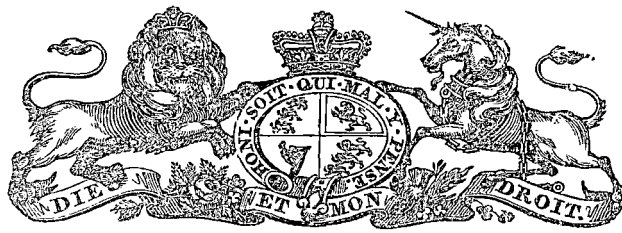


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1860.

T A S M A N I A.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, 21 August, 1860.



Office of Inspector of Police, 7th August, 1860.

SIR,

IT being perhaps desirable that the Government should, during the present Session of Parliament, be in possession of some Criminal Statistics of the Colony, I have prepared for your information comparative Returns of Crime reported to have been committed in the Rural Districts, and in the Municipalities of Hobart Town and Launceston, with the corresponding results, during the years 1858-9, which I have now the honor to enclose.

I should have wished these Returns to have embraced a period prior to my assuming my present office, but unfortunately I have not been able to procure reliable data from which to compile them.

It appears that in the year 1858 there were in the Rural Districts 595 indictable offences reported to the Police, for which 388 persons were apprehended, of whom 271 were committed; and in 1859 the number of such offences reported was 572, for which 382 persons were apprehended, of whom 289 were committed.

In the Municipality of Hobart Town in the year 1858, there were 211 indictable offences reported, for which 147 persons were apprehended, of whom 132 were committed; and in 1859 the number was 196, for which 143 persons were apprehended, of whom 132 were committed.

In the Municipality of Launceston the number of such offences reported in 1858 was 107, of which 96 persons were apprehended, of whom 72 were committed; and in the year 1859 there were 129 reported, for which 99 apprehensions were effected, and 53 persons committed.

I regret I cannot report any material diminution of crime generally throughout the Territory. While on the one hand there has been a slight decrease in robberies, cattle-stealing, and burglary; rape, arson, and perjury have increased.

This may be fairly ascribed to the number of "habitual criminals" released from the Penal Settlement of Port Arthur, who form by far the majority of our crime committing population, and to the facilities the Colony affords to the perpetration of these offences.

I would observe that in the Colony the detection of crime bears a satisfactory comparison with that in many of the Counties in England in which the Police Force is of a very efficient character, and where the means of detecting by railway and telegraphic communication are so much more certain and effective; and when we look to the numerical strength of the Police force in the Rural Districts, the extent of country it is distributed over, and which it is called upon to protect, the facilities afforded by the geographical features of the Colony for the harboring and escape of Criminals, the easy means of disposal of stolen property, and the class of people amongst whom evidence is sought for, as well as the impossibility at times of even procuring a prosecutor, it is a matter for congratulation that detection follows commission of crime so often as it does.

I would also beg to enclose, for your information, a Return of the authorised strength of the Police Force in the Rural Districts for the years 1858-9; a Return of the amount of penalties paid to that Force during a similar period; one of property stolen and restored by the Police, together with a Return of indictable offences reported in several of the Counties in England, with the results, for the purpose of comparison.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector.*

The Honourable the Attorney-General.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Serious Offences reported to have been committed within the RURAL POLICE DISTRICTS of TASMANIA, during the Years of 1858 and 1859.

(No. 51.)

