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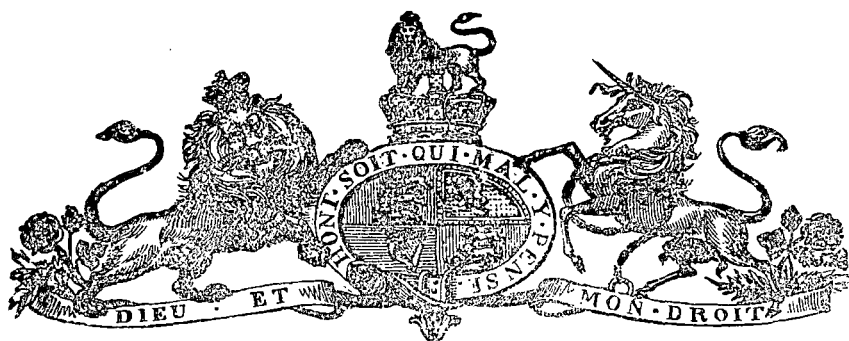
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DEPARTMENT:

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Real Estates Duties Department, Hobart, 20th June, 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the working of the Southern Division of this Department for the year 1881-2, with the following explanatory Return showing the amount of Duty for each District for the year 1881, the amount collected, the amount remaining due on the 30th of May, and the amount remitted.

The collection of the Duty for the year 1881 has been satisfactorily carried on, nearly the whole of the Duty due in the Country Districts having been paid through the Post Office,—the facilities offered by that Department having been largely availed of. The amounts still uncollected are less than they were at the corresponding period of last year, and consist almost exclusively of small amounts in the Country Districts.

Since the date of my last Report, the Act 45 Vict. No. 19 was passed, by which the Rural Police Rate was directed to be paid to the Commissioners appointed under "The Real and Personal Estates Duties Act;" and on the 10th of January I was appointed a Collector of the Rural Police Rate for the Districts of Hobart, Kingborough, Franklin, South Longford, and Carnarvon.

Since my appointment the Demands for the Rural Police Rate for the year 1882 for the above Districts have been issued, and a large proportion of the Rate has been paid, principally through the Post Office.

The most onerous part of my duty this year has been the preparation of Assessment Rolls for the year 1882, so that a fair and equitable assessment of all properties in the Southern Division might be made, as contemplated by "The Real and Personal Estates Duties Act," on the basis indicated by Clause 17.

For this purpose Forms were sent to the owners or occupiers of all the properties on the Assessment Rolls of the different Districts, requiring a written statement of particulars relating thereto.

It was considered necessary that new Assessment Rolls should be made for the year 1882 by the Commissioners, for all the Municipal and Police Districts in Tasmania.

As regarded properties occupied by tenants, the returns received from occupiers or owners enabled me in most cases to fix the rateable value, as required by Clause 17 of "The Real and Personal Estates Duties Act." For the purpose of determining the rateable value of many of those properties in the occupation of the owners further information was necessary.

It was obviously impossible for the Commissioners to obtain such necessary information, by personal inspection of the properties, within the limited time at their command; and, as no provision had been made for the employment of Assessors with power to enter and view property, authority was obtained for the employment of gentlemen conversant with the properties in each District to give information as to the rental value of such properties in owners' occupation.

From information derived from the above sources, Assessment Rolls have been prepared, and those for the following Districts have been published:—Brighton, Carnarvon, Clarence, Franklin,

Glenorchy, Green Ponds, Hobart District, Kingborough, Oatlands, Richmond, Sorell, South Longford, and Spring Bay.

