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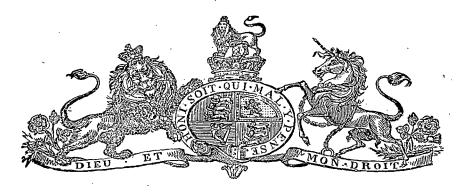
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TERRITORIAL POLICE:

REPORT FOR 1881.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 12, 1882.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 31st December, 1881.

Office of Inspector of Police, 4th June, 1882.

SIR.

I BEG to submit the Report on the state of the Territorial Police for the year 1881. The first six months had been reported upon; but I have repeated it, that the completed year may be given.

The Reports will for the future be made on each year, in compliance with the custom prevailing in other Departments.

I have great satisfaction in recording that the general conduct of the Police Force during the year has been excellent.

The improved prospects offered by recent legislation have been duly appreciated; and the effect must be beneficial to the permanency and efficiency of the Force.

The existing strength of the Police was found sufficient for the demands upon it, although there was considerable movement in mining affairs during the period reported upon.

Offences of all kinds have diminished in frequency during the past year. The most remarkable decrease is in the cases of drunkenness, as shown by the subjoined Table.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN of Indictable and other Offences.

Year	In	dictable Offen	ces.	(Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunk	enness.	Offences against Police Act.				
1878 and 9	281	157	127	Male. 213	Female. 68	Male. 221	Female.			
1879 and 80	301	173	138	237	62	243	29			
1881	280	188	137	136	29	220	17			
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The total strength of the Force is 104 Officers and men, as follows:-

Chief District Constables	9
District Constables	18
Acting District Constables	
Sergeant	
Constables	66
Specials	
Postassi	

HOBART.

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 Constables of this Force are exclusively employed guarding the Powder Magazine, one during the day and the other during the night, two others are engaged on the wharves in connection with the Customs, one in the Domain, and another in the Domain and Chief District Constable's Office.

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

Year. 1878 and 9	In	dictable Offen	ces.	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunk	cenness.	Offences against Police Act			
	45	39	29	Male. 27	Female. 15	Male. 69	Female.		
1879 and 80	32	38	28	25	13	51	4		
1881	1 20 22		19	14	9	59	9		

EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

There was only one resignation in this Force 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, 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. A Constable is also a Tidewaiter.

Three publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	In	dictable Offen	ces.	0	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunk	enness.	Offences against Police Act.				
1878 and 9	40	28	25	Male. 26	Female.	Male. 51	Female.			
1879 and 80	36	25	22	63	2	67	4			
1881	54	36	23	3 5	2	79	2			

FRANKLIN.

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.

Year.	In	dictable Offen	ces.	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunk	enness.	Offences against Police Act			
1878 and 9	17	18	17	Male. 22	Female. 5	Male.	Female 5		
1879 and 80	18	16	16	32	11	15	4		
1881	25	21	15	33	4	4	1		

SELBY.

A Constable resigned in consequence of ill health, and died shortly after, and another was dismissed.

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 a Constable is a Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

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

Year.	Inc	dictable Offen	ces.	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunke	enness.	Offences against Police Act.			
1878 and 9	17	17 11 11		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
1879 and 80	43	25	21	5	3	9	2		
1881	19	13	12	3	1	14	, 1		

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 9

The increased importance of Beaconsfield requires that some arrangement should be made for settling cases without the necessity of visiting George Town. Lefroy has been supplied with an additional Constable.

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.	Inc	dictable Offend	ces.	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or	Drunke	Drunkenness.		ast Police Act.		
1878 and 9	78 and 9 30 10		5	Male. 5	Female.	Male. 5	Female.		
1879 and 80	25	4	4	6	2	7	1		
1881	33	23	16	3	4	31	2		

PORT SORELL.

It will be advisable to remove the Police head quarters from Torquay to Latrobe, as new Police buildings have been erected at the latter place.

Two Constables had resigned.

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, one is Registrar and another Bailiff of the Court of Requests, and a Constable is Tidewaiter.

