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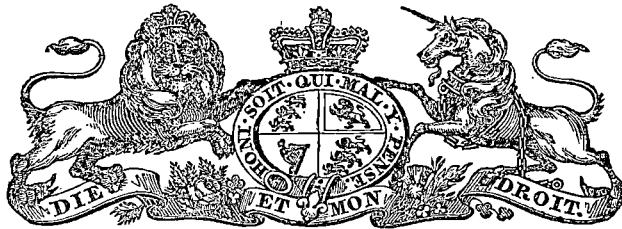
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STATISTICS OF TASMANIA.

No. 1.

RETURN of the FREE POPULATION of Tasmania on the 31st December, 1855, as compared with the corresponding date of 1854.

	MEN.	WOMEN.	CHILDREN.	TOTAL.
Population as shown in the Statistical Tables for 1854	14,253	13,208	25,695	53,156
<i>Increase during 1855.</i>				
By Births .....	..	..	2,948	2,948
Immigration	5,584	3,051	2,252	10,887
Convicts who have become free	3,010	968	..	3,978
<i>Total Increase</i>	8,594	4,019	5,200	17,813
<i>Decrease during 1855.</i>				
By Death	564	333	795	1,692
Emigration	4,801	1,753	501	7,055
<i>Total Decrease</i>	5,365	2,086	1,296	8,747
NET INCREASE	3,229	1,933	3,904	9,066
Total Free Population on 31st December, 1855..	17,482	15,141	29,599	62,222

No. 2.

RETURN of the Number of CONVICTS in the Colony on 31st December, 1855, as compared with the corresponding date of 1854.

	MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT.				MAINTAINING THEMSELVES.				TOTAL.			
	1854.		1855.		1854.		1855.		1854.		1855.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Holding Tickets-of-Leave.....	211	101	74	63	4018	2108	2316	1704	4229	2209	2390	1767
Passholders in private service .....	..	..	..	..	2228	417	1659	180	2228	417	1659	180
Under probation	490	24	345	22	..	..	..	..	490	24	345	22
Under sentence	1163	509	864	250	..	..	..	..	1163	509	864	250
At Depôts awaiting hire	4	7	..	5	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	5
In Hospitals and Invalids.....	294	144	140	118	..	..	..	..	294	144	140	118
	2162	785	1423	458	6246	2525	3975	1884	8408	3310	5398	2342
	2947		1881		8771		5859		11,718		7740	

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of TROOPS in Tasmania on the 31st December of the Years 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Military Staff	1	1
Officers present	10	30
Rank and file fit for duty	325	678
Ditto unfit for duty	29	29
TOTAL	365	738
Women	75	83
Children—Male	80	85
Female	81	83
<i>Deaths during the Year.</i>		
Men	7	7
Women	1	..
Children	19	5

No. 4.

RETURN of the ABORIGINAL INHABITANTS residing at the Station of Oyster Cove on 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

Year.	Male Aborigines.	Female Aborigines.	Male Children.	TOTAL.	Officers on the Establishment.	Expense.
1854..	3	11	2	16	2	£ 2006
1855..	3	10	2	15	1	1225

SYNOPSIS of Tables Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

CIVIL CONDITION.	MEN.	WOMEN.	CHILDREN.	TOTAL.
Free Persons	17,482	15,141	29,599	62,222
Convicts	5,398	2,342	..	7,740
Troops and families	738	83	168	989
Aborigines	3	10	2	15
<i>Grand Total</i>	23,621	17,576	29,769	70,966

No. 5.

RETURN showing the Number of BIRTHS registered at the several Registry Offices in 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	MALE CHILDREN.	FEMALE CHILDREN.	TOTAL.
1854.....	1339	1264	2603
1855.....	1533	1415	2948

No. 6.

RETURN of the Number of DEATHS registered in the several Registry Offices in 1854 and 1855.

AGES.	MALES.		FEMALES.		TOTALS.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Under 10 years of age	523	438	453	357	976	795
10 and under 20	61	37	55	27	116	64
20 and under 30	78	78	57	62	135	140
30 and under 40	114	95	59	81	173	176
40 and under 50	118	107	55	61	173	168
50 and under 60	97	100	49	46	146	146
60 and under 70	68	75	28	26	96	101
70 and under 80	46	31	12	19	58	50
80 and under 90	21	17	3	6	24	23
90 and under 100	3	3	1	..	4	3
100 and upwards	1	1	..	1	1	2
Age not known	19	20	7	4	26	24
	1149	1002	779	690	1928	1692

The deaths of Convicts are not registered by the Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; but these occurred in 1854 to the number of 128, and in 1855 to the number of 71.

No. 7.

RETURN of the Number of MARRIAGES registered in the several Registry Offices in 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Church of England	731	652
— Scotland	122	107
— Rome	317	313
Wesleyan	47	52
Independent	113	78
Baptist	1	44
Jews	3	6
Quakers .....	..	..
By Deputy Registrars	9	5
Total	1343	1257

No. 8.

