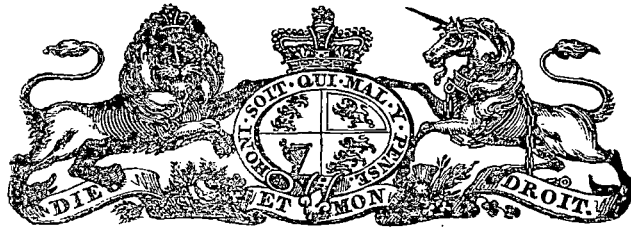


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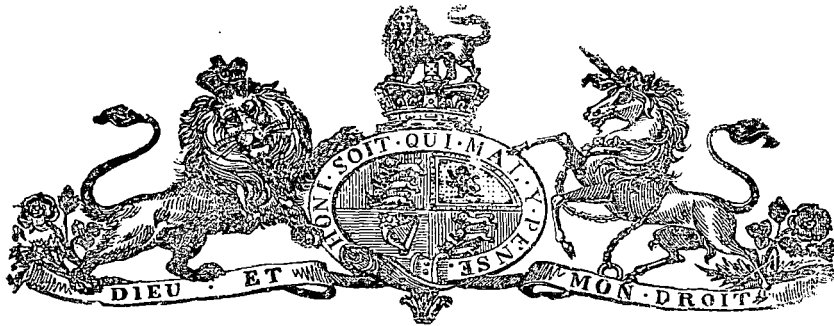
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*Macquarie-street, Hobart, 15th October, 1900.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with instructions as Government Medical Officer, to furnish the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

*Health Officer of the Port of Hobart.*

Fifteen Chinese arrived at the Port of Hobart during the year; after being carefully inspected, and showing marks of having been vaccinated, they were allowed to land.

### THE CITY OF HOBART.

*Attendance on the Poor at their homes.*

I have received from the Government Inspecting Officer, Mr. Pearce, 413 orders. I have made nearly 850 visits to the homes of these patients. On referring to the Government register, I find there are nearly 1000 names. Number of my orders sent to General Hospital, 588. Number of prescriptions dispensed, 777.

During the year an epidemic of Searlatina occurred in Hobart, but, fortunately, of a mild form. The necessary precautions as to isolation were taken to prevent the spread by infection, considerably increasing my visiting duties in consequence of these cases being of such an infectious nature, and having to be visited last on the list to prevent the spread of the disease.

For the proper treatment of infectious diseases I am strongly of opinion that an Isolation Hospital is an urgent necessity.

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.*