

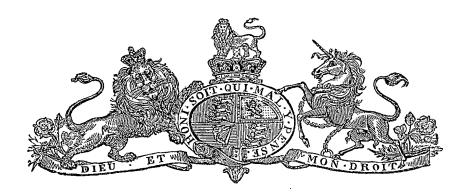
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IMMIGRATION AGENT'S REPORT

FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1856.

Presented to the House by Command of His Excellency, and ordered to be printed, 3 December, 1856.



Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 30th August, 1856.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following Report on Immigration for the half-year ending 30th June, 1856.

- 2. During the half-year 302 Immigrants, including children, have arrived in the Colony at the public expense, the particulars being comprised in Returns hereto attached; viz.—
 - No. 1. A general summary of Immigration, including the cost of introduction.
- No. 2. A detailed statement of Immigrants introduced, and Bounty Tickets certified for, distinguishing Hobart Town from Launceston, and stating the average payment per family, during the half-year.
- No. 3. A statement of the Native Countries and Religious Denominations of the Emigrants.
 - Nos. 4 and 5. Statements of the Trades or Callings of the Immigrants.

The smallness of the number of Emigrants introduced during the past half-year was occasioned by the suspension of the issue of Bounty Tickets at the end of March, 1855.

2. The issue of Bounty Tickets was resumed on the 12th March last, under Regulations issued by the Board of Immigration, dated 1st March, 1856, and comprising alterations in the former Regulations considered desirable by the Board, including the various suggestions submitted in my half-yearly Reports for the prevention of abuses, and securing the good treatment and protection of Emigrants. The former rate of deposit was continued, viz.—£3 for a single Emigrant, and £5 for a family; but notice was given that, at the expiration of three months, the deposit would be raised to £5 for a single Emigrant, £8 for a man and his wife, and £10 for a family, as recommended by the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on Immigration. The operation of these Regulations was extended by special authority as regarded applications from the individual members of the Immigration Societies to the 14th June for Launceston, and the 30th June for Hobart Town.

The following Returns, which I beg to annex hereto, show the working of these Regulations to the 30th June, after which time the Regulations of 1st July, 1856, with raised deposit, take effect; viz.—

- No. 7. A statement of the Bounty Tickets issued under the Regulations of 1st March, 1856, up to 30th June.
- No. 8. An approximate statement of Labour likely to be introduced by means of Bounty Tickets issued under the Regulations of 1st March, 1856, compiled from the applications of individual introducers.
- No. 9. Statement of the Countries from which it is proposed to introduce Emigrants under the last-mentioned Bounty Tickets.

No. 10. Statement of the Amount which will probably be required to meet the Bounty Tickets shown in statement No. 7 to have been issued under the Regulations of 1st March, 1856.

The number of Bounty Tickets included in the above Returns which were issued to individual members of the Immigration Societies (applying as such) is as follows:—

Family	Tickets.	Single Tic	kets.	
Launceston—St. Andrew's Society	49	278	{ 172 } 106	for single Males. Females.
Immigration Aid Society	61	81		for single Males. Females.
Hobart Town Immigration Society	25	230		for single Males. Females.
Totals	135		424	for single Males. Females.

The Blank Bounty Tickets shown in Return No. 7 to have been issued under these Regulations are as follows; viz.—

On the 12th March, 20 Family and 350 Single Tickets to Messrs. Bogle, Kerr & Co. of Glasgow, through Mr. A. Macnaughtan of this town,—the object being the introduction of single females from the Shetland and neighbouring Islands; or, should this be found impracticable, from other parts of Scotland. Also,

On the 19th March, to the Secretary of the Colonization Loan Society in London 6 Family and 150 single Tickets, for single females accompanied by a few families.

In both cases two-thirds of the Emigrants are to be sent to Hobart Town, and one-third to Launceston.

I beg to observe that the least favorable feature in the working of these Regulations appears to me to be the large number of single men sent for as servants, which is shown in Return No. 8, under the head of "Single Tickets," to be 623.*

The desire of the Colonists generally to engage single men, which I have on various occasions submitted, is thus further manifested; and I consider it certain that, unless the circumstances of Tasmania greatly alter, many of the 623 male servants will leave the Colony, to the loss of the public both in money and labour. Regarding it as the interest of this Colony to encourage family Immigration as that, in every point of view, most likely to form a permanent increase to the population, I beg to advert to this as a subject requiring particular attention.

3. Return No. 6 shows that of the Bounty Tickets issued under the Regulations of 24th January, 1854, few remain unacted on or otherwise unaccounted for.

