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REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATES DUTIES
DEPARTMENT :

R E P O R T.

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Real Estates Duties Office, Hobart, 6th July, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the working of the Real Estates Duties Department for the year 1882-3, with the following explanatory Returns:—

1. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1882; the amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May.
2. A similar Return as to the Police Rate for 1882.
3. A similar Return as to the Police Rate for 1883.
4. Return showing the number of items and amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District in the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.
5. Return showing the amount of Duty uncollected on Properties of the Rateable Value of £10 and under, and the number of such Properties in each District.

The collection of the Real Estate Duty for the year 1882 has been satisfactorily carried on; and, considering that, by 45 Vict. No. 11, Sect. 2, the due date of the Duty was altered from the 1st of August to the 1st of October, and that the collection of the Police Rates for 1882 and 1883 was carried on at the same time, the amounts remaining uncollected are as small as could be expected. A considerable amount of the uncollected Duties has been received since the 31st May, the date up to which the Returns were made.

The comparatively large amount still due for the Rural Police Rate for 1882 is caused by the cessation of the collection while Parliament had under its consideration last Session the amendment of the Act basing the collection on the Assessment Rolls prepared by the Commissioners. This delay, and the necessity of adjusting the payments in conformity with the decision of Parliament, has been the cause of great and extra labour to the Department.

The number of items due on the 31st May consists almost exclusively of small amounts, and are principally for Duty on properties of the rateable value of £10 and under, as shown by Return No. 5, the average amount due for each of such properties being 3·45s. only; whereas the average amount due for each of the remaining properties is 10·2s.

The increase in the work of the Department since 1880, consequent on the progress made in the occupation and settlement of the Crown Lands, is shown by Return No. 4. To this is to be added the increased work consequent upon the collection of the Rural Police Rate, imposed on the Department by 45 Vict. No. 19.

The cost of the collection of the Real Estate Duty and Police Rate is governed by the number of items collected, and not by the amount received; the collection, therefore, would be considerably facilitated, and the expense reduced to a minimum, if properties under, say £10, rateable value were exempted. It would also facilitate the collection if the Department had the power of demanding payment of the Duty from the owner in the first instance.

The most important and onerous portion of my work since my last Report has been the endeavour to obtain a comparative equalisation of the rateable values of the properties in the different Municipal and Police Districts, as provided for by 46 Vict. No. 11. For this purpose appeals have been lodged, under the authority of Clause 7 of the above Act, against the rateable values of those properties in each District, relative to which I had information that the rental values were considerably in excess of the rateable values as shown by the Assessment Rolls for 1883.

Appeals were lodged against properties in the Districts of Bothwell, Brighton, Clarence, Glenorchy, Green Ponds, Hobart, Hamilton, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Richmond, Sorell, Spring Bay, Campbell Town, Deloraine, Evandale, Fingal, George Town, Glamorgan, Longford, Ross, Westbury, and the City of Hobart. I personally attended to support the appeals in the Courts in these several Districts, with the exception of Clarence, Green Ponds, Deloraine, and Evandale. I was unable to attend the Courts in the above four Districts in consequence of other Courts being held on the same dates, or on dates nearly approximating thereto. The appeals in Clarence were supported by Mr. Finlay, in Green Ponds by the Solicitor-General, and in Evandale and Deloraine by Mr. Henry. This work was concluded on the 15th of June.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS BUTLER,
Commissioner.