Assessment Rolls for the remaining Districts of Bothwell, Hamilton, Hobart (City), and New Norfolk are nearly completed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Chief Commissioner.*

To the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

RETURN showing the Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1881, the Amount collected, the Amount uncollected, and the Amount remitted up to 31st May, 1882.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	<i>Total Amount of Duty for each District.</i>			<i>The Amount of Duty collected.</i>			<i>The Amount of Duty uncollected.</i>			<i>The Amount of Duty remitted.</i>			<i>TOTAL.</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bothwell	768	14	9	760	8	7	4	1	10	4	4	4	768	14	9
Brighton	458	14	8	454	3	0	4	11	8	..	..	..	458	14	8
Clarence	317	3	7	309	4	7	5	16	3	2	2	9	317	3	7
Carnarvon	9	12	0	9	1	8	0	2	5	0	7	11	9	12	0
Franklin	393	3	8	366	0	6	21	12	4	5	10	10	393	3	8
Glenorchy	387	11	2	374	12	1	8	17	10	4	1	3	387	11	2
Green Ponds	431	3	5	422	13	5	8	9	6	0	0	6	431	3	5
Hobart, City	4370	2	4	4321	6	1	31	11	5	17	4	10	4370	2	4
Hobart, District	845	16	10	806	9	4	11	17	3	27	10	3	845	16	10
Hamilton	948	6	0	946	2	6	0	19	2	1	4	4	948	6	0
Kingborough	258	14	8	237	0	2	4	17	3	16	17	3	258	14	8
New Norfolk	543	15	11	525	4	0	9	4	6	9	7	5	543	15	11
Oatlands	1192	15	3	1171	14	11	14	12	9	6	7	7	1192	15	3
Richmond	558	19	7	552	5	8	6	13	11	..	..	..	558	19	7
Sorell	469	4	0	458	12	5	9	4	7	1	7	0	469	4	0
Spring Bay	256	7	7	254	14	10	..	..	..	1	12	9	256	7	7
South Longford	240	13	10	237	4	10	..	..	..	3	9	0	240	13	10
	12,450	19	3	12,206	18	7	142	12	8	101	8	0	12,450	19	3

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Chief Commissioner.*

*Real Estates Duties Department,
Launceston, 7th July, 1882.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Second Annual Report of the Real Estates Duties Department, Northern Division, for the years 1881 and 1882, with the accompanying explanatory Returns.

No. 1, an Abstract Return showing the total number of items and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1880, and the number of items and amount of Duty collected and uncollected up to the 30th June, 1882.

On the 30th June, 1881, (see Parliamentary Return), the amount of duty then outstanding is shown as £309 18s. 5d. Of that amount I have since collected £190 2s. 1d., leaving 374 items, representing an aggregate of £119 16s. 4d., still unpaid for that year.

An examination of the third division of the Return will at once show that the major part, both in number and amount, of the balance still uncollected is for properties of small value in the following Police Districts, viz., Emu Bay, George Town, Port Sorell, Russell, and Selby, which have 293 items, representing £98 4s. 10d.; thus leaving only 81 items, amounting to £21 11s. 6d., unpaid in the remaining nine Municipal Districts.

No. 2 is an Abstract for the year 1881 of a somewhat similar character, showing the total number of items, the value, and the duty on the Rolls up to the 30th June, 1882, the amount collected, and the number of items and amount of duty uncollected on the above date.

The details under the head "uncollected" clearly prove that a very large proportion of that amount is represented in the six Police Districts; i.e., Emu Bay, George Town, Portland, Port Sorell, Russell, and Selby—viz., 1111 items, of the aggregate value of £305 13s. 6d., leaving a balance of only 486 items, representing £128 12s. 10d., still uncollected in the nine Municipal Districts, which, together with the six districts before named, make up the Northern Division.

This and the foregoing Return is intended to show in a concise form the difficulty of collecting the duty on properties of small value,—say up to £7,—more particularly in the Districts specially mentioned.

No. 3 is a comparative Abstract of the Valuation Rolls for the Northern Division for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, giving the totals for the three years.

The figures are worthy of consideration and comparison, as they are unmistakeable evidence of the rapid and important progress made within the periods named in the occupation and settlement of the Waste Lands in the principal mining and agricultural districts of this division of the Colony.

The total number of items on the Rolls for the year 1880 is 11,985, and for 1882, 14,895, thus exhibiting an increase in the number of holdings in the two years of 2910.

Preparatory to the compilation of new Rolls for 1882, effect was given to clause 18, 43 Vict. No. 12, by issuing a copy of the prescribed notice to each owner or occupier to state particulars of the land in his occupation. Upon the basis of the information contained in the notices, manuscript rolls have been made, and then again revised and revalued. At this second revision I was assisted by a resident gentleman in each of the districts (except two), specially selected for his local knowledge and recognised ability for the important duties.