The cost of introducing Immigrants under those Regulations has been as follows:—

The number of families introduced from the United Kingdom from the commencement of the system to the 30th June, 1856, has been on Ordinary Tickets with deposit 685; and on Blank Tickets without deposit 123: total 808 families.

For these the amount of Bounty paid is £62,983 5s., which gives an average of £78 18s. $11\frac{3}{2}d$. per family, or $3\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{2}$ full Bounties; but deducting from this the deposit of £5 received from introducers on 685 Tickets, amounting to £3425, the actual cost to the Revenue is £59,558 5s., giving an average of £73 14s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per family, or $3\frac{7}{22}$ full Bounties,—which will be further reduced by any payments which may be received from Emigrants under Blank Bounty Tickets, on their promissory notes taken in lieu of deposit.

With regard to the expense per statute adult (on the old computation of 14 years), it is further shown by my half-yearly Reports that, from the commencement of the Bounty System to the 30th June, 1856, there have arrived in the Colony under it 4065½ statute adults, the amount of Bounty paid for whom is £89,020 5s., which gives an average

^{*} The relative proportions of other single persons are as follows:—As servants—single women 219. As relatives—single men 194; single women 158.

of £21 17s. 11d., as the cost of introducing each statute adult; but, deducting £6410 deposit on 685 Family and 995 Single Tickets, the actual cost to the Revenue is £82,610 5s., or an average of £20 6s. $4\frac{1}{4}d$. nearly per statute adult,—this amount being paid in the Colony, and consequently not being liable to exchange, interest, and other charges by which passage-money would be increased if paid in the United Kingdom out of funds remitted from hence.

The corresponding expense for German Immigration is as follows:-

- 4. On the 4th June last a notice was published by the Board of Immigration that the passage would be paid for female servants introduced from Victoria. No applications were received up to the 30th June, and the notice has since been cancelled.
- 5. The subject of the leaving of this Colony by Immigrants has lately engaged much attention. Of the number who have proceeded to other Colonies within the past half-year, it is of course out of my power to report positively; but while there is reason to believe that the number has been considerable, I have no doubt that it is very much less than is frequently supposed: and it is among the Emigrants who arrived under the Indenture System that the disposition to leave the Colony has from the first, so far as has come under my observation, been chiefly manifested.

Although this Report extends only to the 30th June, I may here state that various persons have, in the course of July and August, expressed to me the belief that very large numbers of the Emigrants were openly leaving the Colony from Hobart Town by the steamers and other vessels for New South Wales,—in fact, that they were going by hundreds; but I think that I have sufficient reason to submit positively that the number proceeding from this port has not been large.

All Passenger Lists continue to be carefully examined, and vessels visited on departure by a Clerk from this office,—the passengers are mustered in his presence on board, and the vessels are searched by the Police. It has thus been ascertained positively that a very great majority of the passengers are not Immigrants, but persons of a different class. Of the remainder, many are personally known either to the Clerk or to the Police; regarding others enquiries are made,—and it thus becomes certain that the number of Immigrants who have left the Colony from Hobart Town as passengers cannot be great, and that few can have left without making the required repayment of passage-money.

It is, however, very probable that Emigrants may leave the Colony from other ports, and also that persons may occasionally be stowed away so as not to be discovered on board vessels at Hobart Town, of which some instances have come to my knowledge. I have on former occasions submitted that the law regarding the leaving the Colony by Emigrants under liability, and the conveying them away, is altogether insufficient for the purposes proposed.

It is to be hoped that this Colony will in future be found to present greater inducements to labouring people to remain within it; and, in addition to any measures which

^{*} The families from Germany were very large, and the apparent excess of payment over the Bounty rate of £18 is caused by the payment of one quarter Bounty allowed for children under one year at the time of embarkation, who are excluded in estimating the number of Statute Adults by the ordinary method.

may probably be devised by the Legislature for that object, it is, I conceive, in the power of the large landed proprietors to render important assistance by encouraging Family Immigration, and the settlement of Immigrants by the sale or lease of portions of land in suitable localities, as well as by providing comfortable dwellings, with ground attached to them, for married persons in their service. The disposition to leave this Colony is at present increasing.

