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TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE.

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE ON ITS STATE AND
EFFICIENCY.**

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REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State and Efficiency of the TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE of Tasmania for the Year ending 30th June, 1867.

Office of Inspector of Police, 23rd September, 1867.

SIR,

IN compliance with your instruction I have the honor herewith to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a Report on the state of the Territorial Police Force maintained in the several Police Districts of the Colony, accompanied by a Tabular Return showing its strength, organisation, pay, &c. The short notice given to me for its preparation, and the fact of none ever having been called for in former years, precludes, I regret, my entering into much detail, and prevents my furnishing precise information in connection with criminal statistics, or in regard to the commission of minor offences; but I would remark that my observations on these points in my Report on the state of the Municipal Police Forces may be safely taken to apply in the present case.

Though the Territorial Police has become isolated, weakened in its organisation, confined in its operation to the extreme Northern and Southern Districts of the Colony, and deprived of several important points and sources of central action by the establishment of Municipalities, I am gratified to be enabled to report that its hitherto acknowledged standard of efficiency still continues to be satisfactorily maintained.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

P.S.—A Return of Territorial Police Establishments, showing their cost, authorised strength, and giving other information of a character similar to that contained in the annexed tabular form, has been annually published by me by way of a report in the Statistics of the Colony, but this seems to have been entirely overlooked in Parliament. (See page 122 of Volume for 1866.)

DISTRICT OF HOBART, (*including Kingston.*)

Population	4627
Population to one Constable	225
Strength of Force	21

Within the last few years this Force has been considerably reduced, and it now consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 3 Second Class District Constables.
- 3 Sergeants.
- 14 Petty Constables.

In this numerical strength is included the staff necessary to maintain at Head Quarters for carrying out Police action in connection with the General Government and Municipalities and the Police of the neighbouring Colonies, as well as that involved in the dispensing of relief to and admission of paupers into charitable institutions, and in affording assistance and protection to the shipping in harbour. The Officers and men composing the Force have been selected for their intelligence; and though it is numerically small for the work devolving upon it, and the amount of protection to life and property required of it, it may be reported to present a satisfactory standard of efficiency.

The District is a straggling and important one,—comprising the Towns of New Town and Sandy Bay, the Domain, the Outskirts of the City including Knocklofty and the Cascades, a considerable portion of the Huon Road, the City Waterworks, and the area known as Queenborough nearly as far as Brown's River. There are four Out-stations; viz.—New Town, Sandy Bay, the Cascade Road, and Huon Road; the first of which, the Head Station, is in charge of the Chief District Constable. These were in good repair. No dismissals from the Force had taken place during the year, but two Constables had resigned.

The Uniform (which is supplied by the Government to the whole Territorial Force, but the cost of which is repaid by the recipients) is of excellent quality, and was in good order, and the arms and necessaries in very serviceable condition. The Books, Records, and Returns were correctly kept according to regulation.

The Chief District Constable conducts the pauper branch of duties connected with the Inspector's Office, and all enquiries made on the part of the General Government, is Inspector of Stock and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Medical Man is attached to the Force.

KINGBOROUGH. (*Kingston.*)

Population	3454
Population to one Constable	345
Strength of Force	10

This Force is efficient, and consists of—

- 1 Senior Chief District Constable.
- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 1 Second Class District Constable; and
- 7 Petty Constables.

There are five Out-stations in this district, (which includes Bruni Island and a seaboard on the Channel side from Brown's River to Garden Island Creek); viz.—Bruni Island, North West Bay, Oyster Cove, Peppermint Bay, and Three Hut Point. At the latter the Senior Chief District Constable resides, performing Customs duties and having charge of the Police Boat. These Stations were in good repair, and afford accommodation for the safe custody of prisoners. The Uniform which is supplied, as noted before, was in good order, and the arms and necessaries in satisfactory serviceable condition. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept, and the duties of the force satisfactorily performed. No dismissals nor resignations had occurred during the year. Both Chief District Constables are Summoning Officers, Inspectors of Stock, and Examiners of Weights and Measures.

The Police Boat which is maintained at Three Hut Point, principally for Magisterial purposes, is manned by 3 Constables attached to the Huon and borne on the Abstracts of that District, and 1 belonging to Kingborough; the Stipendiary Magistrate appointed to visit the lower portions of the Channel residing at Three Hut Point, and using her as the only means of communication with his stations.