RETURN showing the RELIGION of the Inhabitants of Tasmania, as ascertained by the latest Census; viz. that of 1st March, 1851.

Church of England	45,073
— Scotland	4,485
— Rome	12,444
Wesleyans	3,772
Other Dissenters	2,379
Jews	435
Pagans and Mahommedans	21

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Distinction between the MARRIED and SINGLE INHABITANTS (not including the Troops, or Convicts under punishment,) as ascertained by the latest Census; viz. that of 1st March, 1851.

Sex.	Married Persons.	Single, above 14 Years of Age.	Single, under 14 Years of Age.	TOTAL.
Males	9680	23,822	9625	43,127
Females	9771	6,215	9496	25,482

No. 10.

RETURN showing the Number of HOUSES in Tasmania, as ascertained by the latest Census; viz. that of 1st March, 1851.

Built of Stone or Brick.	Built of Wood.	TOTAL.	Inhabited on 1st March, 1851.	Uninhabited on 1st March, 1851.
5723	6121	11,844	11,245	599

No. 11.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION, and its Expense, during the Years 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Immigrants at the Public expense.		
Adult males	1750	2139
Ditto females	1576	1657
Children, male	419	916
Ditto, female	427	759
Immigrants at their own expense.		
Males	3847	3445
Females	1307	1394
Children	199	577
<i>Total Number of Immigrants.....</i>	9525	10,887
Expense of Office, Lodging, &c.....	£4,505 13 5	£6,331 11 7
Passage-money of Immigrants	£18,627 14 10	£95,038 0 0
<i>Total Expense incurred for Immigration</i>	£23,133 8 3	£101,369 11 7

No. 12.

RETURN showing the COUNTRIES from which the Immigrants arrived in 1854 and 1855.

	1854.				1855.			
	Male.	Female.	Children.	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.	Children.	TOTAL.
From Great Britain	751	1489	705	2945	1773	1449	1410	4632
Hamburg	3	..	..	3	366	208	265	839
New South Wales	234	131	53	418	411	176	44	631
Victoria	4561	1241	278	6080	3001	1194	516	4711
South Australia.....	14	9	3	26	14	13	10	37
New Zealand.....	18	5	3	26	13	2	4	19
United States	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..
Foreign States	15	6	2	23	6	9	3	18
TOTAL	5597	2883	1045	9525	5584	3051	2252	10,887

No. 13.

RETURN of the Number of PERSONS who have emigrated from the Colony during the Years 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	PERSONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FREE.			PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTS.		TOTAL.
	Male.	Female.	Children.	Male.	Female.	
1854..	6803	2147	706	1435	189	11,280
1855..	4458	1694	501	343	59	7,055

No. 14.

RETURN of the Value of IMPORTS into the Colony during the Years 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	FROM GREAT BRITAIN.	FROM BRITISH COLONIES.		FROM UNITED STATES.	FROM FOREIGN STATES.	TOTAL.
		North America.	Elsewhere.			
1854....	£ 1,776,694	£ 317	£ 696,296	£ 36,078	£ 95,295	£ 2,604,680
1855....	920,695	..	540,824	3,638	94,640	1,559,797

No. 15.

RETURN of the Value of EXPORTS from Tasmania in the Years 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	TO GREAT BRITAIN.	TO BRITISH COLONIES.		TO UNITED STATES.	TO FOREIGN STATES.	TOTAL.
		<i>North America.</i>	<i>Elsewhere.</i>			
1854....	£ 424,575	..	£ 1,007,287	£ 1132	£ 27	£ 1,433,021
1855....	445,557	..	969,079	..	13,993	1,428,629

No. 16.

RETURN of VESSELS engaged in the FISHERIES during the Years 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.						DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF CARGO DISPOSED OF BY FOREIGN SHIPS.		
	COLONIAL.		BRITISH.		FOREIGN.		BLACK OIL.	WHALEBONE.	VALUE.
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>			
1854	5	1247	1	375	2	737	<i>Tons.</i> 23	<i>Tons.</i> 10	£ 1050
1855	17	3566							

No. 17.

RETURN of the Number of VESSELS that entered Inwards and cleared Outwards in 1854 and 1855.

COUNTRIES.	1854.				1855.			
	ENTERED INWARDS.		CLEARED OUTWARDS.		ENTERED INWARDS.		CLEARED OUTWARDS.	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>
Great Britain	91	39,678	19	8,303	57	30,095	17	7,638
British Colonies	941	152,185	930	164,064	793	121,928	813	137,383
South Sea Islands.....	..	..	5	734	..	..	..	..
Fisheries	9	2,690	14	3,680	19	4,601	..	..
United States of America ...	2	1,307	2	587	1	310	1	269
Foreign States	14	2,752	58	23,030	15	4,278	40	13,966
TOTAL	1057	198,612	1028	200,398	885	161,212	871	159,256

No. 18.