6. I beg to attach hereto a statement of the Rate of Wages and demand for Labour, 30th June, 1856,—No. 11.

The want of female domestic servants continues to be much felt; and there is perhaps nothing which more materially affects the comfort of families throughout the Colony, not only with regard to the actual number of such persons, but as to their conduct in service,—for it may almost be said of this description of labour that the quantity makes the quality. The arrival of those above adverted to as sent for during the past half-year will for a time relieve the existing scarcity. Farm labourers are much enquired for.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN D. LOCH, Immigration Agent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

STATEMENT of Total Immigration to Tasmania, at the Public Expense, during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1856.

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BOUNTY SYSTEM. From the United Kingdom		1	1	1	••	1	42	47	66	61	32	17	15	16	5	1	160	142	302	256	£ 5593	s. 10
Total	••	1	1	1	••	1	42	47	66	61	32	17	15	16	5	1	160	142	302	256	5593	10

On 5 Blank Family Tickets and 3 Blank Single Tickets, on which Emigrants have been introduced during this Half-year, no Deposit was payable.

No. 2.

RETURN of Emigrants introduced, and Bounty certified for, under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854, from 1st January to 30th June, 1856.

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INTRODUCED, AND WHERE ARRIVED.	OF TI		Mar	ried.	Sin	gle.	Total Adults.	Rate.	Bounty.		hildre nd un	der	Rate.	Bounty.		ildren inder 3	Rate.	Bounty.	Sin	gle.	Total Adults.	Bounty.	TOTAL BOUNTY	. vo	YAGE.	A:	RRIV:	
	Family.	Single.									11					J			<u> </u>)			NO	OUNTI	Ì		
From 1st January to 30th June, 1856.			M.	F.	м.	F.		£	£	м.	F.	Total.	£	£	M. F	Total.	£ s.	£ s.	M.	F.		£	£ s.	м. ј	Total.	м.	F.	Total.
United Kingdom, under Ordinary Bounty Tickets, To Hobart Town To Launceston	20	29 20	15 22	19 22	26 39	25 26	85 109	22 22	1870 2398	14 24	9 14	23 38	11 11	253 418	3 4	6 5 10	5 10 5 10	33 0 55 0	1		1	11				58 89	56 68	114 157
Total	44	49	37	41	65	51	194	22	4268	38	23	61	11	671	7	16	5 10	88 0	1		1	11	5038 (147	124	271
United Kingdom, under Blank Bounty Tickets, To Hobart Town To Launceston		2 1	5	6	1	9	21	22 22	462 22	5	•••	5.	11	55	2	1	5 10	16 10	::	::	::	••	533 10 22 0		1 1	13	17	30 1
Total	5	3	5	6	1	10	22	22	484	5		5	11	55	2	3	5 10	16 10				••	555 10		1 1	13	18	31
Grand Total from 1st Jan. to 30th June, 1856	49	52	42	47	66	61	216	22	4752	43	23	66	11	726	91	19	5 10	104 10	1		1	11	5593 10		1 1	160	142	302

Total Bounty		10	0	
Expenditure	£5226	10	0	

Average Payment on 49 Family Tickets issued for Emigrants from the United Kingdom £90 16s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. each family, nearly.

On 5 Family and 3 Single Blank Bounty Tickets entered above as certified no Deposit was payable.

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No. 3.

STATEMENT of the Native Countries, and Religious Denominations, of Emigrants introduced into Tasmania during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1856, under the Bounty System, and Regulations of 24th January, 1854.

	Mar	ried.	Sir	ıgle.	and	Children 7 and under		ren 1 inder	Chil undo	dren er 1.	TOTAL Souls	
	м.	F.	м.	F.	M.	F.	м.	P.	M.	F.		
England	18 14 9 1	18 15 13 1	23 31 12	17 25 19	13 16 3	6 9 2	7 5 3	7 4 5	3 2	ï	112 122 66 2	
Total	42	47	66	61	32	17	15	16	5	1	302	
Protestants	37 5	38 9	58 8	48 13	30 2	16 1	14 1	13 3	5	1	260 42	
Total	42	47	66	61	32	17	15	16	5	1	302	

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No. 4.

TRADES or Callings of the Male Emigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1856, under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854.

TRADE OR CALLING.	1	ARY TICK	ETS FROM		NK TICKE		GRAND TOTALS.
	Married.	Single.	TOTAL.	Married.	Single.	TOTAL.	
Agricultural Labourers Bakers Boot and Shoemaker Butchers Bricklayer Cabinetmakers Coal Miner Cutler Cooper Carpenters Domestic Servants Engine Fitter Farm Bailiff Fisherman Gardeners Grooms and Coachmen Hairdresser Joiners Labourers Sawyers Soapboiler Sauce and Pickle Maker Tailors Watch-case Maker Warehouseman Working Engineers	9 1 1 2 1 2 2 1 8 1 1 1 1	35 1 1 	$egin{array}{c} 44 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 3$	3		3	47 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 1 9 2 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2
Total	37	65	102	5	1	6	108

No. 5.

