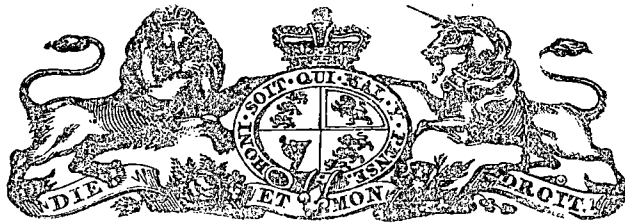


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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending the 30th June, 1881.

Office of Inspector of Police, 29th August, 1881.

SIR,

IN presenting my Annual Report for 1880 and 1881 upon the state of the Territorial Police, I have the honor to record the continued good conduct of the Force, no serious cases of misconduct having been brought under my notice during the period. Discipline has been well maintained by the Officers in charge of Districts, while care and intelligence have generally prevailed in the conduct of police duty.

The proposals for the improvement of the position of the Force, in present remuneration and prospective provision on retirement, have given great satisfaction, and if carried out must prove beneficial to the permanency and character of the service.

The number of Constables employed throughout Tasmania appears to bear a large proportion to the population. I have before pointed out that this is inevitable from the physical character of the country. The centres of population are divided by tracts of unproductive thinly inhabited land, the small scattered townships are soon provided with public-houses, and it is found necessary to comply with the local demands for police protection.

Public convenience has been consulted by the establishment of Courts of Petty Sessions in all directions, necessitating the employment of Police. The inferior offices connected with the Civil Courts are also filled by Constables. Again, in the collection of rates and timber licences, inspection of stock, and in situations as subordinate officers of customs, bailiffs of crown lands, and collection of taxes, so many are employed that no comparison can fairly be made with other places where police employment is confined to the preservation of the peace.

The increase in population during the past twenty years has not been followed by proportionate police augmentation. There are many reasons for this. Although the cessation of transportation was quickly followed by sweeping police reduction, the criminal classes remained in much more formidable numbers than now exist. Railways and the electric telegraph have rendered the detection of crime and the arrest of offenders more easy, saving the labor of pursuit, and facilitating interception. In 1858 and '9, there was one Constable to 269 inhabitants in the rural districts; now there is one to 368, although so many new stations have been established in the mining localities.

The Pieman and Macquarie Harbour District has not been proclaimed: the District Constable, however, is stationed at Macquarie. I have not yet found it necessary to appoint the additional Constable sanctioned by Parliament,—the anticipated increase of population not yet having occurred.

The strength of the Force on the 30th June was as follows:—

Chief District Constables	9
District Constables	19
Acting District Constables	6
Sergeants	1
Constables	63
Specials	3

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I append the usual Returns of Crime.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	281	157	127	213	68	221	42
1879 and 80	301	173	138	237	62	243	29
1880 and 81	287	173	135	178	21	236	25

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

HOBART.

Strength of Force 20

One Constable was allowed to resign, his conduct not being satisfactory. There were no other changes in this Force beyond the transfer of several constables to the outlying districts and the appointment of their successors.

It may here become necessary to repeat, in explanation of the number of police apparently employed on this station, that two Constables are engaged on night duty on the wharves in connection with Customs and harbour duty, two at the Powder Magazine (one for day and one for night), two employed to look after the Domain, one at Bridgewater watchhouse, one at Government House; leaving four for the suburb lying between the northern boundary of the city of Hobart and the municipality of Glenorchy. As this district contains a watchhouse, and night patrol is kept up, it will appear that for the area and population the force is small. At Sandy Bay there are three, including the District Constable; night patrol is here kept. There is also a Constable for duty at the Main Line Railway when trains arrive or start, one for the Cascade, and one for the Huon Road. I consider that this force, from the importance of the work entrusted to it, is under-manned. The frequent demands on this Force for preserving order in the Domain, on occasions when sports are going on, are supplied by bringing in Constables from the out-stations and employing the night Constables on extra duty.

The Chief District Constable is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor Bailiff of Crown Lands, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Collector of Rural Police Rates for the District of Hobart, Collector of Fees due to Training School, and Inspector under the Contagious Diseases Act. A District Constable is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court (Criminal), and performs the duties of Coroner's Clerk.

One publican was convicted of Sunday trading, and fined.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	45	39	29	27	15	69	7
1879 and 80	32	38	28	25	13	51	4
1880 and 81	26	25	21	11	5	62	7

EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

Strength of Force, Effectives 12

One Constable had resigned.

The Chief District Constable holds the offices of Tidewater of Customs, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Acting Police Clerk, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and

Measures, Collector of Police Rates, Collector of Carriage Duty. A District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Mining Registrar; two others are Tidewaiters of Customs and Registrars of the Courts of Requests. A Constable is also Tidewaiter, and two are Harbour Masters, while two are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests.

Five publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act; one case was withdrawn, and another was dismissed.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	40	28	25	26	2	51	6
1879 and 80	36	25	22	63	2	67	4
1880 and 81	44	28	28	44	2	51	3

HUON.

Strength of Force { Effectives 11
 { Special 1

One Constable had resigned, and another was appointed to succeed him.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. Both District Constables are Bailiffs of Crown Lands, and one of them is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and the other Clearing Officer of Customs. A Sergeant acts as Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Collector of Police Rates, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty, and Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

One publican was convicted of a breach of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	17	18	17	22	5	11	5
1879 and 1880	18	16	16	32	11	15	4
1880 and 1881	26	21	16	40	2	12	1

SELBY.

Strength of Force..... 11

One Constable was dismissed for drunkenness.

The Chief District Constable is a Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Collector for Charitable Institutions, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. An Acting District Constable is Postmaster at Dilston, and two Constables are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests.

