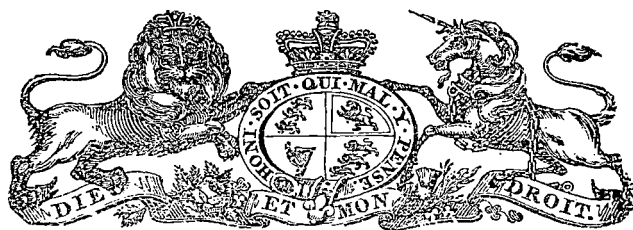


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Macquarie-street, Hobart, 31st March, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with instructions as Government Medical Officer, to furnish the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Health Officer of the Port of Hobart.

During the year 1897 three ships flying the yellow flag entered the port. On boarding them two out of the three had cases of scarlet fever; the other vessel had three cases of chicken-pox. Due precaution was taken in each instance as regards isolation.

No Chinese landed at Hobart during the year.

Attendance on the Poor at their Homes.

I have received from the Government Inspecting Officer, Mr. Pearce, 326 orders. I have made nearly 900 visits to the homes of these patients. On referring to the Government register I find there are nearly 1000 names.

In 1897, 923 prescriptions were dispensed at the Hobart Hospital from the Visiting Medical Officer to the poor of the City of Hobart.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST J. CROUCH, *M.R.C.S. Eng.*,
Government Medical Officer.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.