

(No. 47.)



1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

REAL ESTATES DUTIES DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



Real Estates Duties Office, Hobart, 1st July, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the working of the Real Estates Duties Department for the years 1883-4, with the following explanatory Returns:—

1. Return showing the number of items and amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.
2. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1883; the amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.
3. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1882; the amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.
4. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the year 1883; the amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.
5. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the year 1884; the amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.

The collection of the Real Estate Duty for 1883 and Rural Police Rate for 1884, and the arrears of the previous years which had accumulated through the want of sufficient power to enforce payment, have been carried on.

The work necessary to the collection of the arrears of Rural Police Rate for 1882 and 1883, since obtaining the necessary powers given by Section 4 of 47 Vict. No. 5, has taxed the strength of the Department to the utmost. I have, however, the satisfaction of reporting that nearly the whole of the recoverable arrears for those years in the Southern Division have now been collected.

In the Northern Division the arrears were so large, and the daily routine work of the Office absorbed so much of the time of the staff, that an equally satisfactory result has not been attained.

The Return No. 1, of the rateable values of the properties in the several Districts for the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884, show the steady increase in the number and rateable value of properties in those years, and the consequent increase in the work of the Department.

Returns 2 to 5 show the arrears of Real Estate Duty and Rural Police Rate presumably still due, but a large proportion of these arrears are irrecoverable, arising from errors in the Valuation Rolls of the different Districts and other causes. The recoverable portions in the Southern Division consist almost exclusively of small amounts due for Real Estate Duty or Rural Police Rate from the owners of small properties.

I would respectfully urge upon the Government the policy of exempting small properties from the payment of Real Estate Duty; the diminution of revenue would be comparatively trifling, and the collection of the Duty would be much facilitated. In these cases the cost of collection forms an unduly large proportion of the amount collected.

As I mentioned in my last Report, the collection of the Duty would be considerably facilitated if the Department had the power of demanding payment thereof from the owner of the property in the first instance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Treasurer.

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Commissioner.*

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Number of Items and Amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.

