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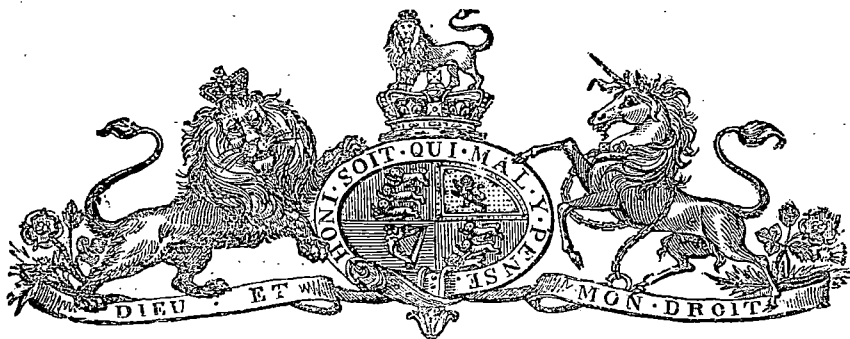
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INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE, 1869.

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*THIRD ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police Force of Tasmania, for the year ending the 30th June, 1869.*

*Office of Inspector of Police, 11th August, 1869.*

SIR,

IN submitting this my Third Annual Report on the State of the Territorial Police, I am enabled to inform you that, though it is reduced to a low numerical standard in proportion to the duties devolving upon it, the Force retains public confidence, maintains its efficiency, and continues to afford a satisfactory extent of protection. With very few exceptions its members have conducted themselves well, and performed their duties zealously and satisfactorily.

Though the number of felonies reported during the year has not materially decreased, yet crime has been confined almost entirely to the commission of offences of a minor character, by a class of Vagrants whose former antecedents and existing habits induce the majority of them to prefer prison life to one of honest and industrious labour.

Should the Gold-field at Waterhouse, on the north-east Coast, fortunately successfully develop itself, an increase of the Force in that locality, for the protection of the miners and their property, &c. will be necessary. At present, however, the existing authorised Force of the District (George Town) is found quite sufficient.

The usual Tabular Return is annexed; and

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*

DISTRICT OF HOBART.

Population .....	4627
Population to one Constable .....	225
Strength of Force .....	21

No alteration has taken place during the year in the organisation, numerical strength, nor pay of this Force, which maintains its character for efficiency. Two Sergeants are solely occupied by duties connected with the dispensing of relief and admission of Paupers into Public Institutions, receiving the assistance of two Detectives in making the necessary numerous enquiries. One Sergeant is charged with the duty of attending to all matters connected with the Shipping interests. One Constable, assisted by a Detective, is specially in charge of the Queen's Domain and the public roads surrounding it. One Constable is stationed at Government House, and another at the Treasury Buildings, for their protection. One Sergeant had resigned from ill health. The Uniform was in excellent condition, and the Arms, Accoutrements, and Equipments in very serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 68 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 81 persons were apprehended, of whom 64 were summarily convicted or committed for trial; 36 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly,—of whom 22 were males and 14 females. 84 persons were

proceeded against under the Police Act,—69 males and 15 females. One Publican was convicted and fined for a breach of the Licensing Act. The Station Houses, and the Wards and Cells therein, were in good repair and clean; and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. A Serjeant (*inter alia*) performs the duties of Summoning Officer and Coroner's Clerk. The Chief District Constable is charged with the payment of Charitable Allowances to Paupers, and with making all enquiries instituted on behalf of the Government, together with the recovering of all debts due to it for maintenance in Public Institutions; is Town Surveyor at New Town, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and a Tidewaiter of Customs,—two Sergeants holding similar appointments for the latter Department. A Medical Man is attached to this Force.

