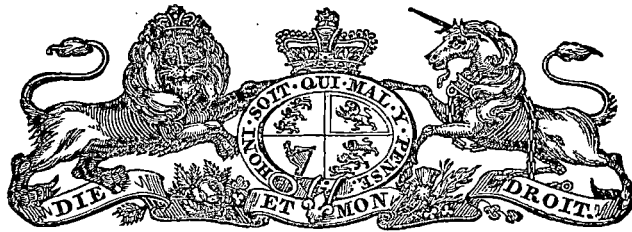


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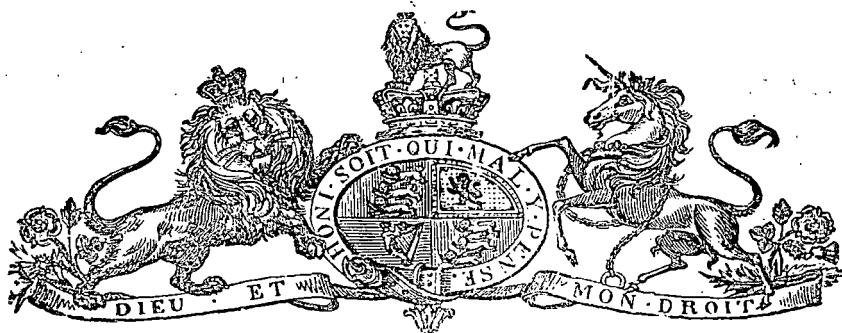
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1878.

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON.

Penal Establishment, Launceston, 23rd April, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report and Returns for this Establishment for the Year 1878.

No. 1.—Return showing net cost per head of all Prisoners, Invalids, and Children in the Establishment to be £19 1s. 1d.

No. 2.—Return of the number of Women and Children received and discharged.

No. 3.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males.

No. 4.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males.

No. 5.—Return of the number of Prisoners, with their respective Sentences, remaining on 1st January, 1878, and received during the year.

No. 6.—Return showing the number and average age at death of Women.

No. 7.—Return showing the number and average age at death of Male Prisoners.

No. 8.—Return of Boots and Shoes made and repaired in the Male House of Correction.

No. 9.—Return showing the value of Needlework and Washing performed in the Female House of Correction.

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No. 11.—Return showing the quantity and value of Milk and Vegetables raised in aid of Rations.

No. 12.—Return showing the number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Dépôt, Launceston.

No. 13.—Return showing the value of Labour performed by Male Prisoners during the year 1878.

No. 14.—Return of Offences tried at Superior Courts during the year.

No. 15.—Return showing the quantity of Linseed raised for Medical Purposes.

No. 16.—Return showing the number of Male Prisoners, convicted at Superior Courts, in the House of Correction, Launceston, on 31st December, 1878.

No. 17.—Ditto, Inferior Courts.

Officers.—The Officers have performed their duties most satisfactorily. One Warder and one Constable resigned during the year.

Prisoners.—The admissions for the year have been 810, as against 719 for the year 1877. The daily average strength was 118·24, as against 108·22. The number tried at Superior Courts during the year (*see* Return No. 14) was 26, of which 19 were convicted; 38 were arraigned during the previous year, and 24 convicted. Three Prisoners absconded during the year—one from the Invalid Dépôt (where he had been employed as cook), and two from the gang employed at the Swamp. The former was arrested by the Officers of the House of Correction, one of the latter returned to the Establishment, and the other was arrested by the Police, for which offence they were dealt with by the Police Magistrate. Five were tried before the Visiting Justices for breaches of discipline; 16 were transferred to the Gaol, Hobart Town, and five were removed to Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk. Eight deaths occurred. It will be observed (Return No. 1) that 2s. per head per diem has been fixed as the value of the labour of Prisoners employed on Public Works, while 2s. 6d. per head is allowed for Prisoners employed at similar labour at Hobart Town, (*vide* Report for Penal Establishment, Hobart Town, 1877.)

Buildings.—A Lavatory, Bath-room, and open Shed have been erected in Male House of Correction during the year, replacing those destroyed by fire in November, 1876. The whole of the roofs are now in good condition, with the exception of the Offices, the slates on those buildings require renewing in several places, the Stores, Chapel, Hospital, Laundry, &c. having been covered with galvanized iron. The floors and joists in several parts of the buildings require relaying, which might be done by prison labour, provided the necessary material were supplied.

Visitors.—I annex extracts from the Visitors' Book and the visits of the Visiting Magistrates.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Sheriff.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1878.

