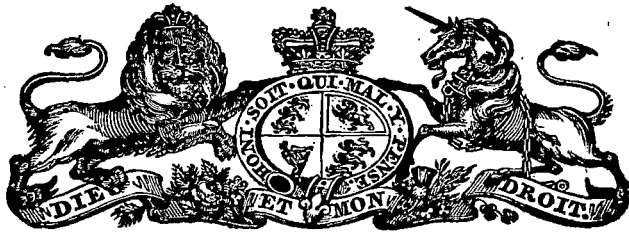


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ESTABLISHMENT AT PORT ARTHUR.

REPORT FOR 1875.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1876.



Civil Commandant's Office, Port Arthur, 12th April, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the Annual Report of this Establishment for 1875.

The following Returns from A. to H. supply in detail every information under their respective headings.

They show—1. The value of articles supplied to credit at £468 17s. 9d. 2. The number and nature of cases of misconduct tried at 19. 3. The number of prisoners at commencement of year at 135, and at termination at 86. 4. The various descriptions of employment. 5. The amount of produce raised at £866 9s. 2d. 6. The firewood and timber supplied at £636 15s. 8d. 7. The repairs to buildings, washing, &c. at £373 3s. 5d. The average number of effective prisoners at 83; paupers and invalids under detention at 32; and lunatics at 87; with death of one prisoner, four paupers, and two lunatics.

Foremost in the list of offences stands one of felonious assault, and for which the extreme penalty of the law was allowed to take its course. The offender at the time of perpetrating the crime was undergoing a sentence of 8 years' imprisonment, and was generally so well conducted that for 2 years previously he had been variously employed at the Settlement as a "billeted man," and was therefore not under such strict surveillance as the other prisoners.

Another occurrence of a distressing nature has also to be recorded, namely, the loss and consequent perishing of a lunatic in the bush. The unfortunate man was one of the gang usually employed in procuring firewood for the Insane Department; and, whilst so engaged, appears to have got out of sight of the warders in charge, and, despite the subsequent searches made, could not be traced, nor consequently recovered.

The death of the second lunatic was caused by paralysis at the age of 73; whilst the mortality of the paupers was, respectively, from old age, paralysis, kidney affection, and liver disease. The prisoner succumbed to pulmonary consumption; and, excepting always the afore-mentioned cases, there cannot be said to have been any serious sickness amongst the inmates of the several Departments of the Establishment.

The expenditure is elaborately set forth in Tables Nos. 1 and 2, and shows the cost per head of prisoners at £31 19s. 4d.; of pauper Hospital patients at £24 3s. 4d.; and of lunatics at £29 13s. 4d.

These different amounts are much in excess of those of the preceding year, owing as a sequence to a reduction in numbers, and the impracticability of effecting a *pro rata* diminution in the general outlay: a fact that becomes the more noticeable the nearer an approach is made to a final abandonment of the Peninsula.

As evidence in support of this statement, and continuing the comparison of 1874 and 1875, it will be seen that, although the total expenditure for the former year exceeded by upwards of £1500 that of the latter, yet the cost per head for prisoners was £11 12s. 4d.; for Hospital patients, £2 4s. 11d.; and for lunatics, 18s. 9d. more in 1875 than in 1874.

It is not necessary to follow the subject farther; and therefore, in concluding, it only remains for me to record my appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which the duties of the Establishment were carried out, and of the cheerful obedience in matters of discipline always accorded to me by the individual members of the staff under my control.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Value of Labour and Materials supplied to Public Departments from Port Arthur Establishment during the Year 1875.

<i>Department.</i>	<i>Description.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
		£ s. d.
Colonial Storekeeper	Leather	44 7 3
	Tinware	10 16 8
	Sale of Wool	257 1 6
	Sale of Hides, Skins, and Tallow	49 16 0
	Sale of Kerosene Tins	1 13 4
Hospital, New Norfolk	Boots, Shoes, and Timber	71 5 6
Queen's Asylum	Boots and Tinware	16 13 0
Cascades, Hobart	Boots and Valves	16 7 6
House of Correction, Hobart	Meat Block	0 5 0
Lands and Works Department....	Leaden Weights	0 12 0
	TOTAL	£468 17 9