## KINGBOROUGH.

Population .....	3454
Population to one Constable .....	462
Strength of Force .....	8

No change has been made in the organisation, numerical strength, nor pay of this Force. The consolidation of the offices of Chief District Constable and Police Clerk at Kingston has, as I anticipated, not affected its efficiency which is very satisfactorily maintained. There had been no resignations nor dismissals. The Uniform was of excellent quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in very serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 27 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 15 persons had been apprehended, of whom 8 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 21 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 11 were males and 10 females; and 12 persons were proceeded against under the Police Act—10 males and 2 females. 2 informations had been laid against Publicans and convictions obtained. The Station-houses were in good repair, the Wards and Cells clean, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. A new Station at Leslie, on the Huon Road, near the junction of the Sand Fly Rivulet Road, has been erected, affording further protection to the increasing traffic to the Huon. The Chief District Constable at Kingston officiates as Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions, is Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. The Senior Chief District Constable at Three Hut Point is a Tidewaiter of Customs, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions. No Medical Officer is attached to this Force.

## HUON.

Population .....	2759
Population to one Constable .....	229
Strength of Force .....	12

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this force remains unaltered, and it maintains a good standard of efficiency, which the reduction of the boat and crew has not in any way materially affected. The new Station at Victoria, at the terminus of the new Huon Road, has been finished and occupied, and roads having been opened, direct communication by land is now readily had between Head-quarters and the Stations in D'Entrecasteaux Channel. There had been no resignations nor dismissals from this Force. The Uniform was of excellent quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order. A Sergeant of Police performs the duties of Police Clerk and Registrar of the General Sessions at the Franklin.

During the year ending 30th June, 38 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 19 persons had been apprehended, of whom 13 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 31 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 23 were males and 8 females; and 35 persons—32 males and 3 females, proceeded against under the Police Act. 2 informations had been heard against Publicans and one conviction obtained. The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and clean, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable and a 2nd Class District Constable are Tidewaiters of the Customs. The former officer is also Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

## SELBY.

Population .....	2496
Population to one Constable .....	249
Strength of Force .....	10

A considerable area, including the Township of Carrick, has been severed from this District and annexed to the Municipality of Westbury since my last Report, and the Force, whose organisation and pay remains unaltered, proportionably decreased. Two Special Constables have been temporarily appointed, and are employed in the supervision of the Railway works; but these are not included in the authorised strength of the Force. A new Station at Scottsdale, where population is increasing, is in course of erection. Besides the Constables reduced, one had resigned. The Uniform was of excellent quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 26 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 17 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 43 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 24 were males and 19 females; and 8 male

persons proceeded against under the Police Act. No proceedings had been taken against Publicans. The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and clean, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and the Officer appointed to recover fees due for maintenance of persons in Public Institutions. A Medical Man is attached to the Force.

#### GEORGE TOWN.

Population .....	1350
Population to one Constable .....	193
Strength of Force .....	7

This Force remains unaltered in organisation, numerical strength, and pay. The discovery of Gold at Waterhouse will, if the Quartz Reefs are successfully worked, require it to be increased in proportion to the amount of protection required, which will be ascertained as the auriferous value of the locality develops itself. Its standard of efficiency is maintained. No resignations nor dismissals had occurred. The Uniform was of good quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order. The duties of Police Clerk are performed by a Sergeant.

During the year ending the 30th June, 6 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 2 persons were apprehended, of whom 1 was summarily convicted. No informations had been laid against Publicans. 1 female had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 2 persons, 1 male and 1 female, proceeded against under the Police Act. The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and clean, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is a Tidewater of Customs, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

#### HORTON.

Population .....	2036
Population to one Constable .....	254
Strength of Force .....	8

No change has been made in the organisation, numerical strength, nor pay of this Force. Its standard of efficiency has not been apparently impaired by the consolidation of the office of Police Clerk at Stanley with that of Chief District Constable. There was one vacancy, and one Petty Constable had been dismissed. A new Station will be required at the Montagu River, where population is still increasing. Communication between Head-quarters and the Out-stations of Wynyard and Emu Bay, which was difficult and at times impossible by land, is now secured by bridges having been erected over the Detention and Cray Fish Rivers. The Uniform was of excellent quality, and the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order. 32 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 16 persons had been apprehended, of whom 7 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 55 persons—of whom 49 were males and 6 females—were charged with being drunk and disorderly; and 43 persons, 30 males and 13 females, proceeded against under the Police Act. One Publican had been convicted and fined. The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and clean, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is Police Clerk, a Tidewater of Customs, and Inspector of Stock; and the 2nd Class District Constables at Wynyard and Emu Bay hold also similar appointments for their several portions of the District, besides being Bailiffs of Courts of Quarter Sessions. Medical Officers are attached to the Force at Stanley and Wynyard.