TRADES or Callings of the Female Emigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1856, under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854.

TRADE OR CALLING.	On Ordinary Tichets from the United Kingdom.	On Blank Tickets from the United Kingdom.	TOTALS.
Cooks. Dressmaker Dairymaid. Domestic Servants Farm Servants Housekeeper Housemaids Laundress Needlewomen	 21 1 14 1 4	1 1 4 1 2	4 1 25 1 1 16 1 5
Nursery Maids Total	51	10	61

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No. 6.

CONDITION of the Bounty Immigration System under the Regulations of 24th January, 1854, up to 30th June, 1856.

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	ON DE	POSIT.		e United	From G	ermany.			
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.			
Issued to 30th June, 1856, from the commencement of the System Family T. Single T.	891	1329	124	200	100	200			
Less certified for payment \(\) United Kingdom \(688 \cdot . \) 994\\ to 30th June, 1856\(\cdot . \) Germany \(\cdot . \) 31\(\cdot . \) 26\\	719	1020	123	194	100	198			
Less cancelled for payment to ditto Less overdue for payment to ditto	81 7 3	108 164	·i	1 5	••	2			
Outstanding 30th June, 1856	18	37							

One Single Ticket only has been issued under these Regulations during this Half-year, being a special case. Payments may possibly be sanctioned on a considerable number of the overdue Tickets, should the delay in presenting them be satisfactorily accounted for.

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No. 7.

CONDITION of the Bounty Immigration System under the Regulations of 1st
March, 1856, up to 30th June, 1856.

	ON DI	EPOSIT.	BLA TICK	ANK ETS.
	Family	Single	From th King	e United
	Tickets.	Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
From the Commencement to 30th June, 1856. Family Ticket. Single do. Issued to individual Employers { United Kingdom } 526 1178 } and Relatives	536	1194		
Single Women Issued to the Secretary of the Family Colonization Loan Society, chiefly			20	350
Single Women	••		6	150
Outstanding 30th June, 1856	536	1194	26	500

No. 8.

APPROXIMATE Statement of Labour likely to be introduced by means of Bounty Tichets issued under the Regulations of 1st March, 1856, exclusive of Wives and Children under 12 years of age.

	by Ind	To be introduced To be introduced by Individuals as Servants. as Relatives.			Fr Sheti	om	Through Colona Soci	Totals	
	On Family Tickets.	On Single Tickets.	On Family Tickets.	On Single Tickets.	Blank Family Tickets.	Blank Single Tickets.	Blank Family Tickets.	Blank Single Tickets.	
Farm and General Labourers	174 39 17 5 7	426 104 64 219 29	265 119 13 232 3	157 28 5 158 4	20	350	6	150	1042 296 99 1114 43

Number of Tickets issued on Deposit to 30th June, 1856, inclusive:—

Family Tickets. Single Tickets.
For Servants...... 242 842
For Relatives 294 352

Total..... 536 1194

The Farm Labourers include all Labourers above 12 years of age. The Female Domestic Servants include all girls above 12 years of age.

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No. 9.

STATEMENT of the Countries from which it is proposed to introduce Immigrants by means of the Bounty Tickets issued under the Regulations of March 1st, 1856.

			TICK	ETS ISS	UED (ON DE	POSIT.			BLANK T	VITHOUT	GRAND)		
	SI	ERVANT	·s.	RE	LATIVI	es.	T	OTALS		FOR GEN	ERAL ENGA	GEMENT.	то	TOTALS.		
	Family Tickets.		ngle kets.	Family Tickets.	Sin Tick		Family Tickets.	Sin Tick		Family Tickets.				Sin Tick		
England Scotland Ireland Other Countries		M. 383 215 15 8	F. 92 117 10 2	139 48 100 7	м. 33 21 140 2	F. 35 23 94 4	302 118 106 10	M. 416 236 155 10	F. 127 140 104 6	6 20 	M.	150 350	308 138 106 10	M. 416 236 155	490 104	
Totals	242	621	221	294	196	156	536	817	377	26	••	500	562	<u> </u>	877	

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No. 10.