DISTRICT.	1880.			1881.			1882.			1883.			1884.		
	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	
<i>Southern Division—</i>		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Bothwell	243	19,751	9 0	259	20,510	12 0	254	20,381	10 0	258	20,580	10 0	258	20,379	5 0
Brighton	374	12,209	0 0	395	12,333	0 0	396	12,775	0 0	390	13,887	0 0	395	13,186	0 0
Clarence	233	8613	0 0	268	8458	4 0	270	8449	10 0	265	8476	10 0	268	8411	10 0
Carnarvon	84	835	0 0	106	258	19 0	12	56	0 0	56	272	0 0	20	167	0 0
Franklin	1427	10,351	0 0	1652	10,523	2 0	1365	10,332	5 0	1458	10,538	0 0	1272	11,708	10 0
Glenorchy	410	10,299	0 0	422	10,399	1 0	395	10,470	15 0	400	10,954	0 0	381	10,711	0 0
Green Ponds	247	12,026	0 0	255	11,479	18 0	242	11,580	0 0	242	11,588	0 0	421	12,097	0 0
Hamilton	376	25,350	0 0	421	25,294	0 0	410	25,559	0 0	424	26,104	0 0	368	26,042	0 0
Hobart (City)	4650	114,681	0 0	4714	116,536	10 0	4769	118,596	0 0	4738	120,340	0 0	4750	147,045	0 0
Hobart (District) ..	925	21,416	10 0	933	22,555	16 0	912	22,156	10 0	955	24,611	10 0	981	26,439	10 0
Kingborough	613	6201	0 0	734	6690	11 0	653	6624	0 0	675	6524	0 0	643	6529	0 0
New Norfolk	680	14,215	0 0	736	14,509	10 0	702	14,679	0 0	739	14,459	0 0	694	15,824	10 0
Outlands	595	31,557	0 0	752	31,824	0 0	669	31,920	5 0	651	31,949	0 0	692	33,407	0 0
Richmond	421	15,085	0 0	468	14,907	2 0	475	15,150	0 0	484	15,520	0 0	466	15,941	0 0
Sorell	465	12,528	0 0	506	12,512	7 0	460	12,497	0 0	462	12,825	0 0	460	12,801	0 0
South Longford ...	46	6845	0 0	51	6418	13 0	51	6728	0 0	51	6489	0 0	55	6553	0 0
Spring Bay	157	6886	0 0	165	6836	15 0	154	6826	0 0	158	7037	0 0	154	7194	0 0
Macquarie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	148	0 0
<i>Northern Division—</i>															
Campbell Town ...	392	25,390	0 0	468	26,185	0 0	431	25,413	15 0	425	25,634	15 0	427	25,721	10 0
Deloraine	918	29,098	0 0	1077	28,886	0 0	940	29,123	0 0	959	29,092	0 0	972	30,602	0 0
Evandale	394	27,769	0 0	415	28,052	0 0	399	28,307	0 0	308	30,647	0 0	409	30,959	0 0
Emu Bay	666	8730	0 0	822	18,130	0 0	808	16,300	0 0	828	15,041	0 0	988	19,764	0 0
Fingal	575	24,782	0 0	662	24,124	0 0	611	24,653	0 0	600	24,857	0 0	622	25,142	0 0
George Town	345	5731	0 0	429	5723	0 0	366	5878	10 0	393	6895	10 0	477	8618	0 0
Glamorgan	220	5905	0 0	246	6010	0 0	230	5970	0 0	235	6366	0 0	242	6886	0 0
Launceston	2628	84,472	0 0	2777	90,165	0 0	2886	98,583	0 0	3071	109,966	0 0	3208	108,866	0 0
Longford	752	36,770	0 0	780	36,905	0 0	760	36,693	0 0	970	36,615	0 0	795	37,800	0 0
Portland	312	8294	0 0	563	8746	0 0	481	9642	0 0	218	4116	0 0	331	6007	0 0
Port Sorell	2421	28,474	0 0	2758	29,819	0 0	2493	29,553	0 0	2567	29,419	0 0	2699	35,361	0 0
Ringarooma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	499	10,490	10 0	572	10,989	0 0
Ross	130	13,614	0 0	143	13,588	0 0	142	13,583	4 0	142	13,823	19 0	144	14,138	19 0
Russell	320	6119	0 0	359	6129	0 0	312	6009	0 0	339	6239	0 0	351	6320	0 0
Selby	895	20,238	0 0	1179	21,212	0 0	986	21,242	0 0	862	20,189	0 0	1138	23,457	0 0
Westbury	1017	33,674	0 0	1163	34,380	0 0	1042	34,236	0 0	1038	34,283	0 0	1086	35,598	0 0
	23,931	687,909	2 0	26,678	710,092	0 0	25,076	719,967	4 0	25,860	746,829	4 0	26,614	800,813	14 0

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1883, the Amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.			Amount of Duty.			Amount of Duty collected.			Amount of Exemptions and Remissions.			Amount outstanding.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Southern Division—</i>																
Bothwell	258	20,580	10	0	516	10	0	512	15	8	0	7	7	3	6	9
Brighton	390	13,887	0	0	345	7	6	342	17	0	0	12	0	1	18	6
Clarence	265	8476	10	0	211	18	3	209	7	0	0	17	6	1	13	9
Carnarvon	56	272	0	0	5	19	6	3	15	0	2	4	6			
Franklin	1458	10,538	0	0	272	14	6	249	12	6	15	19	10	7	2	2
Glenorchy	400	10,954	0	0	266	11	0	258	18	0	2	6	0	4	17	0
Green Ponds	242	11,588	0	0	288	10	0	276	9	0	—			12	1	0
Hamilton	424	26,104	0	0	648	19	0	648	15	6	—			0	3	6
Hobart, City	4738	120,340	0	0	3008	10	0	2964	18	6	27	16	0	15	15	6
Hobart, District	955	24,611	10	0	593	14	3	574	10	0	6	0	6	13	3	9
Kingborough	675	6524	0	0	165	8	0	156	8	6	6	16	6	2	3	0
New Norfolk	789	15,459	0	0	373	14	6	365	14	3	0	19	6	7	0	9
Oatlands	651	31,949	0	0	838	17	0	764	3	0	44	17	0	29	17	0
Richmond	484	15,520	0	0	388	0	0	378	16	6	1	4	0	7	19	6
Sorell	462	12,825	0	0	320	12	6	309	11	0	0	18	0	10	3	6
South Longford	51	6489	0	0	162	4	6	159	19	6	2	5	0			
Spring Bay	158	7037	0	0	178	11	0	176	14	0	0	7	6	1	9	6
	12,406	343,154	10	0	8586	1	6	8353	4	11	114	1	5	118	15	2
<i>Northern Division—</i>																
Campbell Town	425	25,634	15	0	640	17	4	618	8	1	—			22	9	3
Deloraine	959	29,092	0	0	727	6	0	601	10	0	—			125	16	0
Evandale	308	30,647	0	0	766	3	6	733	3	6	—			33	0	0
Emu Bay	828	15,041	0	0	376	0	6	312	11	6	—			63	9	0
Fingal	600	24,857	0	0	621	8	6	564	12	0	—			56	16	6
George Town	393	6895	10	0	172	7	9	125	5	8	—			47	2	1
Glamorgan	235	6366	0	0	159	3	0	152	2	3	—			7	0	9
Launceston	3071	109,966	0	0	2749	3	0	2399	0	1	—			350	2	11
Longford	970	36,615	0	0	915	7	6	864	15	0	—			50	12	6
Portland	218	4116	0	0	102	18	0	74	3	0	—			28	15	0
Port Sorell	2567	29,419	0	0	735	9	6	598	0	0	—			137	9	6
Ringarooma	499	10,490	10	0	262	5	3	182	4	3	—			80	1	0
Ross	142	13,823	19	0	345	11	11	313	11	11	—			32	0	0
Russell	339	6239	0	0	155	19	6	150	0	3	—			5	19	3
Selby	862	20,189	0	0	504	14	6	389	12	0	—			115	2	6
Westbury	1038	34,283	0	0	859	11	6	698	2	0	—			161	9	6
	13,454	403,674	14	0	10,094	7	3	8777	1	6	—			1317	5	9
TOTALS	25,860	746,829	4	0	18,680	8	9	17,130	6	5	—			1436	0	11