RETURN of the Number of SAILING VESSELS built and registered during the Years 1854 and 1855.

	VESSELS BUILT.		VESSELS REGISTERED.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
1854..	10	401	90	10,344
1855..	6	661	29	4,205

No. 19.

RETURN of STEAMERS belonging to Ports in Tasmania on the 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	BUILD.		TONNAGE.	STEAM POWER.
	Wood.	Iron.		
1854 ..	2	9	1758	744
1855 ..	1	13	2011	851

No. 20.

RETURN of the Quantity of Goods in the Bonding Warehouses on 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

ARTICLES.	IN HOBART TOWN.		IN LAUNCESTON.		TOTAL.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Cigars, pounds	39,836	27,536	11,763	5,611	51,599	33,147
Coffee, ditto	147,495	19,184	..	..	147,495	19,184
Dried Fruits, ditto	12,264	5,364	..	..	12,264	5,364
Hops, ditto.....	5,765	..	..	..	5,765	..
Malt Liquors, gallons	90,742	69,582	12,727	6,542	103,469	76,124
Ditto, dozen quarts	5,012	5,935	180	400	5,192	6,335
Ditto, dozen pints .....	..	628	..	..	..	628
Spirits; viz. Brandy, gallons ..	88,293	25,597	23,969	13,655	112,262	39,252
Geneva, ditto	29,420	8,845	12,491	3,072	41,911	11,917
Gin, ditto.....	20,315	4,099	4,795	1,973	25,110	6,072
Liqueurs, ditto ..	647	321	19	622	666	943
Perfumed, ditto ..	..	304	..	15	..	319
Rum, ditto	42,597	39,759	18,596	16,022	61,193	55,781
Whiskey, ditto ..	1,673	823	767	544	2,440	1,367
Sugars, Raw and Molasses, cwts.	3,316	..	185	..	3,501	..
Refined, ditto	1,024	46	83	..	1,107	46
Tea, pounds	438,854	121,987	18,178	..	457,032	121,987
Tobacco, ditto	141,001	78,392	45,463	38,766	186,464	117,158
Wines in wood, gallons	22,003	8,462	3,092	3,486	25,095	11,948
Ditto in bottle, dozen quarts ..	1,840	1,028	274	356	2,114	1,384
Ditto ditto, dozen pints .....	..	33	..	..	..	33

No. 21.

RETURN showing the Number of STAGE COACHES employed upon the several Lines of Road in Tasmania on the 31st December, 1855.

	Distance.	Daily.	Six Times a Week.	Three Times a Week.	Twice a Week.	TOTAL.
FROM HOBART TOWN TO—	Miles.					
Launceston	121	1	..	1	..	2
Green Ponds	28	..	2	..	..	2
New Norfolk	21	1	..	..	..	1
Richmond	15	..	1	..	1	2
Brown's River	9	1	..	..	1	2
FROM LAUNCESTON TO—						
Hobart Town	121	1	..	1	..	2
Perth and Longford	16	..	2	..	..	2
Evandale	14	..	1	..	..	1
Westbury and Deloraine ..	32	..	2	..	..	2

Two Conveyances leave Campbell Town twice a week for Stoney Creek, Avoca, Fingal, Cullenswood, and Falmouth.

A Two-horse Conveyance leaves Green Ponds three times a week for Bothwell.

A Conveyance leaves New Norfolk three times a week for Hamilton.

A Two-horse Conveyance leaves O'Brien's Bridge six times a week for Hobart Town; and three Omnibusses run between Hobart Town and New Town each three times daily.

No. 22.

RETURN relative to LIGHT-HOUSES in 1854 and 1855.

Light-house, where situated.	Nature of the Light exhibited.	By whom managed.	Expenses of Management.		Amount of Light Dues received.	
			1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Kent's Group	Revolving	Officer and three Men	£ 1105	£ 1122	} 5050	} 6040
Swan Island	Revolving flash	Ditto	674	670		
Goose Island	Fixed	Ditto	563	564		
Bruni Island	Revolving	Ditto	595	619		
Iron Pot Island	Fixed	Officer and two Men..	467	751		
Low Head	Revolving	Ditto	532	570		
			3936	4296		

No. 23.

RETURN of the Amount of COIN in the Colony on the 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	IN THE MILITARY CHEST.			IN THE BANKS.			TOTAL.	DECREASE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1854.....	40,000	0	0	995,368	17	3	1,035,368	17	3	339,983	2	11
1855.....	20,000	0	0	665,586	9	9	685,586	9	9	349,782	7	6

It is supposed that about £20,000 in specie is generally in circulation.

No. 24.

RETURN of the ASSETS and LIABILITIES of the several BANKS at the end of the Years 1854 and 1855.

