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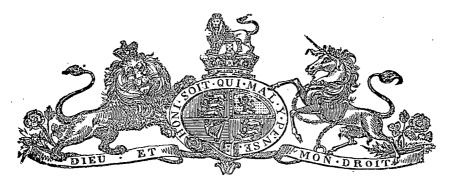
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

INSPECTOR OF POLICE, MUNICIPAL.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1876.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1876.



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Constabulary Forces of Municipalities for the Year ending 30 June, 1876.

Office of Inspector of Police, 19th September, 1876.

I HAVE the honor to present my Report upon the state of the Municipal Police for the year ending 30th June, 1876.

The strength of Police in the Municipal area of the Colony is as follows :----

SIR,

Superintendents	21
Sub-Inspectors.	21
Acting Sub-Inspectors	8
Detectives	3
Sergeants	14
Constables	97
Special Constables	19
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Total	183

The following Return will show the state of crime for the last three years :--

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	INDI	CTABLE OFFE	INCES.	OFFENCES DETERMINED SUMMARILY.							
YEARS.	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drun	kenness.	Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.					
1873 and 4	920	592	354	Male. 830	Female. 492	Male. 1662	Female. 575				
1874 and 5	850	521	384	772	376	1243	482				
1875 and 6	782	446	336	828	387	1294	474				

As anticipated in my last Report the activity in mining operations required an increase to the Police of the Municipality of Fingal. In other respects the strength remains unaltered.

Crime of a serious character has declined, but drunkenness has increased with the facilities for obtaining high wages for inferior labour.

In some Municipalities the old prison buildings were utilised from motives of economy. They are unsuited to their present purpose, and are not likely to be again required for any other. As they decay I do not anticipate that they will be repaired at Municipal expense.

The carbines so long in use are not, in my opinion, suitable for Police purposes. I have recommended the substitution of revolvers.

The want of a Superannuation Fund is becoming yearly more apparent: men are retained in the Force whose age must soon render them unfit for active service.

The usual Returns are furnished with my Report in detail.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

MUNICIPALITIES.

CITY OF HOBART TOWN.-(Established 1st February, 1858.)

Population	20,000
Area in acres	1270
Population to one Constable	526
Acres to each Constable	33
Strength of Force	38

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unaltered.

Two Detective Sergeants and six Constables had resigned, and one Constable was dismissed.

There was a slight increase in the number of indictable offences reported to the Police, and there was also a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but a decrease in the number of persons charged with offences under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 230 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 106 persons were apprehended, of whom 83 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 226 persons (133 males and 93 females) were charged with drunkenness, and 273 males and 183 females were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Four publicans were proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act, and three of them fined.

An acting Sub-Inspector acts as Coroner's Clerk, and is Inspector of Common Lodging-houses. A Medical Officer attends the Watch-house.

Populatión	11,000
Area in acres	3340
Population to one Constable	579
Acres to each Constable	176
Strength of Force	.19

There has been no change in this Force for the past five years, and its usual standard of efficiency is still kept up.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences reported, as well as in the number of persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws; also in the number of persons charged with drunkenness.

During the year ending the 30th June, 171 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 105 persons were apprehended, of whom 66 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 80 males and 88 females were charged with drunkenness, and 149 persons (104 males and 45 females) with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Four publicans were charged with offences against the Licensing Act, and three of them were fined.

The Station-house is in good repair, and the books and returns correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, and a Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Common Lodging-houses.

GLAMORGAN,-(Established 28th February, 1860.)

This Force is far below the standard of efficiency, there being only one effective exclusive of the Superintendent.

The Sub-Inspector, who ranks as a Special, receives a salary of ± 50 a year, and 5s. a day when on active duty, and is allowed to follow his trade, that of a shoemaker, contrary to the Rules framed by the Inspector and confirmed by the Governor in Council. One Special Constable receives ± 225 a year, and 5s. a day when called upon for duty; and five others ± 55 a year, and 5s. a day when on active duty.

During the year ending the 30th June, 8 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 8 persons were apprehended, 4 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 2 males and 2 females were charged with drunkenness, and 20 males and 3 females were proceeded against for breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The wards and cells at the Station-house were clean, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Bailiff, and the Constable Assistant Bailiff, of the Court of Requests.