Daily average—Colonial, 62·23 males, 54·81 females; Imperial, 1·20 males, females, nil.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries—			Labour to Officers	4	3 0
Officers	1286	2 6	Work performed for private persons	20	19 6
Contingencies—			Ditto washing ditto	11	19 11
Provisions	804	2 6	Ditto General Hospital	52	18 2½
Stores, bedding, clothing, and stationery	441	13 0	Ditto Invalid Depot	44	0 10
Fuel and light	393	10 4	Ditto needlework	0	14 4
Unforeseen expenses	14	7 0	Receipt on account of maintenance of		
Water	3	0 0	female paupers	42	2 0
Medical attendance and medicine	31	0 0	By sale of pigs, &c.	29	13 0
Conveyance of stores	9	18 11	Ditto of Stores	7	17 6
TOTAL	£3010	14 3	Stores issued to other establishments	1	0 0
			Potatoes supplied to Invalid Depot	21	16 1½
			Labour supplied to Corporation Quarry ..	190	14 0
			Ditto Police Station	46	18 0
			Ditto Public Buildings	9	6 0
			Ditto Commissariat Stores	5	10 0
			Ditto General Hospital	100	12 0
			Ditto Invalid Depot	94	0 0
			Ditto Telegraph Department, erecting		
			poles	2	4 0
			Ditto Customs Department	1	2 0
			Ditto Cricket Ground	3	16 0
			Ditto Swamp	42	2 0
			Ditto Court House	0	6 0
			Ditto Rifle Butts	9	18 0
			Ditto Government Cottage	0	9 0
			Ditto Volunteer Buildings	2	18 0
			Carting stores, &c.	9	12 0
				756	11 5
			Net Cost	2253	2 10
			TOTAL	£3010	14 3

Average cost per head on gross expenditure. £25 9 2½

Average cost per head on net expenditure. £19 1 1

*NOTE.—Labour supplied to these Departments is charged at the rate of 2s. per head per diem.

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

	PRISONERS.	INVALIDS.	CHILDREN.
Strength on 1st January, 1878.....	33	22	1
Receipts	250	17	17
Discharges	254	18	16
Died	1	3	—
Strength on 31st December, 1878	28	18	2

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

Strength on the 1st January, 1878	14
Receipts	202
Discharges	196
Died	Nil.
Strength on the 31st December, 1878	20

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

Strength on 1st January, 1878	46
Receipts	324
Discharges	324
Died	4
Strength on 31st December, 1878....	42

No. 5.

RETURN of Prisoners remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1878, showing their respective Sentences.

	Strength 1st January.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.
Remanded	5	157	162
Committed	3	23	26
24 hours .....	..	1	1
48 hours .....	..	112	112
3 days .....	..	2	2
4 days .....	..	8	8
5 days	2	37	39
6 days .....	..	3	3
7 days .....	..	35	35
10 days .....	..	9	9
14 days	2	45	47
21 days .....	..	2	2
1 month	6	112	118
6 weeks .....	..	3	3
2 months	2	54	56
3 months	20	100	120
4 months	3	17	20
6 months	18	30	48
8 months .....	..	1	1
9 months	1	5	6
12 months	14	4	18
18 months	1	1	2
2 years	8	4	12
3 years	3	1	4
4 years	2	2	4
5 years	1	4	5
7 years	1	..	1
8 years .....	..	1	1
15 years .....	..	1	1
Life .....	..	1	1
Default of Bail	1	1	2
Children	1	17	18
Invalids	22	17	39
Total strength on 1st January		116	
Received during the year		810	
GRAND TOTAL		926	

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No. 6.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age of Women who died at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year ending 31st December, 1878.

	<i>Prisoners.</i>	<i>Invalids.</i>
Number of Deaths during the Year.....	1	3
Average Age	50	63

No. 7.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year ending 31st December, 1878, at the Male House of Correction, Launceston.

Number of Deaths during the Year	4
Average Age	67.50

No. 8.

RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

	£	s.	d.
68 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	28	18	0
131 Pairs Women's Shoes made, at 6s. per pair.....	39	6	0
6 Pairs Children's Boots made, at 3s. 6d. per pair	1	1	0
7 Pairs Invalid Dépôt Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair	2	19	6
30 Pairs Invalid Dépôt Shoes made, at 6s. 6d. per pair	9	15	0
163 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	40	15	0
67 Pairs Women's Shoes repaired, at 3s. per pair.....	10	1	0
5 Pairs Children's Boots repaired, at 2s. per pair	0	10	0
127 Pairs Invalid Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	31	15	0
	£165	0	6
Total number of Boots and Shoes made	242		
Total number of Boots and Shoes repaired.....	362		

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Value of Needlework and Washing performed by Female Prisoners in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1878.

