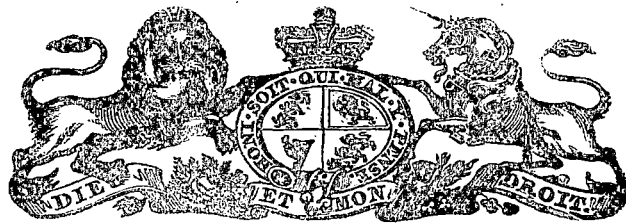


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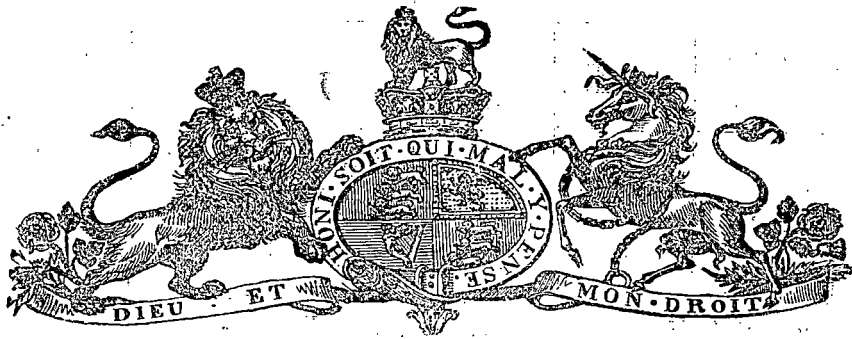
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**TERRITORIAL POLICE:**

INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1884.

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



*EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State  
of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.*

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*Office of Inspector of Police, 4th June, 1885*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to supply the Annual Report upon the state of the Territorial Police for 1884.

The general efficiency of the Force has been maintained, and criminal offences show a decrease by comparison with the preceding year.

The improvement in the position and prospects of the Police has rendered the service much more attractive, and I have now the opportunity of selection from a larger number of eligible candidates than heretofore.

The depression in speculative mining closed an important avenue to profitable employment, and might have caused distress leading to crime. The public works, however, attracted the liberated labour, and there was little enforced idleness on those able and willing to work.

Losses of sheep supposed to be stolen still continue. The reports are seldom made early enough to give much opportunity for Police action; but under present circumstances the protection to flockowners is insufficient. The necessity for a small force trained to detective investigation and the conduct of cases is apparent.

The projected railway extensions will necessitate some changes in the distribution of the Force, and will facilitate Police duty in every respect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*

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## RETURN of Indictable and other Offences.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkeness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	272	207	136	281	42	393	49
1883.....	320	183	147	270	43	419	39
1884.....	271	147	111	239	45	350	25

The total strength of the Force was, officers and men, as follows :—

Superintendents .....	10
Sub-Inspectors .....	18
Acting Sub-Inspectors .....	7
Sergeants.....	4
Constables .....	71
Specials .....	3
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>113</b>

## NEW TOWN AND QUEENBOROUGH.

Force—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Acting Sub-Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 16 Constables.

The Superintendent is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor, and Bailiff of Crown Lands. A Sub-Inspector is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court (Criminal) and Coroner's Clerk. Two Constables are employed at the Powder Magazine, four on the wharves in connection with the Customs and Marine Board, two in the Domain, one in the Superintendent's Office and Railway Station, and one at Government House.

The Superintendent, an officer of nearly thirty years experience, resigned, upon receiving the appointment of Superintendent of the Gaol and House of Correction at Hobart.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkeness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	39	33	21	18	10	90	20
1883.....	21	13	8	21	7	70	13
1884.....	16	12	10	42	14	25	7

The number of cases of drunkenness are double, while offences against the Police Act are less than half of those proceeded against in the previous year. I am of opinion that this must be attributed in a measure to changes in the Force. Alteration in the direction of Police vigilance is more probable than sudden change in the habits of the population.

There has been a great increase in the number of visitors to the Domain during the past two years. I consider the number of Constables employed insufficient to maintain order at all times.