No doubt inaccuracies still exist, and possibly a few inequalities, but those cases will prove trivial in number and amount compared with the totals.

I believe the Rolls for 1882, now ready for the printer (six have already been published), will be found a fair reflex of the rental value of the freehold properties in the several districts in accordance with the standard in clause 17 of the 43 Vict. No. 12.

I have already had the honor to place before you my views with reference to certain amendments which time and the working of the Act have proved to be necessary. I need not therefore repeat them here.

No. 4 is an Abstract of the six Police Districts in the Northern Division, giving the totals in number and value, and the amount of rate collected and uncollected up to the 30th June, 1882. The demands for the rate have been made out and duly posted for five of the districts.

Those for Port Sorell have not been issued. This cessation of the work was in consequence and in conformity with your instructions, and will also account for the comparatively small sum, £1041 18s. 3d., collected.

No. 5 is a comparative Return of Police Rates for the Northern Division for the years 1881 and 1882, showing the increase for the latter year.

No. 6. This Abstract is designed to exhibit the large increase of work which has been added to the office consequent upon the passing last Session of the 45 Vict. No. 19.

The collection of the Police Rate has doubled the ordinary routine work of the office, inasmuch as the accounts have to be kept distinct, and this necessitates two sets of books, and doubles the usual weekly, monthly, and other Returns.

The totals show the number of items for this division to be 21,870, and the amount of revenue, £19,694.

The cost of the Office, as shown by the Estimates for 1883, is 6½ per cent. upon the amount to be collected.

No. 7. Returns Nos. 1 and 2 are intended to show in a concise form the total number of Appeals received under the 43 Vict. No. 12 for the year 1882, and how the said appeals were disposed of.

No. 8 is a Return intended to show the number of Rolls issued in accordance with clause 12, 43 Vict. No. 12, for each of the Districts named therein; the number exhibited as directed; the number of places in each district where rolls had not been received: and the number of persons who failed to answer the queries.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

The Honorable Colonial Treasurer.

No. 1.

RETURN of Real Estate Duty, Northern Division, for the year 1880, showing Number of Items and Amount of Duty, (taken from Parliamentary Report), with the present Totals and Deductions; also, No. of Items collected and uncollected, and Amount of Duty collected and uncollected to the 30th June, 1882.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items, 1880.	Amount of Duty, 1880.		Deductions, s. d.		Present Total Duty, 1880.		No. of Items collected, 1880.	Amount of Duty collected, 1880.		No. of Items un- collected, 1880.	Amount of Duty uncollected, 1880.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Campbell Town...	392	952	2 6	0 19	2	951	3 4	392	951	3 4			
Deloraine	918	1091	3 6	0 12	11	1090	10 7	901	1087	19 7	17	2 11	0
Evandale	394	1041	6 9	0 9	3	1040	17 6	390	1039	12 0	4	1 5	6
Emu Bay	666	327	7 6	2 19	1	324	8 5	603	301	10 11	63	22 17	6
Fingal	575	929	6 6	3 0	0	926	6 6	568	925	11 6	7	0 15	0
George Town.....	345	214	18 3	1 9	10	213	8 5	311	196	16 1	34	16 12	4
Glamorgan	220	221	8 9	—		221	8 9	209	218	13 3	11	2 15	6
Longford	752	1378	17 6	0 5	9	1378	11 9	740	1373	8 3	12	5 3	6
Launceston.....	2628	3167	14 0	0 3	0	3167	11 0	2610	3160	10 0	18	7 1	0
Portland.....	312	311	0 6	5 2	0	305	18 6	312	305	18 6			
Port Sorell.....	2421	1067	15 6	6 13	6	1061	2 0	2298	1028	1 3	123	33 0	9
Ross	130	510	10 6	0 0	5	510	10 1	130	510	10 1			
Russell	320	229	9 3	...		230	9 4	308	224	18 4	12	5 11	0
Selby	895	758	18 6	0 1	2	758	17 4	834	739	14 1	61	19 3	3
Westbury	1017	1262	15 6	5 10	0	1257	5 6	1005	1254	5 6	12	3 0	0
TOTALS	11,985	13,464	15 0	27 6	1	13,438	9 0	11,611	13,318	12 8	374	119 16	4

£1 Os. 1d. has been added to Russell total.

