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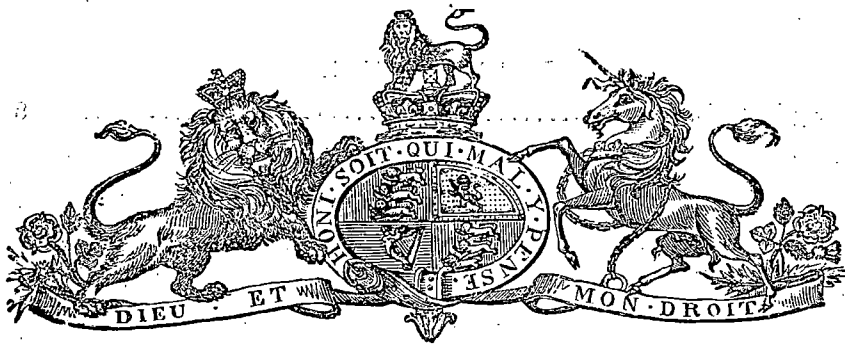
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TERRITORIAL POLICE.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1869.

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police Force of Tasmania, for the year ending the 30th June, 1870.

Office of Inspector of Police, 12th August, 1870.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit my Fourth Annual Report on the state of the Territorial Police, which I am enabled to remark has most satisfactorily maintained its efficiency during the past year.

For several months the supervision of the Northern Gold-fields was maintained by the Police Force of George Town and Selby conjointly; but it has been found necessary to establish a special Force for their protection, the organisation of which is detailed under the designation of Gold-fields District of George Town. The Fingal Diggings are supervised by the Municipal Force of that District.

In respect to crime, though there is no material decrease in its commission, yet none of a serious nature calls for comment. Vagrancy, to the suppression of which the attention of the Force has been directed, is on the increase, and vagrants, by whom a great proportion of minor offences is committed, should be vigorously dealt with.

I am glad to state that officers and men continue to perform their duties in an energetic and efficient manner.

The usual Tabular Form is annexed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

DISTRICT OF HOBART.

Strength of Force 21

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remain unaltered, and its efficiency has been satisfactorily maintained. It is scarcely sufficient, however, to enable me to extend the Police protection I should wish to property lying adjacent to the City Boundaries; to attain which object an additional Constable will be required. Its duties have been efficiently performed, and the officers and men have merited the "good conduct Report" of the Chief District Constable. One Constable had resigned. The Clothing was of excellent quality, and the Arms, Accoutrements, and Equipments were in very serviceable order. One Petty Constable had resigned.

During the year ending 30th June 50 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 32 persons had been apprehended, of whom 22 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 44 persons—25 males and 19 females—were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 62 persons—51 males and 11 females—were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. One publican had been convicted and fined. The duties of Coroner's Clerk and Summoning Officer are discharged by a Sergeant; and the Chief District Constable is entrusted with the payment of Charitable Allowances to Paupers, and the recovery of all moneys due for their maintenance in Public Institutions; is Town Surveyor at New Town, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. A Medical Man is attached to the Force.

KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force 8

This Force retains its organisation, numerical strength, pay, and efficiency, which have not suffered by the substitution of a special for an effective Petty Constable at North Bruni. There have been no dismissals nor resignations from the Force. The new Station-house at Leslie, Huon Road, was finished. During the year ending 30th June, 25 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 12 persons had been apprehended, all of whom had been summarily convicted or committed for trial. 26 persons—15 males and 11 females—had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 8 persons—7 males and 1 female—proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. Three Publicans had been proceeded against and fined. The Clothing was of good quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constables at Kingston and Three Hut Point are Bailiffs of Courts of General Sessions, Examiners of Weights and Measures, and Inspectors of Stock. No Medical Man is attached to the Force.

HUON.

Strength of Force 13

This Force has been augmented by one Petty Constable, who is stationed at the Picton River, where a new Station has been recently erected. It remains unchanged in organisation and pay, and retains its efficiency. Easy communication can now be had by land with every Out-station as far as Recherche Bay. One Constable had resigned. The Clothing was of good quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements were in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 33 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 19 persons were apprehended, of whom 14 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 40 persons—22 males and 18 females—were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 11 persons—all males—were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. No proceedings had been taken against Publicans. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. A Medical Man is attached to this Force.

SELBY.

Strength of Force 10

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remain unaltered, and its efficiency has been satisfactorily maintained. The services of the two Constables employed specially in the supervision of the Railway Works have been dispensed with. The new Station at Scotsdale has been finished, and a Constable permanently detached to this locality, which is becoming populous. One Constable had resigned, and one had been dismissed.

During the year ending 30th June, 14 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 8 persons had been apprehended, all of whom were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 28 persons—18 males and 10 females—were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 4 male persons had been proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. No proceedings had been taken against Publicans. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is an officer appointed to recover fees due for maintenance of persons in Public Institutions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. A Medical Man is attached to this Force.

HORTON.

Strength of Force 8

No change has been made in the organisation, numerical strength, or pay of this Force, which continues efficient. The Stations at the Montagu River and the Cam, which are much required, have not yet been erected. There have been no dismissals nor resignations from the Force. The Clothing was of excellent quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 29 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 19 persons had been apprehended, of whom 11 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 29 persons—24 males and 5 females—were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 40 persons—34 males and 6 females—were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. One Publican had been convicted and fined. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable performs the duties of Police Clerk, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. Similar duties are performed by the 2nd class District Constables stationed at Emu Bay and Wynyard; and all these officers are also Tide-waiters of the Customs Department. Medical Officers attend the Stanley and Wynyard Stations.

