



1861.

T A S M A N I A.

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RETURN TO AN ORDER. (*Mr. Wedge.*)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
29 January, 1862.



*RETURN of the Number of Persons Convicted of Felonies and Misdemeanors before the Supreme Court and the Courts of Quarter Session from the 1st January, 1856, to the 31st December, 1860, who had been previously transported to this Colony ; showing the Description of the Offence.*

<i>Offence.</i>	<i>Number of Convictions.</i>
Manslaughter.....	6
Murder.....	18
Shooting at, with intent, &c.....	13
Cutting and Wounding, with intent, &c.....	45
Robbery from the Person.....	99
Burglary.....	63
House-breaking and Stealing from the Dwelling.....	42
Cattle-stealing and feloniously receiving Stolen Cattle.....	17
Sheep-stealing and feloniously receiving Stolen Sheep.....	21
Horse-stealing and feloniously receiving Stolen Horses.....	23
Stealing Money and other Property.....	151
Feloniously receiving Stolen Money and other Property.....	51
Forging and Uttering Forgeries.....	69
Sodomy and attempt to commit Sodomy.....	18
Bestiality and attempt to commit Bestiality.....	4
Rape and attempt to commit Rape.....	19
Carnally knowing Girls under 10 years of age.....	5
Carnally knowing Girls between 10 and 12 years of age.....	1
Arson.....	2
Poisoning and attempt to Poison.....	2
Embezzling.....	7
Obtaining Goods, &c., under false pretences.....	28
Coining and Uttering Base Coin.....	11
Perjury.....	9
Common Assault.....	54
Feloniously presenting Fire-arms.....	2
Maliciously destroying Property.....	1
Unlawfully Killing and Wounding Animals.....	5
Unlawfully Pledging.....	6
Being on Premises for an unlawful purpose.....	3
Fraud under the Insolvent Act.....	2
Bigamy.....	1
Abduction.....	1
Sacrilege.....	2
Unlawfully neglecting to bury his wife.....	1
TOTAL.....	802

W. NAIRN, *Sheriff.*

*Sheriff's Office, 10th September, 1861.*

## MEMO.

THE Police Magistrates and Wardens of the Districts of Oatlands, Campbell Town, Launceston, and Longford, and the Municipalities of Richmond and Clarence, state that they are unable to furnish the information for the years 1855, 1856, and 1857, on account of having no record of such cases; consequently the numbers given in those years do not include the cases that may have occurred in those Districts during the years named.

The Return, however, so far as relates to the subsequent years, is complete; the Inspector of Police having a record of all crime reported to the Police. The Return itself has been prepared so as to show the number of persons out of those reported that had been apprehended, but from various causes discharged either by the Bench or Jury.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

January 22, 1861.

*RETURN of the Number and Description of Felonies known to the Police during the Years 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, and from the 1st of January to the 30th June, 1861, the Perpetrators of which still remain undetected.*

Years.	Murder.			Assault with intent to murder.			Rape.			Assault with intent to commit Rape.			Manslaughter.			Forgery.			Perjury.			Robbery.			Assault with intent to commit Robbery.			Horse-stealing.			Sheep-stealing.			Cattle-stealing.			Unnatural Offence.			Arson.			Burglary and House-breaking.		
	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total	Apprehended	Discharged	Total					
1855	3	2	1	4	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	42	31	3	4	3	0	6	3	1	7	4	0	11	3	2	3	1	0	2	2	0	11	4	0
1856	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	3	2	1	1	0	56	37	8	4	3	0	4	2	0	14	6	3	7	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1
1857	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	3	0	61	38	10	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	12	2	5
1858	6	3	2	17	9	4	3	0	2	3	0	1	3	0	3	12	1	5	1	0	1	62	20	6	24	7	8	11	5	2	21	0	0	20	5	2	2	0	1	6	2	1	48	7	5
1859	6	1	2	10	1	8	7	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	4	3	11	2	1	63	26	15	17	11	3	17	3	1	24	6	8	12	1	3	1	0	1	18	5	4	26	3	4
1860	2	0	0	9	6	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	7	2	4	2	0	1	55	26	3	7	2	2	14	4	2	37	4	4	17	2	1	2	1	1	8	2	2	29	6	5
1/2-yr 1861	6	2	3	6	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	18	11	2	2	2	0	7	0	0	8	2	1	7	3	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	9	0	1

MEMO.—The first column under each crime shows the total number known to the Police for those Districts that have made Returns; the second column gives the number apprehended and brought before the Bench, but discharged; and the third column the number committed for trial and discharged by Jury.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

*RETURN of the Number of Persons previously transported to this Colony convicted under the "Petty Larceny Act," and of LIFE-SENTENCED MEN summarily convicted by the Magistrates throughout the Colony, from the 1st January, 1856, to the 31st December, 1860:—*

Convicted under "Petty Larceny Act," 19 Vict. No. 5, and 23 Vict. No. 4..... 1511  
Ditto life-sentenced men summarily convicted, 8 Vict. No. 13, Sect. 20..... 43

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

*RETURN showing Amounts paid annually for Witnesses' Expenses in Cases of Criminals previously transported to this Colony and subsequently convicted of Offences before the Supreme Court and Courts of Quarter Sessions since the Abolition of Transportation in 1853 to December, 1860.*