No Medical Man is attached to the Force.

THE HUON.

Population	2759
Population to 1 Constable	200
Strength of Force	14

This Force consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 2 Second Class District Constables.
- 10 Petty Constables; and
- 1 Special Constable, (effective.)

It is an efficient one, and its duties, which extend along a difficult sea and river board, are effectively and satisfactorily performed. Three Petty Constables are permanently attached to the Police Boat stationed as noted before at Three Hut Point.

There are six Out-stations; viz.—Victoria, Port Cygnet, Hospital Bay, Port Esperance, Southport, and Recherche Bay, at the latter of which the Special Constable is stationed. These were all in good repair. The Uniform supplied as in other Districts was in good order, and the arms and necessaries in excellent condition. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. No Constables had been dismissed within the year nor had any resigned. The Chief District Constable is Summoning Officer, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

SELBY.

Population	2781
Population to one Constable	200
Strength of Force	14

This Force is efficient, and consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 2 Second Class District Constables ; and
- 11 Petty Constables.

This is an important District surrounding the Town of Launceston, and including the main line of road as far as Breadalbane, the Towns of Carrick, St. Leonard's, both banks of the Tamar to within a few miles of George Town, and Scott's New Country.

There are 9 Outstations ; viz.—Breadalbane, Carrick, Hadspen, Westwood, Young Town, St. Leonards, Invermay, Coulson's, and Muddy Creek. The duties of the Force, considering the manner and at the distances it is necessarily detached, are satisfactorily performed ; though a thoroughly efficient supervision by the Officer in charge is difficult to maintain. Police protection will have soon to be extended to Scott's New Country, and a Station erected there. The Chief District Constable carries out all duties connected with the General Government, involving inquiries of different character, &c. in Launceston, and others involved in pauper relief, &c. The Station-houses were in good repair. The Uniform was of good quality, and the arms and necessaries in serviceable condition. One Constable had been dismissed, and four had resigned during the year : these were men who had not been long in the service and not proof against temptation, or to whom the duties were obnoxious. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Summoning Officer, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

GEORGE TOWN.

Population	1350
Population to one Constable	170
Strength of Force	8

This is an efficient Force, and consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 1 Second Class District Constable.
- 1 Police Sergeant ; and
- 5 Petty Constables.

This District has a seaboard extending from Tamar Heads to the Great Mussel Roe River, and has four Out-stations ; viz.—Piper's River, Waterhouse, Bridport, and Sidmouth ; which, being far detached from each other, renders communication difficult, and sometimes temporarily impracticable. The Head and Out-stations were in good repair. The Uniform was in good order, and the arms and necessaries in serviceable condition. No men were dismissed from the Force, nor were there any resignations during the year. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Police Sergeant acts as Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Police Clerk. The Chief District Constable is Summoning Officer, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Collector of Police Rates. A Medical Man is attached to the Force.

PORT SORELL.

Population	3358
Population to one Constable	239
Strength of Force	14

This Force consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 2 Second Class District Constables.
- 2 Acting Sergeants ; and
- 9 Petty Constables.

This is becoming the most important District in the Island, and is one which, from its increasing population and settlement of lands and public works in progress, will probably soon require Police protection to be further extended to it. The present Force, though efficient, is barely sufficient, and the duties devolving upon it are, from the nature of the country, and the character of a considerable portion of the community, arduous—requiring great energy and tact on the part of both Officers and Men. There are at present nine Out-stations ; viz.—Latrobe, Sherwood, Sheffield, Paramatta, the Forth, the Leven, the Penguin, Burgess, and Heidelberg ; and to enable the Chief District Constable to maintain an efficient supervision over these, forage for two horses is necessarily allowed him. New Stations are required at the Leven and Sheffield ; that at the former being a mere shed, and no accommodation whatever existing at the latter place. An acting Sergeant at Burgess is a Tide Waiter of the Customs' Department. The Head and Out-stations were in good repair and orderly. The Uniform good, and the arms and necessaries in serviceable condition. One Constable had been dismissed during the year, and four had resigned ; the latter, I believe, principally owing to the severity of the duties they were called upon to perform. Communication with the outlying Stations has lately, however, been facilitated by the erection of the Forth and Leven Bridges. The books, records, and returns are correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Summoning Officer, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Collector of Police Rates. No Medical Man is attached to the Force.

