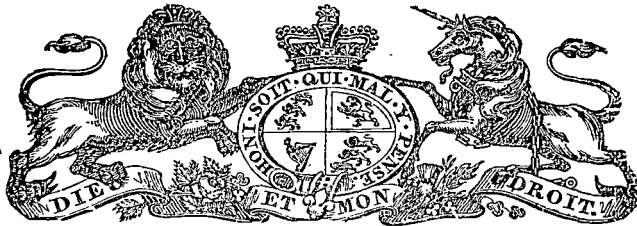


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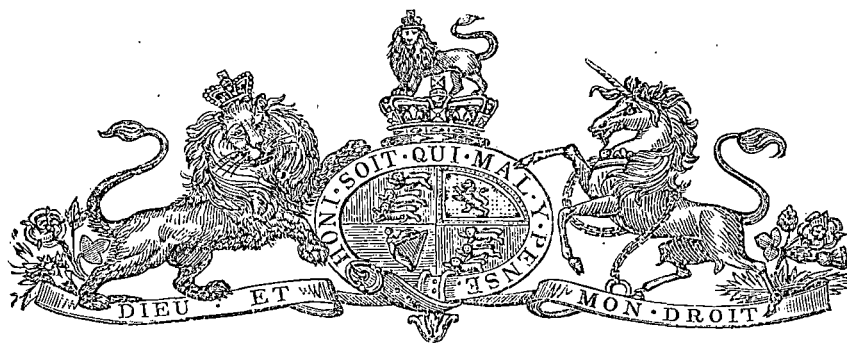
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1897.

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Sheriff's Office, June 1st, 1898.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report, with the statistical information, respecting the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1897.

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

	31st December, 1896.		31st December, 1897.	
Hobart.....	107 males	7 females = 114	94 males	7 females = 101
Launceston	20 males	3 females = 23	14 males	2 females = 16
	<u>127</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>108</u>
			<u>9</u>	<u>117</u>

being a decrease of 13 males in Hobart, and a decrease of 6 males and of 1 female in Launceston, or a total decrease of 20 prisoners as compared with last year.

The total number received and discharged during 1897 was as follows:—

	Received.		Discharged.	
Hobart.....	409 males	92 females = 501	422 males	92 females = 514
Launceston	179 males	56 females = 235	185 males	57 females = 242
	<u>588</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>607</u>
			<u>149</u>	<u>756</u>

As compared with 1896, there is a decrease in receipts of 190, and in discharges of 164, the receipts and discharges for that year being respectively 926 and 920.

By a comparison of the number of prisoners (117) remaining in custody on 31st December, 1897, with the estimated population of the colony on that date, namely 171,719, the proportion of prisoners to each thousand is 0.68. A like comparison for 1896 gives the proportion 0.82.

The average daily number during the year was 105 in Hobart and 18.95 in Launceston, as compared with 124 and 23.15 respectively for 1896, being a decrease of 19 in Hobart and of 4.2 in Launceston, or a total decrease of 23.2.

The average cost per head for the year was £40 8s. 2d. in Hobart and £33 11s. 8d. in Launceston, but after deducting cash received for work done, and the value of the work done for other departments for which no actual cash payment was made, the average cost per head is reduced to £18 17s. 11d. for Hobart and £31 1s. 6d. for Launceston, or to £20 15s. as the average cost per head for both Gaols. This is an advance on the previous year, and is to be accounted for by the decrease in the daily average number of prisoners while the cost of supervision remains constant.

The work and responsibility of the Department practically devolve upon the Deputy Sheriff, whose attention to this branch of his official duties is to be commended. The Governor of the Hobart Gaol is a most efficient officer, and the other officers have performed their duties satisfactorily.

The conduct of the prisoners has been, upon the whole, good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Sheriff.*

The Honourable the Attorney-General.

*RETURN showing the Description and Estimated Value of Labour performed at the Gaols,
Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1897.*

