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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS CONVICTED OF
MINOR OFFENCES IN MUNICIPALITIES.

MEMORIAL OF THE JUSTICES, LAUNCESTON, TO THE
GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 18, 1868.



*To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Governor in Chief
of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The humble Memorial of the Justices in Launceston and its vicinity.

SHOWETH:

THAT your Memorialists regard the custom adopted by the Municipalities of the surrounding Districts of deporting all their prisoners for minor offences to the House of Correction in this City as unjust and most injurious to the inhabitants.

Your Memorialists attach a Return of Committals to the Launceston House of Correction from the surrounding Districts during the last twelve months.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will direct the Attorney-General to prepare a Bill which shall provide for the enactment of a law which shall render it compulsory upon the Municipalities to make provision for the correction and maintenance of prisoners for minor offences within the bounds of their own jurisdiction.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow the Signatures of 34 Magistrates.]

MEMORANDUM.

In compliance with the request of the Magistrates of this City and its vicinity, in Quarter Sessions assembled, the Visiting Justices of the Penal Establishments have obtained a Return of all the Committals of Prisoners to this Gaol whose sentences were under three months, and for minor offences, during twelve months ending June 30th. A synopsis of the offences, term of imprisonment, and place of conviction is also attached.

It will be observed from this Return, that of two-thirds of the whole the Prisoners' sentences did not exceed one month—many only seven and fourteen days—and who, after having been several days *en route* for Launceston, had only two or three days detention in the House of Correction.

This Return shows incontestably that which the Justices asserted, that the community is being seriously injured by the practice of the surrounding Districts, who appear systematically to deport all their vagrants, and vicious, idle, and disorderly persons, to this City. The injuries are that some are thrown helpless upon our charities, not being able to return to their former places of abode; others at once resort to the haunts of vice and crime, adding greatly to the Police expenditure.

There can be no justification for the surrounding Districts and Municipalities throwing the burden of the support and coercion of the poor and profligate upon us.

The poor are of necessity in every place, and should draw forth the sympathies, charities, and philanthropic consideration of every community. It is opposed to reason and religion to avoid these duties. There is also frequently the unseemly exhibition of women and little children being marched along with manacled felons for days together on the highway for 50 or 60 miles from the distant Townships.

It seems also extremely undesirable to take heads of families away from their homes, and which must frequently occur in the case of breaches of "The Masters and Servants' Act."

