

(No. 12.)



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C O L O N I A L H O S P I T A L.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

(Mr. Gell, 10 August.)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
19 August, 1859.



RETURN showing the Number of Inmates at the General Hospital, Hobart Town, on 1st January, 1st April, and 1st July, 1859, distinguishing Expirees from Free, and those borne on Imperial Funds from those on Colonial Funds; Invalids and Patients under Treatment for Chronic or Incurable Complaints from Patients under Active Treatment.

DATE.	Chargeable on Colonial Funds.		Free, chargeable on Imperial Funds.	Convicts.	Self-supporting Patients.	Total.	Of this Number are	
	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.					Chronic or Incurable Cases.	Acute, or Cases under Active Treatment.
1st January, 1859	39	114	28	12	1	194	138	56
1st April, "	35	139	18	13	1	206	137	69
1st July, "	37	178	24	14	1	254	161	93

W. SECCOMBE, *Senior Medical Officer.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

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EXTRACT from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 28, of the 26th March, 1859.

“ ACCORDING to Mr. Nairn's report 152 persons were, on the 30th June, 1858, inmates of the General Hospital at Hobart Town, of whom 121 were chargeable to the Colony and only 31 to the Imperial Government. It would appear more fitting that this Establishment should be transferred to the Colony, and that the British Treasury should pay rateably for the few persons chargeable to the Imperial Government, than that the whole expense of the Institution should be defrayed by British funds, leaving the amount due from the Colony to be afterwards recovered.

Again, at the Queen's Orphan Schools there are said to be 408 Children, of whom 222, or more than one-half, are chargeable to the Colony. It would seem reasonable that this Institution likewise should be transferred to the Colony, under the same proviso for paying the Imperial quota for any inmates chargeable to the Imperial Government.”

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E. B. LYTTON.