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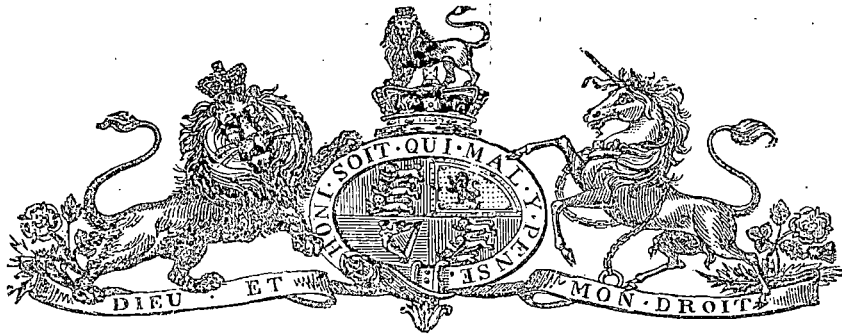
1892.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

R E P O R T.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Sheriff's Office, 30th June, 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Returns of the Gaols at Hobart and Launceston.

The number of prisoners in custody, and their distribution on 31st December last, compared with the same day of the previous year, is shown in the following tabulated Return :—

	31 December, 1890.		31 December, 1891.	
Hobart.....	125 males—17 females =	142	124 males—12 females =	136
Launceston.	24 males— 8 females =	32	21 males— 8 females =	29
	<u>149</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>145</u>
			<u>20</u>	<u>165</u>

being a decrease of 1 male and 5 females in Hobart, and 3 males in Launceston, and a total decrease of 4 males and 5 females as compared with 1890.

The total number received and discharged during 1891 was—

	Received.	Discharged.
Hobart.....	589 males—154 females = 748	590 males—164 females = 754
Launceston.	378 males—131 females = 509	381 males—131 females = 512

As compared with the previous year, there is an increase of both receipts and discharges ; the increase being—receipts, 198 men at Hobart and 13 at Launceston ; and in discharges, of 213 men at Hobart.

Since my last Report further improvements have been effected in the Gaol at Hobart. The shoemakers' and tailors' shops have been transferred to the general workshops, where, under one roof, all the trades followed in the Establishment are carried on under more perfect and economical supervision than heretofore.

The appliances for washing and drying being very imperfect, the yard formerly used as workshops has been utilised for that purpose, and by the aid of a small steam-engine the washing of the Department is more perfectly performed ; and steam-power is used for the wringing machine, the cutting of firewood, &c.

Quite recently a new industry has been started by the introduction of looms for mat-making, which has been the means of employing a number of men physically weak, who would otherwise of necessity be idle. The mats already produced have given the greatest satisfaction ; and this branch of work is likely to be of a profitable character. Mat-making is an industry extensively carried on in the larger prisons of Victoria and New South Wales.

The cleanliness and good order of the Gaols reflect credit upon the Superintendents.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Sheriff.*

The Hon. the Attorney-General.

RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1891.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1889—						
Convicted	123	17	140	20	8	28
Unconvicted	2	—	2	4	—	4
TOTAL	125	17	142	24	8	32
Received during the year	589	159	748	378	131	509
Totals, including Strength, at commencement of the year	714	176	890	402	139	541
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	30	3	33	—	1	1
By time	520	159	679	315	122	437
Absconded	—	—	—	—	—	—
Died	—	—	—	2	—	2
Executed	1	—	1	—	—	—
Unconvicted	39	2	41	64	8	72
TOTAL	590	164	754	381	131	512
Strength on 31st December, 1891, of whom were—						
} Convicted	122	12	134	19	8	27
} Unconvicted.....	2	—	2	2	—	2
TOTAL	714	176	890	402	139	541

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1891.

Number of Prisoners received.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTAL.	
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Hobart.....	11	—	514	109	95	30	94	37	714	176
Launceston	—	—	284	77	16	16	102	46	402	139