Three publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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Year.	Number reported to Police.	ed to apprehended. Committed or summarily Convicted.		Drunk	enness.	Offences against Police Act.			
1878 and 9	65			Male 124	Female.	Male. 57	Female.		
1879 and 80	72	29	19	94 '	26	47	11		
1881	56	39	29	39	5 .	13 ⁻	1		

PORTLAND:

Strength of Force 10

The creation of the new District of Ringarooma, by excision of a large portion of Portland, will take place in 1882. Public convenience will be secured, at no very great outlay. The promise of a large gold seeking population at Mount Cameron has not been fulfilled. No unnecessary buildings, however, were recommended.

This Force has been increased by one Constable. One Constable had resigned.

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.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Inc	dictable Offend	ces.	Offences determined Summarily.					
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunk	tenness.	Offences against Police Act.			
`1878 and 9	37	13	11	Male.	Female.	Male. 13	Female.		
1879 and 80	41	25	18	4	-	3 6	_		
1881 34		17	10	6	_	15	_		

KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force $\begin{cases} \text{Effectives} & ... & 8 \\ \text{Specials} & ... & 1 \end{cases}$

An Acting District Constable, who was performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston, 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 is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs. The Acting District Constable, who performs the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston, is Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Registrar of the Court of Requests.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

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	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunke	enness.	Offences against Police Act.			
1878 and 9	9 30 12 12		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.			
1879 and 80	34	11	10	8	5	11	3		
1881	39	17	13	3	4	5	1		

SOUTH LONGFORD.

Strength of Force 2

Losses of sheep have been reported from this District, attributed in some instances by the owners to theft. No detection has followed. The chief use of the South Longford Force is for the protection of stock.

I trust that this Force is preventive in its action. Results do not show that it is detective.

TASMAN'S PENINSULA.

The settlement upon the agricultural land is steadily increasing. A District Constable is stationed at Port Arthur, and a Constable at Salt Water River.

PIEMAN RIVER.

The Force stationed in this District would seem out of proportion to the number of inhabitants; but the mines are distant from each other, and public interests with respect to Customs and timber have to be guarded by the Police, who save the expense of Officers specially provided by other Departments. Wherever public-houses are licensed the neighbouring inhabitants demand Police protection.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1881.

				DETAI	LOFE	ANKS.			ANNUAL PAY.			DAILY PAY.			
DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	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.
Hobarta	19*	1	3	1		^1	13		£ 160	£ 105	£	s. d. 5 0	s. d.	s. 5	s. d. 5 0
Kingboroughb	9	1	1	3	••		3	1	150	. 105	25				5 0
Franklin c	12	1.	2		1		. 7	1	150	105	50		5 9		5 0
Selby d	11	1	2	1		١	.7		150	105—109		.5 0			5 0
George Towne	9	1	`1		·		7		150	114					5 0
Port Sorell f	15	1	2				. 12		150	105		5 0		5	5 0
Emu Bay & Russell g	11	1	3	ì			6		150	114—105		5 0			5 0
South Longford h	2	1					1		150						5 0
Tasman's Peninsula i .	2		, 1				1			105					5 0
Portland j	10	1	2	1			6		150	114		5 6			5 0
Pieman River k	4		1	••			2	1		1,18	15				5 6

 $^{^{}a}$ The Chief District Constable has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, four District Constables, and eleven Constables have quarters.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

b The Chief District Constable and the District Constable have £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. With the exception of the Chief District Constable and an Acting District Constable, the Force have quarters.

c 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.

d 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, one £10 and the other £20, for travelling allowance. With the exception of the Chief District Constable, all the Force have quarters.

e 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. With the exception of a Constable, the Force have quarters.

f 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.

g 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, and another £50 travelling allowance.

 $^{^{\}rm h}$ The Chief Constable and Constable have forage allowance £25 each and quarters.

 $^{^{}i}$ The District Constable receives £15 travelling allowance, and the Constable £10.

j The Chief District Constable has £50 forage allowance. One District Constable £50, another £35, and five Constables £25 each.

k The District Constable receives £50, one Constable £20 and another £10 a year personal allowance.

^{*} Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables, and two employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs.