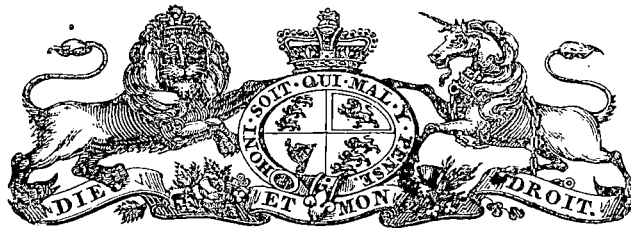


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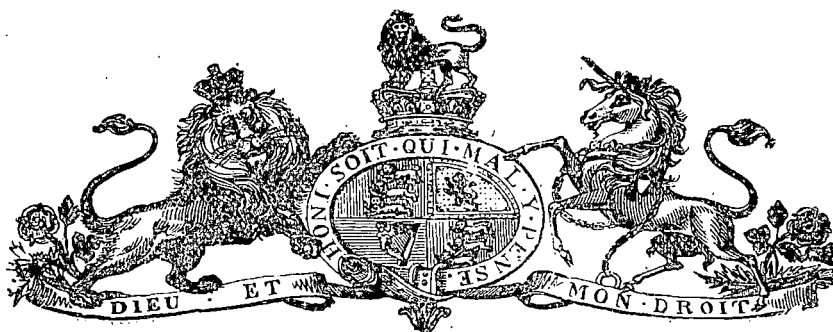
GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1900.

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## GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON.

*Sheriff's Office, 30th May, 1901.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit my Annual Report, with statistical returns, respecting the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1900.

The total number of prisoners in custody on 31st December last was as follows :—

	31st December, 1899.		31st December, 1900.	
Hobart .....	79 males	6 females = 85	75 males	8 females = 83
Launceston .....	11 males	7 females = 18	18 males	7 females = 25
	90	13	103	93
			15	108

being a decrease of 4 males and an increase of 2 females at Hobart, and an increase of 7 males at Launceston, or a total increase of 5 prisoners as compared with last year.

The total number received and discharged during 1900 was as follows :—

	Received.		Discharged.	
Hobart .....	327 males	69 females = 396	331 males	67 females = 398
Launceston ...	227 males	46 females = 273	220 males	46 females = 266
	554	115	551	113
		669		664

As compared with 1899 there is a decrease in receipts of 107, and in discharges of 105, the receipts and discharges for that year being respectively 776 and 769.

The number of prisoners on 31st December, 1900, was 108, and the population of the State, as shown by the last Census, was 171,066. The proportion of prisoners to each thousand of population was thus : 0·63, or one prisoner to every 1584 of the general population.

The gradual decrease in the gaol population still continues, the average daily number during the year being 81 at Hobart, and 17·62 at Launceston, as compared with 97·64 and 17·03 respectively for 1899, being a decrease at Hobart of 17·64, and an increase at Launceston of 0·59, or a total decrease of 16·05.

The gross cost of gaols for the year for maintenance and control was £4779 1s. 1d. The cash earnings of prisoners were £848 18s., thus reducing the actual cost of gaols £3930 3s. 1d. The average cost per head for the year was £51 15s. 4d. at Hobart, and £32 11s. 2d. at Launceston; but, after deducting cash received for work done, and the value of work done for other departments, for which no actual cash payment was made, the average cost per head is reduced to £30 8s. 3d. for Hobart, and £26 18s. 2d. for Launceston, or to £39 17s. as the average cost per head for both gaols.

Considerable improvements have been made in the buildings of the Hobart Gaol during the year. The baths have been removed to one end of the engine-shed, and the steam from the boiler used for heating the water, the security and convenience thus insured amply justifying the expenditure: the roof of the House of Correction, always a source of weakness, both with regard to escapes and fire, has been covered with corrugated iron, and thus made much more secure; the windows near the main gate have been barred; the cells of the gaol building have been refloored, and a few minor alterations made, all tending to add to the security of the buildings,

Further alterations are, however, required at the Hobart Gaol for the purpose of ensuring a better system of classification of prisoners. No prison system can be deemed efficient which does not make provision for youthful and more hopeful offenders being kept apart from old and hardened ones, and any measures taken to give effect to this will amply justify the expenditure thereon.

The conduct of the staff during the year has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HECTOR ROSS, Sheriff.

The Honourable the Attorney-General.

*RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Penal Establishments,  
Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1900.*

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1899 :—						
Convicted .....	79	6	85	9	7	16
Unconvicted .....	—	—	—	2	—	2
TOTAL .....	79	6	85	11	7	18
Received during the year .....	327	69	396	227	46	273
Totals, including strength at commencement of the year .....	406	75	481	238	53	291
Discharged during the year :—						
By remission .....	42	3	45	1	—	1
By time .....	273	61	334	185	44	229
Absconded, and not retaken .....	1	—	1	—	—	—
Died .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executed .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unconvicted .....	15	3	18	34	2	36
TOTAL .....	331	67	398	220	46	266
Strength on 31st December, 1900 :—						
Convicted .....	71	8	79	15	7	22
Unconvicted .....	4	—	4	3	—	3
TOTAL .....	75	8	83	18	7	25

*RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and  
Launceston, for the Year 1900.*

	Superior Educa- tion.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTALS.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Hobart.....	4	—	353	55	6	4	43	16	406	75
Launceston .....	—	—	188	36	6	10	44	7	238	53

*RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1900.*

Nature of Employment.	Hobart.			Launceston.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Botanical Gardens ... ..	267	18	6			
Government House ... ..	258	2	6			
Queen's Domain ... ..	260	11	6			
City Police Court and Station ... ..	72	2	0	5	17	0
Carters ... ..	55	4	0			
Bakers ... ..	373	15	0			
Blacksmiths and Engine-driver ... ..	89	15	6	0	15	0
Brushmakers ... ..	22	15	0			
Carpenters ... ..	339	18	0	2	15	0
Cooks ... ..	44	17	0	35	0	0
Grooms ... ..	43	19	0			
Gatekeepers ... ..	36	18	0			
Hatmakers ... ..	86	0	0			
Servants and Officers' Attendants... ..	52	14	0	17	15	3
Matmakers ... ..	140	3	6			
Hospital Attendants ... ..	7	17	6			
Painters ... ..	58	5	6	6	10	0
Photographers ... ..	15	5	0			
Printers ... ..	16	12	6			
Receiving Room ... ..	44	14	0			
Shoemakers... ..	405	9	6	12	7	6
Store Labourer ... ..	44	17	0			
Tailors ... ..	44	17	6	4	18	0
Tinsmiths ... ..	51	19	6	0	17	6
Wardmen and Yardsmen... ..	360	0	0	65	4	6
Washermen... ..	51	2	0			
Woodcutters and Casuals ... ..	89	6	6	8	13	0
Writers ... ..	35	12	0			
Needlewomen ... ..	93	3	0			
Washerwomen ... ..	131	11	0	72	5	6
Wardswomen ... ..	22	16	0			
Whitewashing buildings, Benevolent Society ... ..				22	5	0
Garden of Benevolent Asylum ... ..				68	16	0
Cleaning Customs House... ..				2	18	6
Whitewashing Gaol buildings ... ..				25	10	0
Total ... ..	£	3668	1 6	£	352	7 9
Value of work performed for other Departments	£	880	14 6		101	11 6
For ordinary Gaol purposes ... ..	£	2787	7 0		250	16 3
<b>CASH RECEIVED—</b>						
Sale of Bread ... ..		1526	7 3			
Sale of Brushware ... ..		17	6 0			
Sale of Mats ... ..		96	6 3			
Shoemakers ... ..		460	8 3			
Carpenters ... ..		618	10 8			
Tinsmiths ... ..		55	4 1			
Tailoring... ..		13	3 2			
Washing ... ..		0	4 2			
Miscellaneous ... ..		29	19 4			
Total ... ..	£	2817	9 2			
Cost of Material ... ..	£	2218	11 2			
Less value of Material on hand ... ..	£	250	0 0			
		1968	11 2			
Balance to Credit ... ..	£	848	18 0			

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1900.

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	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1899.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1900.			
	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	...	...	...
Offences against the Person.....	16	...	...	...	40	8	21	1	56	8	21	1	36	7	20	1	20	1	1	...
Malicious injury to Property.....	3	...	...	...	3	...	10	1	6	...	10	1	...	...	9	1	6	...	1	...
Larceny and similar offences.....	20	3	6	1	75	7	75	6	95	10	81	7	80	9	74	5	15	1	7	2
Offences relating to Coin.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	14	...	1	...	6	...	2	...	20	...	3	...	16	...	2	...	4	...	1	...
All other offences.....	26	3	4	6	201	53	119	38	227	56	123	44	199	50	115	39	28	6	8	5
TOTALS.....	79	6	11	7	327	69	227	46	406	75	238	53	331	67	220	46	75	8	18	7
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives.....	56	6	6	6	180	50	116	29	236	56	122	35	186	50	115	30	50	6	7	5
Free to Colony.....	21	1	5	1	135	6	95	6	156	6	100	7	132	5	90	6	24	1	10	1
Free by servitude.....	2	...	...	...	12	13	16	11	14	13	16	11	13	12	15	10	1	1	1	1
TOTALS.....	79	6	11	7	327	69	227	46	406	75	238	53	331	67	220	46	75	8	18	7
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
20 years and above 15 years.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10 ".....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
10 " " 5 ".....	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
5 " ".....	5	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
4 " ".....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
3 " ".....	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
2 years and under.....	58	6	9	7	260	65	191	44	318	71	200	51	264	63	185	44	54	8	15	7
Unconvicted.....	...	...	2	...	61	4	35	2	61	4	37	2	56	4	34	2	5	...	3	...
TOTALS.....	79	6	11	7	327	69	227	46	406	75	238	53	331	67	220	46	75	8	18	7
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First time.....	23	1	2	2	127	18	85	15	150	19	87	17	117	18	83	14	33	1	4	3
Second time.....	9	...	3	1	55	6	31	4	64	6	34	5	51	6	32	4	13	...	2	1
Third time.....	6	...	2	...	37	10	17	2	43	10	19	2	37	10	17	2	6	...	2	...
Over three times.....	41	5	4	4	108	35	94	25	149	40	98	29	126	33	88	26	23	7	10	3
TOTALS.....	79	6	11	7	327	69	227	46	406	75	238	53	331	67	220	46	75	8	18	7

RETURN of the Cost and Earnings in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1090.

	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>
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart .....	81·00	75·47	2688 16 5	1504 5 10	4193 2 3	848 18 0	880 14 6	2797 7 0	4526 19 6	51 15 4	30 8 3
Launceston .....	17·62	12·51	290 0 0	295 18 10	585 18 10	<i>Nil.</i>	101 11 6	250 16 3	352 7 9	32 11 0	26 18 2