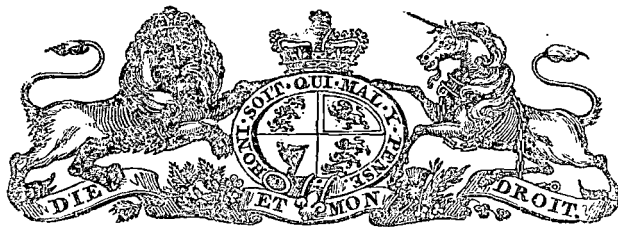


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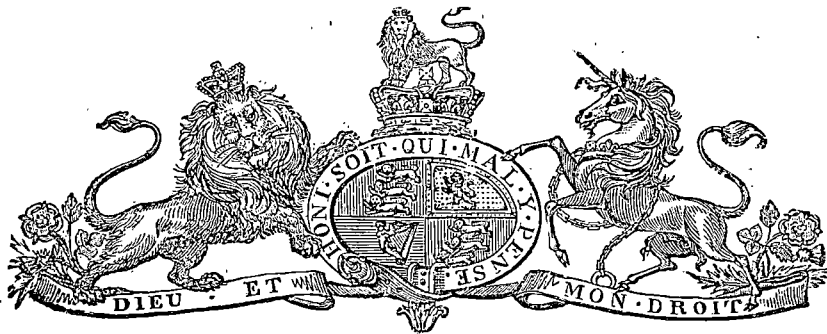
P O R T A R T H U R.

RETURN OF CONVICT LABOUR.

*(Mr. Houghton, 16 August.)*

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Presented by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
1 September, 1859.



*RETURN showing every Description of Work performed by CONVICT LABOUR at Port Arthur during the Year 1858.*

<i>Produce or Material.</i>	<i>No. of Convicts employed.</i>	<i>How employed.</i>	<i>Amount of Work performed, or of Produce and Material acquired, when it can be shown.</i>
Vegetables, Grain, Forage, Beef, Pork, &c.	16,744	Raising Farm Produce, attending to and feeding Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Poultry, &c.	<p style="text-align: right;">Tons cwt. qrs. lbs.</p> Potatoes - 110 10 1 13 Other Vegetables 6 5 2 22 Hay - 45 5 1 17 Straw - 9 16 1 0 Green Fodder 82 6 3 22 Wheat, 385 bushels 31 lbs. Barley, 5 bushels 31 lbs. Oats, 557 bushels 37 lbs. Tares, 18 bushels. Rye, 6 bushels. Mangel Wurzel Seed, 30 lbs. Parsnip Seed, 12 lbs. Cattle Hides, 19. Pork, 5377½ lbs. Fish, 757½ lbs. Beef, 2599 lbs. Venison, 207 lbs. Pig Skin, 1. Calf Skins, 8.
Dairy Produce	-	-	Fowls, 2. Eggs, 183½ doz. Milk, 62,840 pints.
Increase of Live Stock	-	-	Foals, 2. Calves, 35. Pigs, 61. Fowls, 17.
Charcoal	716	Burning Charcoal for Blacksmiths and Foundry	3172 bushels.
Firewood cut into billets for Port Arthur and Out-Stations	9606	Providing Fuel for Establishment, Military and Out-Stations	5650 tons.
Timber, sawn and split, Piles, &c.	12,181	Cutting and splitting Timber for Station and for Buildings in Hobart Town, removing Slabs, Sawdust, and assisting to load Saw-pits, &c.	Lightwood & Myrtle, 19,621 feet Gum & Stringy Bark, 316,993 ft. Felloes, 20. Plough Handles, 12. Plough Beams, 4. Cart Poles, 2. Boat Knees, 29. Railway Breaks, 12. Palings, 24,716. Shingles, 498,950. Laths, 30,860. Pick Handles, 650. Posts and Rails, 4210.
Shell Lime	1915	Providing Lime for Works in progress	Lime, 4130 bushels, produced from 5162 bushels of Shells.
Bricks made	2609	Moulding Bricks for Buildings, digging Clay, procuring Wood, and off-bearing Bricks	Bricks, 242,000. [12,295.
Tiles made	917	Making Tiles for Station and for Hobart Town	Drain, Paving, and Sink Tiles, Glazed Pans, 120.
Other Potteryware	214	Making Pans, Flower-pots, &c.	Fire Hobs, 30. Flower-pots, 548.
Schooner's earnings	360	Carrying Shells for Lime, Stores and Provisions to Out-Stations	Tons, 460.
<i>Carried forward</i>	45,262		

