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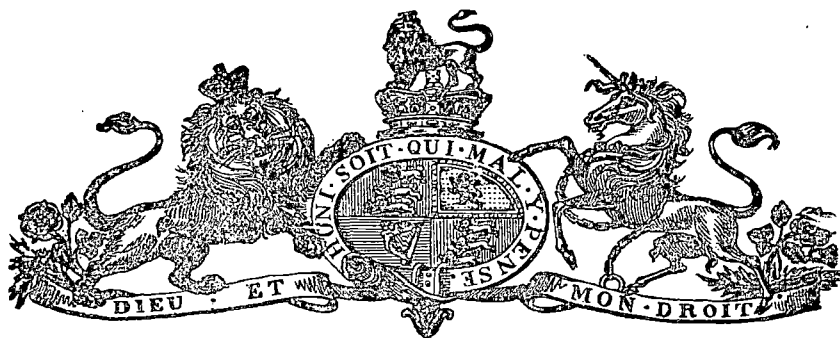
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON :

SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR 1887.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Sheriff's Office, Hobart, 12th June, 1888.

SIR,

It has hitherto been the custom to furnish separate Annual Reports by the Superintendents of the Penal Establishments at Hobart and Launceston, with a series of statistical returns attached to each.

An inquiry into the mode of preparing these Returns has disclosed that in some respects the system adopted differed in the two Establishments, and this was particularly the case in relation to the value assigned to work performed by prison labour, which has been estimated at a higher rate in Launceston than in Hobart. This discovery has led to the adoption of a uniform system in the Returns herewith, which are considerably less in number than those formerly supplied, but contain such information as will, in my opinion, be requisite for public purposes.

The Returns are prepared in such a manner as to enable a comparison of the two Establishments, and are in accord with the practice adopted in other Colonies.

I am pleased to be in a position to report that on 31st December last there were fewer inmates of the prisons, Hobart and Launceston, than on the corresponding day of the previous year. The totals being—

	31 December, 1886.	31 December, 1887.
Hobart ...	125 males—36 females = 161	106 males—33 females = 139
Launceston	42 males—38 females = 80	45 males—17 females = 62

being a decrease of 22 in Hobart and 18 in Launceston.

The total numbers received and discharged during 1887 were as follows—

	Received.	Discharged.
Hobart ...	577 males—287 females = 864	596 males—290 females = 886.
Launceston	604 males—159 females = 763	601 males—180 females = 781.

The convictions at the Supreme Court were—

Hobart ...	26 males—5 females = 31, being 1 less than in 1886.
Launceston	21 males—2 females = 23, being 7 less than in 1886.

One prisoner, convicted of Murder, was executed at Hobart.

This Report would have been furnished at an earlier date, but, owing to changes in the clerical staff of the Launceston Penal Establishment, the information relating to that Establishment was not supplied until a recent date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Sheriff.*

The Honorable the Attorney-General.

RETURN of Prisoners received and discharged in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1887.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1886—						
Convicted	121	35	156	37	37	74
Unconvicted	4	1	5	5	1	6
TOTAL	125	36	161	42	38	80
Received during the year	577	287	864	604	159	763
Totals, including strength at commencement of year	702	323	1025	646	197	843
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	49	8	57	29	3	32
By time	510	261	771	357	150	507
Absconded	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died	3	...	3	3	1	4
Executed	1	...	1	...	...	...
Unconvicted	33	21	54	212	26	238
TOTAL	596	290	886	601	180	781
Strength on 31st December, 1887, of whom were						
} Convicted	106	33	139	44	17	61
} Unconvicted	...	...	...	1	...	1
TOTAL	702	323	1025	646	197	843

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1887.

Number of Prisoners received.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTAL.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Hobart	5	...	513	148	25	32	159	143	702	323
Launceston	10	...	417	65	32	19	145	75	604	159