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston, 7th July, 1882.

No. 2.

RETURN of Real Estate Duty, Northern Division, for the year 1881, showing Number of Items and amount of Duty, as per Parliamentary Report for 1881, the present Number of Items and amount of Duty, with Deductions, &c., the amount of Duty collected, and amount uncollected, to 30th June, 1882.

DISTRICT.	Amount of Duty, 1881, from Parliamentary Report, 1881.	Deductions, &c. made in Roll.	Present Totals, 1881.	Items, Parliamentary Report.	Difference.	Present Totals	Items collected.	Duty collected, 1881.	Items uncollected.	Duty uncollected, 1881.	Total Items.	Total Duty.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Campbell Town.	981 18 9	6 17 3	975 1 6	468	7	461	461	975 1 6	..	..	461	975 1 6
Deloraine	1083 4 6	8 7 3	1074 17 3	1077	29	1048	940	1059 6 9	108	15 10 6	1048	1074 17 3
Evandale	1051 19 0	5 5 10	1046 13 2	415	10	405	386	1039 15 11	19	6 17 6	405	1046 13 2
Emu Bay	679 17 6	5 5 9	674 11 9	822	19	803	679	635 16 3	124	38 15 6	803	674 11 9
Fingal	904 13 0	8 7 3	896 5 9	662	16	646	580	880 7 9	66	15 18 0	646	896 5 9
George Town ..	214 12 3	0 19 5	213 12 10	429	6	423	360	194 2 7	63	19 10 3	423	213 12 10
Glamorgan	225 7 6	..	228 1 6	246	24	222	200	218 4 3	22	9 17 3	222	228 1 6
Longford	1383 18 9	7 1 9	1376 17 0	780	11	769	747	1370 4 3	22	6 12 9	769	1376 17 0
Launceston	3381 3 9	28 8 11	3352 14 10	2777	17	2760	2693	3346 8 9	67	6 6 1	2760	3352 14 10
Portland	327 19 6	19 8 9	308 10 9	563	61	502	309	237 1 9	193	71 9 0	502	308 10 9
Port Sorell	1118 4 3	21 0 9	1097 3 6	2758	109	2649	2229	996 9 9	420	100 13 9	2649	1097 3 6
Ross	509 11 0	2 5 0	507 6 0	143	2	141	141	507 6 0	..	..	141	507 6 0
Russell	229 16 9	1 2 6	228 14 3	359	10	349	299	220 10 0	50	8 4 3	349	228 14 3
Selby	795 9 0	16 4 9	779 4 3	1179	49	1130	869	712 3 6	261	67 0 9	1130	779 4 3
Westbury	1289 5 0	5 1 6	1284 3 6	1163	17	1146	964	1216 12 6	182	67 11 0	1146	1284 3 6
TOTALS ..	14,177 0 6	135 16 8	14,043 17 10	13,841	387	13,454	11,857	13,609 11 6	1597	434 6 4	13,454	14,043 17 10

£2 14s. has been added to Glamorgan Roll.

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston, 7th July, 1882.

No. 3.

ABSTRACT of the Valuation Rolls for the Northern Division for the Years 1880, 1881, and 1882, showing the Number of Items, Valuation, and Amount of Duty for each of the above Years.

DISTRICT.	Parl. Report Items, 1880.	Parl. Report Valuation, 1880.	Parl. Report Duty, 1880.	Parl. Report Items, 1881.	Parl. Report Valuation, 1881.	Parl. Report Duty, 1881.	Approximate Items, 1882.	Approximate Valuation, 1882.	Approximate Duty, 1882.
		£	£ s. d.		£	£ s. d.		£	£
Campbell Town A	392	25,390	952 2 6	468	26,185	981 18 9	442	28,720	1077
Deloraine A	918	29,098	1091 3 6	1077	28,886	1083 4 6	1083	31,573	1184
Evandale A	394	27,769	1041 6 9	415	28,052	1051 19 0	423	30,720	1152
Emu Bay	666	8730	327 7 6	822	18,130	679 17 6	939	14,806	555
Fingal A	575	24,782	929 6 6	662	24,124	904 13 0	658	26,293	986
George Town	345	5731	214 18 3	429	5723	214 12 3	911	6587	247
Glamorgan A	220	5905	221 8 9	246	6010	225 7 6	234	6693	251
Longford A	752	36,770	1378 17 6	780	36,905	1383 18 9	779	40,400	1515
Launceston A	2628	84,472	3167 14 0	2777	90,165	3381 3 9	2391	98,685	3700
Portland	312	8294	311 0 6	563	8746	327 19 6	840	9040	339
Port Sorell	2421	28,474	1067 15 6	2758	29,819	1118 4 3	2714	31,946	1198
Ross A	130	13,614	510 10 6	143	13,588	509 11 0	144	14,880	558
Russell	320	6119	229 9 3	359	6129	229 16 9	350	6693	251
Selby	895	20,233	758 18 6	1179	21,212	795 9 0	1259	22,853	857
Westbury A	1017	33,674	1262 15 6	1163	34,380	1289 5 0	1200	37,706	1414
TOTALS	11,985	359,060	13,464 15 0	13,841	378,054	14,177 0 6	14,867	407,595	15,284

The Districts marked "A" are those where the Rolls have not been revised by Appeal Court for the year 1882.

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston,
7th July, 1882.

No. 4.

ABSTRACT RETURN of the Six Police Districts, Northern Division, showing Number of Items, Total Assessed Value, Amount of Rate, Amount collected, and Amount uncollected, to 30th June, 1882, for each District.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items on Rolls.	Total Assessed Value on all Properties.	Amount of Rate each District.	Amount collected to 30th June, 1882.	Amount uncollected to 30th June, 1882.
		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Emu Bay	939	19,378	726 14 0	86 14 0	640 0 0
George Town	911	11,211	420 7 6	187 17 6	232 10 0
Portland	840	14,810	555 7 6	258 10 9	296 16 9
Port Sorell.....	2714	36,928	1384 16 0	—	1384 16 0
Russell	350	6712	251 14 0	190 10 9	61 3 3
Selby	1259	28,477	1067 17 9	318 5 3	749 12 6
TOTALS	7013	117,516	4406 16 9	1041 18 3	3364 18 6

SAMUEL HENRY, *Northern Commissioner.*

*Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston,
7th July, 1882.*

No. 5.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Police Rate for the Six Districts, Northern Division, showing the Rateable Value and Rate for the Years 1881 and 1882 respectively, with the increased Value and Rate up to the 30th June, 1882.

DISTRICT.	Rateable Value, 1881.	Police Rate, 1881.	Rateable Value, 1882.	Police Rate, 1882.	Increase, Value.	Increase, Rate.
	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
Emu Bay.....	11,930	447 8 0	19,378	726 14 0	7448	279 6 0
George Town	8576	321 12 7	11,211	420 7 6	2635	98 14 11
Portland	13,541	507 15 9	14,810	555 7 6	1269	47 11 9
Port Sorell	29,395	1102 6 3	36,928	1384 16 0	7533	282 9 9
Russell	6326	237 4 6	6712	251 14 0	386	14 9 6
Selby	22,247	834 5 3	28,477	1067 17 9	6230	233 12 6
TOTALS	92,015	3450 12 4	117,516	4406 16 9	25,501	956 4 5

The Rate for the Districts of Emu Bay, Portland, and Selby for 1881 is from information furnished by the Treasury; that for 1882 is from the Commissioner's revised Rolls, and is the actual amount up to the 30th June, 1882.

SAMUEL HENRY, *Northern Commissioner.*

*Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston,
7th July, 1882.*

No. 6.

