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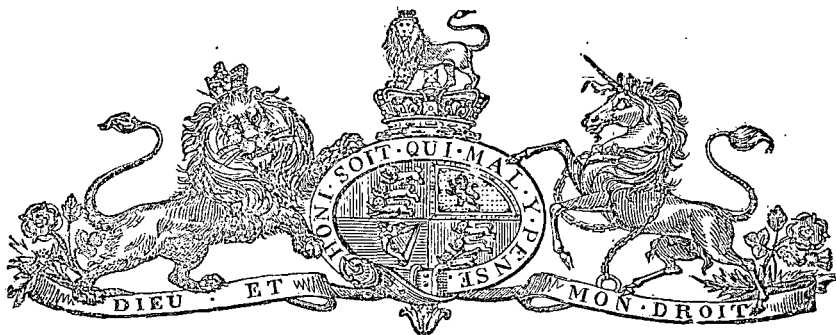


1866.

T A S M A N I A.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

I M M I G R A T I O N.
REPORT OF AGENT FOR 1865.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 14, 1866.



Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 13th April, 1866.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Immigration Department for the year 1865, with tabulated Returns, Nos. 1 to 7, appended.

The instructions received from the Board of Immigration respecting the issue of Bounty Tickets to persons who had been themselves introduced to Tasmania at the expense of the Colonial public funds, and whose characters had been found on enquiry to merit the privilege, have been strictly adhered to; and although this arrangement has, as might be expected, materially lessened the number of applications, and effected a proportionate decrease in the numerical returns of arrivals under the Bounty System, the class of artisans, agriculturists, labourers, and domestic servants brought out by their relatives manifests a striking improvement on that introduced before the alteration in the Regulations took effect, and would appear to be the result of careful forethought on the part of the introducers in making selections from their kindred in the United Kingdom of individuals likely to obtain ready and lucrative employment.

Several applications have been made to the Government in the course of the past year, by German Immigrants per *Lewe Van Nyenstein, America*, and *Wilhelmsburg*, for Letters of Naturalisation,—which have been duly granted; thus entitling the recipients to enrolment in the Electoral and Municipal Lists, and to the enjoyment of all the privileges usually accorded to ordinary British subjects possessing the necessary qualifications.

I have since been led to make enquiries about these quiet and industrious people, and find that many of them, since their arrival in 1855–6, have so far improved their condition as to have become owners or lessees of comfortable farms, some of considerable extent, and that others have taken contracts for portions of the Public Works now in course of progress throughout the Colony. I am therefore in a position to assert that, as a rule, the German Immigrants to Tasmania have upheld the character hitherto borne by their countrymen as energetic and thriving Colonists.

But little alteration has taken place with respect to demand for labour, rates of wages, and prices of provisions and clothing, since my last Report on these points.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

The Honorable JAMES WHYTE, *Esq.*,
President Board of Immigration.

No. 2.

NATIVE COUNTRIES and RELIGIONS of IMMIGRANTS arrived during the Year ended 31st December, 1865.

	Married.		Single.		Children.		Total Souls.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
England	3	4	4	5	1	—	17
Scotland	2	2	4	2	—	1	11
Ireland	4	3	19	28	5	3	62
Other Countries	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
TOTALS	9	9	27	35	8	4	92
Protestants	4	5	7	13	3	1	33
Roman Catholics	5	4	20	22	5	3	59
Other Religions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	9	9	27	35	8	4	92

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No. 3.

RETURN of the LIABILITIES of the Government for Repayments on OVERDUE BOUNTY TICKETS under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854; 1st March, 1856, and 1st July, 1856.

	TICKETS OVERDUE.			TOTAL LIABILITIES.
	Family Tickets.	Man and Wife Tickets.	Single Tickets.	
Liability under Regulations of 24th January, 1854, chargeable against General Revenue	61	—	137	£ 716 0 0
Ditto 1st March, 1856, chargeable against Board of Immigration	32	—	67	361 0 0
Ditto, 1st July, ditto	—	—	32	160 0 0
TOTALS	93	—	236	1237 0 0

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No. 4.

RETURN of LIABILITIES of the Board of Immigration on OVERDUE and OUTSTANDING BOUNTY TICKETS, under the Regulations of 21st December, 1858, on 31st December, 1865.

	FAMILY TICKETS.	SINGLE MALE TICKETS.	SINGLE FEMALE TICKETS.	AMOUNT.
On Overdue Tickets	8	16	33	£ 445
On Outstanding Tickets	6	17	30*	974
	14	33	63	1419

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* The cost of each family introduced, calculating from former averages, may be estimated at £37, exclusive of the amount of deposit.

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No. 5.

CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, under the Regulations of the 21st December, 1858, up to 31st December, 1865.

	FAMILY TICKETS.	SINGLE TICKETS.	
		<i>For Males.</i>	<i>For Females.</i>
General Issue, Hobart Town	99	170	322
Ditto, Launceston	100	154	283
Issued to St. Andrew's Society, ditto.....	59	200	263
Ditto, Immigration Aid Society, ditto	20	20	10
Ditto, Duncan M'Pherson, Esquire, Hobart Town.....	—	—	50
Ditto National Female Immigration Society, London.....	—	—	50
Ditto Colonial Emigration Society, Birmingham.....	—	—	50
TOTALS.....	278	544	1028
Less certified for payment, or acted on	218	434	702
Cancelled	46	77	253
Overdue	8	16	33
OUTSTANDING	6	17	30

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No. 6.

OCCUPATIONS of the MALE IMMIGRANTS introduced during the Year ended 31 December, 1865.

	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Single.</i>	TOTAL.
Agricultural Labourers	3	15	18
Baker	—	1	1
Carpenter	1	—	1
Foundry Moulder	—	1	1
Groom	—	1	1
Labourers	2	6	8
Miner	1	—	1
Saddler and Harness Maker.....	1	—	1
Shepherds.....	—	2	2
Smith	1	—	1
Spinner and Weaver	—	1	1
TOTALS.....	9	27	36

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No. 7.

OCCUPATIONS of the FEMALE IMMIGRANTS introduced during the Year ended 31 December, 1865.

Cook and Housemaid	1
Dressmakers.....	2
Farm-house and Dairymaid	1
Farm Servants.....	5
General Servants.....	22
Needlewomen	3
Nurserymaid	1
TOTAL	35

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