HORTON, INCLUDING WYNYARD AND EMU BAY.

Population	2036
Population to one Constable	254
Strength of Force	8

This Force is an efficient one, and consists of—

- 1 Chief District Constable.
- 2 Second Class District Constables ; and
- 5 Petty Constables.

The increasing population consequent on the settlement of lands in this District will require, as it progresses, increased Police protection. The existing Force is made to perform the duties, and do so in a satisfactory manner; but there are one or two points which will soon probably require Stations, such as the Cam and Montagu Rivers. There are two Out-stations,—Wynyard and Emu Bay, at the former of which a Stipendiary Magistrate, who is also Landing Waiter, resides, and at which commodious Police Buildings have lately been erected. Though these out-stations are under the supervision directly of the Chief District Constable, yet, from the difficulty of communicating with Circular Head, a necessity for the officers in charge of these acting occasionally independently of him is involved. The Head and Out-stations were in good repair, the Uniform in good order, and the Arms and necessaries in serviceable condition, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Second Class District Constables at Emu Bay and Wynyard are Tidewaiters of Customs, Inspectors of Stock, and Collectors of Police Rates. The Chief District Constable is Summoning Officer, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Collector of Police Rates. Medical Officers are attached to the Force at Circular Head and Wynyard.

THE GREAT LAKE DISTRICT.

This Force was established for the protection of the flock-owners in the Lake District, and has very satisfactorily and, I firmly believe, fully answered every expectation. Of its usefulness I have received the most convincing proofs from the diminution in the losses in sheep sustained since its constitution. It originally consisted of one Chief Constable, one Sergeant, and two Petty Constables ; but a vacancy caused by the death of a Petty Constable, who was unfortunately killed when on duty, has not been filled up, and I find that the duties can now be efficiently performed by the Chief Constable and his two assistants. They are mounted men, and their range of duties is a very wide one, extending up to and over the boundaries of the surrounding Municipalities. There are two Stations,—one at the Steps, and the other at Swan Bay, on the Great Lake, both being on the Great Lake Road. The Chief Constable is in charge of the former, and a married Constable of the latter, both Stations being in good repair. The Force does not wear Uniform. The arms, horses, and accoutrements were in good condition. The Chief Constable is in weekly communication with this Office, and makes returns according to regulations. He is an Inspector of Stock. I have no return of the population, which of course fluctuates with the seasons.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

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DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.						Estimate of Population.	Area in Acres.	Population to One Constable.	Acres to each Constable.	ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING FORAGE AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.			DAILY PAY.			
		Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Sergeant.	Acting Sergeant.	Petty Constable.	Special Constable.					Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Special Constable.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Petty Constables.	
Hobart	21	1	3	3	—	14	—	4627	686,690	210	32,700	£ 200	£ s. d. 104 18 9	—	5 9	—	5	C. D. Constable has quarters.
Kingborough	10	2	1*	—	—	7	—	3454	463,000	345	46,300	200	91 5 0	—	—	—	5	
Huon	14	1	2	—	—	10	1	2759	2,507,000	200	180,000	200	{ 154 18 9 129 18 9 }	{ 50	—	—	5	One 2nd Class District Constable has full forage £50, and the other £25 allowance.
Selby	14	1	2	—	—	11	—	2781	720,000	200	51,428	225	129 18 9	—	—	—	5	C. D. Constable has £25 allowance.
George Town....	8	1	1*	1	—	5	—	1350	792,320	170	99,040	200	100 7 6	—	5 0	—	5	C. D. Constable has quarters.
Port Sorell.....	14	1	2	—	2	9	—	3358	561,920	239	40,137	250	129 18 9	—	—	5	5	C. D. Constable has quarters and forage £50 for a second horse.
Horton	8	1	2	—	—	5	—	2036	2,574,000	254	321,750	200	129 18 9	—	—	—	5	
Great Lake	3	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	5	Sergeant & P. Constable have each £25 allowance.

* Acting only.

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