ISAAC SHERWIN, }
JAS. JNO. HUDSON, } *Visiting Justices.*

Launceston, 27th July, 1868.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received at the House of Correction, Launceston, from Country Districts whose Sentences of Imprisonment have been under Three Months, from 1st July, 1867, to the 30th June, 1868.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Offence.</i>	<i>Period of Imprisonment.</i>	<i>Place and Date of Warrant.</i>		<i>Date of Arrival.</i>
Allen, James	Breach of M. & S. Act	1 month	Westbury	7. 3. 68.	9. 3. 68.
Barnes, Mary	Idle and disorderly	2 ditto	Torquay	17. 7. 67.	31. 7. 67.
Bramhall, Ellen	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Westbury	26. 8. 67.	28. 8. 67.
Brown, Margaret	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Longford	20. 9. 67.	21. 9. 67.
Bishop, Jane	Obscene language	2 ditto	Avoca	28. 9. 67.	5. 10. 67.
Barrett, John	Idle and disorderly	6 weeks	Campbell Town	4. 10. 67.	9. 10. 67.
Barker, Jane	Ditto	2 months	Westbury	23. 11. 67.	23. 11. 67.
Brown, Joseph	Assault	1 ditto	Longford	2. 12. 67.	4. 12. 67.
Berkshire George	Larceny	2 ditto	Campbell Town	4. 12. 67.	7. 12. 67.
Brady, Robert	Assault	7 days	Evandale	12. 12. 67.	14. 12. 67.
Ball, William	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Westbury	27. 12. 67.	28. 12. 67.
Baker, Sarah	Ditto	1 ditto	Deloraine	26. 12. 67.	1. 1. 68.
Booth, Felix	Obscene language	7 days	Ross	28. 1. 68.	1. 2. 68.
Baker, William	Assault	1 month	Westbury	7. 3. 68.	9. 3. 68.
Brown, John	Idle and disorderly	7 days	Deloraine	9. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Brown, Charles	Breach of M. & S. Act	1 month	Ditto	20. 3. 68.	28. 3. 68.
Burke, Michael	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Longford	24. 3. 68.	28. 3. 68.
Brown, Mary Ann	Drunk and incapable	1 month	Campbell Town	26. 3. 68.	1. 4. 68.
Barrett, Patrick	Idle and disorderly	7 days	Carrick	13. 4. 68.	15. 4. 68.
Bradley, William	Assault	14 ditto	Longford	23. 4. 68.	25. 4. 68.
Brown, Mary Ann	Drunkenness	1 month	Campbell Town	6. 5. 68.	9. 5. 68.
Barrett, Mary Ann	Wilful destruction of property	1 ditto	Stanley	29. 6. 68.	9. 7. 68.
Dawson, William	Obscene language	14 days	Westbury	11. 7. 67.	13. 7. 67.
Donovan, John	Trespass	1 month	Avoca	13. 7. 67.	17. 7. 67.
Dunkinson, James	Idle and disorderly	2 ditto	Westbury	1. 8. 67.	3. 8. 67.
Doyle, Ellen	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Longford	24. 9. 67.	25. 9. 67.
Docherty, Amelia	Idle and disorderly	2 months	Campbell Town	23. 1. 68.	25. 1. 68.
Delany, John	Assault	2 ditto	Deloraine	11. 2. 68.	15. 2. 68.
Davidson, Richard	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Westbury	20. 4. 68.	25. 4. 68.
Durr, Malachi	Ditto	1 ditto	Evandale	4. 5. 68.	7. 5. 68.
Downes, James	Idle and disorderly	1 ditto	Westbury	13. 5. 68.	15. 5. 68.
East, Elizabeth	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Campbell Town	1. 10. 67.	5. 10. 67.
Edwards, Mary	Larceny	1 month	George Town	14. 11. 67.	18. 11. 68.
East, Elizabeth	Idle and disorderly	6 weeks	Campbell Town	11. 12. 67.	18. 12. 68.
Eldridge, Henry	Obscene language	7 days	Longford	27. 12. 67.	28. 12. 67.
Evans, James	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Westbury	15. 2. 68.	22. 2. 68.
English, James	Idle and disorderly	7 days	Deloraine	9. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Finigan, Thomas	Swearing and violence	1 month	Ross	19. 7. 67.	24. 7. 67.
Fowler, Mary	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Campbell Town	1. 10. 67.	5. 10. 67.
Franklin, Catherine	Obscene language	7 ditto	Evandale	14. 12. 67.	18. 12. 67.
Flood, John	Idle and disorderly	7 ditto	Westbury	5. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Fellows, Titus	Obscene language	14 days	Evandale	30. 3. 68.	1. 4. 68.
Foster, John	Maliciously destroying property	2 months	Longford	22. 5. 68.	23. 5. 68.
Green, John	Breach M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Ditto	5. 7. 67.	6. 7. 67.
Goldstraw, James	Obscene language	14 days	Carrick	5. 7. 67.	6. 7. 67.
Gorman, Anthony	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Longford	27. 12. 67.	28. 12. 67.
Garde, Edward	Obscene language	14 days	Deloraine	16. 3. 68.	21. 3. 68.
Gosling, Jane	Disturbing the peace	14 ditto	Longford	22. 4. 68.	25. 4. 68.
Hall, Samuel	Larceny	2 months	Ditto	6. 9. 67.	7. 9. 67.
Heaton, Ellen	Idle and disorderly	2 ditto	Campbell Town	16. 9. 67.	21. 9. 67.