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>			<i>Launceston.</i>		
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Botanical Gardens	294	0	0			
Government House Grounds	280	10	6			
Mount Wellington	596	15	0			
Queen's Domain.....	265	16	6			
Police Station.....	52	3	0			
Carters	78	18	6			
Police Court	51	16	0			
Gatekeepers	31	13	0			
Bakers.....	368	10	0			
Blacksmiths and Engine-drivers	131	8	0			
Bricklayers	41	0	0			
Brushmakers	85	1	0			
Carpenters.....	195	6	0			
Cooks and Scullerymen.....	81	13	6	36	0	0
Grooms.....	93	2	0			
Hatmakers	50	7	6			
Matmakers.....	232	18	6			
Painters.....	41	6	0			
Printers	36	6	0			
Servants and Officers' Attendants	29	16	0	18	5	0
Shoemakers.....	274	1	0	36	17	6
Store Labourer	37	5	0			
Tailors.....	135	8	0	1	18	0
Tinsmiths.....	81	3	0			
Wardsmen.....	214	0	0	65	16	0
Washermen.....	37	7	6			
Woodcutters and Casuals	99	4	6	3	15	0
Receiving Room.....	73	3	0			
Photographer, Writer, and Hospital Attendant ...	99	5	0			
Yardsmen.....	44	5	0	18	5	0
Needlewomen	108	15	0			
Washing	139	13	0	40	19	0
Yardwomen, &c.	22	11	0	14	2	6
Whitewashing Buildings, Benevolent Asylum .....	...			9	5	0
Gardening, Benevolent Asylum .....	...			37	7	0
Whitewashers .....	...			21	10	0
Cleaning Yards, Custom House .....	...			0	18	0
TOTAL	4404	8	0	304	18	0
Value of work done for other Departments.....	1541	1	0	47	10	0
For ordinary Gaol purposes	2863	7	0	257	8	0
CASH RECEIVED—						
Sale of Bread.....	2626	1	8			
Sale of Brushware	82	0	4			
Sale of Hats	0	5	0			
Sale of Mats	119	19	9			
Blacksmiths	2	7	0			
Bookbinding	6	5	9			
Carpenters	261	3	11			
Shoemakers.....	356	10	5			
Tailoring	26	3	6			
Washing.....	2	9	0			
Naval Maintenance.....	31	4	0			
Sale of Manure	0	13	0			
Tinsmiths	50	14	2			
Sale of Bags.....	5	14	6			
Sale of old iron and old tools	6	14	0			
Sale of Firewood to Camp.....	5	5	0			
Miscellaneous.....	0	11	3			
	3584	2	3			
Cost of Material..... £3186 4 10						
Less value of Material on hand... 320 0 0						
	2866	4	10			
Balance Cr.....	717	17	5			

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1897.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1896.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1897.			
	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.....	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Offences against the Person	28	2	2	...	46	3	18	...	74	5	20	...	40	1	16	...	34	4	4	...
Malicious injury to Property.....	7	...	...	...	12	1	1	2	19	1	1	2	10	...	1	2	9	1	...	...
Larceny and similar offences	42	2	9	...	101	15	50	9	143	17	59	9	105	15	55	8	...	2	4	1
Offences relating to Coin.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	5	...	...	...	8	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
All other offences	22	3	9	3	241	72	109	44	263	75	118	47	267	75	112	46	47	...	6	1
TOTAL.....	107	7	20	3	409	92	179	56	516	99	199	59	422	92	185	57	94	7	14	2
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives	76	7	15	...	283	67	119	33	359	74	134	33	286	67	125	33	73	7	9	...
Free to Colony	26	...	4	...	99	8	40	10	125	8	44	10	113	8	42	10	12	...	2	...
Free by servitude.....	5	...	1	3	27	17	20	13	32	17	21	16	23	17	18	14	9	...	3	2
TOTAL.....	107	7	20	3	409	92	179	56	516	99	199	59	422	92	185	57	94	7	14	2
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...
20 years and above 15 years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10 "	3	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	5	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	...
10 " " 5 "	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
5 "	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
4 "	6	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	8	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
3 "	6	1	...	...	6	...	3	...	12	1	3	...	2	1	3	...	10	...	...	...
2 years and under	77	5	19	3	374	88	152	55	451	93	171	58	389	86	159	56	62	7	12	2
Unconvicted .....	...	...	1	...	23	4	21	1	23	4	22	1	22	4	20	1	1	...	2	...
TOTAL.....	107	7	20	3	409	92	179	56	516	99	199	59	422	92	185	57	94	7	14	2
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First time	40	1	10	...	146	22	83	14	186	23	93	14	154	23	89	14	32	...	4	...
Second time	19	1	3	...	69	6	31	4	88	7	34	4	75	7	29	4	13	...	5	...
Third time	13	1	1	...	34	4	8	1	47	5	9	1	28	1	9	1	19	4	...	...
Over three times	35	4	6	3	160	60	57	37	195	64	63	40	165	61	58	38	30	3	5	2
TOTAL.....	107	7	20	3	409	92	179	56	516	99	199	59	422	92	185	57	94	7	14	2

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RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1897.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1896—						
Convicted	107	7	114	19	3	22
Unconvicted	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL	107	7	114	20	3	23
Received during the year	409	92	501	179	56	235
Totals, including Strength at commencement of the year.....	516	99	615	199	59	258
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	50	1	51	3	1	4
By time	343	87	430	161	55	216
Absconded	—	—	—	—	—	—
Died	1	—	1	—	—	—
Executed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unconvicted	28	4	32	21	1	22
TOTAL	422	92	514	185	57	242
Strength on 31st December, 1897	93	7	100	12	2	14
Convicted.....	1	—	1	2	—	2
Unconvicted.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL.....	94	7	101	14	2	16

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1897.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTALS.	
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Hobart.....	14	—	399	76	2	1	101	22	516	99
Launceston	—	—	144	40	6	7	49	12	199	59

RETURN of Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1897.

	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	105	99	£ s. d. 2544 3 0	£ s. d. 1699 1 5	£ s. d. 4243 4 5	£ s. d. 717 17 5	£ s. d. 1541 1 0	£ s. d. 2863 7 0	£ s. d. 5122 5 5	£ s. d. 40 8 2	£ s. d. 18 17 11
Launceston	18·95	13·76	260 0 0	376 8 2	636 8 2	<i>Nil.</i>	47 10 0	258 6 0	305 16 0	33 11 8	31 1 6

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