## KINGBOROUGH.

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Acting Sub-Inspectors, 3 Constables, 1 Special.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Collector of Timber Licences. One Sub-Inspector is Collector of Timber Licences, Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs. The Acting Sub-Inspector at Kingston is Police Clerk, Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, and of the Court of Requests.

One Sub-Inspector resigned.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	23	10	4	6	1	8	
1883.....	10	5	5	8	1	7	3
1884.....	20	7	6	6	1	12	

## FRANKLIN.

*Force*—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Sergeant, 7 Constables, 1 Special.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. One Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of Crown Lands. The other is Registrar of Court of Requests and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Police Clerk. The Sergeant is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, and is Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent was superannuated, in consequence of ill health, and a Sub-Inspector from New Town appointed to the vacancy.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	18	17	13	20	13	18	8
1883.....	13	11	8	21	2	28	
1884.....	11	11	8	9	2	36	2

## SELBY.

*Force*—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 7 Constables.

The Superintendent is Collector for Charitable Institutions and of Timber Licences, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

One Sub-Inspector died. The Superintendent was transferred to New Town and Queenborough, and was succeeded by the Superintendent from Kingston.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	76	11	6	5	1	21	
1883.....	10	6	5	1	—	25	
1884.....	32	17	17	1	—	33	3

The Quarters for a Constable at Trevallyn are not yet built. A new station for the Bangor Slate Quarries is now required, and the removal of the Constable from Muddy Creek to a position further down the west bank of the Tamar is contemplated.

Credit is due to the Superintendent for energy exercised in the suppression of sheep and cattle stealing. Forty head of stolen cattle were recovered, and a conviction of the thief obtained.

A farmer was convicted of stealing sixty sheep.

## RINGAROOMA.

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 9 Constables.

The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector are Bailiffs of the Court of General Sessions. A Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands.

Three convictions were obtained under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	18	13	7	10	—	46	2
1883.....	34	12	12	19	5	38	1
1884.....	29	15	13	18	5	23	3

## GEORGE TOWN.

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Acting Sub-Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 5 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Court of General Sessions, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and Inspector of Stock. The Acting Sub-Inspector is Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions.

Two convictions were obtained against publicans under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent was transferred to Kingborough, and a Sub-Inspector appointed to the vacancy.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	24	20	13	8	3	36	4
1883.....	73	48	44	9	1	80	7
1884.....	24	14	5	1	—	31	4

The decline in mining on the eastern side of the district has been followed by corresponding decrease of offences of all kinds. One Constable is now sufficient for Lefroy; but the duty in connection with health precautions at George Town required his services there.

## PORT SORELL.

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Sergeant, 11 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Tidewaiter, and Collector for Charitable Institutions. One Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions. Another is Bailiff of the Court of Requests. A Constable is Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Deputy-Clerk of the Peace, and Gaoler. Two Constables are Tidewaiters.

Five Constables resigned.

Five convictions were obtained against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	35	27	20	151	12	104	11
1883.....	70	48	35	119	26	84	14
1884.....	81	42	33	124	21	97	22

In this, the most important of the Police Districts, the construction of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway involved some extra police supervision. The general good conduct of all employed in this undertaking rendered the maintenance of order a matter of little difficulty to the Superintendent.

EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

*Force*—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 8 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Courts of Requests, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Tidewaiter. Two Sub-Inspectors are Tidewaiters, Bailiffs of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands; another is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Court of Requests. A Constable is Deputy-Clerk of the Peace, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Police Clerk, and Gaoler. Another is Tidewaiter and Harbour Master.

Four convictions were obtained under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1882.....	70	58	41	Male. 50	Female. 2	Male. 66	Female. 2
1883.....	51	16	15	70	1	77	1
1884.....	20	14	9	36	2	85	2

PORTLAND.

*Force*—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. The Sub-Inspector and one Constable are Bailiffs of Crown Lands. One Constable is Assistant Bailiff of Court of Requests.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1882.....	29	18	10	Male. 4	Female. —	Male. 4	Female. 1
1883.....	38	24	15	2	—	10	—
1884.....	36	12	7	2	—	8	2

CARNARVON.

*Force*—1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Constable.