1858.									1859.								
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.			OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summary Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.		Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summary Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.
Assault with intent to murder	3	17	9	—	8	4	—	4	Assault with intent to murder	1	18	3	3	12	5	4	3
Assault with intent to commit rape	—	6	1	—	5	3	1	1	Assault with intent to commit rape	1	7	—	—	7	6	—	1
Assault with intent to commit robbery	6	11	3	1	7	6	—	1	Assault with intent to commit robbery	—	14	6	1	7	4	2	1
Arson	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	Arson	8	7	3	—	4	—	—	4
Burglary	19	20	7	—	13	8	1	4	Burglary	10	15	1	—	14	10	1	3
Cattle stealing	13	16	6	1	9	6	2	1	Cattle stealing	8	7	1	1	5	2	1	2
Forgery	1	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	Forgery	—	5	2	—	3	2	1	—
Horse stealing	4	10	5	1	4	1	1	2	Horse stealing	13	7	3	2	2	1	—	1
Murder	—	10	3	—	7	5	—	2	Murder	3	4	—	—	4	2	1	1
Manslaughter	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	3	Manslaughter	—	4	—	—	4	4	—	—
Perjury	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	Perjury	8	6	2	—	4	1	2	1
Rape	1	2	—	—	2	1	—	1	Rape	4	5	—	—	5	1	1	3
Robbery	33	58	20	23	15	8	2	5	Robbery	19	66	24	23	19	6	—	13
Sheep stealing	13	21	5	2	14	10	2	2	Sheep stealing	10	22	6	2	14	5	1	8
Unnatural offence	—	6	1	—	5	4	—	1	Unnatural offence	—	2	—	—	2	—	1	1
	*95	185	61	28	96	58	9	29		85	189	51	32	106	49	15	42

* Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, Inspector of Police.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Minor Offences reported to have been committed in the RURAL POLICE DISTRICTS of TASMANIA, during the Years 1858 and 1859.

1858.								1859.									
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.			OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.		Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.
Stealing goods exposed for sale	—	10	2	8	—	—	—	—	Stealing goods exposed for sale.....	7	10	2	7	1	1	—	—
Stealing tools, &c., from unfinished houses..	1	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	Stealing tools, &c., from unfinished houses..	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false keys	2	2	—	—	2	1	—	1	Stealing by false keys	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing by lodgers	9	12	8	8	1	1	—	—	Stealing by lodgers	4	11	1	4	6	3	—	3
Stealing by servants	12	39	9	26	4	3	—	1	Stealing by servants	7	41	8	28	5	4	—	1
Stealing by doors left open	14	12	3	6	3	2	—	1	Stealing by doors left open	11	6	—	6	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false pretences	2	10	3	3	4	2	—	2	Stealing by false pretences	2	15	4	6	5	3	—	2
Stealing by prostitutes	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	Stealing by picking pockets	4	17	4	8	5	4	—	1
Stealing by picking pockets	1	9	1	6	2	—	—	2	Stealing from open out-houses	26	8	2	6	—	—	—	—
Stealing from open out-houses	35	22	9	10	3	3	—	—	Stealing from gardens.....	9	13	3	8	2	2	—	—
Stealing from gardens	12	9	3	5	1	1	—	—	Stealing by prostitutes.....	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing from drunken persons.....	2	19	9	7	3	1	—	2	Stealing from drunken persons.....	5	24	10	8	6	3	1	2
Stealing linen exposed to dry.....	3	12	—	12	—	—	—	—	Stealing linen exposed to dry.....	10	3	1	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing poultry from out-houses	6	5	2	3	—	—	—	—	Stealing poultry from outhouses	11	7	2	4	1	—	—	1
Stealing in public-houses in day-time	13	37	9	23	5	3	—	2	Stealing in public-houses in day-time.....	4	33	3	26	4	1	1	2
	*112	203	56	119	28	17	—	11		105	193	42	116	35	21	2	12

*Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

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COMPARATIVE RETURN of Serious Offences reported to have been committed within the MUNICIPAL POLICE DISTRICT of HOBART,
i.e. the CITY OF HOBART, for the Years 1858 and 1859.

(No. 51.)

1858.								1859.									
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.			OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.		Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.
Assault with intent to commit murder	1	4	—	—	4	4	—	—	Assault with intent to commit murder.....	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1
Assault with intent to commit rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Assault with intent to commit rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assault with intent to commit robbery	3	3	—	—	3	1	—	2	Assault with intent to commit robbery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Arson	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burglary	17	14	—	—	14	12	1	1	Burglary	6	11	—	1	10	7	2	1
Cattle stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forgery	5	9	—	—	9	9	—	—	Forgery	1	14	1	1	12	8	2	2
Horse stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Horse stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murder	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manslaughter	—	3	—	—	3	3	—	—	Manslaughter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perjury	—	2	—	—	2	1	1	—	Perjury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rape	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	Rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery.....	3	3	—	—	3	2	—	1	Robbery.....	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—
Sheep stealing	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unnatural offence.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Unnatural offence.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	*30	41	—	—	41	32	4	5		10	29	2	2	25	17	4	4

* Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, Inspector of Police.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Minor Offences reported to have been committed within the MUNICIPAL POLICE DISTRICT of HOBART, i.e. the CITY OF HOBART, for the Years 1858 and 1859.