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B.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners under Detention at Port Arthur, and their Conduct, during the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

Daily average Number of Prisoners on the Establishment during the Year 1875..... 91

<i>OFFENCES.</i>	<i>PUNISHMENTS.</i>							<i>TOTAL.</i>
	<i>Committed for trial.</i>	<i>1 year's hard labour, (in chains.)</i>	<i>3 months' hard labour.</i>	<i>Solitary confinement, 14 days and above 7.</i>	<i>Solitary confinement, 7 days and under.</i>	<i>To be confined in Separate Prison 6 mos. and under.</i>	<i>Reprimanded.</i>	
Felonious Assault	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Escaping	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Idleness.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Disobedience of Orders	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
Misconduct and other breaches of Discipline..	—	—	1	—	3	3	—	13
	1	2	1	1	3	3	8	19

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C.

RETURN showing the Labour Classes of the Prisoners on the 31st December, 1874 and 1875.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>1st Class.</i>	<i>2nd Class.</i>	<i>3rd Class.</i>	<i>4th Class, Invalids and Insane.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
31st December, 1874	73	29	17	16	135
31st December, 1875	40	27	14	5	86

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D.

RETURN showing the various descriptions of Labour at which the Prisoners have been employed during the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

Attendants on sick	Gardener	Shoemakers
Bakers	Herdsmen	Striker to blacksmith
Blacksmiths	Harness maker and repairer	Sweep
Bricklayer	Labourers, agricultural	Scavenger
Butcher	Labourers, general	Signalman
Barber	Laundrymen	Tool repairer
Bullock-driver	Lamplighter	Tailor
Carpenters	Procuring firewood	Tinman
Cooks	Servants	Writer
Carters	Shearers	Wardsmen and station cleaners
Dairymen	Sniglers	

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E.

RETURN showing the Quantity and estimated Value at Contract and other Rates of Agricultural, Dairy, and other Produce raised during the Year ending 31st December, 1875, with the Amount paid for Convict Labour by Stipendiaries and others.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Hay, lbs.	3740	105s. per ton.	8 15 4
Beef, lbs.	4184	33s. 4d. per 100 lbs.	69 14 8
Ditto, lbs.	3222	30s. ditto	48 6 7
Mutton, lbs.	6410	33s. 4d. ditto	106 16 8
Ditto, lbs.	20,290	30s. ditto	304 7 0
Pork, lbs.	609	33s. 4d. ditto	10 3 0
Ditto, lbs.	544	30s. ditto	8 3 2
Suet, lbs.	802	33s. 4d. ditto	13 7 4
Ditto, lbs.	212	30s. ditto	3 3 7
Butter, lbs.	1410	10d. per lb.	58 15 0
Milk, pints	9540	2d. per pint	79 10 0
Potatoes and other vegetables, lbs.	11,389	84s. per ton	21 7 4
Veal, lbs.	306	33s. 4d. per 100 lbs.	5 2 0
Ditto, lbs.	276	30s. ditto	4 3 8
Eggs, No.	889	1s. per dozen	3 14 1
Lamb, lbs.	960	33s. 4d. per 100 lbs.	16 0 0
Ditto, lbs.	244	30s. ditto	3 13 2
Soap, lbs.	300	5d. per lb.	6 5 0
Green Fodder, lbs.	11,200	20s. per ton	5 0 0
Sucking Pigs, No.	2	4s. each	0 8 0
Fowls, No.	19	2s. ditto	1 18 0
Leather, tanned calf skin, lbs.	14	3s. 6d. per lb.	2 9 0
Sheep skins, dressed, lbs.	250	10d. each	10 8 4
Calves (increase), No.	12	15s. ditto	9 0 0
Lambs (increase), No.	130	6s. ditto	39 0 0
Convict labour paid for by Stipendiaries . .	—	—	22 3 6
Ditto Non-Stipendiaries	—	—	4 14 9
			£866 9 2

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F.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Timber, sawn or split, Fuel, &c. procured during the Year ending 31st December, 1875, with the Value of the same at Departmental and Prison Rates.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.		
Battens, feet.....	335	6s. 6d. per 100 feet	£	s.	d.
Boards, feet.....	771	7s. 6d. ditto	1	1	9
Boards, coffin, feet.....	2003	7s. 6d. ditto	2	17	10
Joists, feet.....	128	6s. ditto	7	10	3
Quartering, feet.....	336	6s. ditto	0	7	8
Shingles, No.....	78,000	9s. per 1000	1	0	2
Posts, split, No.....	100	20s. per 100	35	2	0
Rails, split, No.....	400	ditto	1	0	0
Coffins, No.....	14	4s. each	4	0	0
Firewood for the Establishment, tons ...	2324	5s. a ton	2	16	0
			581	0	0
			£636	15	8

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G.

