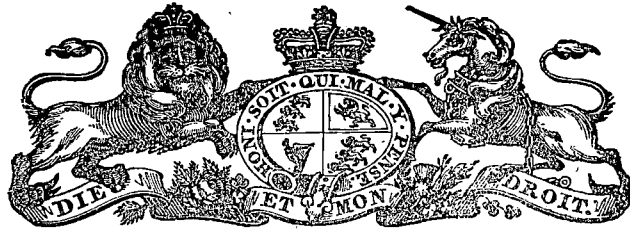


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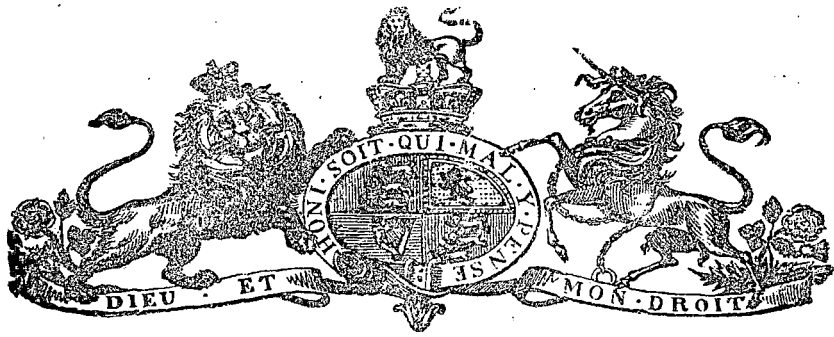
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ESTABLISHMENT AT PORT ARTHUR:

REPORT FOR 1876.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
April 24, 1877.



Civil Commandant's Office, Port Arthur, 28th February, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of this Establishment for 1876.

Epitomising the several following Returns, as lettered, it will be seen that A. gives the value of materials supplied at £234 13s. 4d.; B. the daily average number of prisoners at 67, with a statement of offences committed by them; C. the labour classes of prisoners; D. the various description of labour at which employed; E. the quantity and estimated value of produce raised, and amount paid by Stipendiaries for labour at £1138 4s. 4d.; F. the quantity and value of timber and firewood supplied at £407 0s. 2d.; G. the number of articles of convict clothing made and repaired, with amount of washing and repairs to buildings at £322 10s. 2d.; and H. the average number of effective prisoners, as before stated, at 67, of paupers at 70, and of lunatics at 83, with the mortality at 10.

At commencement of the year, 83 prisoners, 20 paupers, and 85 lunatics form the strength of the Establishment. Of the first, 13 were discharged to freedom, 20 to the gaol, Hobart Town, and 14 were received therefrom, leaving 64 at end of the year: of the second, an addition was made to the numbers of 134, from which 34 were discharged and 7 died, leaving 113; and of the third, 2 were discharged, 3 died, and 1 was lost in the bush, leaving 79.

The deaths in every instance occurred in weakened constitutions from a complication of disorders, such as rheumatism accompanied by heart disease and organic changes in the lungs, the liver, the kidneys, with brain and other affections: considering, however, that the average age of the deceased was 71½ years, it can be no matter of surprise that the several ailments found time and opportunity eventually to destroy life.

With the lost man it is to be regretted the case was far different. In strong bodily health, and 61 years of age, he managed to escape from the Under-keeper in charge of the wood gang, and although a search was immediately instituted, and continued for several days, no trace whatever could be discovered of the unfortunate imbecile.

Returns Nos. 1 and 2 elucidate the expenditure under respective headings, and show the cost per head of prisoners at £29 8s. 6½d., of paupers at £22 17s. 2d., of hospital patients at £23 3s., and of lunatics at £29 2s. 7d.

These sums indicate a decrease on preceding year of £2 10s. 9½d. for prisoners, £1 3s. for hospital patients, and 10s. 9d. for lunatics, a result attributable to the influx of invalids sent from the Brickfields and Cascades in July last.

