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REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATES DUTIES  
DEPARTMENT:

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*Real Estates Duties Office, Hobart, 6th July, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the working of the Real Estates Duties Department for the year 1882-3, with the following explanatory Returns:—

1. Return showing the total number of items and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1882; the amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May.
2. A similar Return as to the Police Rate for 1882.
3. A similar Return as to the Police Rate for 1883.
4. Return showing the number of items and amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District in the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.
5. Return showing the amount of Duty uncollected on Properties of the Rateable Value of £10 and under, and the number of such Properties in each District.

The collection of the Real Estate Duty for the year 1882 has been satisfactorily carried on; and, considering that, by 45 Vict. No. 11, Sect. 2, the due date of the Duty was altered from the 1st of August to the 1st of October, and that the collection of the Police Rates for 1882 and 1883 was carried on at the same time, the amounts remaining uncollected are as small as could be expected. A considerable amount of the uncollected Duties has been received since the 31st May, the date up to which the Returns were made.

The comparatively large amount still due for the Rural Police Rate for 1882 is caused by the cessation of the collection while Parliament had under its consideration last Session the amendment of the Act basing the collection on the Assessment Rolls prepared by the Commissioners. This delay, and the necessity of adjusting the payments in conformity with the decision of Parliament, has been the cause of great and extra labour to the Department.

The number of items due on the 31st May consists almost exclusively of small amounts, and are principally for Duty on properties of the rateable value of £10 and under, as shown by Return No. 5, the average amount due for each of such properties being 3·45s. only; whereas the average amount due for each of the remaining properties is 10·2s.

The increase in the work of the Department since 1880, consequent on the progress made in the occupation and settlement of the Crown Lands, is shown by Return No. 4. To this is to be added the increased work consequent upon the collection of the Rural Police Rate, imposed on the Department by 45 Vict. No. 19.

The cost of the collection of the Real Estate Duty and Police Rate is governed by the number of items collected, and not by the amount received; the collection, therefore, would be considerably facilitated, and the expense reduced to a minimum, if properties under, say £10, rateable value were exempted. It would also facilitate the collection if the Department had the power of demanding payment of the Duty from the owner in the first instance.

The most important and onerous portion of my work since my last Report has been the endeavour to obtain a comparative equalisation of the rateable values of the properties in the different Municipal and Police Districts, as provided for by 46 Vict. No. 11. For this purpose appeals have been lodged, under the authority of Clause 7 of the above Act, against the rateable values of those properties in each District, relative to which I had information that the rental values were considerably in excess of the rateable values as shown by the Assessment Rolls for 1883.

Appeals were lodged against properties in the Districts of Bothwell, Brighton, Clarence, Glenorchy, Green Ponds, Hobart, Hamilton, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Richmond, Sorell, Spring Bay, Campbell Town, Deloraine, Evandale, Fingal, George Town, Glamorgan, Longford, Ross, Westbury, and the City of Hobart. I personally attended to support the appeals in the Courts in these several Districts, with the exception of Clarence, Green Ponds, Deloraine, and Evandale. I was unable to attend the Courts in the above four Districts in consequence of other Courts being held on the same dates, or on dates nearly approximating thereto. The appeals in Clarence were supported by Mr. Finlay, in Green Ponds by the Solicitor-General, and in Evandale and Deloraine by Mr. Henry. This work was concluded on the 15th of June.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS BUTLER,

Commissioner.