PORT SORELL.

Strength of Force 14

This Force remains unaltered in organisation, numerical strength, and pay, though it has become necessary to station a Constable temporarily at the Don River, where a public-house has been opened on the main road and in the immediate neighbourhood of Messrs. Cummings' saw-mills: this appointment to the Force permanently is necessary. Its efficiency is satisfactorily maintained, but it will require augmentation as the population, which is becoming numerous, increases, there being now no less than 10 out-stations. Two Petty Constables had resigned since last inspection from ill-health, the duties to be performed requiring strong able-bodied men. The clothing was of good quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements were in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 65 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 50 persons were apprehended, of whom 34 were summarily convicted or committed for trial; 65 persons, 46 males and 19 females, were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 12 male persons were proceeded against under the Police Act. One publican was convicted and fined. The new Court is finished, and necessary repairs at the Torquay Station effected. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Town Surveyor, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 5

This Force has undergone a reduction in its numerical strength, and a slight change in its organisation, consequent on the Gold Fields Area of the District having been placed under the supervision of a separate Force. It now consists of a District Constable in charge of George Town, one Sergeant, and three Petty Constables. It is efficient, and its pay remains unaltered. The Chief District Constable had resigned, and his duties are now performed by the District Constable. The Clothing was of good quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 11 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 8 persons had been apprehended, 7 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 1 person, a female, was charged with drunkenness, and 4 male persons were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act. No Publicans had been proceeded against. The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and cleanly, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The District Constable performs the duty of Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions, of which the Sergeant is Bailiff, and is also Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. A Medical Officer is attached to the force.

GOLD-FIELDS DISTRICT OF GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 7

In order to afford a sufficient protection to the Gold-fields on the northern coast, it has been thought desirable to constitute a Gold-fields District, and to establish a Force specially for its supervision. This has been done by severing an area including Waterhouse, Piper's River, the Back Creek, the Den, and Nine-Mile Springs from the George Town Police District, and placing it in charge of a force consisting of one acting Chief District Constable, one Sergeant, and five petty Constables. The officer in charge resides at Piper's River; a Sergeant and one Constable are stationed at Waterhouse; one Constable (who is a tidewaiter of the Customs Department) at the Tomahawk River; two Constables (one mounted) at the Back Creek; and one Constable at the Nine-Mile Springs. The postal arrangements for the Nine-Mile Springs, Back Creek, and Den are carried out by the constabulary, and Telegraphic communication will soon be established with the former station. At present the entire population on the Gold-fields is estimated at between 400 and 500 persons. Very little disorder has prevailed at any time, and though a few minor offences have been committed, there has been a total absence of serious crime. Should population increase it will be found necessary to augment this force—which at present is, however, quite adequate for the requirements of the Service.

GREAT LAKE DISTRICT.

Strength of Force 3

Since my last report no change had been made in the organisation, numerical strength, or pay of this Force. From a strict surveillance having been kept over hawkers, to whom sheepskins and tallow were formerly disposed of by shepherds, few, and those it is believed are respectable men, frequent the Lake country, and robberies of this class are prevented, and vagrancy suppressed. It is reported that the runs are becoming more healthy, and the amount of stock depastured is again on the increase. Reports of loss of sheep are unfrequent, and in many cases result in their discovery, they not having been subjects of felony, but having strayed. Five indictable offences had been reported to the police, and a pedlar had been convicted of sly grog selling. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Horses in fair condition, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order. The Books, Records, and Returns were correctly kept.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

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DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.						Area in Acres.	Acres to each Constable.	ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING FORAGE AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.			DAILY PAY.			
		Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Petty Constables.	Special Constables.			Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Special Constable.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Petty Constables.	
Hobart	21	1	3	3	—	14	—	686,690	32,700	£ 190	£ s. d. 104 18 9	—	£ s. d. 5 9 —	5	C. D. Constable has quarters.	
Kingborough	8	2	2	—	—	3	1	463,000	58,000	190	91 5 0	25	—	—	5	One C. D. Constable has quarters.
Huon	12	1	2	1	—	7	1	2,507,000	209,000	190	{ 129 18 9 } { 144 18 9 }	50	5 9 —	—	5	One 2nd Class District Constable has full forage £40, and the other £25.
Selby	10	1	1	—	1	7	—	—	—	215	104 18 9	—	—	5 0	5	C. D. Constable has £25 allowance included in his salary. The Acting Sergeant has £25 forage allowance.
George Town	5	—	1	—	1	3	—	792,320	158,464	—	140 0 0	—	—	5 0	5	2nd Class District Constable has quarters.
Port Sorell	14	1	1	—	2	10	—	561,920	40,137	230	129 18 9	—	—	5 0	5	C. D. Constable has quarters and forage £40 for a second horse, included in his salary.
Horton	7	1	2	—	—	4	—	2,574,000	367,714	190	{ 129 18 9 } { 104 18 9 }	—	—	—	5	One 2nd Class District Constable has £25 allowance.
Great Lake	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	190	—	—	5 0	—	—	The Sergeant has £25 allowance.
Gold Fields, George Town District	7	1	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	190	—	—	—	5 6s. 6d.	—	One Constable mounted.

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