WITNESSES' EXPENSES.						
YEAR.	SUPREME COURT.			COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1853.....	701	13	0	484	9	0
1854.....	2109	19	0	973	0	4
1855.....	1366	7	3	1291	16	8
1856.....	899	5	0	482	10	0
1857.....	1093	14	0	429	19	6
1858.....	1074	2	9	197	5	0
1859.....	1438	13	0	462	4	6
1860.....	1305	4	0	114	5	0
TOTAL ....	9988	18	0	4435	10	0

  

CAPTURE AND PROSECUTION.						
YEAR.	SUPREME COURT.			COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1857.....	146	0	0	38	3	4
1858.....	211	5	2	57	2	0
1859.....	1524	4	7	87	3	0
1860.....	216	7	4	42	8	0
TOTAL ....	2097	17	1	224	16	4

  

ABSTRACT.				
<i>Witnesses' Expenses.</i>				
	£	s.	d.	
Supreme Court .....	9988	18	0	
Courts of Quarter Sessions....	4435	10	0	
<i>Capture and Prosecution,</i>				
From 1857 to 1860.				
Supreme Court.....	2097	17	1	
Courts of Quarter Sessions....	224	16	4	
	<u>£16,747</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	

MEMO.—From 1853 to 1856, the Records will not allow of the distinction being made between expenses incurred for those who were convicted and those acquitted; nor are there any means of distinguishing the class of men for whose capture the expenses were incurred; but the total amounts paid under those heads for the respective years are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
1853 .....	115	1	0
1854 .....	44	14	0
1855 .....	320	5	3
1856 .....	146	11	6
	<u>£626</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 16th October, 1861.*

Sir,

I AM directed to forward the accompanying Return of Persons convicted at the Courts of Quarter Sessions between the years 1853 and 1860, and to request you will be good enough to furnish the information in regard to the Cost of Prosecution in each case, at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

*The Clerk of the Peace, Hobart.*

It is impossible for this office to furnish the required particulars without the original vouchers for the payment of the various Witnesses' expenses, which vouchers are in the hands of the Auditor, from whom alone therefore the desired information can be obtained.

ROBERT BYRON MILLER.  
17th October, 1861.

FORWARDED to the Auditor with the request that he will furnish the information referred to in this letter.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

18th October, 1861.

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THE information has been furnished as far as this office has the means of doing so.

E. J. MANLEY.

8th January, 1862.

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*Colonial Secretary's Office, 16th October, 1861.*

SIR,

I AM directed to forward the accompanying Returns of Prisoners convicted at the Supreme Court between the years 1853 and 1860, and to request you will be good enough to furnish the Cost of Prosecution in each case, at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

*The Registrar of the Supreme Court.*

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*Registry Supreme Court, 19th October, 1861.*

THERE are not any documents in the Supreme Court which will enable me to furnish "the Cost of Prosecution" or even the amount of Witnesses' expenses in these cases; but the sums paid for the latter may be ascertained by reference to the orders filed with the Auditor, in which orders the name of the Prisoner, or one of the Prisoners, in each case will appear; and with a view of more readily arriving at the information required, I have caused the names of all the Persons tried in each case to be inserted in pencil in those cases where they did not sufficiently appear in the Return.

I would respectfully observe that, if the object of this Return be to ascertain the cost to the Colony of the Prosecution of Prisoners previously convicted *out* of the Colony, there are many expenses of Prosecution other than those of Witnesses. And I would further suggest that, to make the return complete, it should show the cost of *Prosecution* of every such Person, whatever the result.

JNO. ASTON WATKINS, *Registrar.*

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FORWARDED to the Auditor, with the request that the information which the Registrar of the Supreme Court states he is unable to furnish may be supplied in the accompanying Form.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

21st October, 1861.

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THE information has now been inserted in the Returns as far as this Department possesses the means of furnishing it.

E. J. MANLEY.

8th January, 1862.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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*A RETURN of the Cost to the Colony of the Capture and Prosecution of CRIMINALS previously transported and subsequently convicted of Offences before the Supreme Court since the Abolition of Transportation in August, 1853, up to 31st December, 1860:—*

Number of Criminals.	Cost of Capture.	Cost of Prosecution.
	<b>1853.</b>	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
54 .....	125 1 0	701 13 0
	<b>1854.</b>	
92 .....	44 14 0	2109 19 0
	<b>1855.</b>	
104 .....	320 5 3	1366 7 3
	<b>1856.</b>	
66 .....	146 11 6	899 5 0
	<b>1857.</b>	
72 .....	146 0 0	1093 14 0
	<b>1858.</b>	
127 .....	211 5 2	1074 2 9
	<b>1859.</b>	
136 .....	1524 4 7	1438 13 0
	<b>1860.</b>	
126 .....	216 7 4	1305 4 0

*A RETURN of the Cost to the Colony of the Capture and Prosecution of CRIMINALS previously transported and subsequently convicted of Offences before the Courts of Quarter Sessions since the Abolition of Transportation in August, 1853, up to 31st December, 1860:—*

Number of Criminals.	Cost of Capture.	Cost of Prosecution.
	<b>1853.</b>	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
71 .....	—	484 9 0
	<b>1854.</b>	
147 .....	—	973 0 4
	<b>1855.</b>	
203 .....	—	1291 16 8
	<b>1856.</b>	
104 .....	—	482 10 0
	<b>1857.</b>	
77 .....	38 3 4	429 19 6
	<b>1858.</b>	
24 .....	57 2 0	197 5 6
	<b>1859.</b>	
39 .....	87 3 0	462 4 6
	<b>1860.</b>	
24 .....	42 8 0	114 5 0

The cost of capture cannot be detailed so as to show the charge against each individual.