The Hon. the Treasurer.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1882, the Amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.			Amount of Duty.			Amount of Duty collected.			Amount of Exemptions and Remissions.			Amount outstanding.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SOUTHERN DIVISION—																
Bothwell	254	20,381	10	0	764	5	1	750	13	11	1	10	11	12	0	3
Brighton	396	12,775	0	0	479	1	3	451	18	3	2	8	9	24	14	3
Clarence	270	8,449	10	0	316	17	1	312	18	9	0	17	3	3	1	1
Carnarvon	12	56	0	0	2	2	0	1	5	6	0	6	9	0	9	9
Franklin	1365	10,332	5	0	385	17	9	334	17	9	5	0	5	45	19	7
Glenorchy	395	10,470	15	0	392	12	8	340	16	11	7	10	2	44	5	7
Green Ponds	242	11,580	0	0	434	5	0	415	8	6	1	6	3	17	10	3
Hamilton	410	25,559	0	0	958	9	3	944	19	11	7	10	2	5	19	2
Hobart, City	4769	118,596	0	0	4447	7	0	4265	7	1	44	5	3	137	14	8
Hobart, District	912	22,156	10	0	830	17	4	745	7	6	6	5	3	79	4	7
Kingborough	653	6624	0	0	248	8	0	215	3	10	5	1	9	28	2	5
New Norfolk	702	14,679	0	0	550	9	3	504	11	3	13	9	3	32	8	9
Oatlands	669	31,920	5	0	1196	19	7	1158	19	3	14	0	3	24	0	1
Richmond	475	15,150	0	0	568	2	6	535	15	0	4	19	9	27	7	9
Sorell	460	12,497	0	0	517	3	3	442	16	3	49	16	0	24	11	0
South Longford	51	6728	0	0	252	6	0	242	11	9	9	14	3	—	—	—
Spring Bay	154	6826	0	0	255	19	6	250	11	6	2	16	3	2	11	9
	12,189	334,780	15	0	21,601	2	6	11,914	2	11	176	18	8	510	0	11
NORTHERN DIVISION—																
Campbell Town	431	25,413	15	0	953	0	3	912	10	8	4	10	2	35	19	5
Deloraine	940	29,123	0	0	1092	2	3	1000	15	3	..	..	..	91	7	0
Evandale	399	28,307	0	0	1061	10	3	1026	0	7	1	8	6	34	1	2
Emu Bay	808	16,300	0	0	611	5	0	513	8	3	1	15	3	96	1	6
Fingal	611	24,653	0	0	924	9	9	887	13	9	2	0	0	34	16	0
George Town	366	5878	10	0	220	8	10	174	11	2	3	3	9	42	13	11
Glamorgan	230	5970	0	0	223	17	6	218	16	3	..	..	..	5	1	3
Longford	760	36,693	0	0	1375	19	9	1319	11	3	3	7	0	53	1	6
Launceston	2886	98,583	0	0	3696	17	3	3177	0	7	24	17	10	494	18	10
Portland	481	9642	0	0	361	11	6	276	7	0	..	..	..	85	4	6
Port Sorell	2493	29,553	0	0	1108	4	9	902	12	3	..	..	..	205	12	6
Ringarooma .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross	142	13,583	4	0	509	7	4	504	11	1	..	..	..	4	16	3
Russell	312	6009	0	0	225	6	9	208	17	6	..	..	..	16	9	3
Selby	986	21,242	0	0	796	11	6	684	9	6	1	19	0	110	3	0
Westbury	1042	34,236	0	0	1233	17	0	1137	6	6	2	2	9	144	7	9
	12,887	385,186	9	0	14,444	9	8	12,944	11	7	45	4	3	1454	13	10
<i>Southern Division</i>	12,189	334,780	15	0	12,601	2	6	11,914	2	11	176	18	8	510	0	11
<i>Northern Division</i>	12,887	385,186	9	0	14,444	9	8	12,944	11	7	45	4	3	1454	13	10
	25,076	719,967	4	0	27,045	12	2	24,858	14	6	222	2	11	1964	14	9

No. 2.

RURAL POLICE RATE, 1882.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1882, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Omissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
SOUTHERN DIVISION—						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart	955	26,695 0 0	1000 18 11	739 19 7	55 3 1	205 16 3
Kingborough	695	7883 0 0	295 11 8	237 10 9	10 10 2	47 10 9
Franklin	1573	14,951 0 0	560 4 5	357 16 10	39 17 8	162 9 11
Carnarvon	129	1231 0 0	46 3 3	37 1 9	0 14 3	8 7 3
South Longford.....	81	8098 10 0	303 13 10	213 10 1	36 2 9	54 1 0
	3433	58,858 10 0	2206 12 1	1585 19 0	142 7 11	478 5 2
NORTHERN DIVISION—						
Emu Bay	939	19,533 0 0	732 9 9	564 17 3	14 0 0	153 12 6
George Town.....	911	11,626 0 0	436 4 0	247 0 3	22 10 9	166 13 0
Portland	840	15,133 0 0	567 9 9	353 4 6	22 7 9	191 17 6
Port Sorell	2512	29,787 0 0	1117 0 3	958 3 4	1 18 3	156 18 8
Russell	350	6,739 0 0	252 14 3	234 17 3	1 4 0	16 13 0
Selby	1259	28,963 0 0	1086 2 3	749 0 0	70 15 3	286 7 0
	6811	111,781 0 0	4192 0 3	3107 2 7	132 16 0	952 1 8
<i>Southern Division</i>	3433	58,858 10 0	2206 12 1	1585 19 0	142 7 11	478 5 2
<i>Northern Division</i>	6811	111,781 0 0	4192 0 3	3107 2 7	132 16 0	952 1 8
TOTAL	10,244	170,639 10 0	6398 12 4	4693 1 7	275 3 11	1430 6 10

No. 3.