A Medical Officer is attached to the Station.

SPRING BAY.—(Established 19th October, 1860.)

Strength of Force-Effectives, 4; Specials, 2..... 6

There has been no change in this Force since my last Report.

During the year ending the 30th June, 4 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 3 persons were apprehended, one of whom was summarily convicted, and another committed for trial; 3 males were charged with drunkenness, and 10 persons—8 males and 2 females—with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and an Officer of Customs.

CLARENCE.—(Established 13th November, 1860.)

Strength of Force-Effectives, 4; Specials, 3...... 7

There have been no resignations nor dismissals in this Force since my last Report.

During the year ending the 30th June, 4 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 4 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 2 persons, 1 male and 1 female, were charged with drunkenness, and 16 males and 4 females were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

The books are well and correctly kept.

LONGFORD.-(Established 28th February, 1862.)

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

One Constable had resigned.

The Superintendent's salary, £125 a year, has not been increased since my last Report. This salary, which is less than some of the Sergeants of Police at Hobart Town and Launceston receive, I consider far too small.

There was a decrease in indictable offences, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but an increase in the number of persons charged with offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 26 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 18 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 114 males and 43 females were charged with drunkenness, and 79 males and 36 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Four publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act and fined.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

GREEN PONDS.—(Established 15th April, 1862.)

Strength of Force 7

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unaltered.

One Constable had resigned during the year.

Indictable as well as minor offences had decreased.

During the year ending the 30th June, 23 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 15 persons were apprehended, of whom 12 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 14 males and 8 females were charged with drunkenness, and 24 males and 18 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The station-house, books, records, and returns were kept in an exceedingly satisfactory state.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Town Surveyor, and Poundkeeper.

SORELL.—(Established 30th June, 1862.)

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

The Superintendent was appointed during the year, and requires experience in the clerical part of his duties.

During the year ending the 30th June, 22 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, 7 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 23 males and 11 females were charged with drunkenness, and 4 males with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Byelaws.

No publicans had been proceeded against under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

Some repairs have been effected at the head Station.

BOTHWELL.—(Established 31st January, 1863.)

Strength of Force..... 4

No change has been made in the numerical strength or organisation of this Force since my last Report.

One Constable had resigned.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but a decrease in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 12 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 8 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 35 males and 18 females were charged with drunkenness, and 19 males and 9 females were proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Town Surveyor.

All the Constables are stationed at Head Quarters.

The watch-house is inconveniently situated, but clean and well kept.

ROSS.—(Established 17th February, 1863.)

Strength of Force-Effectives, 3; Special, 1..... 4

Since my last Report this Force has been increased by the appointment of a Special Constable.

Indictable offences were about the same as last year, but there was an increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but a decrease in the number of persons proceeded against under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 12 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 7 persons were apprehended, of whom 6 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 23 males and 9 females were charged with drunkenness, and 16 males and 3 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

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

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

FINGAL.--(Established 27th February, 1863.)

This Force has been increased by the appointment of a Petty Constable, and two others are about to be stationed at the Tin Mines.

One Constable had resigned during the year.

Indictable offences had considerably increased, but drunkenness had decreased, while the number of persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws was about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 40 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 14 persons were apprehended, 11 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 6 males and 4 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 27 males and 10 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Proceedings were taken against two publicans under the Licensing Act, and both of them fined.

The books, records, and returns are well kept.

My remarks of last year in reference to Buildings at Fingal and Avoca are still applicable.

The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

NEW NORFOLK.—(Established 17th March, 1863.)

There has been no change in the organisation or numerical strength of this Force since my last Report.

One Constable had resigned.

Indictable offences had decreased, but minor offences had increased.

During the year ending the 30th June, 14 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, of whom 11 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 56 males and 16 females were charged with drunkenness, and 71 males and 22 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

HAMILTON.—(Established 13th September, 1863.)

There was no change in the organisation or strength of this Force.

One Constable was allowed to resign.

Indictable offences and offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws had considerably increased, but drunkenness had decreased.

