	145	26	88	22	24	1	16	1
Free by servitude.....	25	7	14	10	144	80	114	87	169	87	128	97	143	78	114	84	26	9	11	9
Ticket of leave .....	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Conditional pardon.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
TOTAL.....	106	33	44	17	535	205	323	160	641	238	367	177	523	218	323	163	118	20	44	14
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life .....	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...
20 years and under 15.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
10 " " 5.....	11	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	14	...	2	...	3	...	2	...	11	...	...	...
5 " .....	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	1
4 " .....	10	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	13	...	3	...	7	...	1	...	6	...	...	...
3 " .....	5	...	...	...	9	2	6	1	14	2	6	1	2	...	6	1	12	2	...	...
2 " and under .....	66	32	43	16	492	184	312	159	558	216	355	175	485	200	314	162	73	16	43	13
Unconvicted.....	...	...	...	...	27	19	...	...	27	19	...	...	25	18	...	...	2	1	...	...
TOTAL.....	106	33	44	17	535	205	323	160	641	238	367	177	523	218	323	163	118	20	44	14
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First.....	31	5	25	7	185	34	166	28	216	39	190	35	180	39	162	34	36	...	24	3
Second.....	13	3	8	...	71	19	14	9	84	22	22	9	64	21	18	8	20	1	2	...
Third and over .....	62	25	11	10	279	152	143	123	341	177	155	133	279	158	143	121	62	19	18	11
TOTAL.....	106	33	44	17	535	205	323	160	641	238	367	177	523	218	323	163	118	20	44	14

*RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1888.*

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>			<i>Launceston.</i>		
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Barbers .....	32	14	6	36	12	0
Blacksmiths .....	79	4	0	27	4	0
Carpenters .....	443	7	9	17	0	0
Cleaners .....	30	16	0			
Cooks.....	106	18	0	91	10	0
Grooms .....	55	0	0			
Needlework.....	30	16	0	9	7	1
Painters .....	58	2	0	1	17	6
Shoemakers.....	302	9	6	82	18	3
Servants .....	40	0	0	41	3	6
Tailors.....	342	7	6	10	3	6
Washermen.....	72	4	0			
Washing .....	328	2	6	45	8	4
Woodcutters .....	37	2	6	9	7	0
Wardsmen .....	308	4	0	113	10	0
Writers .....	18	15	0	14	7	6
Carters.....	94	0	0			
Gatekeepers and Watchmen .....	58	4	0	36	12	0
Government House Grounds .....	197	5	0			
Hairpickers.....	18	11	3			
Masons and Bricklayers .....	105	4	0	11	12	0
Queen's Domain.....	375	13	0			
Botanical Gardens .....	218	15	0			
Tinsmiths .....	58	6	0			
Office of Inspector of Police .....	38	2	6			
Short-street, Hobart .....	10	2	0			
Rifle Range, Hobart .....	63	15	0			
Tennis Lawn, Government House .....	19	10	0			
Whitewashers .....	...			14	6	0
Saddler .....	...			2	12	6
Police Station, Launceston .....	...			36	12	0
New Dépôt Grounds, ditto .....	...			4	8	6
Custom House, ditto .....	...			0	11	3
Carpenters, Bricklayers, and other works, Invalid Dépôt .....	...			292	15	6
Gardenmen .....	...			78	6	9
	<b>£3543</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£978</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
Cash received—						
Sale of metal .....	113	16	8			
Sale of bread .....	235	14	9			
Sale of bran .....	335	7	11			
Carpenters, &c. ....	50	7	1			
Shoemakers.....	50	17	9	5	5	0
Tailors.....	7	13	6			
Hairpickers.....	0	12	3	0	3	9
Washing .....	127	9	6	47	13	10
Maintenance Naval Prisoners .....	4	10	0			
Refund for sugar condemned .....	7	8	2			
Forfeited money, &c. ....	0	5	0			
Sale stable manure.....	0	18	6			
Tobacco supplied to General Hospital.....	...			0	14	7
	<b>£935</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>£53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

*RETURN of the Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1888.*

	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		COST.			EARNINGS BY WORK.				AVERAGE COST PER HEAD.	
	<i>In Confinement.</i>	<i>At Labour.</i>	<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Contingencies.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Cash Payments.</i>	<i>Value of Work performed for other Departments.</i>	<i>For ordinary Gaol purposes.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Gross.</i>	<i>Net, allowing for Cash received for Work performed for other Departments, but not including Work for Gaol.</i>
Hobart .....	127	114	3521 19 6	2511 2 0	6033 1 6	935 1 1	1566 1 5	1977 9 7	4478 12 1	47 10 1	27 16 3
Launceston .....	66	55	1536 9 0	1246 15 1	2783 4 1	53 17 2	412 14 0	565 11 2	1032 3 4	40 10 5	33 10 4