RURAL POLICE RATE, 1883.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1883, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Remissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
SOUTHERN DIVISION—						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart	955	24,611 10 0	922 18 7	517 16 7	28 0 8	377 1 4
Kingborough	675	6690 0 0	249 0 3	194 5 4	6 9 0	48 5 11
Franklin	1458	10,909 0 0	404 15 7	251 4 1	9 18 8	143 12 10
Carnarvon	141	1430 0 0	53 12 6	26 15 10	0 2 3	26 14 5
South Longford.....	84	7942 8 0	274 7 11	139 4 5	20 17 2	114 6 4
	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1129 6 3	65 7 9	710 0 10
NORTHERN DIVISION—						
Emu Bay	969	18,700 0 0	701 5 0	266 3 9	..	435 1 3
George Town.....	1192	15,370 10 0	576 7 10	58 9 3	..	517 18 7
Portland	500	8911 0 0	334 3 3	136 7 9	..	197 15 6
Port Sorell.....	2579	30,328 0 0	1137 6 0	325 1 0	..	812 5 0
Ringarooma	684	16,028 5 0	601 1 2	..	..	601 1 2
Russell	345	6315 0 0	236 16 3	146 13 3	..	90 3 0
Selby	942	21,148 0 0	793 1 0	410 18 9	..	382 2 3
	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	1343 13 9	..	3036 6 9
<i>Southern Division</i>	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1129 6 3	65 7 9	710 0 10
<i>Northern Division</i>	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	1343 13 9	..	3036 6 9
TOTAL	10,524	168,383 13 0	6284 15 4	2473 0 0	65 7 9	3746 7 7

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Items and Amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883.

DISTRICT.	1880.			1881.			1882.			1883.		
	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
SOUTHERN DIVISION—												
Bothwell	243	19,751	9 0	259	20,500	12 0	254	20,381	10 0	258	20,580	10 0
Brighton	374	12,209	0 0	395	12,333	0 0	396	12,775	0 0	390	13,887	0 0
Clarence	233	8613	0 0	268	8458	4 0	270	8449	10 0	265	8476	10 0
Carnarvon.....	84	835	0 0	106	258	19 0	12	56	0 0	56	272	0 0
Franklin	1427	10,351	0 0	1652	10,523	2 0	1365	10,332	5 0	1458	10,538	0 0
Glenorchy.....	410	10,299	0 0	422	10,399	1 0	395	10,470	15 0	400	10,954	0 0
Green Ponds.....	247	12,026	0 0	255	11,479	18 0	242	11,580	0 0	242	11,588	0 0
Hamilton	376	25,350	3 0	421	25,294	0 0	410	25,559	0 0	424	26,104	0 0
Hobart (City)	4650	114,681	0 0	4714	116,536	10 0	4769	118,596	0 0	4738	120,340	0 0
Hobart District	925	21,416	10 0	933	22,555	16 0	912	22,156	10 0	955	24,611	10 0
Kingborough	613	6201	0 0	734	6690	11 0	653	6624	0 0	675	6524	0 0
New Norfolk	680	14,215	0 0	736	14,509	10 0	702	14,679	0 0	739	15,459	0 0
Oatlands	595	31,557	0 0	752	31,824	0 0	669	31,920	5 0	651	31,949	0 0
Richmond	421	15,085	0 0	468	14,907	2 0	475	15,150	0 0	484	15,520	0 0
Sorell	465	12,528	0 0	506	12,512	7 0	460	12,497	0 0	462	12,825	0 0
South Longford	46	6845	0 0	51	6418	13 0	51	6728	0 0	51	6489	0 0
Spring Bay	157	6886	0 0	165	6836	15 0	154	6826	0 0	158	7037	0 0
NORTHERN DIVISION—												
Campbell Town	392	25,390	0 0	468	26,185	0 0	431	25,413	15 0	425	25,634	15 0
Deloraine	918	29,098	0 0	1077	28,886	0 0	940	29,123	0 0	959	29,092	0 0
Evandale	394	27,769	0 0	415	28,052	0 0	399	28,307	0 0	308	30,647	0 0
Emu Bay	666	8730	0 0	822	18,130	0 0	808	16,300	0 0	828	15,041	0 0
Fingal	575	24,782	0 0	662	24,124	0 0	611	24,653	0 0	600	24,857	0 0
George Town	345	5731	0 0	429	5723	0 0	366	5878	10 0	393	6895	10 0
Glamorgan	220	5905	0 0	246	6010	0 0	230	5970	0 0	235	6366	0 0
Launceston	2628	84,472	0 0	2777	90,165	0 0	2886	98,583	0 0	3071	109,066	0 0
Longford	752	36,770	0 0	780	36,905	0 0	760	36,693	0 0	970	36,615	0 0
Portland	312	8294	0 0	563	8746	0 0	481	9642	0 0	218	4116	0 0
Port Sorell	2421	28,474	0 0	2758	29,819	0 0	2493	29,553	0 0	2567	29,419	0 0
Ringarooma .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	499	10,490	10 0
Ross	130	13,614	0 0	143	13,588	0 0	142	13,583	4 0	142	13,823	19 0
Russell	320	6119	0 0	359	6129	0 0	312	6009	0 0	339	6239	0 0
Selby	895	20,238	0 0	1179	21,212	0 0	986	21,242	0 0	862	20,189	0 0
Westbury	1017	33,674	0 0	1163	34,380	0 0	1042	34,236	0 0	1038	34,283	0 0
TOTALS	23,931	687,909	2 0	26,678	710,092	0 0	25,076	719,967	4 0	25,860	746,829	4 0

