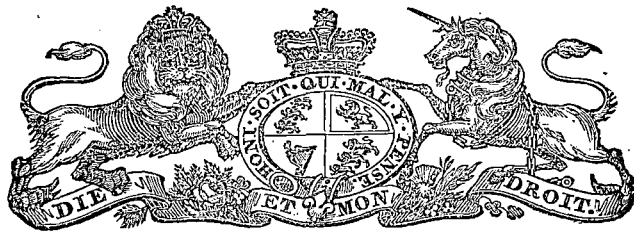


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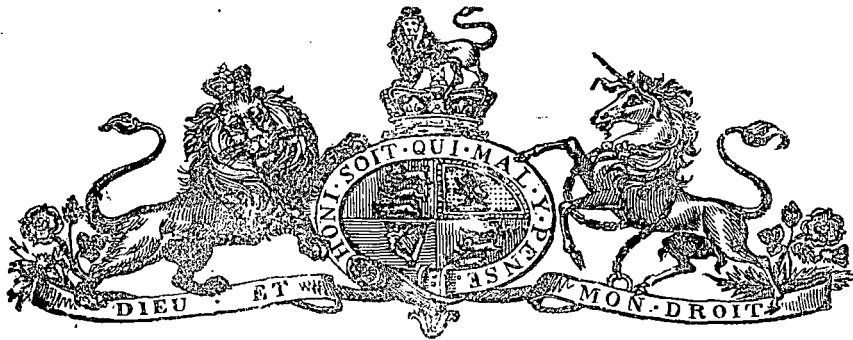
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BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1876.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, April 24, 1877.



*ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for 1876.*

SIR, I HAVE the honor to forward to the Government the Annual Report of the Brickfields Pauper Establishment for the year ending December 31st, 1876.

In presenting this Report I have to state that the expenditure is under the estimate as provided for by Parliament.

With respect to the labour of the Inmates the average number employed per diem during the year has been 80, such as wardsmen, cleaners, gardeners, making roads, and 20 at the Public Cemetery, New Town. These I have visited twice a week regularly.

The conduct of the Inmates on the whole has been good.

The Medical Officer is very attentive to the sick, always visiting at least twice a week, and in extreme cases four times, or whenever he may be sent for.

His Excellency and other gentlemen still continue to supply newspapers and a few books for the use of the Reading-room.

The spiritual welfare of the Inmates has been well attended to by the different Ministers of Religion and others.

*Yearly State.*

No. of Inmates, January, 1876 .....	270	}	593
Admitted during the year .....	323		
Discharged during the year .....	294	}	333
Died during the year .....	39		

Remaining, January 1st, 1877..... 260

Average age of those who died (the oldest 85, youngest 54).....	Yrs. 72	Mths. 4
Average age of those remaining (the oldest 91, and youngest 25) .....	68	0

Average daily number of Inmates..... 265½

Expense of maintenance .....	£ 3555	s. 17	d. 5
Rate per head per annum .....	13	8	4
Rate per head per diem .....	0	0	8½

Number of rations issued to Servants during the year .....

Number of rations issued to Paupers during the year.....

1067

97,060

98,127

Produce of garden equal in value to 32,495 lbs. Potatoes.

This includes all expenses of the Establishment, no money value being placed in this report for the labour of inmates.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JNO. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

*REPORT of Chairman of Trustees of the Hobart Town Cemetery.*

THE Cemetery Trustees have still the services of 20 Invalids from the Brickfields Invalid Establishment.

The services of these men have been of great use to the Cemetery, and, as they continue under the supervision of Mr. Withrington, their conduct has on the whole been very good during the past year.

(Signed) HENRY COOK, *Chairman.*  
*January 5, 1877.*

THE following extracts are from the Visiting Book, 1876:—

Spent from half-past ten to twenty minutes past eleven in visiting and inspecting every part of the Establishment without being accompanied by the Superintendent. I found everything, as usual, in the most orderly and cleanly condition. Food supplies all good. The dry earth system in the latrines not yet in operation, but preparations being made for it. Three of the men complained that they did not get leave out according to rule. I took down their statement, but on investigation in the office I was satisfied that their complaints were unfounded. One old man, aged 81, complained that he could not get extras from the Doctor; but the Superintendent informs me that he will not take the medicine prescribed for him. Never before have I seen so few men confined to bed. Many of the men expressed their satisfaction with the treatment they receive.

*9th. February, 1876.*

(Signed) E. SWARBECK HALL, *Officer of Health.*

I HAVE visited the whole of the Establishment, and I am heartily glad to see the cleanliness and good order maintained therein, and every one so very contented and no complaints whatever.

*March 21st, 1876.*

(Signed) J. ROBERTSON, *J.P.*

I HAVE visited the whole of the Establishment: am much pleased at the good order and cleanliness maintained, and all the Inmates seem to be very contented. I must say I am both pleased and surprised with all I saw.

*August 25th, 1876.*

(Signed) LOUIS HENN.

SPENT a very pleasant hour in inspecting the different quarters, and must say I feel very much gratified with the appearance and comfort of the inmates.

(Signed) JAMES WILSON, *Victoria.*  
*25. 8. 76.*

I AM very much pleased with the cleanliness and good order observed in the management of this Establishment; the men seemed well cared for and contented.

*October 4th, 1876.*

(Signed) JOHN REMINGTON, *New Zealand.*

I AM very much pleased on inspecting the different wards and quarters, and feel great pleasure in observing the clean appearance and comfort of the men, and compact regularity evinced in matters of routine.

(Signed) LIEUT. TOFFT, *late of Bombay.*  
*22. 10. 76.*

HAVING visited this excellent Institution and accompanied Mr. Withrington in the inspection of the buildings and accommodation, I feel there appears to be a great need for new buildings, partly on account of the bad ventilation of the present ones. Every cleanliness and order seems to prevail.

*October 27th, 1876.*

(Signed) D. MURRAY, *M.H.A.*

MADE this afternoon a thorough inspection of this Establishment. Had all the men collected in their wards and heard no complaints; on the contrary, all who spoke expressed their satisfaction with the treatment of the Superintendent. Examined bedding and rations. Much pleased with the cleanliness and good order of the Establishment. Impressed with the feeling that very many out of the 253 present could and ought to be made to obtain their own daily bread.

*December 19th, 1876.*

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY, *Colonial Secretary.*

VISITED and made a thorough inspection of the whole of the Brickfields Establishment this day, and found the bedding, dormitories, and rooms in a most cleanly state and condition, and in my opinion reflecting very great credit on Mr. Withrington's management.

The Inmates, numbering 262, appear to be well cared for, rations and provisions supplied being good. I am glad to find that the Premier, Mr. Reibey, has had his attention called to the number of paupers, nearly 50, who ought not to be allowed, owing to a great scarcity of labour in the country districts, to remain in the Brickfields a burden on the tax-payers of the Colony, when they could and are capable of earning a living outside its walls. The Superintendent appears to be sensible of and alive to his duties in this respect, as he has taken the names of no less than 43 Inmates he considers should be discharged, and submitted the same to the proper authorities.

(Signed) JAMES GRAY, *M.H.A.*

*December 30th, 1876.*