No proceedings were taken against publicans under the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	17	11	11	1	1	11	—
1879 and 80	43	25	21	5	3	9	2
1880 and 81	25	18	15	5	...	13	1

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force..... 8

One Constable had resigned during the year.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Harbour Master, Collector of Rural Police Rates and Carriage Duty. A Constable acts as Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of Requests. A Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

Two publicans were proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act, and one of them was fined.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	30	10	5	5	6	5	—
1879 and 80	25	4	4	6	2	7	1
1880 and 81	24	14	8	11	6	15	5

PORT SORELL.

Strength of Force 15

Two Constables resigned during the year.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Collector of Police Rates, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duty, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Poundkeeper.

Two District Constables are Inspectors of Stock, and one of them is Bailiff and the other Registrar Court of Requests, and two Constables are Tidewaiters.

Five publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	65	26	17	124	34	57	15
1879 and 80	72	29	19	94	26	47	11
1880 and 81	77	39	29	58	5	66	6

Some local delay has occurred in building new quarters at Latrobe. If accommodation were provided for an extra Constable the demand of the residents for increased protection might be complied with.

PORTLAND.

Strength of Force 8

A District Constable resigned upon receiving the appointment of Council Clerk and Superintendent of Police at Evandale.

The Chief District Constable is Crown Bailiff, Collector of Police Rates, and Inspector of Stock. Two District Constables and an Acting District Constable are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests.

One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	37	13	11	2	—	13	3
1879 and 80	41	25	18	4	—	36	—
1880 and 81	45	18	13	6	—	12	—

It is in contemplation to divide this District into two, annexing portions of Selby and George Town. Should this be sanctioned by Parliament, the head quarters of the northern division would be Scottsdale, unless the development of the quartz reefs of Mount Cameron should, in the meantime, attract extensive settlement in that neighbourhood. New stations have been established at Ringarooma and Gladstone.

KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force { Effectives 8
 { Special 1

The Acting District Constable died during the year, and a Constable was promoted to the vacancy.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

The District Constable who was stationed at Gordon was Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Clearing Officer of Customs, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Collector of Police Rates for his portion of the district.

The Acting District Constable is Police Clerk, Collector of Rural Police Rates, Registrar Court of Requests, and Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

No proceedings were taken against publicans under the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1878 and 9	30	12	12	6	5	4	6
1879 and 80	34	11	10	8	5	11	3
1880 and 81	20	10	5	3	1	5	2

SOUTH LONGFORD.

Strength of Force 2

Of ordinary police duty in this district there is very little, the protection against sheep-stealing being the reason for the existence of this station.

TASMAN'S PENINSULA, CARNARVON.

Strength of Force 2

Provision has again been made for a Constable in addition to the District Constable; I have therefore been able to strengthen this force by the appointment of the former.

WEST COAST.

Strength of Force { Effective 1
 { Special 1

From the public attention now drawn to this locality, and the capital about to find investment there, I have no doubt that the inhabitants will increase sufficiently during the coming summer to justify further police expenditure.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1880 AND 1881.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.							ANNUAL PAY.			DAILY PAY.			
		Chief District Constables.	District Constables.	Acting District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Chief District Constables.	District Constables.	Special Constables.	Acting District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.
Hobart ^a	20*	1	4	..	..	1	14	..	£ 160	£ 105	£ ..	s. 5	..	5	5
Kingborough ^b	9	1	1	3	..	..	3	1	150	105	25	..	..	..	5
Franklin ^c	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	150	130	50	..	5	9	5
Selby ^d	11	1	2	1	..	..	7	..	150	105—109	..	5	5	9	5
George Town ^e	8	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	150	114	..	..	..	..	5
Port Sorell ^f	15	1	2	..	..	..	12	..	150	105—130	..	5	..	5	5
Emu Bay & Russell ^g	12	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	150	114—105	15	5	..	..	5
South Longford ^h	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	5
Tasman's Peninsula ⁱ	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	105	..	..	..	..	5
Portland ^j	8	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	150	114	..	5	6	..	5
Pieman River ^k	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	118	15	..	..	..	5

^a The Chief District Constable has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, four District Constables, and twelve Constables have quarters.

^b The Chief District Constable and District Constable have £25 a year forage allowance. An Acting District Constable receives £25 for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston. The Chief District Constable and one Constable have £10 a year each travelling allowance. The 2nd Class District Constable and five Constables have quarters.

^c The Chief District Constable and one District Constable receive forage allowance, the former £40 and the latter £25 per annum, and one District Constable receives £25 travelling allowance. The Sergeant receives £35 per annum for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Franklin. The District Constables, the Sergeant, and five Constables have quarters.

^d The Chief District Constable receives £25 per annum for forage, and £25 travelling allowance. One District Constable and three Constables £25 per annum forage allowance, and two Constables £10 each for travelling allowance. With the exception of the Chief District Constable, all the Force have quarters.

^e The Chief District Constable receives £30 forage, and a District Constable £25 and two Constables £10 per annum for travelling allowances, and one Constable £25 forage allowance. The Force have quarters, with the exception of one Constable.

^f The Chief District Constable receives £50 forage allowance, and the two District Constables £25 each travelling allowance. With the exception of the District Constables and three Constables, the Force have quarters.

^g The Chief District Constable receives £25 forage allowance and £25 travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, two District Constables, an Acting District Constable, and five Constables have quarters. Two District Constables have forage allowance, and another £50 travelling allowance.

^h The Chief Constable and Constable have forage allowance £25 each and quarters.

ⁱ The District Constable receives £15 travelling allowance, and the Constable £10.

^j The Chief District Constable has £50 forage allowance. One District Constable £50, another £35, and five Constables £25 each.

^k The District Constable receives £50 a year personal allowance, and £50 forage allowance.

* Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables, two employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs, and one at Government House.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*