RETURN showing the Number and Description of all Articles of Convict Clothing and other Stores made or repaired during the Year ending 31st December, 1875, with the Value of such work at Prison Rates, the Quantity of Washing performed for the Prisoners, Repairs of Buildings, &c.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.		
Boots, men's, made, pairs.....	418	3s. 9d. per pair	£	s.	d.
Boots, boys', ditto, ditto.....	—	—	78	7	6
Boots, girls', ditto, ditto.....	36	3s. ditto	5	8	0
Shoes, men's, ditto, ditto.....	100	3s. ditto	15	0	0
Shoes, women's, ditto, ditto.....	100	3s. ditto	15	0	0
Slippers, brown leather, ditto, ditto.....	171	1s. ditto	8	11	0
Boots, men's, repaired, pairs.....	173	2s. ditto	17	6	0
Uniform Jumpers for Constables, made, No.	11	1s. 6d. ditto	0	16	6
Uniform Trowsers for Constables, ditto, ditto	7	1s. 6d. ditto	0	10	6
Flags, signal, ditto, ditto.....	2	1s. each	0	2	0
Baskets, bushel, ditto, ditto.....	50	6d. ditto	1	5	0
Shirts, flannel, ditto, ditto.....	96	1s. ditto	1	6	0
Shrouds, calico, ditto, ditto.....	7	1s. ditto	0	7	0
Slippers, cloth, ditto, ditto.....	61	8d. ditto	2	0	8
Mats, grass, ditto, ditto.....	50	9d. ditto	1	17	6
Brooms, grass, ditto, ditto.....	150	3d. ditto	1	17	6
Frocks, blanket, ditto, ditto.....	100	9d. ditto	3	15	0
Shirts, cotton, repaired, No.....	75	6d. ditto	1	17	6
Shirts, flannel, ditto, ditto.....	54	6d. ditto	1	7	0
Blankets, ditto, ditto.....	150	6d. ditto	3	15	0
Cans, tin, mess, made, No.....	12	1s. ditto	0	12	0
Dishes, tin, ditto, ditto.....	6	1s. ditto	0	6	0
Dippers, tin, ditto, ditto.....	9	9d. ditto	0	6	9
Basins, tin, wash-hand, ditto, ditto.....	4	6d. ditto	0	2	0
Kettles, tin, camp, ditto, ditto.....	6	1s. 6d. ditto	0	9	0
Kettles, tin, bush, ditto, ditto.....	15	9d. ditto	0	11	3
Plates, tin, ditto, ditto.....	452	2d. ditto	3	15	4
Pannicans, tin, ditto, ditto.....	384	1d. ditto	1	12	0
Pots, tin, tea, ditto, ditto.....	4	1s. ditto	0	4	0
Pails, tin, slop, ditto, ditto.....	24	1s. 6d. ditto	1	16	0
Urns, tin, tea, ditto, ditto.....	18	1s. 6d. ditto	1	7	0
Lamps, tin, kerosene, ditto, ditto.....	12	9d. ditto	0	9	0
Cans, mess, repaired, No.....	40	6d. ditto	1	0	0
Dishes, tin, ditto, ditto.....	75	4d. ditto	1	5	0
Dippers, tin, ditto, ditto.....	10	2d. ditto	0	1	8