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1882, the Amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.

DISTRICT.	Num- ber of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.			Amount of Duty.			Amount of Duty collected.			Amount of Exemptions and Remissions.	Amount outstanding.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Southern Division—</i>														
Bothwell	254	20,381	10	0	764	5	1	760	17	7	..	3	7	6
Brighton	396	12,775	0	0	479	1	3	471	6	0	..	7	15	3
Clarence	270	8449	10	0	316	17	1	315	4	1	..	1	13	0
Carnarvon	12	56	0	0	2	2	0	1	5	6	..	0	16	6
Franklin	1365	10,332	5	0	385	17	9	371	6	3	..	14	11	6
Glenorchy	395	10,470	15	0	392	12	8	376	7	1	..	16	5	7
Green Ponds	242	11,580	0	0	434	5	0	431	16	3	..	2	8	9
Hamilton	410	25,559	0	0	958	9	3	949	6	6	..	9	2	9
Hobart City	4769	118,596	0	0	4447	7	0	4389	5	0	..	58	2	0
Hobart District	912	22,156	10	0	830	17	4	801	1	7	..	29	15	9
Kingborough	653	6624	0	0	248	8	0	234	2	7	..	14	5	5
New Norfolk	702	14,679	0	0	550	9	3	532	17	6	..	17	11	9
Oatlands	669	31,920	5	0	1196	19	7	1173	15	6	..	23	4	1
Richmond	475	15,150	0	0	568	2	6	554	7	0	..	13	15	6
Sorell	460	12,497	0	0	517	3	3	455	8	3	..	61	15	0
South Longford	51	6728	0	0	252	6	0	242	11	9	..	9	14	3
Spring Bay	154	6826	0	0	255	19	6	251	8	0	..	4	11	6
	12,189	334,780	15	0	12,601	2	6	12,312	6	5	..	238	16	1
<i>Northern Division—</i>														
Campbell Town	431	25,413	15	0	953	0	3	941	7	0	..	11	13	3
Deloraine	940	29,123	0	0	1092	2	3	1068	14	3	..	23	8	0
Evandale	399	28,307	0	0	1061	10	3	1046	2	7	..	15	7	8
Emu Bay	808	16,300	0	0	611	5	0	564	17	3	..	46	7	9
Fingal	611	24,653	0	0	924	9	9	910	18	9	..	13	11	0
George Town	366	5878	10	0	220	8	10	194	15	5	..	25	13	5
Glamorgan	230	5970	0	0	223	17	6	222	1	6	..	1	16	0
Launceston	2886	98,583	0	0	3696	17	3	3618	12	1	..	78	5	2
Longford	760	36,693	0	0	1375	19	9	1356	7	0	..	19	12	9
Portland	481	9642	0	0	361	11	6	332	10	6	..	29	1	0
Port Sorell	2493	29,553	0	0	1108	4	9	994	15	9	..	113	9	0
Ross	142	13,583	4	0	509	7	4	509	2	11	..	0	4	5
Russell	312	6009	0	0	225	6	9	219	15	9	..	5	11	0
Selby	986	21,242	0	0	796	11	6	738	0	6	..	58	11	0
Westbury	1042	34,236	0	0	1283	17	0	1243	4	3	..	40	12	9
	12,887	885,186	9	0	14,444	9	8	13,961	5	6	..	483	4	2
TOTALS	25,076	719,967	4	0	27,045	12	2	26,273	11	11	..	772	0	3