	£	s.	d.
Gaol Washing	6	2	4
Female House of Correction	60	9	10
Female Invalids and Children	33	8	10
Male House of Correction	33	16	1
Invalid Dépôt	44	0	10
General Hospital.....	52	18	2½
Needlework (new articles)	16	19	4
Repairs.....	23	8	0
	£276	3	5

No. 10.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised on the Grounds off Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1878.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
			£ s. d.
Hay	4 tons	110s. ton	22 0 0
Green fodder	10 ditto	20s. ditto	10 0 0
Straw	5 ditto	50s. ditto	12 10 0
Maize	4 ditto	20s. ditto	4 0 0
Carrots	2 ditto	25s. ditto	2 10 0
Mangolds	15 ditto	20s. ditto	15 0 0
Oats	60 bushels	4s. 6d. bushel	13 10 0
Wheat	8 ditto	5s. ditto	2 0 0
TOTAL .....	..	..	£81 10 0

No. 11.

RETURN showing Quantity and Value of Vegetables and Milk raised in aid of Rations for the Year 1878.

Departments.	Milk.	Carrots & Parsnips	Onions & Leeks.	Potatoes.	TOTALS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invalid Depôt	8 13 6	3 15 0	13 13 9	21 16 1½	47 18 4½
Penal Establishment	33 1 10	3 15 0	13 13 9	19 18 6	69 19 1
TOTAL	41 15 4	7 10 0	27 7 6	41 4 7½	117 17 5½

Milk, 5012 pints, at 2d. per pint; 7000 lbs. carrots, &c.; 4380 lbs. Leeks, &c.; 15,394 lbs. Potatoes.

No. 12.

RETURN showing the Number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

How employed.	Number of Men.	Number of Days.	Rate per diem.	Estimated Value.
			s.	£ s. d.
Cook for Invalids	1	365	2	36 10 0
Washing	1	365	2	36 10 0
Whitewashing, Repairs, &c.	5	42	2	21 0 0
TOTAL .....	..	..	..	94 0 0

No. 13.

RETURN showing the Value of Labour performed by Male Prisoners during the Year 1878.

	Men.	£ s. d.
Carpenters—Repairs and alterations to Establishment and Invalid Depôt, at 4s. per day	416	83 4 0
Bricklayers—Repairs and alterations to ditto, at 4s. per day	71	14 4 0
Blacksmiths—General work for Establishment, at 4s. per day	236	47 4 0
Tailors—Repairing Clothes for prisoners, at 2s. per day	152	15 4 0
Whitewashing Establishment, at 2s. 6d. per day	142	17 15 0
Barber, at 2s. 6d. per day	309	38 12 6
Cook, wardsmen, and yardsmen, at 2s. per day	1645	164 10 0
Hospital wardsmen, Gaol, at 2s. per day	365	36 10 0
Cook, ditto, at 2s. per day	365	36 10 0
Exempt by Medical Officer—Stone-breaking, &c., at 1s. 6d. per day	1193	79 9 6
Other employments, ditto	1009	75 13 6
TOTAL	5903	£608 16 0

No. 14.

RETURN of Offences tried at Superior Courts, Launceston, during the Year 1878.

INDICTMENT.	Number arraigned.		Number convicted.		CONDITION.				AGE.						SENTENCE.										GRAND TOTAL.		
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	10 to 18 Years.	18 to 20 Years.	20 to 30 Years.	40 to 50 Years.	50 to 60 Years.	60 to 70 Years.	TOTAL.	6 Weeks.	6 Months.	1 Year.	18 Months.	2 Years.	3 Years.	4 Years.	5 Years.	8 Years.	15 Years.	Life.	TOTAL.	Acquitted.			
Perjury	3	1	1	1	3			2		1	3						1							1	2	3	
Obtaining money with intent	1	1	1		1			1			1			1										1		1	
Obtaining a cheque by false pretences..	1		1		1			1			1															1	
Murder	1	1			1	1					1												1	1		1	
Breaking into a store	1	1	1		1			1			1							1						1		1	
Wounding	1		1			1		1			1															1	
Obstructing railway	1	1	1			1	1				1	1												1	1		
Rape	2	1	1	1		2	1		1			2											1		1	2	
Uttering	2	2	1	1		2		1			2			1			1							2		2	
Larceny in a dwelling	2	2	2			2		1		1	2						1							2		2	
Horse-stealing	2	2		1	1	2		1	1		2					1		1						2		2	
Cattle-stealing	1			1		1			1		1														1	1	
Assault with intent to rape	1		1			1		1			1														1	1	
Forgery and uttering	3	3	1	2		3		1	2			3						1	1	1				3		3	
Feloniously receiving	1	1			1	1				1	1								1					1		1	
Breaking into a shop	2	2	2			2	2				2		1	1										2		2	
Wounding with intent	1	1		1		1		1			1								1					1		1	
	26	19	14	8	4	26	4	3	12	3	2	2	26	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	4	1	1	1	19	7	26

No. 15.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Linseed raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1879, for Medicinal Purposes.