Hawthorn, John	Unlawfully destroying property	1 ditto	Ross	22. 10. 67.	26. 10. 67.
Harrington, Michael	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Westbury	27. 12. 67.	28. 12. 67.
Hughes, James	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Ross	24. 1. 68.	29. 1. 68.
Hart, Samuel	Obscene language	7 days	Westbury	10. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Howard, Mary	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Ditto	13. 4. 68.	18. 4. 68.
Hawks, John	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Fingal	24. 4. 68.	2. 5. 68.
Hunt, Alexander	Ditto	1 ditto	Ross	26. 5. 68.	30. 5. 68.
Herbert, Jane	Obscene language	1 ditto	Westbury	5. 6. 68.	10. 6. 68.
Harrison, Joseph	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Evandale	10. 7. 67.	11. 7. 67.
Inman, James	Larceny	1 ditto	Ross	24. 7. 67.	27. 7. 67.
Jones, James	Breach M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Ditto	27. 10. 67.	6. 11. 67.
Ing, Jane	Idle and disorderly	14 days	Westbury	26. 2. 68.	29. 2. 68.
Johnson, Matthew	Larceny	1 month	Campbell Town	6. 4. 68.	8. 4. 68.
Knight, Catherine	Indecent language	1 ditto	Longford	28. 8. 67.	31. 8. 68.
Kerby, Michael	Idle and disorderly	2 months	Ditto	29. 9. 67.	2. 10. 67.
Kiley, Mary	Larceny	2 ditto	Ditto	2. 12. 67.	4. 12. 67.
Kelly, Ellen	Indecent language	14 days	Ditto	21. 1. 68.	22. 1. 68.
Kilbourn, John	Idle and disorderly	14 ditto	Westbury	5. 2. 68.	6. 2. 68.
Keene, Thomas	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Ditto	20. 2. 68.	22. 2. 68.
Kelsall, Mary	Idle and disorderly	1 ditto	Ross	2. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Kelly, William	Assault	14 days	Deloraine	9. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Kelsall, Mary	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Westbury	5. 3. 68.	6. 5. 68.
Kelly, Ellen	Indecent language	14 days	Longford	16. 6. 68.	17. 6. 68.
Lewis, Elizabeth	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Ditto	5. 7. 68.	6. 7. 67.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Offence.</i>	<i>Period of Imprisonment.</i>	<i>Place and Date of Warrant.</i>		<i>Date of Arrival.</i>
Lawler, William	Disturbing the peace	2 months	Longford	6. 9. 67.	7. 9. 67.
Lynham, Hugh	Idle and disorderly	2 ditto	Campbell Town	20. 11. 67.	23. 11. 67.
Lynham, William	Exposing his person	1 ditto	Fingal	27. 11. 67.	4. 12. 67.
Lewis, Elizabeth	Indecent language	1 ditto	Ross	17. 12. 67.	21. 12. 67.
Rollins, Catherine	Idle and disorderly	1 ditto	Deloraine	24. 7. 67.	31. 7. 67.
Rooney, James	Insulting passers by	2 ditto	Ross	27. 9. 67.	2. 10. 67.
Rogers, Mary Ann	Exposing person	1 ditto	Fingal	27. 11. 67.	7. 12. 67.
Reibey, David	Obscene language	14 days	Deloraine	30. 12. 67.	1. 1. 68.
Ryan, Michael	Idle and disorderly	7 ditto	Ditto	9. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Roberts, Isabella	Obscene language	7 ditto	Westbury	17. 3. 68.	18. 3. 68.
Rooney, James	Assault	28 ditto	Campbell Town	6. 5. 68.	19. 5. 68.
Sheckleton, John	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Ditto	22. 7. 67.	24. 7. 67.
Sarman, Henry	Breach of M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Fingal	26. 8. 67.	30. 8. 67.
Smith, Henry	Assault & destroying property	21 days	Deloraine	10. 10. 67.	12. 10. 67.
Salmon, Sarah*	Obscene language	14 days	Westbury	20. 11. 67.	23. 11. 67.
Smith, James	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Cleveland	1. 2. 68.	2. 2. 68.
Smith, John	Obscene language	7 days	Westbury	2. 2. 68.	26. 2. 68.
Sullivan, Daniel	Idle and disorderly	14 ditto	Ditto	25. 2. 68.	26. 2. 68.
Smith, Henry	Assault	1 month	Deloraine	31. 3. 68.	4. 4. 68.
Standridge, Thomas	Drunk and disorderly	1 ditto	Westbury	29. 4. 68.	2. 5. 68.
Sullivan, Bridget	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Ditto	30. 4. 68.	2. 5. 68.
Short, William	Idle and disorderly	2 months	Campbell Town	6. 5. 68.	13. 5. 68.
Salmon, Sarah†	Obscene language	2 ditto	Deloraine	6. 6. 68.	17. 6. 68.
Saunders, Jane	Idle and disorderly	14 days	Campbell Town	13. 7. 68.	15. 7. 68.
Lewis, Elizabeth	Ditto	1 month	Westbury	1. 2. 68.	5. 2. 68.
Lowry, Thomas	Ditto	14 days	Deloraine	2. 3. 68.	4. 3. 68.
Lynan, Patrick	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Westbury	13. 6. 68.	17. 6. 68.
Munday, William	Breach of contract	1 ditto	Deloraine	4. 7. 67.	13. 7. 67.