STATEMENT of the Amount which will probably be required to meet the Bounty Tickets shown by Return No. 7 to have been issued under the Regulations of March 1st, 1856, supposing the whole to be presented, calculated upon the Average of $3\frac{1}{2}\frac{a}{2}$ full Bounty Payments per Family, which is the Proportion given by the 808 Families actually introduced from the United Kingdom under the Regulations of January 24th, 1854, to June 30th, 1856.

562 Family Tickets at the average payment of £56 14s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$. or, $3\frac{1}{2}$ full payments of the Bounty at £16 each	£ 31,880	s. 12	d. 5
${\bf Total}$	£58,984	12	5
Less Deposits received on Bounty Tickets	£51,092	12	5
but now for persons of 12 years and upwards, amount uncertain, but say Probable Liability			

In addition to which there will be payable an uncertain but small amount in gratuities.

The number of Bounty Tickets taken out for emigrants from Germany, at the lower rate of Bounty is too small to require notice here.

No. 11.
STATEMENT of the Rate of Wages, and Demand for Labour, 30th June, 1856.

TRADES.	WAGES.	REMARKS.
MALES.		
Agricultural Labourers (married) -	£35 to £50 per annum.	Fair demand.
Ditto (single)	£25 to £30.	Great demand.
Butchers	£3 per week (with board, &c.)	ditto.
Brassfounders	8s. to 10s. per diem.	No demand.
Bakers	7s. to 8s. per diem.	Fair demand.
Brewers	£3 per week.	In demand.
Brickmakers	23s. per 1000.	Dull.
Bricklayers	8s. to 10s. per diem.	No demand.
Blacksmiths	8s. to $12s$. per diem.	Fair demand.
Bullock-drivers	£25 to £40 per annum.	ditto.
Carpenters	8s. to 12s. per diem.	Dull.
Cabinetmakers and Upholsterers -	£3 per week.	Fair demand.
Cooks	£25 to £40 per annum.	ditto.
Coopers	6s. to 9s. per diem.	Fair demand for good workmen.
Coachbuilders	£4 per week.	Very dull.
Coachmen and Grooms	£30 to £50 per annum.	In demand.
Engineers	10s. to 13s. per diem.	No demand.
Glaziers and Painters	8s. per diem.	Very dull.
Gardeners	£30 to £75 per annum. £2 5s. per week.	In demand. No demand.
Harnessmakers and Saddlers	£25 to £35 per annum.	Fair demand.
House Servants	£30 to £40 per annum.	ditto.
Ironfounders	£2 10s. to £4 per week.	Demand for first-class men.
Labourers (Town)	5s. to 6s. per diem.	Middling demand.
Ditto (Country)	£20 to £30 per annum.	Fair demand.
Millers	£3 to £4 per week.	Dull.
Masons	10s. to 12s. per diem.	No demand.
Miners (Coal)	8s. to 10s. per diem.	Great demand.
Ploughmen	£35 to £50 per annum.	ditto.
Pressmen and Compositors	£2 10s. to £4 per week (or 13d.	Fair demand.
•	per 1000).	
Plasterers	6s. to 8s. per diem.	No demand.
Quarrymen	6s. to 7s. per diem.	ditto.
Reapers	Uncertain.	Depends upon labor market.
Sawyers	7s. to 8s. per 100 feet.	Fair demand.
Shoemakers	7s. 6d. to 12s. per pair (making or closing).	Demand for first-class workmen.
Shearers	Uncertain.	Depends upon labor market.
Shipwrights	10s. to 12s. per diem.	Dull.
Shepherds	£35 to £50 per annum.	Fair demand for experienced hands.
Stock-keepers	£30 to £40 per annum.	• "
Failors	9s. per diem.	Demand for good workmen.
fanners	£2 per week.	Very dull.
Fin and Iron-plate Workers Watchmakers and Jewellers	£2 10s. to £3 per week. 12s. to 14s. per diem.	Ready employment for steady men. No demand.
Wheelwrights	9s. to 12s. per diem.	Dull.
Whitesmiths	£3 10s. per week.	At times a brisk demand.
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FEMALES.		,
Cooks	£25 to £40 per annum.	h
Cooks and Laundresses	<u> </u>	[]
Dairymaids	1	
Housemaids	£20 to £30 per annum.	1 }
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Iouse Servants (General)		i >tarear demand.
House Servants (General))	Great demand.
House Servants (General)	£25 to £30 per annum.	Great demand.
House Servants (General)	£25 to £30 per annum. £20 to £30 per annum.	Great demand.