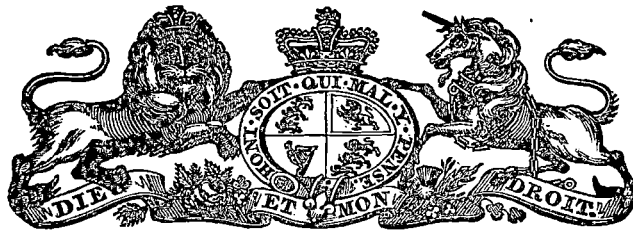


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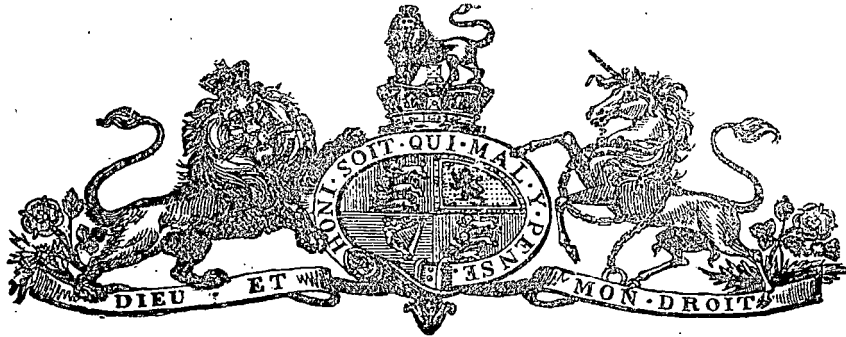
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PORT ARTHUR ESTABLISHMENT.

REPORT.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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PORT ARTHUR ESTABLISHMENT.

Hobart Town, 21st June, 1878.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit a final Report of the Port Arthur Establishment for the period of its existence during the past year.

On 1st January, 1877, there were 64 prisoners, 126 paupers, and 79 lunatics in the several divisions at the Settlement.

Five prisoners were subsequently received, and from which total number 1 died, 14 were discharged to freedom, 47 were transferred to the Gaol, Hobart Town, per steamship *Southern Cross*, on 17th April, and the remaining 7 by the schooner *Harriet*, on 17th September following.

Of the paupers 1 died, and 1 was, at his urgent request, allowed to remain for a time, whilst the others were all removed by the 19th April; as were also the lunatics, on same date, by the s.s. *Southern Cross*.

The Establishment then might be considered to be virtually closed; but before its complete abandonment it was necessary, of course, to transmit all stores, &c. to the Metropolis. This transmittal was a question of time, and it was not, therefore, until 17th September that the services of prisoners detained for that purpose could be dispensed with.

The fittings in the Penitentiary, the Model Prison, the Hospital, the Invalid Depôt, and the Asylum for Insane, were left untouched; the furniture only which they contained being forwarded to town, together with the clock from the Church and turret clock from Penitentiary.

A portion of the iron tramway was taken up, but, from instructions subsequently received, the work was discontinued and the rails left on the ground.

The live stock, comprising cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, and 2 sheep-dogs, were disposed of by auction, as also was the schooner *Harriet* and 3 boats in December last; a whale-boat, however, was left at the Settlement for police purposes under charge of a care-taker of the place.

The Expenditure is given in attached Account Current, but no apportionment of it can be shown, or particulars given in respect to further details.

I may explain, in conclusion, that this report would have been earlier supplied but for a misconception on my part as to the necessity of its production.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D., late Civil Commandant.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
