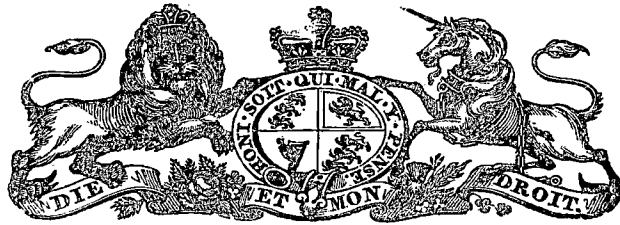


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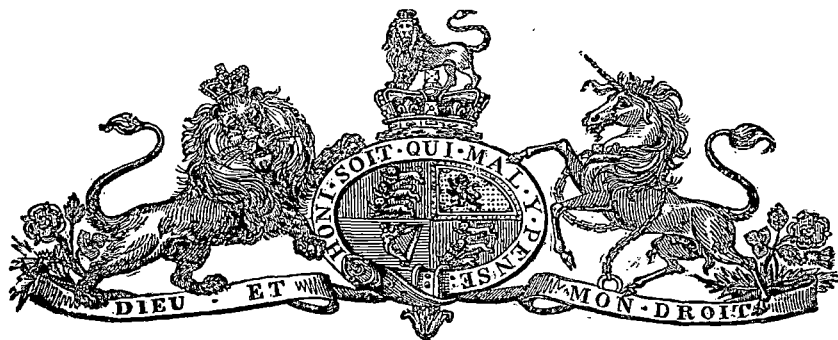
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T A S M A N I A.

IMMIGRATION AGENT'S REPORT

FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1857.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered to be printed,
15 February, 1858.



Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 12th February, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on Immigration for the half-year ending 31st December, 1858, comprising Tabular Returns of the Immigrants introduced during that period, numbered from 1 to 8.

2. The Scotch Highland Immigrants specified in the Returns were sent out on board the *Persian* by the Highland and Island Emigration Society with the balance of £3000 placed at their disposal by this Government several years ago.

On arrival, on the 31st October, it was found that Typhus Fever existed among the Passengers; and the Ship was placed in Quarantine at Impression Bay, where the Passengers were landed, and from whence their transfer to Hobart Town was completed on 2nd instant. The chief sufferers from the disease were the Highland Emigrants.

Upon the affairs of this Ship a detailed Report has already been submitted.

The Immigrants cannot be said to be well suited to the wants of this Colony, where superior farm labour is at present required.

The men have chiefly been accustomed to fishing combined with cultivation. The young women are likely, with training, to make useful country servants.

3. Endeavours continue to be made to prevent the departure from the Colony of Immigrants under liability, and to recover from them the repayments due on account of their passage-money; but the reduction of the Immigration Establishment has rendered it quite impossible to give proper attention to this duty at Hobart Town, and the receipts from this source have greatly diminished.

4. In my Half-yearly Report to the 30th June, 1857, in considering the subject of Emigration from this Colony, I assumed, in the absence of accurate information, the number of Convicts who arrived between the taking of the Census on the 1st of March, 1851, and the time when transportation ceased to be 2000. I have since found the number to be about 5129, which, on the grounds shown in the former Report, makes the number of Emancipists who have quitted this Colony during the last six years 13,941.

5. The demand for labour and the rates of wages do not vary materially from those submitted in my last Half-yearly Report. In that Report I entered fully into the necessity for Female Immigration; since that time Blank Bounty Tickets have been issued to the Family Colonization Society for ninety Single Females for Hobart Town, and sixty for Launceston,—a number which, I need scarcely observe, will afford only a very temporary relief to the demand.

I beg leave, on this occasion, to bring again particularly to notice the extreme importance, when measures are taken for extending that Immigration, of providing for the careful and proper selection of the Immigrants.

I cannot too strongly urge this upon the attention of the Government as a subject in every respect of the utmost importance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

STATEMENT of Total Immigration to Tasmania, at the Public Expense, during the Half-year ending 31st December, 1857.

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	BIRTHS ON THE VOYAGE.			DEATHS ON THE VOYAGE.										IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED.										PASSAGE MONEY.							
				Married.		Single.		3 and under 12.		1 and under 3.		Under 1.		Total	Married.		Single.		3 and under 12.		1 and under 3.		Under 1.			Number.		Total Souls.	Statute Adults.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	£	s.	d.		
Bounty System.																															
From the United Kingdom	3	2	5	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	5	137	157	364	295	109	75	34	25	16	14	660	566	1226	1075	17,082	0	0
From Germany .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	7	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	12	12	24	22½	337	10	0
Total Bounty System	3	2	5	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	5	140	161	371	302	111	76	34	25	16	14	672	578	1250	1097½	17,419	10	0
Through the Highland and Island Emigration Society.																															
From the Islands of Coll and Harris	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	8	26	27	47	43	15	25	4	3	2	1	94	99	193	166½	*2716	0	0
Total	3	2	5	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	..	13	166	188	418	345	126	101	38	28	18	15	766	677	1443	1264	20,135	10	0

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Total Passage-money	£	s.	d.
Gratuities	20,135	10	0
	632	14	3
	20,768	4	3
Less Deposits received on Ordinary Bounty Tickets	£2537		
Ditto Amount of Promissory Notes received on Blank Bounty Tickets. 153			
	2690	0	0
	£18,078	3	4

* Calculated at £16 per Statute Adult, which is believed to be the rate paid in England. These Emigrants were sent out with the balance of £3000 remitted to the Highland Society by this Government several years ago.