	<i>Bank of Van Diemen's Land.</i>	<i>Commercial Bank.</i>	<i>Bank of Australasia.</i>	<i>Union Bank of Australia.</i>	<i>Bank of Tasmania.</i>
ASSETS.					
Coin and Bullion—1854.....	£ 182,046	£ 356,591	£ 192,971	£ 235,352	£ 28,406
1855.....	110,082	228,792	93,607	202,164	30,939
Bills of Exchange, &c.—1854 ..	244,360	352,113	358,486	373,596	85,919
1855 ..	283,515	420,933	419,406	393,803	111,046
LIABILITIES.					
Notes in circulation—1854	26,812	58,928	52,814	53,562	10,392
1855	26,010	49,895	47,907	45,872	13,006
Deposits—1854	279,406	522,053	411,376	426,927	58,504
1855	224,830	462,284	322,132	353,315	73,648
<i>Total Assets</i> —1854	426,406	708,704	551,457	608,948	114,325
1855	393,597	649,725	503,013	595,967	131,985
<i>Total Liabilities</i> —1854 ..	306,218	580,981	464,190	480,489	68,896
1855 ..	250,840	512,179	470,039	399,187	86,654

No. 25.

RETURN of the REVENUE of the Colony for the Years 1854. and 1855.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	1854.			1855.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Customs	182,489	7	10	161,821	17	1
Licences	23,917	11	0	26,143	17	0
Fines, Fees of Court, &c.	9,379	1	4	15,132	6	1
Immigration Deposits.....	7,773	10	0	2,092	6	1
Postage	6,701	3	3	7,808	13	2
Port and Harbour Dues	5,050	3	6	6,040	18	0
Tolls	2,464	11	6	2,550	14	8
Fees of Office	1,106	6	0	1,206	16	6
Rents	545	14	0	791	0	5
Quit Rents	405	19	10	405	8	1
Sale of Government Property	168	14	10	1,226	5	3
Interest	20	5	4	26	7	5
Reimbursements in aid of expenses incurred.....	24,858	1	0	21,925	5	6
Deposit Account.....	6,412	15	7	4,814	10	2
Miscellaneous Receipts	4,261	10	10	1,042	13	9
Transfers from other funds.....	..	..	..	54,942	1	1
Advances to Heads of Departments returned .....	..	..	..	6,912	0	0
Debentures .....	..	..	..	6,860	0	0
Agent-General .....	..	..	..	651	10	0
Convict Discipline .....	..	..	..	141	13	4
<i>Total</i>	£275,554	15	10	£322,536	3	7

No. 26.

RETURN of the LAND REVENUE of the Colony for the Years 1854 and 1855.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	1854.			1855.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sale of Crown Land by Auction	47,171	18	6	32,625	17	0
Ditto under Regulations of November, 1851	25,511	0	0	15,389	6	3
Licences to occupy Crown Lands.....	25,141	12	8	24,168	15	8
Rent of Crown Land selected for future purchase	4,010	11	7	3,414	14	2
Fees received by Surveyor-General.....	3,524	5	6	1,987	15	0
Fees for Surveys	978	5	0	1,300	7	6
Fees for Diagrams on Grant Deeds.....	152	17	6	187	5	0
Moiety of Fines on Grants	57	7	1	64	17	9
Quit Rents subsequent to 1st April, 1856	374	14	0	418	7	5
Ditto one-third Redemption	156	1	5	156	2	11
Royalty on Coals	122	11	10	156	8	5
Repayments on account of Passage-money, &c.....	3,466	10	0	1,949	0	0
Repayments by Immigrants.....	74	15	0	19	13	9
Sales of Government Property.....	273	6	6	3	3	0
Instalment of Debt, Bridgewater Commissioners	500	0	0			
Interest from ditto.....	322	10	0	190	0	0
Rent of Observatory Building	50	0	0	83	6	8
Advertising in <i>Gazette</i>	0	17	6	3	7	6
Repayments by Heads of Departments	323	10	2	700	0	0
From Surveyor-General, salary forfeited.....	12	18	7			
Miscellaneous.....	..			2	14	0
	£112,225	12	7	£82,821	1	10

No. 27.

RETURN of the EXPENDITURE of the Colony for the Years 1854 and 1855.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	1854.			1855.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENTS:—						
Civil and Legislative	43,199	0	9	59,633	16	3
Police and Gaols	61,855	12	3	76,190	16	9
Judicial	13,129	2	5	19,399	2	10
Ecclesiastical	12,757	9	4	20,263	9	2
Miscellaneous	22,147	14	9	559	9	5
SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS:—						
Works and Buildings	13,875	3	1	27,938	10	6
Roads and Streets	11,572	7	7	14,932	6	7
Immigration	11,075	7	7	94,876	0	0
Conveyance of Mails	4,996	17	9	7,372	9	9
Education	6,292	2	4	9,737	18	7
Charitable Allowances	6,426	8	8	10,749	10	8
Stores and Provisions	9,661	3	2	14,069	19	3
Remittances to Agent-General	19,000	0	0			
Other Services	40,541	16	2	37,421	15	10
<i>Total</i>	£276,650	5	10	£393,195	5	7

No. 28.