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1891.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1890.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1891.							
	Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.					
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
Offences.																								
Accessories and Abettors.....	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Offences against the person.....	35	2	4	1	47	2	28	3	82	4	32	4	51	3	30	4	31	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious injury to property.....	2	...	1	1	4	...	15	3	6	...	16	4	3	...	16	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny and similar offences.....	56	6	11	1	184	9	99	18	240	15	110	19	179	13	107	14	61	2	3	5	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to coin.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	9	...	8	5	20	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other offences.....	22	9	...	...	331	148	230	107	353	157	...	...	338	148	222	109	15	9	16	3	...	...	...	...
	125	17	24	8	589	159	378	131	714	176	402	139	590	164	381	131	124	12	21	8	...	...	...	...
Condition.																								
Natives.....	63	7	10	4	251	51	173	63	314	58	183	67	252	54	172	62	62	4	11	5	...	...	...	...
Free to Colony.....	45	2	10	3	274	20	121	30	319	22	131	33	271	18	125	33	48	4	6	...	...	...	...	...
Free by servitude.....	16	8	4	1	64	88	84	38	80	96	88	39	67	92	84	36	13	4	4	3	...	...	...	...
Ticket-of-Leave.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conditional pardon.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	125	17	24	8	589	159	378	131	714	176	402	139	590	164	381	131	124	12	21	8	...	...	...	...
Sentences.																								
Death.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life.....	6	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
20 years and above 15.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 " " 10.....	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 " " 5.....	11	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	12	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 " ".....	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 " ".....	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 " ".....	12	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	1	...	...	6	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 years and 6 months.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 years and under.....	77	15	20	7	542	157	314	131	619	172	334	133	530	161	317	130	89	11	19	8	...	...	...	...
Unconvicted.....	2	...	4	...	39	2	62	...	41	2	66	5	39	2	64	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
	125	17	24	8	589	159	378	131	714	176	402	139	590	164	381	131	124	12	21	8	...	...	...	...
Convictions.																								
First.....	48	3	7	4	275	39	156	26	323	42	163	30	266	40	152	29	57	2	11	1	...	...	...	...
Second.....	18	1	7	1	100	22	55	6	118	23	62	7	95	21	56	7	23	2	6	...	...	...	...	...
Third.....	59	13	10	3	126	47	167	99	185	60	177	102	157	54	173	95	28	6	4	7	...	...	...	...
Third and over.....	88	51	88	51	72	49	16	2
	125	17	24	8	589	159	378	131	714	176	402	139	590	164	381	131	124	12	21	8

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RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1891.

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>	<i>Launceston.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Government House Grounds	266 12 0	
Botanical Gardens	297 12 0	
Stockade, Domain	636 9 6	
Carters	79 14 3	
Grooms	79 14 3	
Tinsmiths	45 9 0	
Painters	105 7 0	
Masons, Bricklayers, and Labourers	232 15 0	4 10 0
Blacksmiths	120 3 0	2 7 6
Carpenters	375 1 0	
Tailors	260 18 6	
Shoemakers	431 0 0	31 15 0
Cooks	193 10 0	36 10 0
Wardsmen	429 6 6	36 10 0
Office of Commissioner of Police	28 10 6	
Washermen	171 17 6	85 12 5
Woodcutters	53 12 6	10 7 0
Printers and Bookbinders	70 12 0	
Gatekeepers and Watchmen	62 14 0	
Needlework	46 17 0	
Servants	25 13 0	18 5 0
Washerwomen	247 1 0	
Yardsmen and Office Cleaners	47 13 6	18 5 0
Bakers	270 0 0	
Watchmaker	4 5 0	
Nurse	3 6 0	
Writers	56 2 6	
Hospital Attendance	44 5 0	
Engine Driver	4 12 0	
Females, Yard Cleaners, &c.	33 14 0	36 10 0
Male Labourers	33 7 0	101 12 0
Hair Pickers .....	...	4 7 0
Storemen .....	...	16 0 0
Whitewashing .....	...	36 12 0
General Hospital Labourers .....	...	0 12 0
Rifle Butts ditto .....	...	0 16 0
Supreme Court ditto .....	...	0 4 0
	£4757 14 6	£440 14 11
Cash received—		
Sale of Metal	15 5 0	
Sale of Bread	3069 1 6	
Sale of Bran	353 3 6	
Washing	124 3 3	
Tailoring	78 5 6	
Shoemakers	170 15 9	
Carpenters	341 12 0	
Blacksmiths	25 5 2	
Tinsmiths	51 9 2	
Maintenance of Naval Prisoners	22 14 0	
Sale of Manure	0 15 0	
Sale of old Iron	6 1 6	
Sale of Horse	7 16 0	
Sale of Clothing	1 0 6	
Carting Pebbles	0 4 6	
Picking Hair	0 18 2	
Sale of Wheels and Brads	2 8 6	
Total Cash received	£4270 19 0	
Deduct Cost of Material	4074 16 5	
Balance	£196 2 7	

RETURN of the Costs and Earnings of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1891.

	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		COST.			EARNINGS BY WORK.				AVERAGE COST PER HEAD.	
	<i>In Confinement.</i>	<i>At Labour.</i>	<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Contingencies.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Cash Payments.</i>	<i>Value of Work performed for other Departments.</i>	<i>For ordinary Gaol purposes.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Gross.</i>	<i>Net, allowing for Cash received for work performed for other Departments, but not including work for Gaol.</i>
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart	140	119	3029 16 0	2615 19 7	5645 15 7	196 2 7	1229 4 0	3528 10 6	4953 17 1	40 6 6	30 2 11
Launceston	29·63	23·96	614 12 6	579 14 0	1194 6 6	<i>Nil.</i>	162 14 0	278 0 11	440 14 11	40 6 11½	34 16 4

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