To conclude, it is only necessary to add, that the routine duties of the Establishment were regularly and satisfactorily performed by the several officials, and that the inmates collectively, both free and bond, were respectful and well behaved.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Value of Materials supplied to Public Departments during the Year 1876.

<i>Department.</i>	<i>Description.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Colonial Storekeeper	Wool, 3542 lbs., at 9d. lb.....	£ 132 16 6
	Hides & Skins, (various).....	96 12 2
	Kerosene Tins, 314, at 4d. each	5 4 8
	TOTAL	234 13 4

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B.

RETURN showing the Average No. of Prisoners under Detention at Port Arthur, and their Conduct, during the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

Daily average Number of Prisoners on the Establishment during the Year 1876 67

<i>OFFENCES.</i>	<i>PUNISHMENT.</i>					<i>TOTAL.</i>
	<i>Solitary confinement, 14 days and above 7.</i>	<i>Solitary confinement, 7 days and under.</i>	<i>To be confined in Separate Prison during Governor's pleasure.</i>	<i>To be confined in Separate Prison 1 month and under.</i>	<i>Reprimanded.</i>	
Larceny under value of £5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Inisolence .....	..	2	..	..	..	2
Idleness .....	..	1	..	..	..	1
Disobedience of Orders.....	1	1
Misconduct and other breaches of Discipline	1	1	1	1	2	6
	2	4	1	1	3	11

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C.

RETURN showing the Labour Classes of the Prisoners on the 31st December, 1875 and 1876.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>1st Class.</i>	<i>2nd Class.</i>	<i>3rd Class.</i>	<i>4th Class.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
31st December, 1875	40	27	14	5	86
31st December, 1876	30	20	14	Nil.	64

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D.

RETURN showing the various descriptions of Labour at which the Prisoners have been employed during the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

Attendants on sick	Herdsmen	Shingler
Bakers	Harness maker and repairer	Shoemakers
Barber	Labourers, agricultural	Scayanger and sweep
Bullock-driver	Labourers, general	Signalman
Cooks	Laundryman	Tinman
Carters	Lamplighter	Writer
Dairymen	Procuring firewood	Wardsman & station cleaners.
Gardeners	Servants	

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E.

RETURN showing the Quantity and estimated Value at Contract and other Rates of Agricultural, Dairy, and other Produce raised during the Year ending 31st December, 1876, with the Amount paid for Labour by Stipendiaries, &c.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Hay, lbs.....	17,920	105s. per ton	42 0 0
Beef, lbs.....	8284	30s. per 100 lbs.	124 5 3
Ditto.....	6085	33s. 4d. ditto	101 8 4
Mutton, lbs.....	12,484	30s. ditto	187 5 3
Ditto.....	22,683	33s. 4d. ditto	378 1 0
Pork, lbs.....	915	30s. ditto	13 14 6
Ditto.....	479	33s. 4d.	7 19 8
Veal, lbs.....	400	30s. ditto	6 0 0
Ditto.....	758	33s. 4d. ditto	12 12 8
Lamb, lbs.....	250	30s. ditto	3 15 0
Ditto.....	129	33s. 4d. ditto	2 3 0
Suet, lbs.....	600	30s. ditto	9 0 0
Ditto.....	786	33s. 4d. ditto	13 2 0
Butter, lbs.....	1779	10d. per lb.	74 2 6
Milk, pints.....	9687	2d. per pint	80 14 6
Eggs, No.....	1056	1s. per doz.	4 8 0
Fowls, No.....	2	2s. each	0 4 0
Potatoes and other vegetables, lbs.....	1365	5s. per cwt.	3 0 11
Labour paid for by Stipendiaries, &c.....	..	..	18 15 0
By sale of materials.....	0 14 9
Calves, No.....	12	15s. each	9 0 0
Lambs, No.....	153	6s. each	45 18 0
			£1138 4 4