RETURN of the EXPENDITURE from the LAND FUND during the Years 1854 and 1855.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	1854.	1855.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Survey Department	16,102 3 7	15,230 14 0
Commissioners of Titles	994 18 0	707 12 0
Correspondence, Collection, and Audit of Land Revenue ..	2,111 5 6	2,099 1 8
Accountant of Stores	70 3 6	9 5 3
Aborigines	874 4 6	495 0 9
Public Works	641 17 7	655 7 6
Immigration Officers	1,437 15 3	1,872 15 1
Miscellaneous	5,766 15 2	997 18 4
Transport	89 2 5	208 7 10
Assessments	19,329 7 9	10,860 6 3
Rents	450 0 0	550 0 0
Charitable Allowances	26 6 1	30 7 6
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	4,366 0 6	5,039 3 6
Works and Buildings	993 2 7	398 18 5
Survey of Land	884 2 10	2,774 0 9
Immigration	9,420 12 8	1,732 15 9
Accountant of Stores	5,298 10 1	7,938 0 11
Advances to Heads of Departments	350 0 0	1,000 0 0
Temporary Increase to Salaries of Officers under Schedule		
C. Part 1	6,788 0 1	
2	3,506 8 5	
3	10,181 0 4	
Miscellaneous .....	..	5,776 0 6
Military Pensioners .....	..	200 0 0
Pensions .....	..	260 17 9
Transfers to other Funds .....	..	54,942 1 1
<i>Total</i>	£89,681 16 9	£113,778 14 10

No. 29.

RETURN of the EXPENDITURE during the Years 1854 and 1855 on account of MILITARY and CONVICT SERVICES.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	1854.	1855.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commissariat, including Provisions, Fuel, and Light for Army and Ordnance	59,600 15 2	45,729 11 7
Army Services, Staff and Regimental	34,547 7 10	33,221 10 5
Ordnance and Engineer Services	9,787 14 9	12,005 9 4
Advances in aid of other Departments	3,408 2 10	3,782 3 3
<i>Total Military</i>	107,344 0 7	94,738 14 7
Convict Services	172,973 18 8	141,249 6 4
<i>Total</i>	£280,317 19 3	£235,988 0 11

Consignments of Specie received in 1854..... £250,119
Ditto in 1855

£86,248

No. 30.

RETURN of CROWN LAND, and of TOWN and SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS sold during the Years 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	COUNTRY ALLOTMENTS SOLD.						TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS SOLD.											
	Quantity sold.			Amount of Sale.			Average Price per Acre.			Quantity sold.			Amount of Sale.			Average Price per Acre.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1854 ..	32,433	1	30	34,157	11	0	1	1	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	2245	2	31	41,962	7	0	18	13	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
1855 ..	21,508	1	11	22,845	2	6	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3102	1	0	28,971	10	3	9	6	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

No. 31.

RETURN relative to CROWN LANDS granted, sold, or held under Depasturing Licences in 1854 and 1855.

Number of Acres in the Colony.	Granted or sold up to the End of the Year.		Held under Depasturing Licences on 31st December.			
	ACRES.		ACRES.		RENTAL.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
14,482,892	2,804,183	2,828,793	2,284,214	2,160,534	£ 29,152	£ 27,583

No. 32.

RETURN of the Number of ACRES in Crop, and the Nature of the CROP, and PRODUCE in 1854 and 1855.

	1854.		1855.	
	Acres in Crop.	Produce.	Acres in Crop.	Produce.
Barley	10,547 $\frac{3}{4}$	125,835 bushels.	12,077	143,332 bushels.
Beans	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	653 bushels.	63 $\frac{3}{4}$	1186 bushels.
Carrots	108 $\frac{3}{4}$	508 tons.	90 $\frac{3}{4}$	599 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons.
Hops	55	27 tons.		
Mangel Wurzel	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	92 tons.	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	411 tons.
Oats	35,320 $\frac{1}{2}$	526,547 bushels.	38,216 $\frac{1}{2}$	666,264 bushels.
Peas	459	6665 bushels.	571	10,727 bushels.
Potatoes	5,932 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,256 tons.	8916 $\frac{3}{4}$	36,984 tons.
Tares	303 $\frac{1}{4}$	1467 bushels.	464	862 bushels.
Turnips	4989 $\frac{1}{4}$	21,903 tons.	5442 $\frac{3}{4}$	29,577 tons.
Wheat	42,920	790,588 bushels.	64,898 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,212,027 bushels.
English Grasses	27,023 $\frac{3}{4}$	18,886 tons.	22,345 $\frac{3}{4}$	14,498 tons.
	127,732		153,126 $\frac{3}{4}$	

Other land was under cultivation, but not in crop, to the extent of 41,758 acres on 31st December, 1855.

No. 33.