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Kettles, camp, made, No.	30	6d. each	0 15 0
Kettles, bush, ditto, ditto	45	3d. ditto	0 11 3
Lamps, ditto, ditto	25	3d. ditto	0 6 3
Pots, tea, ditto, ditto	8	6d. ditto	0 4 0
Stools, night, ditto, ditto.....	35	4d. ditto	0 11 8
Sundries, ditto, ditto	—	—	1 10 0
Bridges, made, No.....	2	30s. each	3 0 0
Wheelbarrows, ditto, ditto	6	6s. ditto	1 16 0
Axes, felling, ditto, ditto.....	30	1s. 6d. ditto	2 5 0
Gates, ditto, ditto.....	8	4s. ditto	1 12 0
Horse shoes, ditto, ditto	249	3d. ditto	3 2 3
Bolts and nuts, ditto, ditto	85	2d. ditto	0 14 2
Wedges, ditto, ditto.....	110	3d. ditto	1 7 6
Chair nails, ditto, ditto	1400	½d. ditto	1 9 2
Crow bars, ditto, ditto.....	4	1s. ditto	0 4 0
Butchers' knives, ditto, ditto	3	6d. ditto	0 1 6
Shingle knives, ditto, ditto.....	4	1s. 6d. ditto	0 6 0
Semaphore arms, ditto, ditto	9	2s. ditto	0 18 0
Chaise carts, repaired, No.....	2	7s. 6d. ditto	0 15 0
Horse carts, ditto, ditto	4	10s. ditto	2 0 0
Engines, ditto, ditto	2	12s. ditto	1 4 0
Semaphores, ditto, ditto	2	12s. ditto	1 4 0
Boats, repaired, No.	3	8s. 6d. ditto	1 5 6
Horse-shoes, removed, No.....	92	3d. ditto	1 3 0
Wheelbarrows, repaired, No.....	4	2s. ditto	0 8 0
Chains, bullock, ditto, ditto	32	6d. ditto	0 16 0
Ploughs and harrows, ditto, ditto	4	2s. ditto	0 8 0
Clocks, ditto, ditto	7	—	1 0 0
Wedges, ditto, ditto.....	130	1d. each	0 10 10
Repairs to Government schooner	—	—	3 0 0
Ditto Penitentiary and Separate Prison	—	—	4 0 0
Ditto Officers' Quarters	—	—	10 0 0
Ditto Out-house, Insane Dépôt	—	—	0 10 0
Fencing, various	—	—	10 0 0
Sundries	—	—	25 0 0
Clothes washed, dozens	2080	11d. per dozen	95 6 8
Bedding {	Blankets, ditto	3s. ditto	15 0 0
	Rugs, ditto	3s. ditto	3 0 0
	Palliasses, ditto	2s. ditto	1 0 0
	Sheets, ditto	2s. ditto	0 12 0
			£373 3 5

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H.

RETURN showing the Average Number of effective Convicts, Invalids, Paupers, and Lunatics for the Year ending 31st December, 1875, the Mortality during the period, and Rate per cent.

PERIOD.	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EACH CLASS.				MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.		
	<i>Effective Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers and Invalids under Detention.</i>	<i>Lunatics.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers, Invalids under Detention, and Lunatics.</i>	TOTAL.
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1875	83	32	87	202	1 ·0120	6 ·0504	7

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COST FOR 1875.—No. 1.

RETURN showing the various Heads of Expense incurred in maintaining the PENAL, PAUPER, and LUNATIC ESTABLISHMENTS at PORT ARTHUR; the Actual Value of Agricultural and Dairy Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations; Amount paid by Stipendiaries and others for Labour, &c. supplied to them, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