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Gaols at Hobart and Launceston during the Year 1887.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1886.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1887.			
	Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Offences.</i>																				
Accessories and abettors	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..
Offences against the person	38	4	1	2	38	3	21	3	76	7	22	5	40	6	19	5	36	1	3	..
Malicious injuries to property	..	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	..	..	..	1
Larceny and similar offences	29	8	15	8	71	19	101	25	100	27	116	33	70	21	95	31	30	6	21	2
Forgery and cognate offences	11	..	2	1	6	..	3	1	17	..	5	2	8	..	5	1	9	..	..	1
Offences relating to coin	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
All other offences	45	23	18	24	460	263	267	103	505	286	285	127	475	260	265	115	30	26	20	12
TOTAL.....	125	36	37	37	577	287	396	134	702	323	433	171	596	290	389	154	106	33	44	17
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives	59	18	6	10	253	134	159	53	312	133	165	03	260	102	146	57	52	20	19	6
Free to colony	30	7	7	5	147	39	100	13	177	46	107	18	149	40	96	17	28	6	11	1
Free by servitude	33	11	24	22	177	144	137	68	210	155	161	90	185	148	147	80	25	7	14	10
Ticket of leave	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Conditional pardon	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
TOTAL.....	125	36	37	37	577	287	396	134	702	323	433	171	596	290	389	154	106	33	44	17
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Life	7	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	8	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	6	1	..	..
20 years and under 15	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
15 " " 10	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
10 " " 5	12	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	15	..	2	..	4	..	2	..	11	..	..	..
5 " "	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	6	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	1	1
4 "	10	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	12	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
3 "	7	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	11	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	6	..	..	..
2 " and under	75	34	36	37	533	265	390	133	645	299	426	170	542	267	383	154	66	32	43	16
Unconvicted.....	4	1	..	..	33	21	..	..	..	22	..	..	37	22	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL.....	125	36	37	37	577	287	396	134	702	323	433	171	596	290	389	154	106	33	44	17
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First	44	7	10	6	191	29	176	23	235	36	186	29	204	31	161	26	31	5	25	7
Second	13	4	10	8	70	23	51	16	83	27	61	24	70	24	53	21	13	3	8	..
Third and over	68	25	17	23	316	235	169	95	384	260	186	118	322	235	175	107	62	25	11	10
TOTAL.....	125	36	37	37	577	287	396	134	702	323	433	171	596	290	389	154	106	33	44	17

RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1887.

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>	<i>Launceston.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Barber.....	29 14 0	36 10 0
Blacksmiths	124 0 0	85 16 0
Carpenters	434 7 0	91 16 0
Cleaners	30 16 0	54 15 0
Cooks	105 5 0	91 5 0
Grooms	74 15 0	45 12 6
Gardeners	30 4 0	70 11 6
Needlework.....	30 16 0	4 11 8
Painters	53 0 6	5 0 0
Shoemakers.....	382 17 0	85 18 1
Servants	40 0 0	54 12 0
Tailors	300 8 6	13 7 9
Washermen.....	108 10 0	40 0 0
Washing	349 2 10	93 12 2
Woodcutters	36 1 0	11 9 0
Wardsmen	308 8 0	182 10 0
Writers.....	28 10 0	31 10 0
Bakers.....	148 1 9	
Bricklayers	—	23 16 0
Building retaining wall, Park-street.....	268 15 0	
Carters	74 12 6	
Gatekeepers	34 16 0	
Government House Grounds Gang	242 10 0	
Hairpickers	32 4 7	
Masons.....	72 16 0	
Nurses	—	68 10 0
Printers.....	29 0 3	
Quarry, Domain Gang	317 17 4	
Royal Society's Garden Gang.....	238 10 0	
Store Labourer	22 18 0	
Tinsmiths	79 16 0	
Watchmen	—	36 10 0
Yardsmen.....	—	36 10 0
Whitewashers	—	21 10 0
	£4028 12 3	£1186 2 8
<i>Cash received.</i>		
Sale of metal	236 7 8	
Sale of bread	124 4 8	
Carpenters, &c.....	21 9 0	
Shoemakers	12 6 6	5 19 0
Tailors	11 8 6	
Hairpickers	17 7 5	
Maintenance of Naval Prisoners.....	2 2 0	
Sale of horse	10 5 6	
Sale of rags.....	0 8 2	
Sale of stable manure.....	0 8 0	
Washing	129 5 2	39 5 1
Repairing sacks.....	—	1 7 4
	£565 12 7	£46 11 5
TOTAL	£4594 4 10	£1232 14 1½

RETURN of the Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1887.

	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		COST.			EARNINGS BY WORK.				AVERAGE COST PER HEAD.	
	<i>In Confinement.</i>	<i>At Labour.</i>	<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Contingencies.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Cash Payments.</i>	<i>Value of Work performed for other Departments.</i>	<i>For ordinary Gaol purposes.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Gross.</i>	<i>Net, allowing for Cash received for work performed for other Departments, but not including work for Gaol.</i>
Hobart.....	157	138	£ s. d. 3656 12 6	£ s. d. 2473 6 2	£ s. d. 6129 18 8	£ s. d. 565 12 7	£ s. d. 2494 7 1	£ s. d. 1534 5 2	£ s. d. 4594 4 10	£ s. d. 39 0 10	£ s. d. 19 11 1
Launceston	72.39	42.25	1582 16 6	1156 15 4	2739 11 10	46 11 5	272 9 6	913 13 2	1232 14 1	37 16 11	33 8 9