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F.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Timber, sawn or split, Fuel, &c. procured during the Year ending 31st December, 1876, with the Value of the same at Departmental and Prison Rates.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Boards, coffin, feet.....	1100	7s. 6d. per 100 feet	4 2 6
Shingles, No.....	43,300	9s. per 1000	19 9 8
Posts, split, No.....	255	20s. per 100	2 11 0
Rails, split, No.....	290	Ditto	2 18 0
Firewood for Establishment, tons.....	1623	5s. per ton	405 15 0
Coffins, No.....	11	4s. each	2 4 0
			£437 0 2

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RETURN showing the Number and Description of all Articles of Convict Clothing and other Stores made or repaired during the Year ending 31st December, 1876, with the Value of such Work at Prison Rates, the Quantity of Washing performed for the Prisoners, Repairs to Buildings, &c.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
Boots, men's, made, pairs	524	3s. 9d. per pair	£ 98 5 0
Slippers, brown leather, ditto, ditto	104	1s. ditto	5 4 0
Boots, men's, repaired, ditto	67	2s. ditto	6 14 0
Shirts, flannel, made, No.	175	1s. each	8 15 0
Drawers, ditto, ditto	39	1s. ditto	1 19 0
Frocks, blanket, ditto, ditto	25	9d. ditto	0 18 9
Flags, signal, ditto, ditto	7	1s. ditto	0 7 0
Shrouds, calico, ditto, ditto	8	ditto	0 8 0
Slippers, cloth, ditto, pairs	60	8d. ditto	2 0 0
Baskets, bushel, ditto, No.	48	6d. ditto	1 4 0
Mats, grass, ditto, ditto	193	9d. ditto	7 4 9
Brooms, grass, ditto, ditto	120	3d. ditto	1 10 0
Shirts, cotton, repaired, ditto	312	6d. ditto	7 16 0
Shirts, flannel, ditto, ditto	312	6d. ditto	7 16 0
Cans, tin, mess, made, ditto	50	1s. ditto	2 10 0
Dippers, tin, mess, ditto, ditto	6	9d. ditto	0 4 6
Basins, tin, wash-hand, ditto, ditto	11	6d. ditto	0 5 6
Kettles, tin, bush, ditto, ditto	21	9d. ditto	0 15 9
Plates, tin, mess, ditto, ditto	50	2d. ditto	0 8 4
Pannicans, tin, mess, ditto, ditto	270	1d. ditto	1 2 6
Water-cans, tin, ditto, ditto	12	1s. 6d. ditto	0 18 0
Pots, tin, tea, ditto, ditto	1	1s. ditto	0 1 0
Lamp, tin, kerosene, ditto, ditto	1	9d. ditto	0 0 9
Oil feeder, tin, ditto, ditto	1	9d. ditto	0 0 9
Meat, tin, ditto, ditto	1	1s. ditto	0 1 0
Milk skimmer, tin, ditto, ditto	1	6d. each	0 0 6
Soup strainer, tin, ditto, ditto	3	1s. ditto	0 3 0
Water vessels, tin, ditto, ditto	10	9d. ditto	0 7 6
Molasses can, tin, ditto, ditto	1	3d. ditto	0 0 3
Cans, mess, tin, repaired, ditto	100	6d. ditto	2 10 0
Dishes, tin, ditto, ditto	100	4d. ditto	1 13 4
Dippers, tin, ditto, ditto	6	2d. ditto	0 1 0
Kettles, camp, tin, ditto, ditto	10	6d. ditto	0 5 0
Kettles, bush, tin, ditto, ditto	30	3d. ditto	0 7 6
Lamps, tin, ditto, ditto	15	3d. ditto	0 3 9
Pots, tea, tin, ditto, ditto	4	3d. ditto	0 1 0
Stools, night, tin, ditto, ditto	14	4d. ditto	0 4 8
Sundries, tin, ditto, ditto .....	..	..	1 10 0
Bridges, made, No.	10	30s. each	15 0 0
Wheelbarrows, ditto, ditto	1	6s. ditto	0 6 0
Horse-shoes, ditto, ditto	90	3d. ditto	1 2 6
Wedges, ditto, ditto	44	3d. ditto	0 11 0
Crow-bars, ditto, ditto	2	1s. ditto	0 2 0
Bridges, repaired, ditto	10	..	11 8 0
Fencing, (various) .....	..	..	6 0 0
Chaise carts, repaired, No.	2	10s. each	1 0 0
Semaphores, ditto, ditto	3	12s. ditto	1 16 0
Boats, ditto, ditto	2	8s. ditto	0 16 0
Horse-shoes removed, ditto	175	3d. ditto	2 3 9
Wheelbarrows, repaired, ditto	3	2s. ditto	0 6 0
Chains, bullock, ditto, ditto	8	6d. ditto	0 4 0
Oakum, picked, lbs.	100	3d. per lb.	1 5 0
Wedges, repaired, No.	124	1d. each	0 10 4
Repairs, &c., Government schooner .....	..	..	3 0 0
Shingling various Public Buildings .....	..	..	9 0 0
Shingling various officers' quarters .....	..	..	9 0 0
Sundries .....	..	..	15 0 0
Clothes washed, dozens	1542	11d. per doz.	70 13 6
Bedding {	Blankets, dozen	3s. ditto	6 0 0
	Rugs, ditto	ditto	2 5 0
	Palliasses, ditto	2s. ditto	0 16 0
	Sheets, ditto	ditto	0 8 0
			£322 10 2