1858.								1859.								
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.		Discharged.	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.
Stealing goods exposed for sale	4	37	2	34	1	1	—	—	7	40	2	37	1	1	—	—
Stealing tools, &c., from unfinished houses . .	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false keys	4	5	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing by lodgers	1	3	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	7	1	6	—	—	—	—
Stealing by servants	—	10	—	9	1	1	—	—	—	17	—	16	1	1	—	—
Stealing by doors left open	—	8	—	8	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false pretences	1	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing by prostitutes	2	10	4	6	—	—	—	—	3	13	3	10	—	—	—	—
Stealing by picking pockets	3	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	3	—	—	—	—
Stealing from open out-houses	4	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	7	—	7	—	—	—	—
Stealing from gardens	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	3	—	—	—	—
Stealing from drunken persons	6	13	5	5	3	1	2	—	6	4	—	4	—	—	—	—
Stealing linen exposed to dry	3	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing poultry from out-houses	3	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	6	—	6	—	—	—	—
Stealing in public-houses in day-time	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	4	—	—	—	—
	*34	106	15	81	10	8	2	—	43	114	9	103	2	2	—	—

*Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Serious Offences reported to have been committed within the MUNICIPAL POLICE DISTRICT of LAUNCESTON,
i.e. the TOWN OF LAUNCESTON, for the Years 1858 and 1859.

(No. 51.)

1858.								1859.									
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.			OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.		Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.
Assault with intent to commit murder	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	Assault with intent to commit murder.....	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1
Assault with intent to commit rape	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	Assault with intent to commit rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assault with intent to commit robbery	—	10	4	—	6	1	—	5	Assault with intent to commit robbery	3	12	5	—	7	3	2	2
Arson	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	Arson.....	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Burglary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Burglary	3	4	2	—	2	2	—	—
Cattle stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle stealing	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
Forgery	—	8	1	—	7	2	—	5	Forgery	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1
Horse stealing	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	Horse stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murder	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	Murder	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1
Manslaughter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Manslaughter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perjury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Perjury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Robbery.....	2	4	2	—	2	1	—	1
Sheep stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep stealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unnatural offence	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Unnatural offence	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	*2	27	6	5	16	5	—	11		8	29	14	—	15	6	2	7

* Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, Inspector of Police.

RETURN of indictable Offences committed in EASTERN COUNTIES in ENGLAND, according to Report of Inspectors of Constabulary, 1858.

<i>County.</i>	<i>Popula- tion.</i>	<i>Offences reported.</i>	<i>No. of Persons apprehended.</i>	<i>No. committed.</i>	<i>Population to 1 Constable.</i>	<i>Average to 1 Constable.</i>	<i>Strength of Force.</i>
Bedford	112,605	143	92	58	1600	4050	71
Bucks	156,257	246	222	141	1307	3982	116
Huntingdon	64,183	64	52	37	1350	4675	48
Leicester	169,724	286	223	157	1765	5314	96
Lincoln	341,884	469	309	229	1374	6806	256
Norfolk	328,284	325	223	163	1485	6127	220
Northampton	161,236	169	69	53	1715	5811	94
Nottingham	201,071	358	236	161	1861	4653	112
Oxford	140,264	234	193	102	1580	5280	89
Carnarvon	94,674	163	58	41	2500	9946	37
Flint	64,864	81	54	24	1853	5207	35
Denbigh	96,915	127	53	31	1830	7062	53
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TASMANIA.							
Not including Hobart } and Launceston. }	60,000	595	388	271	269	64,452	223

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

AUTHORISED Strength of Constabulary in RURAL DISTRICTS of TASMANIA, 1858-9.