During the year ending the 30th June, 27 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 9 persons were apprehended, of whom 6 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 17 males and 6 females were charged with drunkenness, and 39 males and 1 female with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

No proceedings had been taken against publicans.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Town Surveyor, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

BRIGHTON.—(Established 19th November, 1863.)

Strength of Force-Effectives, 3; Special, 1..... 4

One Constable had resigned.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences, as well as in the number of cases of drunkenness, but a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 18 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 11 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 17 males and 12 females were charged with drunkenness, and 56 males and 22 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Land, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Town Surveyor.

The day room at this Station was in bad repair, and I cannot report the Force as efficient.

WESTBURY.—(Established 15th December, 1863.)

Strength of Force—Effectives, 9; Special, 1 10

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

There were no resignations nor dismissals during the year.

Indictable offences had decreased, but there was a very considerable increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 13 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, of whom 10 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 116 males and 12 females were charged with drunkenness, and 236 males and 33 females were charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The head station remains in a discreditable condition.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Poundkeeper.

DELORAINE. - (Established 18th December, 1863.)

There has been no change in the organisation or numerical strength of this Force since my last Report.

The Superintendent had resigned his appointment.

There was a considerable increase in the number of indictable offences reported, as well as in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws; but the number of persons charged with drunkenness was about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 44 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 16 persons were apprehended, 12 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 28 males and 9 females were charged with drunkenness, and 28 males and 9 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

EVANDALE. (Established 29th December, 1865.)

Strength of Force.....

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

One Constable had been dismissed for misconduct.

There was a considerable decrease in the number of indictable offences reported to the Police, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but an increase in the number of persons charged with offences under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June, 8 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, of whom 4 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. I8 males and 3 females were charged with drunkenness, and 45 males and 4 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

CAMPBELL TOWN.-(Established 18th September, 1866.)

Strength of Force-Effectives, 6; Specials, 2......

This Force has undergone no change in numerical strength or organisation since my last Report.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

There was a considerable decrease in all offences.

There was only one person charged with drunkenness, against 59 for the corresponding period of last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 30 indictable offences were reported to the Policë, for which 21 persons were apprehended, of whom 16 were summarily convicted or committed for trial; 1 male was charged with drunkenness, and 12 males and 3 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

No proceedings had been taken against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

I cannot account for the sudden cessation of drunkenness in this Municipality. The completion of Railway works had no doubt much to do with it, still the offenders of last year could not all have been strangers.

The average age of the Police in this Municipality exceeds fifty years.

GLENORCHY.-(Established 30th June, 1864.)

Since my last Report this Force has been increased by the appointment of a special constable who is stationed at Sorell Creek.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences reported to the Police, as well as in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The wall at the rear of the Station was in a condition so ruinous as to necessitate its removal; a fence will be required to replace it.

During the year ending the 30th June, 11 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 7 persons were apprehended, of whom 6 were summarily convicted; 7 males and 4 females were charged with drunkenness, and 48 males and 4 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Three publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act and fined.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

RICHMOND.—(Established 1st August, 1861.)

Strength of Force.....

The numerical strength and organisation of this Force remain unaltered.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

Indictable as well as minor offences had considerably decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 17 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 14 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted; 47 persons, 38 males and 9 females, were charged with drunkenness, and 13 males and 5 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-Laws.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Sub-Inspector is Bailitt Court of Requests.

OATLANDS.-(Established 9th January, 1862.)

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

There was a slight increase in the number of indictable offences reported, but a remarkable increase in minor offences.

During the year ending the 30th June, 48 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 35 persons were apprehended, of whom 25 were summarily convicted or committed for trial; 108 males and 38 females were charged with drunkenness; and 216 persons, 158 males and 58 females, with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The old prison buildings are far too large for the requirement of this Municipality.

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TASMANIA ON JUNE 30, 1876.

