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**POLICE MAGISTRATE AND COMMISSIONER
OF COURT OF REQUESTS, HOBART TOWN.**

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Davies, 22 August.)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Innes, and ordered by the House to be printed
27 September, 1861.



RETURN of the nature of the Duties performed by the POLICE MAGISTRATE of HOBART TOWN, and the Number of Days and Hours during which he has been employed in the discharge of those Duties during the Half-year ending the 31st July, 1861.

<i>Nature of Duties.</i>	<i>Days and Hours employed.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Police Magistrate of Hobart Town.	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, in each week.	The Judicial duty at the Hobart Town Police Office varies so much in its nature and amount, that it is impossible for me to state the precise number of hours per day occupied in the discharge of it. Occasionally the whole day is consumed, at other times the business is quickly despatched. The conduct of Official Correspondence, reporting upon Petitions for the remission of Sentences, the examination of Accounts, signing of Warrants, Summonses, &c., occupy, of course, some additional time.
Visiting Magistrate & Commissioner of Court of Requests, Kingston.	Monday in each week.	Visiting Brown's River.
Commissioner, New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane.	First Wednesday in each month.	Visiting the Institution.
Returning Officer of the Electoral Districts of Buckingham, Glenorchy, Clarence, and Queenborough.	—	It is not in my power to say how many days or hours I was engaged in discharging the duties of Returning Officer; but the preparation of the Electoral Rolls, the conduct of Elections and the attendance at Revision Courts, involve considerable responsibility and trouble, and necessarily consume time.
Enumerator under the Census Act for the District of Glenorchy and Queenborough.	—	The duties which, in this capacity I was called upon to perform during the past half-year, involved a considerable amount of labour, and compelled me to work for many nights until a late hour, in the preparation of the Population Returns.

September 24, 1861.

W. TARLETON *Police Magistrate.*

THE nature of the duties performed by the Commissioner of the Court of Requests is, to hear and determine cases of Debts, or Demands of the value of Ten Pounds; and cases of Debts or Damages exceeding Ten Pounds, and not exceeding Thirty Pounds, are tried before the Commissioner and a Jury consisting of four persons. His duty is also to issue Summonses, Subpœnas to Witnesses, Writs of Execution, to hear Motions for New Trials, &c.

The number of Summonses for Debts or Damages not exceeding Ten Pounds, from 1st January, 1861, to 31st July, 1861, is 327.

The number of Summonses for Debts or Damages not exceeding Thirty Pounds for that period, is 81.

The Commissioner has devoted, on an average, six hours of every day (Sundays excepted) to the performance of the duties of the Insolvent Court and the Court of Requests, during the above period. He is liable to be called upon every moment, when requisite, to attend to the duties of both Courts; and even while sitting in the Insolvent Court has been called upon, in cases of emergency, to sign Summonses, Writs of Execution, &c. from the Court of Requests. It is impossible to state with precision, the number of hours of those days employed in the discharge of the respective duties of the two Courts.

F. BROWNE.

Hobart Town, 3rd September, 1861.