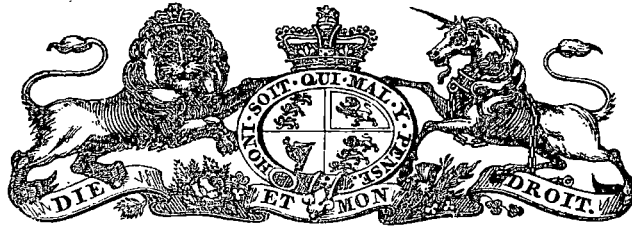


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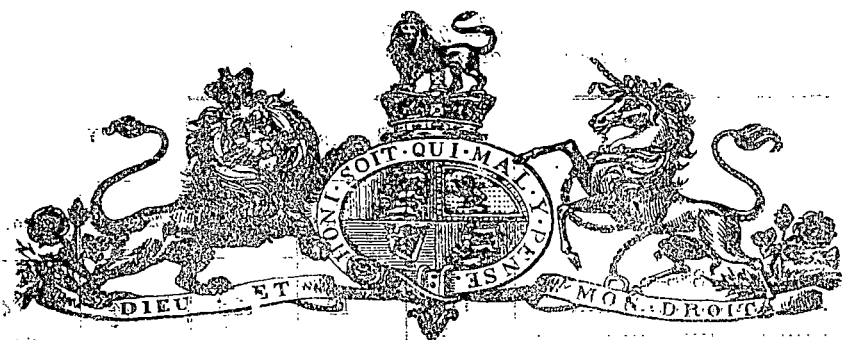
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR 1889.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Sheriff's Office, Hobart, 18th July, 1890.

Sir,

I HAVE the honor to furnish herewith the usual Returns in relation to the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1889.

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

	31 December, 1888.	31 December, 1889.
Hobart ...	118 males—20 females = 138	111 males—15 females = 126
Launceston	49 males—14 females = 63	46 males—17 females = 63
	201	189

being a decrease of 7 men in Hobart and 3 in Launceston, and of 5 women in Hobart, but an increase of 3 women in Launceston; the total decrease of both sexes being 12.

The total number received and discharged during 1889 was as follows :—

	Received.	Discharged.
Hobart ...	424 males—183 females = 607	431 males—188 females = 619
Launceston	366 males—124 females = 490	369 males—121 females = 490

During the year an alteration has been made in the Gaol for Females, Hobart, which admits of young and first convicted offenders sleeping in a separate apartment from older and more confirmed offenders.

If this Division of the Gaol could be transferred to the site of the present Police Office and Watch-house, a great improvement could be effected in the classification of the Male prisoners.

The steadily decreasing number of prisoners in both Gaols is a matter of great satisfaction.

A desire having been expressed by the Members of Parliament representing Launceston that the existing Gaol in that city should be removed, the matter has, at the request of the Government, recently engaged the earnest attention of the department. Reports upon the subject, principally by the Deputy Sheriff at Hobart, are now under the consideration of the Government, which, it is to be hoped, will be the means of relieving Launceston of the present Gaol, which was built very many years ago under altered circumstances, and which, from its conspicuous position and rough exterior walls, has long been an eyesore in that city. The probable acquisition of the Main Line Railway by the Colony raises the question whether the principle of our future Gaol system should not be that of one central Gaol, with the Watch-houses used as Gaols in the various Municipalities and Police Districts.

It would appear to me to be opposed to the interests of the Colony to maintain a separate Gaol in Launceston when there is ample accommodation in the larger establishment at Hobart, where a considerable staff must, of necessity, be kept in existence, and which staff is sufficient to control all the prisoners now under sentence in Tasmania. The transit of prisoners on Government Railways is a mere matter of account between departments, but the maintenance of a staff in a separate Gaol involves actual expenditure of money which might be avoided.

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 1889.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1888—						
Convicted	116	19	135	44	14	58
Unconvicted	2	1	3	5	...	5
TOTAL.....	118	20	138	49	14	63
Received during the year	424	183	607	366	124	490
Totals, including Strength at commencement of year	542	203	745	415	138	553
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	34	1	35	4	2	6
By time and transfer.....	348	177	525	292	98	390
Absconded	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died	4	...	4	...	1	1
Executed.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unconvicted	45	10	55	73	20	93
TOTAL.....	431	188	619	369	121	490
Strength, 31st December, } Convicted.....	110	15	125	43	15	58
1889, of whom were... } Unconvicted.....	1	...	1	3	2	5
TOTAL.....	542	203	745	415	138	553

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1889.

