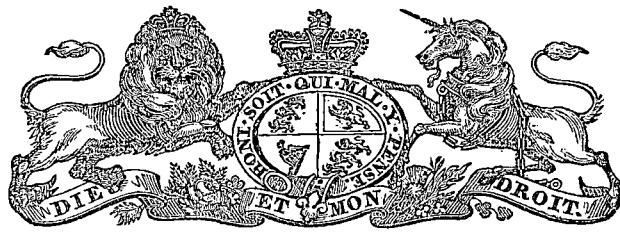


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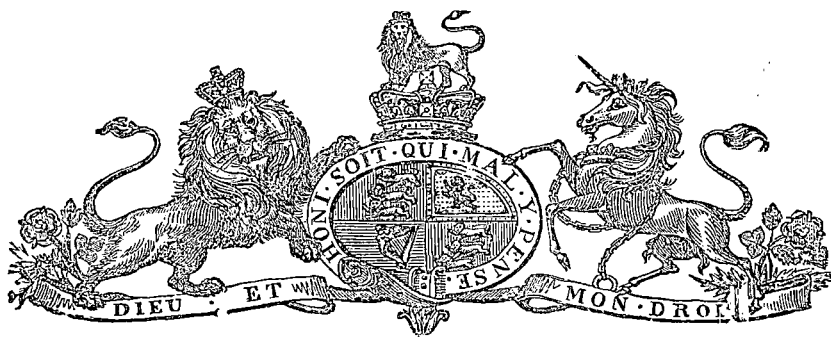
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1865.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Whyte; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 31, 1866.



Brickfields Invalid Depôt, 17th January, 1866.

SIR,

WE have the honor to lay before you the Report of this Institution for the year ending the 31st December, 1865.

The expenditure for that period has amounted to £3759 11s. 3½*d.*, being at the rate of £16 17s. 1½*d.* for each Invalid, the average number of Invalids being 223. There appears in the books Rations for 227, but the difference is made up by the Rations given to four hired Servants, and the aggregate expenditure of the Establishment is as usual charged upon the Invalids. It will be seen that the expense per head is less by 6s. 2½*d.* than in the year 1864. In this expenditure is included every charge,—the reshingling of the principal part of the Buildings, the enlargement of the Board Room, and several other minor improvements. Gas also has been laid on, and has quite realised the expectations formed of its proving a more cleanly and economical arrangement than the old oil lamps.

Additional ground has been brought into cultivation, although of a very inferior character, and a larger supply of vegetables for the use of the Inmates has been obtained. The vegetables thus used have amounted to 29,623 lbs., there being an increase of 4447 lbs. over the previous year.

The Superintendent continues unremitting in the discharge of his duties, and the discipline of the Establishment has been well preserved.

Clergymen regularly visit and impart religious instruction, and we are indebted to many others for acts of kindness and consideration towards the aged Inmates.

We have to express our grateful acknowledgments for the assistance at all times rendered to us by the Government and the Director of Public Works in the discharge of our duties.

The strength of the Establishment on the 1st January, 1865, was 224; received during the year, 124; total, 348. Discharged, 75; died, 49; remaining, 224. The average age of those who died was over 69 years, the oldest being 91, and the youngest 41; the average age of those remaining 66 years.

The present strength of the Establishment consists of 224 Invalids, which is the utmost number that can be accommodated in the Depôt.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THOS. MACDOWELL.

A. KENNERLEY.

STEPN. SHEEHY.

A. KISSOCK.

GEO. SALIER.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.