ABSTRACT of the Assessment Rolls for the Northern Division, as compiled by the Commissioner, for the Collection of the Real Estate Duty and the Rural Police Rate for the Year 1882, showing the Total Number of Items, Valuations, and Amount of Estate Duty and Police Rate, together with the Cost of the Northern Division of the Department in relation thereto.

No. of District.	Name of District.	No. of Items on Commissioner's Roll, 1882.	Total No. of Items liable to Estate Duty and Police Rate.	Rateable Value on Commissioner's Roll, 1882.	Total Rateable Value of all Properties liable to Estate Duty and Police Rate.	Amount of Duty and Police Rate.	TOTAL.
				£	£	£	£
1	Campbell Town.....	442		28,720		1077	
2	Deloraine	1083		31,573		1184	
3	Evandale	423		30,720		1152	
4	Emu Bay	939		14,806		555	
5	Fingal	658		26,293		986	
6	George Town.....	911		6587		247	
7	Glamorgan.....	234		6693		251	
8	Longford	779		40,400		1515	
9	Launceston.....	2881		98,685		3700	
10	Portland.....	840		9040		339	
11	Port Sorell.....	2714		31,946		1198	
12	Ross.....	144		14,880		558	
13	Russell	350		6693		251	
14	Selby.....	1259		22,853		857	
15	Westbury.....	1200		37,706		1414	
			14,857		407,595		15,284
	<i>Police Districts.</i>						
1	Emu Bay	939		19,378		726	
2	George Town.....	911		11,211		427	
3	Portland.....	840		14,810		555	
4	Port Sorell.....	2714		36,928		1384	
5	Russell	350		6712		251	
6	Selby	1259	7013	28,477	117,516	1067	4410
	TOTALS.....	...	21,870	...	525,111	...	19,694

Total estimate for Salaries and Clerical Assistance for 1883 is £745, which is equivalent to 3½ per cent. on £19,694, total of Rolls. Total estimate for Contingencies for 1883 is £595, being equivalent to 3 per cent. on Roll totals.

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

Real Estate Duty Department, Launceston, 7 July, 1882.

No. 7.

RETURNS Nos. 1 and 2 for the Six Police Districts, Northern Division, showing the Number of Items and Total Number of Appeals under 43 Vict. No. 12, for the Year 1882, the Number mutually arranged, the Number heard by the Appeal Courts for the respective Districts, and how the said Cases of Appeal were disposed of.

DISTRICT.	RETURN NO. 1.						RETURN NO. 2.					
	Items on Roll.	No. of Appeals received.	No. of Appeals too late.	No. arranged by Commissioner.	No. for Adjudication.	TOTAL.	Appeals for Adjudication.	Items reduced by Court.	Items struck off.	Items withdrawn by Appellants.	Non-appearance of Appellants, and Assessment sustained by Court.	TOTAL.
Emu Bay.....	939	32	1	1	31	32	31	17	10	...	4	31
George Town.....	911	9	...	3	6	9	6	4	...	...	2	6
Portland.....	852	11	2	11	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Sorell.....	2726	92	...	36	56	92	56	27	4	...	25	56
Russell	366	102	28	28	74	102	74	39	...	7	28	74
Selby	1259	25	4	20	5	25	5	3	...	...	2	5
TOTALS.....	7053	271	...	99	172	271	172	90	14	7	61	172

SAMUEL HENRY, Northern Commissioner.

Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston, 7 July, 1882.

No. 8.

RETURN showing Number of Valuation Rolls issued to the Six Police Districts, Northern Division, in accordance with Clause 12, 43 Vict. No. 12.

<i>District.</i>	<i>No. of Valuation Rolls posted.</i>	<i>No. of Rolls received and exhibited.</i>	<i>No. of Persons who did not reply to Circular.</i>	<i>No. of Places where Rolls had not been received.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Emu Bay	5	4	...	1	5
George Town	11	6	3	2	11
Portland	13	9	4	...	13
Port Sorell	17	15	2	...	17
Russell	6	5	...	1	6
Selby.....	12	11	1	...	12
<i>Totals</i>	64	50	10	4	64

SAMUEL HENRY, *Northern Commissioner.*

*Real Estate Duty Office, Launceston,
7th July, 1882.*