Number of Prisoners received.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTAL.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Hobart	2	—	481	126	10	8	49	69	542	203
Launceston	2	—	300	84	20	14	93	40	415	138

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1889.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1888.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1889.			
	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	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Offences against the person.....	35	3	4	...	30	2	40	3	65	5	44	3	28	1	39	2	37	4	5	1
Malicious injury to property	...	...	...	1	12	1	10	4	12	1	10	5	10	1	10	4	2	...	...	1
Larceny and similar offences	53	5	22	2	104	15	112	19	157	20	134	21	113	19	119	18	44	1	15	3
Offences relating to coin	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	11	...	2	1	5	1	10	5	16	1	12	6	4	1	7	4	12	...	5	2
All other offences	17	12	21	10	167	164	193	93	284	176	214	103	269	166	193	93	15	10	21	10
TOTAL	118	20	49	14	424	183	366	124	542	203	415	138	431	188	369	121	111	15	46	17
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives	64	10	21	4	165	68	191	60	229	78	212	64	170	71	192	57	59	7	20	7
Free to Colony	24	1	17	1	156	28	90	19	180	29	107	20	147	28	93	18	33	1	14	2
Free by servitude	26	9	11	9	103	87	85	45	129	96	96	54	112	89	84	46	17	7	12	8
Ticket-of-leave	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Conditional pardon	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
TOTAL	118	20	49	14	424	183	366	124	542	203	415	138	431	188	369	121	111	15	46	17
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life	6	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	8	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	8	1	...	...
20 years and under 15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
10 " " 5	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	11	...	...	...
5 " "	5	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	6	...	2	1	2	...	1	...	4	...	1	1
4 "	6	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	9	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	9	...	...	...
3 "	12	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	14	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	14	2	...	...
2 " and under	73	16	43	13	371	174	288	102	444	190	331	115	383	178	289	101	61	12	42	14
Unconvicted	2	1	5	...	44	9	71	22	46	10	176	22	45	10	73	20	1	...	3	2
TOTAL	118	20	49	14	424	183	366	124	542	203	415	138	431	188	369	121	111	15	46	17
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First	36	...	28	3	160	23	217	48	196	23	245	51	151	...	226	46	45	3	19	5
Second	20	1	2	...	54	6	20	12	74	7	22	12	62	...	16	8	12	...	6	4
Third and over	62	19	19	11	210	154	129	64	272	173	148	75	218	...	127	67	54	12	21	8
TOTAL	118	20	49	14	424	183	366	124	542	203	415	138	431	...	369	121	111	15	46	17

RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1889.

Nature of Employment.	Hobart.			Launceston.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Barbers	32	14	6	36	10	0
Blacksmiths	96	8	0	43	16	0
Carpenters	203	19	3	59	4	0
Cleaners	40	0	0			
Cooks	114	7	6	54	15	0
Grooms	75	17	6			
Needlework	31	13	4	5	8	8
Painters	44	8	6	2	17	6
Shoemakers	290	10	6	56	4	9
Saddlers	13	11	0	1	5	0
Servants	40	0	0	45	19	6
Tailors	333	1	1	41	10	6
Washermen	124	14	0	37	12	3
Washerwomen	108	6	8			
Wood-cutters	74	5	0	16	16	0
Wardsmen	322	19	6	147	18	0
Carters	75	17	6			
Gatekeepers and Watchmen	107	15	0			
Government House Grounds	204	2	6			
Hairpickers	1	19	0			
Masons and Bricklayers	73	0	0			
Botanical Gardens	224	17	6			
Tinsmiths	18	10	6			
Office of Inspector of Police	38	2	6			
Tennis Lawn, Government House	19	12	6			
Stockade, Domain	251	14	1			
Garden Men	1	5	0	68	11	0
Government House Quarry	114	10	0			
Felling Trees in the Domain	8	5	0			
Cornelian Bay Esplanade	14	0	0			
Brickfields Dépôt	7	7	6			
General Hospital	...			0	2	3
Police Station, Launceston	...			13	13	9
Opening Drains in H.M. Gaol	...			6	9	0
Bricklayer	...			21	0	0
New Dépôt Grounds, Launceston	...			6	14	3
Whitewashers	...			20	12	0
Carpenters, Bricklayers, &c. at Supreme Court House, Launceston	...			25	2	0
Alterations at Male House of Correction	...			2	0	6
Storeman	...			14	14	0
Carpenters, Bricklayers, &c. at Invalid Dépôt, Launceston	...			42	11	0
Watchman	...			36	10	0
Writer	...			4	17	6
Yardsmen	...			36	10	0
Washing done for Invalid Dépôt	...			7	10	3
	£3107	14	11	£856	14	8
Cash Received—						
Sale of Metal	219	2	0			
Sale of Bread	3436	6	8			
Sale of Bran	260	17	8			
Carpenters, &c.	463	19	10			
Shoemakers	431	1	9	2	8	8
Tailors	68	14	8			
Washing	396	17	2	13	18	4
Maintenance of Naval Prisoners	2	14	0			
Sale of Stable Manure	0	12	0			
Sale of Flour Sweepings	0	14	5			
Sale of empty Casks	0	8	0			
	£5281	8	2	£16	7	0

RETURN of the Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1889.

	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	132	124	£ s. d. 3154 13 10	£ s. d. 2618 9 7	£ s. d. 5773 3 5	£ s. d. 1423 18 9	£ s. d. 882 11 7	£ s. d. 2225 3 4	£ s. d. 4531 13 8	£ s. d. 43 14 9	£ s. d. 26 5 5
Launceston	60·02	41·0	1251 11 10	1180 15 1	2432 6 11	17 12 4	95 13 6	761 1 2	874 7 0	40 0 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	38 2 3 $\frac{1}{4}$