N.B.—The amount shown to be outstanding consists principally of errors, exemptions, and remissions.

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1883, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on the 31st May, 1884.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Remissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	..	£ s. d.
Hobart	955	24,611 10 0	922 18 7	867 1 0	..	55 17 7
Kingborough	675	6690 0 0	249 0 3	240 8 10	..	8 11 5
Franklin	1458	10,909 0 0	404 15 7	386 1 1	..	18 14 6
Carnarvon	141	1430 0 0	53 12 6	53 1 3	..	0 11 3
South Longford	84	7942 0 0	274 7 11	267 2 1	..	7 5 10
	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1813 14 3	..	91 0 7
<i>Northern Division—</i>						
Emu Bay	969	18,700 0 0	701 5 0	414 5 6	..	286 19 6
George Town	1192	15,370 10 0	576 7 0	347 9 7	..	228 18 3
Portland	500	8911 0 0	334 3 3	220 18 10	..	113 4 5
Port Sorell	2579	30,328 0 0	1137 6 0	948 15 3	..	188 10 9
Ringarooma	684	16,028 5 0	601 1 2	413 10 7	..	187 10 7
Russell	345	6315 0 0	236 16 3	207 6 0	..	29 10 3
Selby	942	21,148 0 0	793 1 0	627 3 3	..	165 17 9
	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	3179 9 0	..	1200 11 6
<i>Southern Division.....</i>	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1813 14 3	..	91 0 7
<i>Northern Division.....</i>	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	3179 9 0	..	1200 11 6
TOTAL	10,524	168,800 13 0	6284 15 4	4993 3 3	..	1291 12 1

No. 5.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rates for each District for the Year 1884, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1884.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Remissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	..	£ s. d.
New Town and Queenborough.	986	26,685 10 0	996 0 3	643 8 5	..	352 11 0
Kingborough	682	6774 0 0	253 6 3	198 0 0	..	55 6 3
Franklin	1318	12,132 10 0	450 9 7	364 1 7	..	86 8 0
Carnarvon	144	1480 0 0	55 10 0	41 11 0	..	13 19 0
South Longford	94	8105 8 0	280 5 1	86 7 2	..	193 17 11
Macquarie	285	3783 0 0	73 12 5	3 16 4	..	69 16 1
	3509	58,960 8 0	2109 3 7	1337 4 6	..	771 19 1
<i>Northern Division—</i>						
Emu Bay	997	19,746 0 0	671 14 10	248 11 6	..	423 3 4
George Town	1148	15,008 0 0	443 8 2	172 5 1	..	271 3 1
Portland	548	9660 0 0	273 9 11	104 2 5	..	169 7 6
Port Sorell	2694	35,361 0 0	1310 16 8	590 12 4	..	720 4 4
Ringarooma	1440	20,334 0 0	589 19 6	200 13 7	..	389 5 11
Russell	351	6320 0 0	235 17 0	167 7 7	..	68 9 5
Selby	1138	23,457 0 0	862 17 1	372 12 6	..	490 4 7
	8316	129,886 0 0	4388 3 2	1856 5 0	..	2531 18 2
<i>Southern Division.....</i>	3509	58,960 8 0	2109 3 7	1337 4 6	..	771 19 1
<i>Northern Division.....</i>	8316	129,886 0 0	4388 3 2	1856 5 0	..	2531 18 2
TOTAL	11,825	188,846 8 0	6497 6 9	3193 9 6	..	3303 17 3