No. 5.

RETURN showing the Amount of Duties uncollected on Properties of the Rateable Value of £10 and under, and the Number of such Properties in each District for the year 1882, on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items uncollected.	Total No. of Items uncollected.	Amounts uncollected.	Total Amounts uncollected.	No. of Items under £10 Rateable Value.	Total No. of Items under £10 Rateable Value.	Amount under £10 Rateable Value.	Total Amount under £10 Rateable Value.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SOUTHERN DIVISION—								
Bothwell.....	15		12 0 3		8		2 5 4	
Brighton.....	37		24 14 3		10		3 14 6	
Clarence.....	19		3 1 1		7		1 7 4	
Carnarvon.....	4		0 16 6		4		0 16 6	
Franklin.....	196		50 0 11		160		24 7 0	
Glenorchy.....	41		44 5 7		17		4 3 1	
Green Ponds.....	9		17 10 3		4		0 10 6	
Hamilton.....	14		5 19 2		9		2 2 9	
Hobart, City.....	297		137 14 8		79		19 9 0	
Hobart, District.....	103		79 4 7		32		7 8 0	
Kingborough.....	89		28 2 5		57		8 16 3	
New Norfolk.....	54		32 8 9		28		5 18 3	
Oatlands.....	50		24 0 1		20		3 15 9	
Richmond.....	35		27 7 9		22		4 15 3	
Sorell.....	41		24 11 0		24		5 11 6	
South Longford.....	—		—		—		—	
Spring Bay.....	5		2 11 9		1		0 3 9	
		1009	...	514 9 0	...	482	...	95 4 9
NORTHERN DIVISION—								
Campbell Town.....	88		35 19 5		27		5 19 7	
Deloraine.....	342		91 7 0		118		23 1 3	
Evandale.....	58		34 1 2		16		3 4 6	
Emu Bay.....	352		96 1 6		158		32 13 3	
Fingal.....	231		34 16 0		69		12 13 6	
George Town.....	119		42 13 11		64		13 2 6	
Glamorgan.....	22		5 1 3		20		3 3 0	
Longford.....	124		53 1 6		35		9 9 9	
Launceston.....	931		494 18 10		98		20 5 9	
Portland.....	225		85 4 6		100		28 13 9	
Port Sorell.....	908		205 12 6		393		66 7 6	
Ringarooma.....	—		—		—		—	
Ross.....	14		4 16 3		7		0 19 10	
Selby.....	292		110 3 0		194		38 10 3	
Russell.....	85		16 9 3		36		5 4 3	
Westbury.....	254		144 7 9		134		28 6 3	
		4045	...	1454 13 10	...	1469	...	291 14 11
		5054	...	1969 2 10	...	1951	...	386 19 8

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Commissioner.*