J. COVERDALE, Civil Commandant.

RETURN showing the Average Number of effective Convicts, Paupers, and Lunatics, for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, the Mortality during the period, and Rate per cent.

PERIOD.	AVERAGE NO. OF EACH CLASS.				MORTALITY.		
	<i>Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers.</i>	<i>Lunatics.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers and Lunatics.</i>	TOTAL.
1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1876 ...	67	70	83	220	—	7 & 3 ·0645	10 ·0454

J. COVERDALE, *Civil Commandant.*

No. 1.

RETURN showing the various Heads of Expense incurred in maintaining the PENAL, PAUPER, and LUNATIC ESTABLISHMENTS at PORT ARTHUR; the Actual Value of Agricultural and Dairy Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations; Amount paid by Stipendiaries and others for Labour, &c. supplied to them, for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

HEADS OF EXPENSE.	SALARIES AND OTHER MONEY ALLOWANCES.			RATIONS, MEDICINES, STORES, STOCK, &c.							Amount of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations, also Labour supplied to Stipendiaries and others, paid for.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Salaries.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.	Rations, Medical Comforts, and Extras.	Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery.	Light.	Medicines.	Paid for Sheep, &c.	Transport, Bran, Rent of Mt. Augustus, &c.	TOTAL.	Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations.	Amount received for Labour, Skins, & other Produce.	
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Cost of Supervision of Convicts	1395 2 0	..	1395 2 0	214 7 0	214 7 0	1609 9 0
Ditto Paupers	87 0 1	..	87 0 1	28 6 6	28 6 6	115 6 7
Medical Branch, including Lunatics ..	882 3 0	..	882 3 0	179 16 9	..	..	..	..	..	179 16 9	..	..	1061 19 9
Religious and Scholastic Instruction ..	325 0 0	..	325 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	325 0 0
Salaries to Clerk and Storekeeper	150 0 0	..	150 0 0	20 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	20 0 0	..	..	170 0 0
Signalmen, Telegraph Department	87 10 6	..	87 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87 10 6
Pay to Paupers	43 5 0	..	43 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43 5 0
Keeper Government Cottage and Dairy Woman	19 6 2	..	19 6 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19 6 2
Mechanic (Blacksmith)	2 2 0	..	2 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 2 0
Transport per Schooner	286 12 6	..	286 12 6	23 5 4	..	..	..	..	..	93 5 4	..	..	379 17 10
Rations to Prisoners, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics .....	..	..	..	1684 18 4	..	..	..	..	..	1684 18 4	..	..	1684 18 4
Medical Comforts and Extras .....	..	..	..	151 3 8	..	..	..	..	..	151 3 8	..	..	151 3 8
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery ..	..	..	..	..	842 5 7	..	..	..	..	842 5 7	..	..	842 5 7
Light .....	..	..	..	..	..	102 16 0	..	..	..	102 16 0	..	..	102 16 0
Medicines and Surgical Instruments ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 6 2	..	..	10 6 2	..	..	10 6 2
Miscellaneous Cash Purchases .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	610 14 3	..	610 14 3	..	..	610 14 3
Transport, Rent Mt. Augustus, Bran, &c. Convict Earnings .....	..	70 7 0	70 7 0	..	..	..	..	..	57 1 11	57 1 11	..	..	57 1 11
TOTALS	3278 1 3	70 7 0	3348 8 3	2371 17 7	842 5 7	102 16 0	10 6 2	610 14 3	57 1 11	3959 5 2	..	..	7348 9 9
Cr.													
By Amount received from Stipendiaries for Produce sold, &c. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	453 13 11	..	..
Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	684 10 5	..	..
Value of Labour and Materials supplied to Public Departments, as per List A.	234 13 4	..
TOTAL COST	1372 17 8
													£5970 12 1