RETURN of the Number of LIVE STOCK in the Colony on 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Horses	17,384	18,358
Horned Cattle.....	103,752	110,304
Sheep	1,831,308	1,835,902
Goats	1,629	3,055
Pigs	22,598	22,331
Asses	14	13
Mules.....	5	6

No. 34.

RETURN of the Number of POST OFFICES, and of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS passing through the General Post Office, Hobart Town, for 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.			
Post Offices and Receiving-houses	65	67			
Number of Persons employed	95	103			
Miles of Post Roads	679	679			
Letters sent from Hobart Town	231,597	211,592			
Newspapers sent from Hobart Town	218,000	459,167			
Letters received.....	204,414	214,743			
Newspapers received	122,500	147,577			
PENNY POST. {	Hobart..... {	Franked Letters	13,669	7,575	
		Unfranked Letters	35,499	43,281	
		Launceston. {	Franked Letters	199	90
			Unfranked Letters.....	15,123	23,125
Revenue of Post Office	£8,198	£9,308			
Expenditure	£16,291	£18,473			

No. 35.

RETURN of the Number of CIVIL CASES tried in the Supreme Court in 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	BEFORE JURIES OF TWELVE.		BEFORE JURIES OF FOUR.		TOTAL.
	<i>Common and Mixed.</i>	<i>Special.</i>	<i>Defended.</i>	<i>Undefended.</i>	
1854.....	12	8	18	2	40
1855.....	43		..	1	44

No. 36.

RETURN of PROCESS issued out of the COURT of REQUESTS during the Years 1854 and 1855.

District.	Summonses issued.		Fieri Facias.		Capias ad Satisfaciendum.		Actions tried.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Hobart Town	513	501	123	136	1	..	296	284
Launceston	84	188	17	24	..	1	39	75
Richmond	20	19	..	..	..	..	11	13
New Norfolk	32	37	..	..	..	..	15	22
Oatlands	33	20	..	1	..	..	17	14
Campbell Town ...	28	30	..	4	..	..	15	15
Longford	64	40	10	5	..	..	37	22
<i>Total</i>	774	835	152	170	1	1	430	445

No. 37.

RETURN of the Number of INSOLVENCIES in 1854 and 1855.

	Number of Persons who have been declared Insolvent by their Creditors.	Amount of Scheduled Assets.			Amount of Scheduled Liabilities.			Number of Persons who have declared themselves Insolvent.	Amount of Scheduled Assets.			Amount of Scheduled Liabilities.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hobart, 1854 ...	2	107	0	0	1,133	17	6	31	32,414	19	0	67,769	18	5
1855 ...	5	12,965	8	5	13,893	8	5	64	64,201	6	4	58,093	19	5
Launceston, 1854	2	4,295	7	8	4,639	10	0	8	4,580	19	10	25,863	7	4
1855	3	5,960	0	0	16,057	0	0	41	17,431	9	0	40,914	17	0

No. 38.

RETURN of CONVICTIONS in the Supreme Court in 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	FELONIES.	MISDEMEANORS.	TOTAL.
1854	98	7	105
1855	97	16	113

No. 39.

RETURN of the Number of CONVICTIONS before the Courts of Quarter Sessions in 1854 and 1855.

	CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.		CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.		TOTAL.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Hobart Town	16	18	69	60	85	78
Launceston	18	17	45	59	63	76
Richmond .....	..	15	8	1	8	16
Campbell Town .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Longford .....	..	2	..	15	..	17
New Norfolk .....	..	..	6	14	6	14
Oatlands .....	..	1	..	30	..	31
	34	53	128	179	162	232

No. 40.

RETURN of the Number of GAOLS in Tasmania, with the Number of PRISONERS in Confinement at Michaelmas of the Years 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Number of Gaols	7	7
Capable of containing in separate Cells	132	127
Ditto if more than one Prisoner sleeps in a Cell .	565	550
Number of Prisoners confined at Michaelmas ...	113	134
Debtors in Confinement	2	3
Total cases of Sickness in the year	143	166
Deaths during the year	1	1

No. 41.

RETURN of the Number of CRIMINALS executed in the Colony in 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Persons who have been Convicts.....	4	3
Convicts	3	3
	7	6

No. 42.

SYNOPSIS of the METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the Years 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
	<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>
Mean Pressure of the Year, corrected down to the Standard Temperature of 32° Fahrenheit	29·785	29·746
Quantity of Rain which fell	30·56	18·25
	<i>Degrees.</i>	<i>Degrees.</i>
Mean Temperature of the Year	53·03	58·06

REMARKS FOR 1854.—Thunder-storms in January, March, October, November; hot winds, January, from N.W.; gale of wind, February, from S.S.W., accompanied by a torrent of rain,—8¼ inches having fallen in 38 hours; gale from S.E., 22nd March, also attended with heavy rain, and causing a flood; gale from N.W., 16th September, lasting 24 hours.

REMARKS FOR 1855.—The maximum temperature of the year 1855 was 96°; the minimum was 30°; the maximum solar intensity, black bulb thermometer, was 132°; thunder-storm in October; high winds, March, May, August, November.