	£	s.	d.
Linseed, 100 lbs., at 3d. per lb.....	1	5	0

No. 16.

RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Superior Courts, in the House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1878; showing Condition, Age, Sentence, &c.

OFFENCES.	CONDITION.				AGE.						SENTENCE.											
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	10 to 15 Years.	25 to 30 Years.	50 to 55 Years.	70 to 75 Years.	90 to 95 Years.	TOTAL.	6 Months.	1 Year.	2 Years.	3 Years.	7 Years.	TOTAL.	First Conviction.	Second Conviction.	Third Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Read nor Write.
Forgery and uttering		1	1				1		1					1	1			1	1			
Uttering		1		1		1				1			1			1	1			1		
Receiving			1	1			1			1				1		1		1		1		
Assault and wounding.....			1	1					1	1				1		1	1				1	
Housebreaking	2			2	2					2	1	1				2	1		1	1	1	
Stealing cheques.....		1		1			1			1			1			1	1				1	
TOTAL.....	2	2	3	7	2	1	2	1	1	7	1	1	2	2	1	7	4	1	2	4	3	

RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Inferior Courts, in the Male House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1878; showing Condition, Age, Sentence, &c.

OFFENCES.	CONDITION.				AGE.							SENTENCE.											1st Conviction.	2nd Conviction.	3rd Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Read nor Write.		
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	10 to 15 Years.	15 to 25 Years.	25 to 35 Years.	35 to 45 Years.	45 to 55 Years.	55 to 65 Years.	65 to 75 Years.	TOTAL.	48 Hours.	14 Days.	1 Month.	2 Months.	3 Months.	4 Months.	6 Months.	9 Months.	12 Months.	18 Months.							2 Years.	TOTAL.
Larceny	4	3	15	22	..	3	2	4	9	3	1	22	..	..	..	1	6	..	6	2	4	1	2	22	6	4	12	11	6	5
Embezzlement.....	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Idle and disorderly.....	3	1	7	11	1	2	..	2	3	2	1	11	..	1	2	..	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	2	3	6	5	3	3
Assault	1	3	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	3	..	1
Disturbing the peace.....	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	1
Non-maintenance .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Indecent behaviour.....	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1
Escaping from lawful custody	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..
Drunk and disorderly .....	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	1	1	1
TOTALS	11	8	27	46	1	10	4	8	15	6	2	46	1	2	4	5	14	1	10	2	4	1	2	46	13	10	23	21	12	13

EXTRACTS from the Visitors' Book, Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1878.

I WAS this day shown over the Gaol and House of Correction by the Superintendent, in company with the Visiting Justice, Mr: J. J. Hudson, and Mr. T. C. Just. The order, neatness, and cleanliness in the Establishment reflect credit on Mr. Jones and his Assistants. It is to be regretted that there is not some convenient and decent accommodation for bathing.

(Signed) ALFRED DOBSON.

April 3rd, 1878.

HARMONY and cleanliness obtain.

(Signed) J. M. DOOLEY.

November 12th, 1878.

VERY much pleased with the order and cleanliness of the Establishment. Heard no complaints.

(Signed) THOMAS REIBEY, Colonial Secretary.

December 23rd, 1878.

VERY much pleased with the cleanliness of the Gaol, &c.

(Signed) JAMES ELLIOTT, J.P.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, J.P., Adelaide.

February 4th, 1878.

THE Gaol, &c. was very clean, and compared quite favourable in my opinion with the Melbourne Gaol and Pentridge Stockade.

(Signed) THOMAS MASON, J.P., William-street, Victoria.

February 8th, 1878.

EVERYTHING very clean; prisoners out working. Classification would be well to be followed out in other similar Institutions.

(Signed) E. R. PRIESTLY, *Melbourne.*

April 29th, 1878.

EVERYTHING exceedingly clean, quiet, and well arranged; better than I have seen.

(Signed) R. A. KENNEDY, *G.P.O., Melbourne.*

December 11th, 1878.

VERY much pleased with the management and arrangement of the Establishment.

(Signed) THOMAS GOODHALL, *King William-street, Melbourne.*

December 11th, 1878.

EVERYTHING very clean. Officers obliging.

(Signed) HENRY ELLIS, *Carapooee, Victoria.*

December 26th, 1878.

VISITS of the Visiting Justices.

Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	January 29, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	March 7, 1878.
James John Hudson, Esquire	March 18, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	April 30, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	July 4, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	August 19, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	October 16, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	November 1, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	November 16, 1878.
Henry Bennett and James John Hudson, Esquires	December 27, 1878.