

(No. 35.)



1859.

T A S M A N I A.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS.

RETURNS TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE.

(Dr. Butler, 9 August, 1859.)

Presented by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,
25 August, 1859.



RETURN of the Number of Persons summoned as Jurors by the Sheriff during the Year 1858, specifying the Number summoned to each Court; as called for by the Colonial Secretary's letter dated 22nd instant.

	<i>Number summoned to each Court.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
Supreme Criminal Court, Hobart Town	252	540
Ditto, Oatlands	72	
Ditto, Launceston	72	
General Session of the Peace, Launceston	144	
Supreme Civil Court, Hobart Town.....	63	105
Ditto, Launceston.....	42	
GRAND TOTAL.....		645

W. NAIRN, *Sheriff.*

Sheriff's Office, 24 August, 1859.

No. 1.

RETURN of the Number of Persons tried by the Supreme Court in the Year 1858, specifying their Civil Condition.

<i>Number tried.</i>	<i>Civil Condition.</i>		
	<i>Free.</i>	<i>Free by Servitude or Conditionally pardoned.</i>	<i>Prisoners.</i>
224	28	161	35

WM. SORELL, *Registrar Supreme Court.*

*Registry Supreme Court,
23 August, 1859.*

No. 2.

RETURN of the Number of Persons convicted before the Supreme Court during the Year 1858.

Total Number tried.	Convicted.	Acquitted.
224	150	74

WM. SORELL, Registrar Supreme Court.
Registry Supreme Court, August 23, 1859.

No. 3.

RETURN of the Number of Days during which the Supreme Court sat in the Criminal Courts during the Year 1858.

71 Days.

NOTE.—During 22 of the 71 Sitting Days the Two Judges disposed of Cases in separate Courts at the same time.

WM. SORELL, Registrar Supreme Court.
Registry Supreme Court, August 23, 1859.

No. 4.

RETURN of the Number of Cases tried at the Civil Sittings of the Supreme Court, and the Number of Days in which the Civil Courts sat during the Year 1858; and, as far as practicable, a Return of the Time occupied by other Duties now devolving upon the Judges, and not included in Returns Nos. 1, 3, and 5.

Number of Civil Cases tried	34
Number of Days Court sat	23
	23

The Equity Procedure Act came into operation in May, 1858, since which period and up to the end of that year I find that one or both the Judges sat in Chambers on 24 days in performance of the duties devolving upon them under that Act.

The Claims to Grants of Land Act was passed 22nd October, 1858, since which period and up to the end of that year both the Judges sat on 3 days in performance of the duties devolving upon them under that Act.

It is not practicable for me to furnish any return of the time occupied by the Judges in perusing abstracts of Pleadings preparatory to Trials at Law,—Pleadings in Equity preparatory to making Decrees or Orders,—investigating the Law or Equity involved in Cases preparatory to their being brought forward, and after hearing and before Judgment,—preparing Judgments upon the various proceedings after hearing,—preparing Reports of Criminal Trials,—the numerous interlocutory matters coming before them during the progress of Actions at Law,—and the multifarious duties devolving upon them in their various jurisdictions.

The time occupied by the Judges in travelling to and from Sessions and intermediate days (exclusive of actual Sitting days) for the year 1858 was about 25 days.

WM. SORELL, Registrar Supreme Court.
Registry Supreme Court, 23 August, 1859.

No. 5.

RETURN of the Number of Cases brought before the Court in Banco, and the Number of Sitting Days of the Court in Banco during the Year 1858.

39 Cases.

25 Sitting Days.

WM. SORELL, Registrar Supreme Court.

Registry Supreme Court,
August 23, 1859.

RETURN of Persons tried before the Recorder's Court of General Sessions, Launceston, the Number of Convictions, together with the Civil Condition of each Person tried, and Sitting Days of the said Court, for the Year 1858.

Number of Persons tried.	Number of Convictions.	Days of Sitting of Court.	Civil Condition of each Person.				
			Total.	Free.	Free by Servitude.	Conditional Pardon.	Convicts.
61	28	14	61	5	43	11	2

W. H. CARTWRIGHT, Clerk of the Peace.

Launceston, 13 August, 1859.

RETURN showing the Number of Cases tried before the Court of Requests, Launceston, and Number of Sitting Days of such Court, during the Year 1858.

Number of Cases tried	213
Number of Sitting Days	12

W. H. CARTWRIGHT, Registrar.

Court of Requests, Launceston,
13 August, 1859.

RETURN of Process issued out of the Court of Requests at Hobart during 1858, with the Number of Sittings of Court.

Year.	Sittings.	Actions brought.	Actions tried.	Fi. Fa.	Ca. Sa.
1858.	36	1137	909	417	117

A. GARDINER, Registrar.

Court of Requests, Hobart,
12 August, 1859.