The Hon. the Treasurer.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1882, the Amount of Duty collected, remitted, and remaining due on 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.	Amount of Duty.	Amount of Duty collected.	Amount of Exemptions and Remissions.	Amount outstanding.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
Bothwell .....	254	20,381 10 0	764 5 1	750 13 11	1 10 11	12 0 3
Brighton .....	396	12,775 0 0	479 1 3	451 18 3	2 8 9	24 14 3
Clarence .....	270	8449 10 0	316 17 1	312 18 9	0 17 3	3 1 1
Carnarvon .....	12	56 0 0	2 2 0	1 5 6	0 6 9	0 9 9
Franklin .....	1365	10,332 5 0	885 17 9	834 17 9	5 0 5	45 19 7
Glenorchy .....	395	10,470 15 0	392 12 8	340 16 11	7 10 2	44 5 7
Green Ponds .....	242	11,580 0 0	434 5 0	415 8 6	1 6 3	17 10 3
Hamilton .....	410	25,559 0 0	958 9 3	944 19 11	7 10 2	5 19 2
Hobart, City .....	4769	118,596 0 0	4447 7 0	4265 7 1	44 5 3	137 14 8
Hobart, District .....	912	22,156 10 0	830 17 4	745 7 6	6 5 3	79 4 7
Kingborough .....	653	6624 0 0	248 8 0	215 3 10	5 1 9	28 2 5
New Norfolk .....	702	14,679 0 0	550 9 3	504 11 3	13 9 3	32 8 9
Oatlands .....	669	31,920 5 0	1196 19 7	1158 19 3	14 0 3	24 0 1
Richmond .....	475	15,150 0 0	568 2 6	535 15 0	4 19 9	27 7 9
Sorell .....	460	12,497 0 0	517 3 3	442 16 3	49 16 0	24 11 0
South Longford .....	51	6728 0 0	252 6 0	242 11 9	9 14 3	—
Spring Bay .....	154	6826 0 0	255 19 6	250 11 6	2 16 3	2 11 9
	12,189	334,780 15 0	21,601 2 6	11,914 2 11	176 18 8	510 0 11
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
Campbell Town .....	431	25,413 15 0	953 0 3	912 10 8	4 10 2	35 19 5
Deloraine .....	940	29,123 0 0	1092 2 3	1000 15 3	..	91 7 0
Evandale .....	399	28,307 0 0	1061 10 3	1026 0 7	1 8 6	34 1 2
Emu Bay .....	808	16,300 0 0	611 5 0	513 8 3	1 15 3	96 1 6
Fingal .....	611	24,653 0 0	924 9 9	887 13 9	2 0 0	34 16 0
George Town .....	366	5878 10 0	220 8 10	174 11 2	3 3 9	42 13 11
Glamorgan .....	230	5970 0 0	223 17 6	218 16 3	..	5 1 3
Longford .....	760	36,693 0 0	1375 19 9	1319 11 3	3 7 0	53 1 6
Launceston .....	2386	98,583 0 0	3696 17 3	3177 0 7	24 17 10	494 18 10
Portland .....	481	9642 0 0	361 11 6	276 7 0	..	85 4 6
Port Sorell .....	2493	29,553 0 0	1108 4 9	902 12 3	..	205 12 6
Ringarooma .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross .....	142	13,583 4 0	509 7 4	504 11 1	..	4 16 3
Russell .....	312	6009 0 0	225 6 9	208 17 6	..	16 9 3
Selby .....	986	21,242 0 0	796 11 6	684 9 6	1 19 0	110 3 0
Westbury .....	1042	34,236 0 0	1283 17 0	1137 6 6	2 2 9	144 7 9
	12,887	385,186 9 0	14,444 9 8	12,944 11 7	45 4 3	1454 13 10
<i>Southern Division</i> .....	12,189	334,780 15 0	21,601 2 6	11,914 2 11	176 18 8	510 0 11
<i>Northern Division</i> .....	12,887	385,186 9 0	14,444 9 8	12,944 11 7	45 4 3	1454 13 10
	25,076	719,967 4 0	27,045 12 2	24,858 14 6	222 2 11	1964 14 9

## No. 2.

## RURAL POLICE RATE, 1882.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1882, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Omissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart .....	955	26,695 0 0	1000 18 11	739 19 7	55 3 1	205 16 3
Kingborough .....	695	7883 0 0	295 11 8	237 10 9	10 10 2	47 10 9
Franklin .....	1573	14,951 0 0	560 4 5	357 16 10	39 17 8	162 9 11
Carnarvon .....	129	1231 0 0	46 3 3	37 1 9	0 14 3	8 7 3
South Longford.....	81	8098 10 0	303 13 10	213 10 1	36 2 9	54 1 0
	3433	58,858 10 0	2206 12 1	1585 19 0	142 7 11	478 5 2
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
Emu Bay .....	939	19,533 0 0	792 9 9	564 17 3	14 0 0	153 12 6
George Town.....	911	11,626 0 0	436 4 0	247 0 3	22 10 9	166 13 0
Portland .....	840	15,133 0 0	567 9 9	353 4 6	22 7 9	191 17 6
Port Sorell .....	2512	29,787 0 0	1117 0 3	958 3 4	1 18 3	156 18 8
Russell .....	350	6,739 0 0	252 14 3	234 17 3	1 4 0	16 13 0
Selby .....	1259	28,963 0 0	1086 2 3	749 0 0	70 15 3	266 7 0
	6811	111,781 0 0	4192 0 3	3107 2 7	132 16 0	952 1 8
<i>Southern Division</i> .....	3433	58,858 10 0	2206 12 1	1585 19 0	142 7 11	478 5 2
<i>Northern Division</i> .....	6811	111,781 0 0	4192 0 3	3107 2 7	132 16 0	952 1 8
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	10,244	170,639 10 0	6398 12 4	4693 1 7	275 3 11	1430 6 10