Mahony, Sylvester	Idle and disorderly	2 ditto	Westbury	1. 8. 67.	3. 8. 67.
Morgan, William	Ditto	1 ditto	Ditto	7. 8. 67.	10. 8. 67.
M'Bride, Dominick	Obscene language	1 ditto	Falmouth	9. 8. 67.	17. 8. 67.
Martin, Patrick	Idle and disorderly	1 ditto	Deloraine	17. 9. 67.	21. 9. 67.
Murphy, Andrew	Assault	2 ditto	Campbell Town	22. 10. 67.	23. 10. 67.
Munday, William	Breach of contract	1 ditto	Westbury	1. 2. 68.	5. 2. 68.
M'Cavil, Hugh	Idle and disorderly	14 days	Ditto	4. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Mahony, John	Ditto	7 ditto	Ditto	5. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Martin, William	Assault	21 ditto	Ditto	11. 3. 68.	14. 3. 68.
Martin, Catherine	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Ditto	16. 3. 68.	18. 3. 68.
Martin, Robert	Absent from service	1 ditto	Deloraine	20. 3. 68.	23. 3. 68.
Moriarty, Edward	Disturbing the peace	7 days	Westbury	16. 4. 68.	18. 4. 68.
Mulholland, Peter	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Avoca	4. 7. 68.	11. 7. 68.
Nicholas, Ambrose	Breach M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Deloraine	5. 9. 67.	9. 9. 67.
New, George	Idle and disorderly	6 weeks	Campbell Town	4. 10. 67.	9. 10. 67.
Nolan, Patrick	Disturbing the peace	2 months	Ross	3. 12. 67.	7. 12. 67.
Neville, Francis	Breach M. & S. Act	10 days	Ditto	24. 12. 67.	1. 1. 68.
Nicholson, George	Idle and disorderly	2 months	Westbury	10. 3. 68.	11. 3. 68.
Nicholson, George	Exposing his person	1 ditto	Ditto	27. 5. 68.	30. 5. 68.
O'Brien, Michael	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Westbury	8. 7. 67.	10. 7. 67.
O'Neil, Catherine	Ditto	1 ditto	Deloraine	1. 11. 67.	6. 11. 67.
Oakley, Henry	Cruelty to a horse	14 days	Ditto	11. 11. 67.	16. 11. 67.
Owens, Catherine	Exposing her person	1 month	Campbell Town	12. 2. 68.	12. 2. 68.
O'Hara, Thomas	Indecent assault	18 days	Ditto	4. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
O'Brien, Michael	Drunk and assault	1 month	Westbury	24. 3. 68.	15. 4. 68.
O'Halloran, Peter	Breach of M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Ditto	13. 6. 68.	17. 6. 68.
Penner, Squire	Disturbing the peace	2 ditto	Fingal	21. 9. 67.	28. 9. 67.
Quantrill, Joseph	Trespass	14 days	Carrick	3. 7. 67.	6. 7. 67.
Turner, Samuel	Breach M. & S. Act	1 month	Ross	5. 7. 67.	10. 7. 67.
Taylor, Benjamin	Disturbing the peace	14 days	Westbury	7. 12. 67.	19. 12. 67.
Tandy, Joseph	Breach M. and S. Act	1 month	Ditto	4. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Tongston, John	Neglecting to have a light, &c.	14 days	Evandale	17. 3. 68.	21. 3. 68.
Thompson, J. Finlay	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Deloraine	21. 4. 68.	25. 4. 68.
Venables, Edward	Ditto	1 ditto	Evandale	15. 11. 67.	16. 11. 67.
Williams, William	Breach M. & S. Act	3 weeks	Longford	12. 7. 67.	13. 7. 67.
Watkins, Samuel	Idle and disorderly	1 month	Deloraine	17. 9. 67.	21. 9. 67.
Williams, Ann	Insulting passers-by	14 days	Campbell Town	1. 10. 67.	5. 10. 67.
Webb, William	Obscene language	1 month	Fingal	3. 10. 67.	9. 10. 67.
Winters, William	Ditto	1 ditto	Westbury	6. 1. 68.	8. 1. 68.
Ward, Francis	Breach of M. & S. Act	1 ditto	Ditto	12. 2. 68.	15. 2. 68.
Wilson, John	Idle and disorderly	14 days	Ditto	26. 2. 68.	29. 2. 68.
Wilson, Thomas	Ditto	7 ditto	Ditto	5. 3. 68.	7. 3. 68.
Wilson, Thomas	Ditto	2 months	Deloraine	23. 3. 68.	28. 3. 68.

JOHN F. COX, *Superintendent.*

* One child aged one and a half years.

† One child aged two years.

SYNOPSIS of Return (annexed) showing the Number of Prisoners received into the LAUNCESTON HOUSE OF CORRECTION from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1868, together with Term of Sentence, Offence, and Place of Arrest.

Total Number of Prisoners received—104 Male; 41 Female. Total, 145.

<i>Term of Sentence.</i>	<i>Offence.</i>	<i>Place of Arrest.</i>
15 7 days.	22 Breach of Masters and Servants Act.	46 Westbury.
1 10 days.	51 Idle and disorderly.	1 Torquay.
31 14 days.	14 Disturbing the Peace.	19 Longford.
1 18 days.	27 Obscene language.	3 Avoca.
3 21 days.	11 Assault.	20 Campbell Town.
1 28 days.	6 Larceny.	7 Evandale.
66 1 month.	4 Drunk and incapable.	23 Deloraine.
3 6 weeks.	3 Destruction of property.	13 Ross.
24 2 months.	2 Trespass.	3 Carrick.
	1 Swearing.	1 Stanley.
	2 Insulting passers-by.	1 George Town.
	1 Cruelty.	6 Fingal.
	1 Neglecting to have light.	1 Cleveland.
		1 Falmouth.