No. 3.

STATEMENT of the NATIVE COUNTRIES and RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of EMIGRANTS introduced into Tasmania, during the Half-year ending 31st December, 1857.

	Married.		Single.		Children.		Total Souls.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
England	90	97	143	114	91	65	600
Scotland	62	63	172	135	62	58	552
Ireland	11	24	94	88	27	20	264
Other Countries	3	4	9	8	2	1	27
<i>Totals</i>	166	188	418	345	182	144	1443
Protestants	154	161	327	258	158	124	1182
Roman Catholics	12	27	91	86	24	20	260
Other Religions .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
<i>Totals</i>	166	188	418	345	182	144	1443

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

No. 4.

CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM under the Regulations of the 24th January, 1854, up to the 31st December, 1857.

	ON DEPOSIT.		BLANK TICKETS.			
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.		FROM GERMANY.	
			Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued	891	1329	124	200	100	200
Less certified for payment—						
United Kingdom... <small>Fam. Tich. Sing. Tich.</small> 694 .. 999 }	725	1025	123	194	100	198
Germany .....							31 .. 26 }
Cancelled	101	153	—	1	—	2
Overdue	65	151	1	5	—	—
Outstanding	—	—	—	—	—	—

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

No. 5.

CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM under the Regulations of the 1st March, 1856, up to the 31st December, 1857.

	ON DEPOSIT.		BLANK TICKETS.	
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.	
			Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued	538	1197	26	500
Less certified for payment	404	754	6	149
Cancelled	45	61	—	—
Overdue	87	379	20	351
Outstanding	2	3	—	—

It is probable that application may be made for payment of Bounty on some of the Tickets here returned as overdue.

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

No. 6.

CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM under the Regulations of the 1st July, 1856, up to the 31st December, 1857.

	ON DEPOSIT.			BLANK TICKETS.	
	Family Tickets.	Man & Wife Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued	91	11	174	6	150
Less certified for payment	59	4	89	—	—
— cancelled	4	2	13	—	—
Outstanding	28	5	72	6	150

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

No. 7.

OCCUPATIONS of the Male Immigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 31st December, 1857.

	BOUNTY IMMIGRANTS.			HIGHLAND IMMIGRANTS.			GRAND TOTAL.	
	Married.	Single.	TOTAL.	Married.	Single.	TOTAL.	Married.	Single.
Agricultural Labourers	74	207	281	22	34	56	96	241
Boot and Shoemakers	5	7	12	—	—	—	5	7
Butchers	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
Brickmakers	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Bricklayers	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
Bakers	2	4	6	—	—	—	2	4
Brewers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Carpenters	4	3	7	—	—	—	4	3
Curriers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Copper-plate Engravers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Clerks	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Cabinet-makers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Compositors	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Cordial Manufacturers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Carters	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
Carriers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Domestic Servants	1	10	11	—	1	1	1	11
Farm Bailiffs	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Fellmongers	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Gardeners	9	13	22	—	—	—	9	13
Grooms and Coachmen	4	12	16	—	—	—	4	12
Hairdressers	2	1	3	—	—	—	2	1
Joiners and Builders	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Labourers	7	22	29	1	2	3	8	24
Leather Splitters	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Millers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Masons	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	5
Mariners	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Miners	14	32	46	—	—	—	14	32
Painters and Glaziers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Printers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Postmen	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Quarrymen	1	5	6	—	—	—	1	5
Shepherds and Herdsmen	2	10	12	3	5	8	5	15
Storemen	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
Sawyers	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	—
Smiths (Black)	1	4	5	—	1	1	1	5
Surveyor and Builder	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Saddlers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Silk Weavers	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Shopmen	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tailors	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	3
Tanners	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tin-workers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Upholsterers	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Watchmakers	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Working Engineers	2	1	3	—	—	—	2	1
Wheelwrights	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—
Wool Sorters	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
	140	371	511	26	47	73	166	418

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No. 8.

OCCUPATIONS of the Female Immigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 31st December, 1857.

	BOUNTY IMMIGRANTS.	HIGHLAND IMMIGRANTS.	GRAND TOTAL.
Bookfolder	1	—	1
Cooks	14	1	15
Cloth Cap Makers	1	—	1
Dressmakers	9	—	9
Farm-house and Dairy Maids	37	26	63
General Servants	89	4	93
Housekeepers	5	—	5
Housemaids	65	2	67
Laundresses	11	2	13
Milliners	1	1	2
Needlewomen	13	—	13
Nurses	2	—	2
Nursery Maids	47	7	54
Shoebinder	1	—	1
Shopwomen	4	—	4
Steel Pen Maker	1	—	1
Teacher	1	—	1
	302	43	345

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