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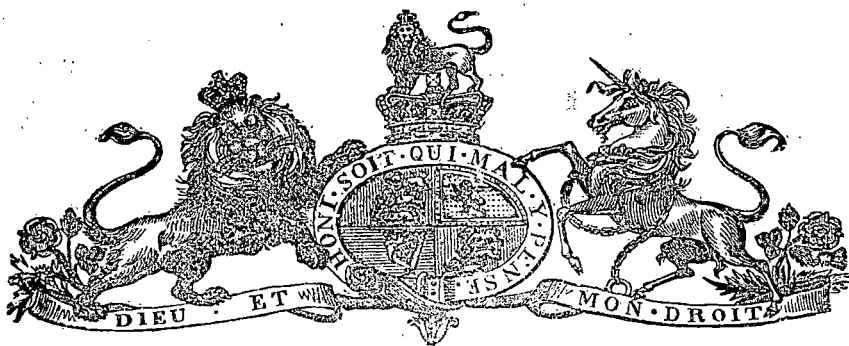
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

INSPECTOR OF POLICE, TERRITORIAL.

REPORT TO JUNE 30, 1875.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 30th June, 1875.

Office of Inspector of Police, 27th July, 1875.

SIR,

I BEG to present my Report upon the state of the Territorial Police for the year ending 30th June, 1875. Its total strength is 79 officers and men, of the average age of 39 years.

Chief District Constables	8
District Constable	1
2nd Class District Constables.....	9
Sergeants	2
Constables	59

The Chief District Constables have performed their duties with diligence and tact, and have afforded no ground of complaint, while discipline and ready obedience have marked the conduct of the men.

The defects in the Force arise chiefly from its weakness in number. Promotion is necessarily so slow that the reward of merit is too long deferred.

The forage allowance of £25 per annum is quite insufficient. In some places the obligation to keep a horse operates as a direct tax upon the salary of the Constable, and engenders a sense of hardship.

As a consequence of recent mining operations, police protection has become necessary at Mount Bischoff and the Iron Mines on the Tamar. Arrangements for affording it are now in progress.

The state of crime disclosed by the following table shows that, while the number of indictable offences is almost the same as last year, there has been an increase in the number of cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct:—

YEAR.	INDICTABLE OFFENCES.			OFFENCES DETERMINED SUMMARILY.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1872 and 3	288	195	169	195	64	233	77
1873 and 4	205	106	77	105	52	93	26
1874 and 5	208	124	82	166	49	92	17

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

DISTRICT OF HOBART.

Strength of Force 20

The strength of this Force has been increased by one Constable stationed at Government House. So many men are employed on special duty that the number left for ordinary service is quite insufficient to afford protection to property in the vicinity of the city.

Five men are exclusively employed guarding the Magazine, Wharves, Domain, and Government House. There are escort stations at Sandy Bay and New Town, each requiring a Watch-house keeper; while the clerical work imposed upon the Chief District Constable necessitates the assistance of a Constable in his office.

All the station-houses were in good repair. The want of one on the Cascade Road (which was brought under notice by the late Inspector) is still felt.

One Constable had resigned, and another had been promoted to the office of 2nd Class District Constable at Nine-mile Springs.

During the year ending 30th June, 40 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 34 persons had been apprehended, of whom 26 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 14 males and 14 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, all of whom were convicted; and 40 males and 4 females proceeded against under the Police Act. One publican had been proceeded against under the Licensing Act and fined.

The uniform and arms were in good order, the cells and wards clean, and the books and returns correctly kept. The duties of Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court in its Criminal Jurisdiction, and of Bailiff Court of Requests, are performed by a Sergeant. The Chief District Constable is Town Surveyor at New Town, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, and Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties.

KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force 9

The numerical strength of this Force has been increased by the transfer of one Constable from the Huon District, and further changes in the organisation and distribution are about to be effected. There had been no resignations nor dismissals.

There had been a slight increase in the number of indictable as well as minor offences.

During the year ending 30th June, 29 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 9 persons had been apprehended, of whom 2 had been summarily convicted. 16 males and 3 females had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 9 males and 3 females proceeded against under the Police Act.

One publican had been proceeded against for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable at Kingston is Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock; and the Chief District Constable at Three Hut Point is a Tidewaiter of Customs. Both Chief District Constables are Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

HUON.

Strength of Force 11

This Force remains unaltered in strength, but is about to be increased by the appointment of an additional Constable, as recommended by the late Inspector. The stations at Port Esperance and Southport have been visited, but the inspection of the Head Quarters has not yet taken place.

One 2nd Class District Constable and three Constables had resigned.

Indictable as well as other offences were about the same as last year.

A publican had been convicted of smuggling, and fined.

During the year ending 30th June, 27 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 23 persons were apprehended, of whom 12 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 19 males and 12 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 17 males and 5 females proceeded against under the Police Act. No publicans had been proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act.

A Sergeant acts as Police Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. The Chief District Constable is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff Court of Requests, and Inspector of Stock.

SELBY.

Strength of Force 9

No change has taken place in the strength of this Force.

There have been three resignations during the year.

There has been a slight increase in the number of indictable offences, but a decrease in minor offences.