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RETURN showing the Number of Convicts under Detention, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics, with the Cost of their Maintenance, from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.

	Convicts.	Paupers.	Hospital Patients.	Lunatics.	TOTALS.
Average daily Number of each Class of Inmates	63	49	25	83	220
Cost of Superintendence of Convicts under detention	£ 1609 9 0	£	£	£	£ 1609 9 0
Cost of Superintendence of Paupers....	.. ..	115 6 7	.. ..	.. ..	115 6 7
Medical Branch, including Lunatics ...	77 6 4	60 2 8	30 13 7	893 17 2	1061 19 9
Religious and Scholastic instruction	93 1 4	72 7 9	36 18 8	122 12 3	325 0 0
Salaries to Clerk and Storekeeper.....	48 13 8	37 17 3	19 6 4	64 2 9	170 0 0
Telegraph Department	25 1 4	19 9 11	9 18 11	33 0 4	87 10 6
Pay to Paupers employed in replacing effective Labour .....	.. ..	43 5 0	.. ..	.. ..	43 5 0
Allowance to Keeper Government Cottage and Dairy Woman	5 10 7	4 6 0	2 3 11	7 5 8	19 6 2
Allowance to Mechanic (Blacksmith) ..	0 11 6	0 9 0	0 4 6	0 17 0	2 2 0
Transport per Schooner	108 15 9	84 12 3	43 3 5	143 6 5	379 17 10
Rations for Prisoners, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics	582 10 0	375 5 6	191 9 4	535 13 6	1684 18 4
Medical comforts and extras .....	.. ..	.. ..	60 7 4	90 16 4	151 3 8
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	327 4 0	187 12 0	95 14 3	231 15 4	842 5 7
Light	29 8 9	22 17 11	11 13 8	38 15 8	102 16 0
Medicines and surgical instruments	2 19 1	2 5 11	1 3 5	3 17 9	10 6 2
Cash payments for sheep	223 17 9	87 0 11	69 7 6	230 8 1	610 14 3
Transport, bran, rent of Mount Augustus, &c.	16 7 0	12 14 4	6 9 9	21 10 10	57 1 11
Convict earnings.....	70 7 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	70 7 0
TOTAL	3221 3 1	1125 13 0	578 14 7	2417 19 1	7343 9 9
Deduct payments for labour, materials, and produce supplied	1367 4 8	5 13 0	.. ..	.. ..	1372 17 8
Net Cost per Class	1853 18 5	1120 0 0	578 14 7	2417 19 1	5970 12 1
Net Cost per Inmate	29 8 6½	22 17 2	23 3 0	29 2 7½	

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