HEADS OF EXPENSE.	SALARIES AND OTHER MONEY ALLOWANCES.			RATIONS, MEDICINES, STORES, STOCK, &C.							Amount of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations, also Labour, &c. supplied to Stipendiaries and others and paid for.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Salaries.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.	Rations, Medical Comforts, &c.	Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery.	Light.	Medicines.	Sheep, &c.	Transport, Rent Mt. Augustus, Bran, &c.	TOTAL.	Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations, &c.	Amount received for Labour, Timber, & other Produce.	
Cost of Supervision of Convicts, Invalids under detention, and Paupers.....	1652 4 10	47 10 2	1699 15 0	225 16 9	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	225 16 9	.. ..	.. ..	1925 11 9
Medical Branch, including Lunatics ..	872 13 0	.. ..	872 13 0	174 19 2	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	174 19 2	.. ..	.. ..	1047 12 2
Religious and Scholastic Instruction ..	320 0 0	.. ..	320 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	320 0 0
Salaries to Clerks and Storekeeper	160 16 0	.. ..	160 16 0	9 17 9	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	9 17 9	.. ..	.. ..	170 13 9
Signalman, Telegraph Department.....	80 14 6	.. ..	80 14 6	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	80 14 6
Keeper of Government Cottage and Dairy Woman	18 14 10	.. ..	18 14 10	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	18 14 10
Paid Mechanics, Turner and Tanner ..	48 8 0	.. ..	48 8 0	9 17 9	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	9 17 9	.. ..	.. ..	58 5 9
Transport per Schooner	288 17 6	.. ..	288 17 6	74 8 9	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	74 8 9	.. ..	.. ..	363 6 3
Rations to Prisoners, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics .....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1498 17 5	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1498 17 5	.. ..	.. ..	1498 17 5
Medical Comforts and Extras .....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	345 9 11	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	345 9 11	.. ..	.. ..	345 9 11
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1126 13 9	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1126 13 9	.. ..	.. ..	1126 13 9
Light .....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	85 2 11	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	85 2 11	.. ..	.. ..	85 2 11
Medicines .....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7 15 1	.. ..	.. ..	7 15 1	.. ..	.. ..	7 15 1
Miscellaneous Purchases, Sheep, &c. .	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	158 1 1	.. ..	158 1 0	.. ..	.. ..	158 1 0
Transport, Rent Mt. Augustus, Bran, &c.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	91 11 0	91 11 0	.. ..	.. ..	91 11 0
Earnings of Prisoners .....	.. ..	103 14 0	103 14 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	103 14 0
By Amount received from Stipendiaries for Produce, &c.....	3442 8 8	151 4 2	3593 12 10	2339 7 6	1126 13 9	85 2 11	7 15 1	158 1 0	91 11 0	3808 11 3	.. ..	.. ..	7402 4 1
Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	412 6 4	.. ..	.. ..
Value of Labour and Materials supplied as per List A.....	513 5 11
	468 17 9
	1394 10 0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	£6007 14 1

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COST FOR 1875.—No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Convicts under Detention, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics, with the Cost of their Maintenance for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

	Convicts, &c.	Hospital Patients.	Lunatics.	TOTAL.
Average daily Number of each Class of Inmates	83	32	87	202
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cost of Superintendence of Convicts, Invalids under detention, and Paupers	1925 11 9	.. ..	.. ..	1925 11 9
Medical Branch, including Lunatics	189 14 7	39 12 0	818 5 7	1047 12 2
Religious and Scholastic Instruction	131 9 9	50 13 10	137 16 5	320 0 0
Salaries to Clerk and Storekeeper	70 2 9	27 0 9	73 10 3	170 13 9
Telegraph Department	33 3 5	12 15 9	34 15 4	80 14 6
Allowances to Keeper of Government Cottage, and Dairy Woman.....	7 14 0	2 19 5	8 1 5	18 14 10
Wages to paid Mechanics, Turner and Tanner	23 19 0	9 4 8	25 2 1	58 5 9
Transport per schooner	149 6 1	57 11 0	156 9 2	363 6 3
Rations to Convicts, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics	695 13 7	198 17 1	604 6 9	1498 17 5
Medical comforts and extras .....	.. ..	98 0 11	247 9 0	345 9 11
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery.....	576 11 4	222 5 10	327 16 7	1126 13 9
Light	34 19 9	13 9 9	36 13 5	85 2 11
Medicines	3 3 8	1 4 7	3 6 10	7 15 1
Payments for Sheep, &c.	64 18 10	25 0 9	68 1 5	158 1 0
Transport, rent of Mount Augustus, Bran, &c..	37 12 4	14 10 1	39 8 7	91 11 0
Earnings of Prisoners	103 14 0	.. ..	.. ..	103 14 0
TOTAL	4047 14 10	773 6 5	2581 2 10	7402 4 1
Deduct payments for labour, materials, and produce supplied, &c.....	1394 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	1394 10 0
Net cost per Class	2653 4 10	773 6 5	2581 2 10	6007 14 1
Net cost per Inmate	31 19 4	24 3 4	29 13 4	

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