During the year ending 30th June, 13 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 8 persons had been apprehended, all of whom had been summarily convicted. 12 males and 1 female were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 4 males proceeded against under the Police Act. No publicans had been proceeded against under the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and the Officer for collecting debts due to Charitable Institutions.

PORT SORELL.

Strength of Force 14

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

The Chief District Constable, an officer of great experience and length of service, had resigned; and a District Constable, a very painstaking and zealous officer, promoted to the vacancy.

The Stations in this District, 9 in number, are scattered over a large area and embrace the Townships of Torquay, Latrobe, Forth, Leven, Burgess, Penguin, and Kentish.

The Township of Burgess is now of insufficient importance to be entitled to the services of a resident Constable, excepting as a possible protection to the Revenue.

The number of residents at the Don, as well as the vicinity of a public-house, render the establishment of a Station necessary at that place.

Indictable offences had decreased, but the number of persons charged with drunkenness, and those proceeded against under the Police Act, had considerably increased, probably owing to the presence of a migratory population attracted by the Tin Mines at Mount Bischoff.

During the year ending 30th June, 57 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 29 persons had been apprehended, of whom 17 had been summarily convicted. 81 males and 17 females had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 15 males and 4 females proceeded against under the Police Act.

Two publicans had been proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act and fined.

The Chief District Constable is Tide Waiter of Customs, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

HORTON.

Strength of Force 8

This Force remains unaltered in organisation and numerical strength.

It will be expedient to remove the head quarters of the Police from the western to the eastern extremity of the District, in consequence of the bulk of the population having centred in that locality.

Emu Bay and Wynyard are the most eligible positions, whichever is more likely to become the port of shipment for the products of Mount Bischoff. A station will be established at the Mount as soon as quarters can be provided.

The officers at Stanley, Wynyard, Emu Bay, and Cam are also Customs Officers.

There had been no resignations nor dismissals.

Indictable and other offences had decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 26 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 9 persons had been apprehended, 7 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 19 males were charged with drunkenness, and convicted, and 2 persons were proceeded against under the Police Act.

One publican had been proceeded against for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable is Police Clerk, Registrar of Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 6

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

The prospects of mining industry have been so varied, and the population so fluctuating, that it has been difficult to determine the requisite amount of Police protection that should be afforded in this District.

Indictable offences, and offences under the Police Act, had slightly decreased, while there had been an increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness.

During the year ending 30th June, 16 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 12 persons had been apprehended, of whom 10 were convicted or committed for trial. 5 males and 2 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 6 persons—5 males and 1 female—proceeded against under the Police Act.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The District Constable at George Town is Police Clerk, Mining Registrar, Registrar Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

The District Constable (2nd Class) at Nine Mile Springs acts as Postmaster and also as Letter Carrier.

SOUTH LONGFORD OR GREAT LAKE.

Strength of Force 2

The chief duties of the Police in this District are to afford protection to the flocks depastured at the Lakes. The Chief Constable being well versed in pastoral matters is particularly suited for this service. His skill is taken advantage of by the Chief Inspector of Sheep, who has appointed him an Inspector under the Scab Act. The Chief Constable resides at the Steppes Station, and the Constable at Swan Bay.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA

1875.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.						Area in Acres.	Acres to each Constable.	ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING FORAGE AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.*			DAILY PAY.			REMARKS.
		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	20	1	2	1	—	16	—	686,690	34,334	£ 170	£ s. d. 104 18 9	—	£ s. d. 5 9 —	—	5	C. D. Constable has a forage allowance of £25 a year, and one 2nd Class D. C. has quarters.
Kingborough	9	2	—	—	—	6	1	463,000	51,444	175	91 5 0	25	—	—	5	One C. D. Constable has quarters. One Acting 2nd Class Constable has £10 travelling allowance. One C. D. Constable receives no salary, but a forage allowance of £25 per annum.
Huon	11	1	2	1	—	6	1	2,507,000	227,909	175	129 18 9†	50	5 9 —	—	5	Two 2nd Class D. Constables have quarters, and travelling allowance £25. A Sergeant has £25 for clerical duties.
Selby	9	1	1	—	2	5	—	—	—	200	104 18 9	—	—	5 0	5	The Acting Sergeant has £25 forage allowance, and one Constable has £10 forage allowance. The C. D. Constable has both forage and travelling allowance.
George Town, including Gold Fields	6	1	1	—	—	4	—	792,320	132,050	170	114 1 3	—	—	—	5	2nd Class District Constable has quarters. Two P. Constables, £10 a year for forage.
Port Sorell	14	1	1	—	3	9	—	561,920	40,137	170	129 18 9†	—	—	5 0	5	C. D. Constable has quarters and forage allowance for two horses, £50; and a D. C. forage, £25.
Horton	8	1	2	—	—	5	—	2,574,000	321,750	175	{ 129 18 9 } † { 104 18 9 }	—	—	—	5	2nd Class District Constables have quarters, and one of them travelling allowance, £25.
Great Lake	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	175	—	—	—	5 0	—	With quarters and forage allowed to both.

* Without uniform.

† Forage allowance included.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

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