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MUNICI- PALITIES.	Establishment.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Area in Acres.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Specials.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables, 1st	Constables, 2nd	Class.	special Constantes when on Duty.	REMARKS.
Hobart Town	38	1	2	1	2	4	28		1270	£ 300	£ 155	£	s. d.	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 (.s. a	 95	d.s	. d.	With uniform in addition to pay. No quarters.
Launceston	19	1	1		1	2	12	2	3340	250	160		_			7 () 6	1-	3 . 7	0	With uniform in addition to pay. The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, and a Constable have quarters.
Glamorgan	9	1	1		[1	6	540,000	182	50	25			-	6 (1	6 —	- õ	0	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspector and a Constable have quarters.
Spring Bay	6	1	1			_	2	2	330,000	182	<u> </u>	5 10	59	_		_	5	0	- 6	0	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspector has quarters.
Clarence	7	1				1	2	3	85,000	200		20 10				56	35	o	- 5	0	Cost of uniform deducted. The Superintendent has 25% a year forage allowance. The Sergean and two Constables have quarters.
Longford	8	1		-		1	6	 	212,300	125					-	5 8	35	3 —	-	-	With uniform. Two Constables who are Watch-house Keepers receive pay at the rate of 501. pe annum. The Superintendent has forage allowance 252. per annum. With the exception of on Constable the Force has quarters.
Green Ponds	7	1	1	-	_	1	4	-	100,000	185	-		59				-1		- I		Uniform in addition. The Superintendent and two Constables have quarters. With uniform, Two Constables are mounted, and are allowed quarters.
Sorell Bothwell	5 4	1	1		=		3	=	136,000 316,000	$\begin{array}{c}180\\180\end{array}$		_	_		-			0 3 0	5	_	One Constable receives pay at the rate of 501, per annum. With uniform in addition. All th Constables have quarters. The Superintendent has 251, per annum forage allowance.
Ross	4	1	1	-			1	1	178,000	110		6	56				ð.	ol —	. õ	0	Without uniform. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have quarters.
Fingal	10	1	2	2	_	2	3		1,807,360	150	_		59	5 0		5 4	15	0 -	-	-	With uniform in addition. The Superintendent has 251, a year forage allowance. All the For have quarters.
New Norfolk	7	1	1			1	4		125,440	155		<u> </u>	57 59			5 6	35	0 –	-	_	Without uniform. The Superintendent has 25% a year forage allowance. The Superintenden Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and a Constable have quarters.
Hamilton	6	1	2	2	<u> </u>	_	1		2,959,500	160			53				5	o	-	-	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspectors and Acting Sub-Inspectors have 101. a year each forag allowance. All the Force have quarters.
Brighton	4	1	_			-	2	1	133,760	160		10	50	-	_	_	4 ·	9 _	. 5	0	Cost of uniform deducted. With the exception of the Superintendent the Force has quarters.
Westbury	10	1		2	1_	_	6	1	_	175		10		5 3	·		5	0 £7			With uniform. The Superintendent has 251. a year forage allowance, and one Sub-Inspector an
Deloraine	5	1	1	_	_		3	_	- 376,000	150			59		_		5	∲a 0 4	n 9		three Constables 107. With the exception of the Superintendent the Force has quarters. With uniform. Superintendent has 257, forage allowance, and two Constables 77, 108. Th
Evandale	7	1	1	1		_	4	_	255,000	100	100			5 0		<u>-</u>	5	o –	.		Force has quarters. Without uniform. The Superintendent has 151. a year forage allowance, and two Constables 5
Campbell Town	8	1	2				3	2	314,800	20	_	10	66	-	_]	5	6 —	. 5	0	The Sub-Inspector, Acting Sub-Inspector, and three Constables have quarters. Without uniform. The Superintendent has 25?, a year forage allowance, and a Sub-Inspector 8
Glenorchy	6	1	1	_	_	1	2	1	24,000	150		10	$\begin{array}{c} 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 9 \end{array}$			_	5 (0 -	. 5	0	The permanent members of the Force have quarters. Cost of uniform deducted. The Superintendent has 261, a year forage allowance, and the Sul
Oatlands	6	1	2				3	_	355,000	130	_	_	49			_	4	3 -	.		Inspector and one Constable have quarters. With uniform. The SuperIntendent receives 207. forage allowance, and the Sub-Inspectors 10
Richmond	7	1	2			-	4	-	152,000	182	-		5 0 5 9	-		-	4 1	o	-		All the Force have quarters. Cost of uniform deducted. Superintendent receives 207., and the Sub-Inspectors 107. each pe annum forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

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JAMES BARNARD, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.