Trade.	No. of Convicts employed.	How employed.
<i>Brought forward</i>	45,202	
Attendants on Sick	8210	Attending on Sick in Hospital and Infirmary.
Blacksmiths	507	Shoeing Horses, preparing Iron-work for Buildings, Fittings for Steam Engine, &c.
Ditto, Learners and Strikers	247	
Boat-builders	229	Repairing Boats and Launches.
Bricklayers	851	Erecting and repairing Buildings.
Ditto, Learners and Labourers	707	
Basket-makers	—	290 days Invalid making Baskets, charged at half the rate of the current wages per diem.
Bookbinders	434	Repairing Library Books, Account Books, making Envelopes, &c.
Bakers	4005	Baking Bread for Penal, Invalid, Hospital, and Insane Establishments, Military and Civil Officers.
Barbers	567	Shaving and Hair-cutting.
Boat's Crew	5258	Manning Boats and Launches used in removing Timber, Stores, Produce, and Passengers.
Carpenters (perfect)	1785	Erecting and repairing Buildings.
Ditto, Learners	1525	
Coopers	276	Making and repairing Cooperage.
Cooks	1362	Cooking Provisions for Prisoners and Invalids.
Clearing land	7956	Clearing Land for Agricultural purposes.
Church and Chapel Cleaner	661	Cleansing and keeping in order Places of Worship.
Crane and Jetty Party	735	Unloading Launches, &c.
Cemetery Keeper	254	Digging Graves and keeping the Cemetery in order.
Draining Land	491	Draining Land and Lagoon.
Delegates in Cook-house	364	Watching the cooking and distribution of Prisoners' Provisions.
Excavators	231	Closing up end of Wharf.
Fire-engine Cleaner	309	Cleaning and keeping in order Fire Engines, Hose, &c.
Foundrymen	537	Making Iron Castings, &c. for Station and Hobart Town.
Fencers	546	Fencing Paddocks and Gardens.
Feeder of Government Dogs	322	Feeding line of Watch Dogs at Eagle Hawk Neck.
Gardeners	920	Working in Public Gardens.
Herdsmen	1671	Herding Cattle.
Harness-makers	218	Making and repairing Harness.
Hand-cart Party	4656	Removing Material for Works in progress, and supplying Fuel.
Laying and repairing Railroad	3311	Laying and repairing Railroad and Tramroads.
Laundrymen	2571	Washing, &c. for Prisoners and Military.
Lamp-lighters	409	Cleaning and attending to Lamps.
Labourers—Shoemakers and Tailors' Shop	206	Cleaning Workshops and attending on Workmen.
Ditto, Carpenters' Gang	680	Attending on Workmen.
Ditto, Marine	127	Cleaning Steamer <i>Derwent</i> laid up in ordinary.
Ditto, Slopmarkers and Sweep	406	Marking Prisoners' Slop Clothing, sweeping Chimnies, &c.
Log-cutting	3103	Procuring Logs for Sawyers. This item is included in Sawyers' earnings.
Messengers to Out-Stations and Working Parties	1016	Assisting Officers and conveying Messages to Out-Stations.
Mat and Broom-makers	174	Making Mats and Brooms for Station purposes.
Miller	47	Dressing Mill-stones for new Flour-mill.
Nailer	190	Making Nails for Works in progress.
Painters and Glaziers	314	Painting and glazing Buildings.
Plasterers	694	Plastering and repairing Buildings.
Ditto, Learners and Labourers	430	
Plumbing	6	Soldering and fixing Water-pipes.
Quarrymen	1094	Quarrying Stone for Buildings.
Roadmakers and Repairers	615	Repairing Roads.
Rail-road Waggon Party	1351	Removing Commissariat and other Stores for Military and others.
Repairing Wharves, Jetties, and Pile-driving	866	Repairing Wharf, Jetties, &c.
Semaphore Repairer	132	Repairing broken Semaphores.
Stone-breaking (metal)	2199	Breaking Road Metal.
Store Labourers	313	Cleaning and arranging Stores.
Sub-Overseers and Watchmen	16,504	Guarding Coasts of Tasman's Peninsula, the Settlement, Working Parties, and Out-Stations, and pursuing Absconders.
Shinglers	421	Shingling Buildings.
Stone-cutters and Masons	1409	Erecting and repairing Buildings.
Sailmakers and Net Repairer	69	Repairing Sails and Nets.
Signalmen	6064	At Signal Stations.
Servants	17,180	Servants and Labourers to Officers.
Shoemakers	2780	Making and repairing Boots and Shoes.
Tailors	1765	Making and repairing Clothing.
Tin-plate Workers	282	Making and repairing Tin Ware, Spouting, &c.
Turners	62	Turning Wood for Works in progress.
Tool-handlers	428	Handling Tools for Workmen.
Vicemen	1099	Preparing Iron Fittings for Works in progress.
Various Mechanics and Labourers	3622	Lent to Officers and Constables, and paid for by them, Mechanics at 3s. per diem, and Labourers at 1s. per diem.
Water Carriers	1738	Supplying the Station with Water.
Wardsmen	11,000	Cleansing and keeping in order Penitentiary, Invalid Dépôt, and Out-Station Buildings.
Writers	1286	Assisting Deputy Superintendent registering Meteorological Observations, writing in Civil Commandant's and Clerk of Works' Offices.
<i>Carried forward</i>	177,059	

<i>Trade.</i>	<i>No. of Convicts employed.</i>	<i>How employed.</i>
<i>Brought forward</i> - - - -	177,059	
Wheelwrights - - - -	767	} Making and repairing Carts, Trucks, &c.
Ditto, Learners - - - -	479	
Under Separate Discipline—		} Making Brooms, Mats, Slippers, Braces, Slop Clothing, Flannel Shirts, Cotton Shirts, Boots and Shoes, Ration Bags, and Washing Clothes.
Employed - - - -	3182	
Unemployed - - - -	2147	
In Solitary Confinement and awaiting Trial	2266	
Sick in Hospital and exempt from Labour		
by Medical Officer - - - -	8810	
Received and awaiting Classification - - - -	306	
Discharged - - - -	233	
Sundays, Holidays, and Wet Days, deducting	23,864	
Men necessarily employed - - - -		
Deaths - - - -	5	
<i>Total</i> - - - -	219,118	

Daily Average Number of Convicts - 600 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Daily Average Number of Sick - 23 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Rate of Mortality - - - - '00833 or  $\frac{1}{120}$ ths per cent. per annum.

NOTE.—The estimated rates of Wages in this Return, except in cases of Convicts employed under separate treatment, are charged at two-thirds of those current in and about Hobart Town during the year 1858, thus making due allowance for the reduced hours of labour owing to the Prisoners attending to various matters of discipline, &c. The labour of those Prisoners employed in separate treatment is calculated only at one-half the ordinary rate of Wages.

J. BOYD, *Civil Commandant,*  
*Penal Establishment, Port Arthur, 18th May, 1859.*

*The Comptroller-General, Hobart Town.*