Chief District Constables	21
District Constables	5
2nd Class District Constables	20
Sergeants	8
Petty Constables	175
Special ditto	4
Total of all Ranks	<u>223</u>

Population of the Colony, excluding that of Hobart Town and Launceston, amongst which this force was distributed, amounts to about 60,000; giving an average of 1 Constable to every 269 persons.

Estimated acreage of the Colony, giving an average of 1 Constable to every 64,452 acres.

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Minor Offences reported to have been committed within the MUNICIPAL POLICE DISTRICTS of LAUNCESTON, i.e. the TOWN OF LAUNCESTON, for the Years 1858 and 1859.

1858.									1859.								
OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.			OFFENCES.	RESULT.		HOW DISPOSED OF BY BENCH.			HOW DISPOSED OF BY JURY.		
	Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.		Not Apprehended.	Apprehended.	Discharged.	Summarily Convicted.	Sent for Trial.	Convicted.	Remanded to next Sessions.	Discharged.
Stealing goods exposed for sale.....	1	20	1	19	—	—	—	—	Stealing goods exposed for sale.....	9	16	2	13	1	1	—	—
Stealing tools, &c., from unfinished houses..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stealing tools, &c., from unfinished houses..	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false keys.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stealing by false keys.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing by lodgers.....	1	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	Stealing by lodgers.....	1	3	2	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing by servants.....	—	10	2	6	2	2	—	—	Stealing by servants.....	2	8	4	4	—	—	—	—
Stealing by doors left open.....	—	3	1	1	1	—	1	—	Stealing by doors left open.....	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing by false pretences.....	—	5	1	—	4	4	—	—	Stealing by false pretences.....	—	5	2	2	1	—	—	1
Stealing by prostitutes.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stealing by prostitutes.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing by picking pockets.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stealing by picking pockets.....	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing from open out-houses.....	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	Stealing from open out-houses.....	5	7	5	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing from gardens.....	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	Stealing from gardens.....	1	5	3	2	—	—	—	—
Stealing from drunken persons.....	1	8	7	1	—	—	—	—	Stealing from drunken persons.....	3	10	5	3	2	—	—	2
Stealing linen exposed to dry.....	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	Stealing linen exposed to dry.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stealing poultry from out-houses.....	1	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	Stealing poultry from out-houses.....	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
Stealing in public-houses in day-time.....	1	12	4	8	—	—	—	1	Stealing in public-houses in day-time.....	1	7	4	3	—	—	—	—
	*9	69	18	42	9	7	—	2		22	70	32	34	4	1	—	3

*Including those reported in error.

J. FORSTER, Inspector of Police.

RETURN of Amount of Penalties paid to the Rural Constabulary of TASMANIA, during the Years 1858 and 1859, showing Half-yearly Returns.

	1858.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From 1st January to 30th June		572	11	11			
From 1st July to 31st December		506	3	4			
<i>Total</i>		—			£1078	15	3
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	1859.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From 1st January to 30th June		529	5	1			
From 1st July to 31st December		455	10	3			
<i>Total</i>		—			£984	15	4

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

RETURN showing the Amount of Property stolen and recovered in the Rural Police Districts of TASMANIA, during the Years 1858 and 1859.

	1858.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		4396	15	2
Amount of Property recovered		1934	16	9
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£2461	18	5
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	1859.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		3338	15	1
Amount of Property recovered		1483	7	2
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£1855	7	11

RETURN showing the Amount of Property stolen and recovered in the Municipal Police District of HOBART, i.e. the CITY OF HOBART, during the Years 1858 and 1859.

	1858.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		1106	3	8
Amount of Property recovered		514	5	8
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£591	18	0
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	1859.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		964	2	8
Amount of Property recovered		439	14	8
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£524	8	0

RETURN showing the Amount of Property stolen and recovered in the Municipal Police District of LAUNCESTON, i.e. the TOWN OF LAUNCESTON, for the Years 1858 and 1859.

	1858.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		352	18	8
Amount of Property recovered		253	19	4
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£98	19	4
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	1859.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Property stolen		688	18	5
Amount of Property recovered		190	3	11
<i>Unrecovered</i>		£498	14	6

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*