No. 43.

RETURN of DISEASES treated at Her Majesty's Colonial Hospitals in Hobart Town and Launceston in 1854 and 1855.

DISEASES.	CASES TREATED.		DEATHS.	
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.
Diseases of Stomach and Bowels	604	968	12	15
Ditto of Lungs	538	917	58	49
Abscesses and Ulcers	489	573	3	5
Diseases of the Eyes	330	252		
Rheumatic Affections	287	362	3	6
Diseases of the Brain	255	175	34	13
Wounds and Injuries	247	293	6	2
Venereal Diseases	106	160	2	7
Diseases of the Skin	60	31		
Fevers	46	24	3	
Dropsies	21	27	11	15
Diseases of the Liver	18	20	4	4
Other Diseases	448	658	32	31
	3449	4460	168	147

In 1855 there were 3030 cases treated, and 45 deaths, at the Hospitals on Tasman's Peninsula, where all the Invalid Convicts, and nearly all of those under punishment, are stationed.

No. 44.

RETURN of PERSONS treated in the LUNATIC ASYLUMS on the 31st December 1854 and 1855.

	1854.			1855.		
	MALE.	FEMALE.	TOTAL.	MALE.	FEMALE	TOTAL.
Admitted during the year	60	19	79	26	19	45
Discharged during the year:—						
Cured	26	23	49	10	9	19
Improved	2	..	2	3	4	7
To friends without Improvement.....	8	..	8	..	2	2
Died	25	6	31	4	6	10
* Escaped	6	..	6	2	..	2
Number remaining at the end of the year:—						
Free	53	33	86	54	38	92
Convicts	111	42	153	46	35	81

* Recaptured.

No. 45.

RETURN of the principal MANUFACTORIES and TRADES in operation in the Colony at the end of 1854 and 1855.

TRADES, &c.	1854.	1855.	TRADES, &c.	1854.	1855.
Agricultural Implement Makers	21	28	Gunsmiths	7	8
Auctioneers	19	24	Ironmongers	21	22
Bakers	102	105	Maltsters	13	16
Basket Makers	15	9	Mast and Block Makers	9	9
Blacksmiths	144	159	Mills, Wind and Water	51	54
Bone Dust Manufactories	1	2	Ditto, Steam	23	28
Brass Founders	6	6	Painters and Glaziers	41	34
Brewers	42	40	Pastry-cooks	31	32
Bricklayers (Master)	71	88	Piano-forte Makers	2	4
Builders (ditto)	43	54	Potteries	4	4
Butchers	151	157	Printing Offices	13	13
Cabinet Makers and Joiners	38	51	Publicans	378	400
Candle Manufactories	9	13	Rope Makers	2	3
Carpenters	109	147	Sail Makers	9	8
Carvers and Gilders	4	4	Saw Mills	16	22
Chemists	22	21	Shipwrights and Boat-builders	25	28
Cider Makers	6	4	Shoemakers	254	330
Coach Makers	6	7	Soapboilers	4	4
Cooperages	13	13	Starch Manufactories	1	1
Corn and Ship Chandlers	20	17	Stonemasons (Master)	55	88
Dyers	1	1	Tailors (ditto)	84	102
Engineers	15	23	Tanners	27	30
Fellmongers	28	26	Tinworkers	31	30
Foundries	5	5	Tobacconists	16	20
Furriers	9	12	Turners	10	16
General Dealers	343	373	Watchmakers	22	29
Glue and Size Makers	6	6	Wheelwrights	72	78
Gold Beaters	1	1	Wine Merchants	30	35
Grocers	48	63	Woolstaplers	7	9

No. 46.

RETURN of the Average WAGES paid to Mechanics and Labourers during 1854 and 1855, without Board and Lodging.

	HOBART TOWN.		LAUNCESTON.		IN THE INTERIOR.		
	1854.	1855.	1854.	1855.	1854.		1855.
	s. d.	s. d.	s.	s.	s. d.	s.	s. d. s.
Bricklayers	15 0	16 0	12	10	8 0 to 20	7 6 to 18	
Carpenters	13 0	15 0	13	10	8 0 — 15	7 6 — 16	
Joiners	13 6	15 0	14	12	8 0 — 15	8 0 — 15	
Masons, Cutters	15 0	18 0	14	13	7 6 — 15	9 0 — 18	
Ditto, Builders	16 0	18 0	18	15	8 0 — 20	10 0 — 18	
Painters	12 0	14 0	12	10	7 6 — 20	8 0 — 15	
Plumbers	14 0	14 0	16	13	8 0 — 20	6 0 — 15	
Plasterers	15 0	16 0	12	10	7 0 — 15	8 0 — 15	
Quarrymen	8 6	10 0	9	8	6 0 — 15	5 0 — 10	
Labourers	5s. to 10s.	6 6	5s. to 10s.	7	5 0 — 15	5 0 — 15	

No. 47.