## No. 3.

## RURAL POLICE RATE, 1883.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1883, the Amount of Police Rate collected, remitted, and remaining due on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	Number of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Errors and Remissions.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart .....	955	24,611 10 0	922 18 7	517 16 7	28 0 8	377 1 4
Kingborough .....	675	6690 0 0	249 0 3	194 5 4	6 9 0	48 5 11
Franklin .....	1458	10,909 0 0	404 15 7	251 4 1	9 18 8	143 12 10
Carnarvon .....	141	1430 0 0	53 12 6	26 15 10	0 2 3	26 14 5
South Longford.....	84	7942 8 0	274 7 11	139 4 5	20 17 2	114 6 4
	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1129 6 3	65 7 9	710 0 10
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION—</b>						
Emu Bay .....	969	18,700 0 0	701 5 0	266 3 9	..	435 1 3
George Town.....	1192	15,370 10 0	576 7 10	58 9 3	..	517 18 7
Portland .....	500	8911 0 0	334 3 3	136 7 9	..	197 15 6
Port Sorell.....	2579	30,328 0 0	1137 6 0	325 1 0	..	812 5 0
Ringarooma .....	684	16,028 5 0	601 1 2	..	..	601 1 2
Russell .....	345	6815 0 0	236 16 3	146 13 3	..	90 3 0
Selby .....	942	21,148 0 0	793 1 0	410 18 9	..	382 2 3
	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	1343 13 9	..	3036 6 9
<i>Southern Division</i> .....	3313	51,582 18 0	1904 14 10	1129 6 3	65 7 9	710 0 10
<i>Northern Division</i> .....	7211	116,800 15 0	4380 0 6	1343 13 9	..	3036 6 9
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	10,524	168,383 13 0	6284 15 4	2473 0 0	65 7 9	3746 7 7

## No. 4.

*RETURN showing the Number of Items and Amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883.*

DISTRICT.	1880.			1881.			1882.			1883.		
	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.		No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	
SOUTHERN DIVISION—												
Bothwell .....	243	£	s. d.	259	£	s. d.	254	£	s. d.	258	£	s. d.
Brighton .....	374	19,751	9 0	395	20,500	12 0	396	20,381	10 0	390	20,580	10 0
Clarence .....	233	12,209	0 0	268	12,333	0 0	270	12,775	0 0	265	13,887	0 0
Carnarvon.....	84	8613	0 0	106	8458	4 0	12	8449	10 0	56	8476	10 0
Franklin .....	1427	885	0 0	1652	258	19 0	1365	56	0 0	1458	272	0 0
Glenorchy.....	410	10,351	0 0	422	10,523	2 0	395	10,332	5 0	400	10,538	0 0
Green Ponds.....	247	10,299	0 0	255	10,399	1 0	242	10,470	15 0	242	10,954	0 0
Hamilton .....	376	12,026	0 0	421	11,479	18 0	410	11,580	0 0	424	11,588	0 0
Hobart (City) .....	4650	25,350	3 0	4714	25,294	0 0	4769	25,559	0 0	4738	26,104	0 0
Hobart District .....	925	114,681	0 0	933	116,536	10 0	912	118,596	0 0	955	120,340	0 0
Kingborough .....	613	21,416	10 0	734	22,555	16 0	653	22,156	10 0	675	24,611	10 0
New Norfolk .....	680	6201	0 0	736	6690	11 0	702	6624	0 0	739	6524	0 0
Oatlands .....	595	14,215	0 0	752	14,509	10 0	669	14,679	0 0	651	15,459	0 0
Richmond.....	421	31,557	0 0	468	31,824	0 0	475	31,920	5 0	484	31,949	0 0
Sorell .....	465	15,085	0 0	506	14,907	2 0	460	15,150	0 0	462	15,520	0 0
South Longford .....	46	12,528	0 0	51	12,512	7 0	51	12,497	0 0	51	12,825	0 0
Spring Bay .....	157	6845	0 0	165	6418	13 0	154	6728	0 0	158	6489	0 0
		6886	0 0		6836	15 0		6826	0 0		7037	0 0
NORTHERN DIVISION—												
Campbell Town .....	392	25,390	0 0	468	26,185	0 0	431	25,413	15 0	425	25,634	15 0
Deloraine .....	918	29,098	0 0	1077	28,886	0 0	940	29,123	0 0	959	29,092	0 0
Evandale .....	394	27,769	0 0	415	23,052	0 0	399	23,307	0 0	308	30,647	0 0
Emu Bay .....	666	8730	0 0	822	18,130	0 0	808	16,300	0 0	828	15,041	0 0
Fingal .....	575	24,782	0 0	662	24,124	0 0	611	24,653	0 0	600	24,857	0 0
George Town .....	945	5731	0 0	429	5723	0 0	366	5878	10 0	393	6895	10 0
Glamorgan .....	220	5905	0 0	246	6010	0 0	230	5970	0 0	235	6366	0 0
Launceston .....	2628	84,472	0 0	2777	90,165	0 0	2886	98,583	0 0	3071	109,966	0 0
Longford .....	752	36,770	0 0	780	36,905	0 0	760	36,693	0 0	970	36,615	0 0
Portland .....	312	8294	0 0	563	8746	0 0	481	9642	0 0	218	4116	0 0
Port Sorell .....	2421	28,474	0 0	2758	29,819	0 0	2493	29,553	0 0	2567	29,419	0 0
Ringarooma .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	499	10,490	10 0
Ross .....	130	13,614	0 0	143	13,588	0 0	142	13,583	4 0	142	13,823	19 0
Russell .....	320	6119	0 0	359	6129	0 0	312	6009	0 0	339	6239	0 0
Selby .....	895	20,238	0 0	1179	21,212	0 0	986	21,242	0 0	862	20,189	0 0
Westbury .....	1017	33,674	0 0	1163	34,380	0 0	1042	34,236	0 0	1038	34,283	0 0
TOTALS .....	23,931	687,909	2 0	26,678	710,092	0 0	25,076	719,967	4 0	25,860	746,829	4 0