The Sub-Inspector is Mailman. The Constable is Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1884.....	2	3	3	—	—	—	—

Application has been made by the residents of Norfolk Bay, Port Arthur, for the appointment of two additional Constables.

The population of Carnarvon is very scattered; still I think that two Constables are in fair proportion to the number of inhabitants.

The Station at Saltwater River is not now in the best position, and there is a licensed house at Norfolk Bay.

SOUTH LONGFORD.

*Force*—1 Chief Constable, 1 Constable.

## MACQUARIE.

Force—1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Constables.

The Sub-Inspector is Landing Waiter and Bailiff of Crown Lands. One Constable is Tide Waiter. One Sub-Inspector resigned.

The failure of the tin mines has almost removed the necessity for the maintenance of this Force. It has not been necessary to appoint a Superintendent; indeed the Acting Superintendent is scarcely required. I have removed one Constable, and, unless the gold at King's River should attract population during the ensuing year, further reduction will be advisable.

## TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.							ANNUAL PAY.				DAILY PAY.					
		Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Special Constables.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.			
New Town—Queenborough <sup>a</sup> .....	23	1	3	1	..	1	17	..	£ 250	£ 126	£ 116	£ ..	s. 5	d. 3	s. 5	d. 3	s. 5	d. 3
Kingborough <sup>b</sup> .....	9	1	1	3	..	..	3	1	165	126	..	26	5	5	3	..	5	3
Franklin <sup>c</sup> .....	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	165	126	116	52	10	..	..	..	5	3
Selby <sup>d</sup> .....	10	1	2	..	..	..	7	..	200	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Ringarooma <sup>e</sup> .....	11	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	173 5s.	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
George Town <sup>f</sup> .....	9	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	173 5s.	120	116	..	5	3	..	..	5	3
South Longford <sup>g</sup> .....	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	157	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Port Sorell <sup>h</sup> .....	15	1	2	1	..	..	11	..	200	126 } 120 }	116	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Emu Bay & Russell <sup>i</sup> .....	12	1	3	..	..	..	8	..	173 5s.	126 } 120 }	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Portland <sup>j</sup> .....	5	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	173 5s.	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Carnarvon <sup>k</sup> .....	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3
Macquarie <sup>l</sup> .....	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	134	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9
TOTAL .....	113	10	18	6	2	1	74	2										

All salaries, excepting those of officers due for pensions, are subject to a 5 per cent. deduction for Police Provident Fund. All officers, except specials, have quarters or allowances in lieu of same.

<sup>a</sup> The Superintendent has £25 per annum travelling allowance.

<sup>b</sup> The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector receive £25 per annum forage allowance. An Acting Sub-Inspector has £25 a year as Police Clerk.

<sup>c</sup> The Superintendent and a Sergeant have forage allowance, £40 and £25 respectively. One Sub-Inspector has £25 forage allowance; another £25 as Police Clerk.

<sup>d</sup> The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, and three Constables have £25 a year each forage allowance. In addition the Superintendent has £25 travelling allowance.

<sup>e</sup> The Superintendent has £50 forage and £50 travelling allowance. The Sub-Inspector and six Constables have £25 a year each forage allowance.

<sup>f</sup> The Superintendent has £30 a year forage and £25 travelling allowance. The Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and one Constable have £25 a year forage, and one Constable £10 a year travelling allowance.

<sup>g</sup> The Chief Constable and Constable have £25 a year each forage allowance.

<sup>h</sup> The Superintendent has £50 forage allowance, and two Sub-Inspectors £25 a year each travelling allowance.

<sup>i</sup> The Superintendent has £25 forage and £25 travelling allowance. Two Sub-Inspectors have £50 and £25 a year respectively travelling allowance, the other and one Constable have £25 forage allowance.

<sup>j</sup> The Superintendent has £50, the Sub-Inspector £35, and two Constables £25 a year forage allowance.

<sup>k</sup> The Sub-Inspector has £25, and the Constable £10 a year travelling allowance.

<sup>l</sup> The Sub-Inspector has £50 a year forage and £50 a year personal allowance. One Constable has £25 and the other £10 personal allowance.