RETURN showing the Average Prices of PROVISIONS at Hobart Town on 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

	1854.			1855.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beer, Colonial, per gallon	0	2	0	0	2	0
Bread, per pound	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
Butter, fresh, ditto	0	2	6	0	2	4
Butter, salt, ditto	0	2	0	0	2	0
Candles, tallow, ditto	0	1	0	0	0	9
Cheese, colonial, ditto	0	1	6	0	2	0
Coffee, ditto	0	1	6	0	2	0
Flour, fine, per cwt.	1	18	0	2	0	0
Oil, lamp, per gallon	0	12	0	0	12	0
Rice, per pound	0	0	5	0	0	5
Tea, Hyson-skin, ditto	0	2	6	0	2	6
Sugar, brown, ditto	0	0	3	0	0	3½
Sugar, loaf, ditto	0	0	6	0	0	6
Salt, ditto	0	0	2	0	0	2
Potatoes, per cwt.	1	8	0	0	15	0
Soap, per pound	0	0	4	0	0	4
Starch, ditto	0	0	9	0	0	9
Tobacco, ditto	0	4	0	0	4	6
Meat—Beef, ditto	0	0	6	0	0	6½
Mutton, ditto	0	0	6	0	0	6
Veal, ditto	0	1	0	0	1	0
Pork, ditto	0	1	2	0	1	0
Bacon	0	1	9	0	1	9
Ham, ditto	0	1	9	0	1	9
Coals—Port Arthur, per ton	2	10	0	1	10	0
New Town, ditto	1	10	0	1	5	0
Douglas River, ditto	1	15	0	1	17	6
Firewood, cut up into billets, per ton	1	10	0	1	0	0
Ditto, in log, ditto	1	0	0	0	17	0

No. 48.

RETURN relative to GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS on the 31st December, 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	Number of Schools aided by Government.	Number of Male Scholars.	Number of Female Scholars.	TOTAL.	Expense of the Schools to the Government.
1854.....	50	1635	1266	2901	£ s. d. 7269 2 4
1855.....	63	1941	1436	3377	9352 1 7

No. 49.

RETURN relative to the QUEEN'S ORPHAN SCHOOLS in 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Boys chargeable on Colonial Funds	67	92
Girls ditto	53	73
Boys chargeable on Convict Funds	171	139
Girls ditto	131	101
Number of cases of Sickness in the year.....	775	823
Number of Deaths during the year.....	53	38
Number of Boys admitted during the year	79	66
Number of Girls ditto	70	62
Number of Boys discharged or apprenticed during the year	56	52
Number of Girls ditto	63	55
Total number of Boys in the School	238	231
Total number of Girls ditto	184	174

No. 50.

RETURN relative to MUNICIPALITIES and ROAD TRUSTS in 1854 and 1855.

CORPORATE BODY.	1854.		1855.	
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£
Hobart Town Municipality	23,201	17,777	19,481	18,986
Launceston ditto	7323	5762	6551	5569
Hamilton Road Trust	5145	3263	2893	2893
Longford ditto	4306	3897	..	..
Westbury ditto	2438	2011	..	..
Glamorgan ditto	2191	1794	2718	2718
Morven ditto	1533	1193	..	..
Swanport ditto	806	372	..	..
Oatlands ditto.....	777	122	..	..
Great Lake ditto.....	684	155	..	..
Lower Derwent ditto	580	1193	..	..
Brown's River ditto	461	213	..	..
Pembroke ditto	437	257	..	..
Breadalbane ditto	364	288	..	..
Sorell ditto	275	231	588	707
Horton ditto	261	98	307	142
Richmond ditto.....	204	93	665	665
Devon ditto.....	1236	951	2064	2323
Upper Derwent ditto.....	..	..	474	474
Broad Marsh ditto.....	..	..	318	95
Chudleigh ditto .....	..	..	627	605
Northern Macquarie ditto .....	..	..	461	461
Bothwell ditto .....	..	..	1406	1406

No. 51.

RETURN of the Amount and Number of MORTGAGES on LAND registered in 1854 and 1855.

YEAR.	MORTGAGES REGISTERED.	AMOUNT.
1854	293	£ 316,463
1855*	299	329,714

* In this year £118,502 were paid in satisfaction and discharge of Mortgages registered in former years; thus making the increase of debt £211,212 only.

No. 52.

RETURN relative to the CONSERVANCY of the PEACE, 1854 and 1855.

	1854.	1855.
Country Gentlemen	113	110
Officers holding Civil Appointments	49	30
Merchants and Bankers	31	31
Naval and Military Officers, retired or on half pay ..	20	36
Surgeons	15	26
Naval and Military Officers on full pay	9	2
Clergymen	9	
Other Gentlemen in the principal Towns	9	8
Barristers	3	5
<i>Total</i>	258	248

[*Compiled from Official Records in the Office of the Private Secretary, by Hugh Munro Hull.*]