#### PORT SORELL.

Population .....	4000
Population to one Constable .....	286
Strength of Force .....	14

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remains unaltered, though it is scarcely up to the standard of efficiency such a populous and important District demands, and will probably require shortly to be strengthened. Stations have been erected at the Leven Bridge and at Kentish Plains, and another at the Penguin Creek is absolutely necessary. One 2nd Class District Constable had been dismissed, and three Petty Constables had resigned.

During the year ending 30th June, 148 indictable Offences had been reported to the Police, for which 68 persons had been apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial; 115 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 92 were males and 23 females; and 19 persons proceeded against under the Police Act—17 males and 2 females; 3 convictions had been obtained against Publicans. The Head-station at Torquay was undergoing repairs and alterations consequent on the erection of a commodious Court House. The Out-stations, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and clean; the Uniform was of excellent quality, the Arms and Accoutrements in serviceable order, and the Books, Records, and Returns correctly kept. The Chief District Constable is a Tidewater of Customs, Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Town Surveyor, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

## SOUTH LONGFORD OR GREAT LAKE DISTRICT.

Since my last Report considerable areas of land to which no Police protection was given have been severed from the Municipalities of Hamilton and Bothwell and annexed to this District. The Force has not, however, been increased, but retains its organization, numerical strength, pay, and standard of efficiency. The same strict surveillance over Hawkers and ostensible travellers in the District that has hitherto been kept up is still maintained, and the results from preventing the locating of strangers at shepherds' huts are beneficial and satisfactory.

There have been very few reports of the loss of sheep,—indeed only one of any importance, and the felony was committed in an adjoining Municipality, though reported to the Lake Police. Though the country has not during the past year been fully stocked in consequence of the prevalence of Fluke, yet the quantity depastured within Police Boundaries was very considerable. 120,093 sheep were summered and 56,700 are being wintered, besides 2200 head of cattle, the greater number of which remain on their runs the whole year. The Revenue raised from local sources in aid of the Force amounts to £370 13s. 4d., and the cost of the Force is estimated at £438, leaving only the sum of £67 6s. 8d. to be provided for from the General Revenue or Land Fund. The Horses were in good condition, the Equipments, Arms, and Accoutrements in good order, the Station-houses in good repair, and the prescribed Records and Returns correctly kept.

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TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

1869.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.						Estimate of Population.	Area in Acres.	Population to One Constable.	Acres to each Constable.	ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING FORAGE AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.			DAILY PAY.			
		Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Petty Constables.	Special Constables.					Chief District Constable.	2nd Class District Constable.	Special Constable.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Petty Constables.	
Hobart .....	21	1	3	3	—	14	—	4627	686,690	225	32,700	£ 190	£ s. d. 104 18 9	—	5 9	—	5	C. D. Constable has quarters.
Kingborough....	8	2	2	—	—	3	1	3454	463,000	462	58,000	190	91 5 0	25	—	—	5	
Huon.....	12	1	2	1	—	7	1	2759	2,507,000	221	209,000	190	{ 129 18 9 } { 144 18 9 }	50	5 9	—	5	One 2nd Class District Constable has full forage £40, and the other £25.
Selby.....	10	1	1	—	1	7	—	2759	—	200	—	215	{ 129 18 9 } { 104 18 9 }	—	—	5	5	C. D. Constable has £25 allowance included in his salary.
George Town....	8	1	—	—	2	4	—	1350	792,320	170	113,188	190	—	—	—	5	5	C. D. Constable has quarters.
Port Sorell.....	14	1	2	—	2	9	—	4000	561,920	286	40,137	230	{ 129 18 9 } { 91 5 0 }	—	—	5	5	C. D. Constable has quarters and forage £40 for a second horse, included in his salary.
Horton .....	8	1	2	1	—	4	—	2036	2,574,000	254	321,750	190	129 18 9	—	5 0	—	5	The 2nd Class District Constables have each £25 allowance.
Great Lake .....	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	190	—	—	5 0	—	5	The Sergeant and P. Constable have each £25 allowance.

N.B.—The Population is that of the Census of 1861.

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

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