## No. 5.

RETURN showing the Amount of Duties uncollected on Properties of the Rateable Value of £10 and under, and the Number of such Properties in each District for the year 1882, on the 31st May, 1883.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items uncollected.	Total No. of Items uncollected.	Amounts uncollected.	Total Amounts uncollected.	No. of Items under £10 Rateable Value.	Total No. of Items under £10 Rateable Value.	Amount under £10 Rateable Value.	Total Amount under £10 Rateable Value.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION—</b>								
Bothwell.....	15		12 0 3		8		2 5 4	
Brighton.....	37		24 14 3		10		3 14 6	
Clarence.....	19		3 1 1		7		1 7 4	
Carnarvon.....	4		0 16 6		4		0 16 6	
Franklin.....	196		50 0 11		160		24 7 0	
Glenorchy.....	41		44 5 7		17		4 3 1	
Green Ponds.....	9		17 10 3		4		0 10 6	
Hamilton.....	14		5 19 2		9		2 2 9	
Hobart, City.....	297		137 14 8		79		19 9 0	
Hobart, District.....	103		79 4 7		32		7 8 0	
Kingborough.....	89		28 2 5		57		8 16 3	
New Norfolk.....	54		32 8 9		28		5 18 3	
Oatlands.....	50		24 0 1		20		3 15 9	
Richmond.....	35		27 7 9		22		4 15 3	
Sorell.....	41		24 11 0		24		5 11 6	
South Longford.....	—		—		—		—	
Spring Bay.....	5		2 11 9		1		0 3 9	
		1009	...	514 9 0	...	482	...	95 4 9
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION—</b>								
Campbell Town.....	88		35 19 5		27		5 19 7	
Deloraine.....	342		91 7 0		118		23 1 3	
Evandale.....	58		34 1 2		16		3 4 6	
Emu Bay.....	352		96 1 6		158		32 13 3	
Fingal.....	231		34 16 0		69		12 13 6	
George Town.....	119		42 13 11		64		13 2 6	
Glamorgan.....	22		5 1 3		20		3 3 0	
Longford.....	124		53 1 6		35		9 9 9	
Launceston.....	931		494 18 10		98		20 5 9	
Portland.....	225		85 4 6		100		28 13 9	
Port Sorell.....	908		205 12 6		393		66 7 6	
Ringarooma.....	—		—		—		—	
Ross.....	14		4 16 3		7		0 19 10	
Selby.....	292		110 3 0		194		38 10 3	
Russell.....	85		16 9 3		36		5 4 3	
Westbury.....	254		144 7 9		134		28 6 3	
		4045	...	1454 13 10	...	1469	...	291 14 11
		5054	...	1969 2 10	...	1951	...	386 19 8

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Commissioner.*