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**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT** of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending the 30th June, 1880.

Office of Inspector of Police, 25th August, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward my report on the state of the Territorial Police for the year ending the 30th June, 1880.

The general conduct of officers of all ranks has been very satisfactory. The discontent occasioned by the continued omission to provide a superannuation fund has become intensified into a sense of injustice by the fact that a portion of the Municipal Police are now in possession of that essential advantage over the Government Force. As the Municipal Police derive this benefit directly from the General Revenue and not from the local ratepayers, I venture to hope that my remonstrances may prevail, and that the Territorial Police may enjoy the prospect of some more appropriate provision after faithful service than the Charitable Institutions would afford.

From the year 1860 this question has been periodically brought under notice in the Inspector's Reports.

The necessity for a small vessel at the disposal of the Government has not been supplied. With the increase in the number of outlying stations on the sea-board it will be impossible much longer to evade the expense of maintaining suitable means of communication with them.

Increase upon the cost for the previous year had been provided for in anticipation of further development of the mines. Whenever the necessity for employing the extra men has not been imperative advantage has not been taken of the liberality of Parliament. In this way, although two Constables are on the estimates for the Pieman, only one has been appointed, and for the last six months I have employed one Constable only at Lisle.

I have had the honor to suggest the creation of a new Police District on the West Coast. If this proposal should be adopted, no greatly increased expense would be incurred unless the population should be materially augmented. The portion of Tasmania indicated has hitherto been without police government.

The increasing popularity of the games of football and cricket attracts large numbers of people to the Domain and entails an extra amount of duty upon the small force available for the service. I have not yet asked for an augmentation of strength but may be compelled to do so during the summer.

The subjoined statement of crime shows an increase in the number of indictable offences as well as in the number of cases of drunkenness. This may be attributed chiefly to the movements of an unsettled population to and from the mining districts.

Offences against the person still bear a large proportion in the crime reported. Cowardly assaults upon the Police are repeated often enough to suggest the insufficiency of the punishment inflicted on conviction:—

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	204	133	102	189	56	134	34
1878 and 9 .....	281	157	127	213	68	221	42
1879 and 80 .....	301	173	138	237	62	243	29

The total strength of the force is 100 officers and men as follows:—

Chief District Constables .....	9
District Constables .....	19
Acting District Constables .....	4
Sergeants .....	1
Constables.....	64
Specials... ..	3
	100

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

#### HOBART.

Strength of Force ..... 20

The only change in the strength of this Force was the transfer of the Constable stationed at Government House from the Governor's Establishment to the Police Department. Two Constables had resigned since my last Report.

The Chief District Constable is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Collector of Rural Police Rates for the District of Hobart, Collector of Fees due to Training School, and Inspector under the Contagious Diseases Act. A District Constable is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court (Criminal), and a Constable performs the duties of Coroner's Clerk.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	17	16	16	9	11	44	10
1878 and 9 .....	45	39	29	27	15	69	7
1879 and 80 .....	32	38	28	25	13	51	4

#### EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

Strength of Force ..... 11

There were two resignations during the year.

The Chief District Constable holds the offices of Tidewaiter of Customs, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Acting Police Clerk, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Poundkeeper, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Collector of Police Rates, Collector of Carriage Duty. A District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Mining Registrar, two others are Tidewaiters of Customs and Registrars of the Courts of Requests. An Acting District Constable is also Tidewaiter and Harbour Master, while one is Registrar and another Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

Three publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	23	17	15	29	5	29	—
1878 and 9 .....	40	28	25	26	2	51	6
1879 and 80 .....	36	25	22	63	2	67	4

## FRANKLIN.

Strength of Force ..... } Effectives ..... 11  
 ..... } Specials ..... 1

One Constable had been dismissed for misconduct.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and Examiner of Weights and Measures. Both District Constables are Bailiffs of Crown Lands, and one of them is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and the other Clearing Officer of Customs. A Sergeant acts as Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Collector of Police Rates, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty and Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Two publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	25	25	15	41	16	4	—
1878 and 9 .....	17	18	17	22	5	11	5
1879 and 80 .....	18	16	16	32	11	15	4

## SELBY.

Strength of Force ..... 11

Two Constables had resigned since my last Report.

The Chief District Constable is a Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Collector for Charitable Institutions, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. An Acting District Constable is Postmaster at Dilston, and Two Constables are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	18	16	10	4	—	5	—
1878 and 9 .....	17	11	11	1	1	11	—
1879 and 80 .....	43	25	21	5	3	9	2

## GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force ..... 8

This Force remains unaltered in strength. One Constable had resigned.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Harbour Master, Collector of Rural Police Rates and Carriage Duty. A Constable acts as Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of Requests. A Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	13	13	13	2	2	8	4
1878 and 9 .....	30	10	5	5	6	5	—
1879 and 80 .....	25	4	4	6	2	7	1

## PORT SORELL.

Strength of Force ..... 15

This Force remains unaltered in strength and organization.

An Acting District Constable had died during the year, and two Constables resigned.

The increasing prosperity and importance of this district will require proportionate addition to the police strength.

I shall have to seek authority for the appointment of an additional Constable for Latrobe as soon as the new quarters can be erected.

There are other stations where increased protection must soon be afforded. There is one station, that of Burgess, where the Constable is kept at the desire of the Government for revenue purposes: his police services would be far more valuable in another locality.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Collector of Police Rates, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Poundkeeper.

Two District Constables are Inspectors of Stock, and two Constables are Tidewaiters.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	66	19	13	96	20	37	18
1878 and 9 .....	65	26	17	124	34	57	15
1879 and 80 .....	72	29	19	94	26	47	11

## PORTLAND.

Strength of Force ..... 9

This Force remains unaltered.

The Chief District Constable is Crown Bailiff, Collector of Police Rates, and Inspector of Stock. Two District Constables and an Acting District Constable are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests.

Five publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Considerable hardship has been occasioned to the inhabitants of this district through the inconvenient localities in which the Courts are held, and the long distances people are compelled to travel. This has been erroneously attributed to police arrangements. The head quarters of the northern division of this district will be removed to Branhholm or Moorina.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	30	22	17	5	—	5	1
1878 and 9 .....	37	13	11	2	—	13	3
1879 and 80 .....	41	25	18	4	—	36	—

## KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force ..... { Effectives ..... 8  
 { Special ..... 1

A District Constable had resigned and a Constable was promoted to the vacancy.

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

The District Constable, who was stationed at Gordon, was Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Clearing Officer of Customs, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Collector of Police Rates for his portion of the district.

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

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1877 and 8 .....	12	7	3	3	2	2	1
1878 and 9 .....	30	12	12	6	5	4	6
1879 and 80 .....	34	11	10	8	5	11	3

#### SOUTH LONGFORD.

Strength of Force ..... 2

#### TASMAN'S PENINSULA.

Strength of Force ..... 1

One Constable was dispensed with during the year, but owing to the small settlements being scattered over so large an area, I find that one Constable is insufficient. Police duty is also rendered more arduous by the want of a resident Magistrate.

#### PIEMAN RIVER.

Strength of Force ..... } Effectives ..... 1  
 } Specials ..... 1

There is provision on the estimates for another Constable for the District. The appointment will not be made until warranted by necessity.

With any advance in the prosperity of the West Coast it will be necessary to provide for the protection of the revenue against smuggling.

A District Constable was accidentally drowned whilst endeavouring to cross the bar of the Pieman River in the police boat.

## TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1879 AND 1880.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.							ANNUAL PAY.			DAILY PAY.				
		Chief District Constables.	District Constables.	Acting District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Chief District Constables.	District Constables.	Special Constables.	Acting District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	
Hobart <sup>a</sup> .....	20*	1	4	..	..	1	14	..	£ 160	£ 105	£ ..	s. 5	s. ..	d. 5	s. 5	
Kingborough <sup>b</sup> .....	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	1	150	105	25	..	..	..	5	
Franklin <sup>c</sup> .....	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	150	130	50	..	5	9	..	5
Selby <sup>d</sup> .....	11	1	2	1	..	..	7	..	150	105—109	..	5	5	9	..	5
George Town <sup>e</sup> .....	8	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	150	114	..	..	..	..	..	5
Port Sorell <sup>f</sup> .....	15	1	2	..	..	..	12	..	150	105—130	..	5	..	5	5	5
Emu Bay & Russell <sup>g</sup> .....	11	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	150	114—105	..	5	..	..	..	5
South Longford <sup>h</sup> .....	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Tasman's Peninsula <sup>i</sup> .....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	..	..	..	..	..	5
Portland <sup>j</sup> .....	9	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	150	114	..	5	6	..	..	5
Pieman River <sup>k</sup> .....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	118	15	..	..	..	..	5

<sup>a</sup> The Chief District Constable has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, four District Constables, and eleven Constables have quarters.

<sup>b</sup> The Chief District Constable has £25 a year forage allowance. An Acting District Constable receives £25 for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston. The Chief District Constable and one Constable have £10 a year each travelling allowance. The 2nd Class District Constable and five Constables have quarters.

<sup>c</sup> The Chief District Constable and one District Constable receive forage allowance, the former £40 and the latter £25 per annum, and one District Constable receives £25 travelling allowance. The Sergeant receives £35 per annum for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Franklin. The District Constables, the Sergeant, and five Constables have quarters.

<sup>d</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £25 per annum for forage, and £25 travelling allowance. One District Constable and three Constables £25 per annum forage allowance, and two Constables £10 each for travelling allowance. With the exception of the Chief District Constable, all the Force have quarters.

<sup>e</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £30 forage, and a District Constable £25 and two Constables £10, per annum for travelling allowances, and one Constable £25 forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.

<sup>f</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £50 forage allowance, and the two District Constables £25 each travelling allowance. With the exception of a District Constable and two Constables, the Force have quarters.

<sup>g</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £25 forage allowance and £25 travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, two District Constables, an Acting District Constable, and five Constables have quarters. Two District Constables have forage allowance.

<sup>h</sup> The Chief Constable and Constable have forage allowance £25 each and quarters.

<sup>i</sup> The District Constable receives £15 travelling allowance.

<sup>j</sup> The Chief District Constable has £50 forage allowance. One District Constable £50, another £35, and four Constables £25 each.

<sup>k</sup> The District Constable receives £50 a year personal allowance.

\* Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables, two employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs, and one at Government House.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*