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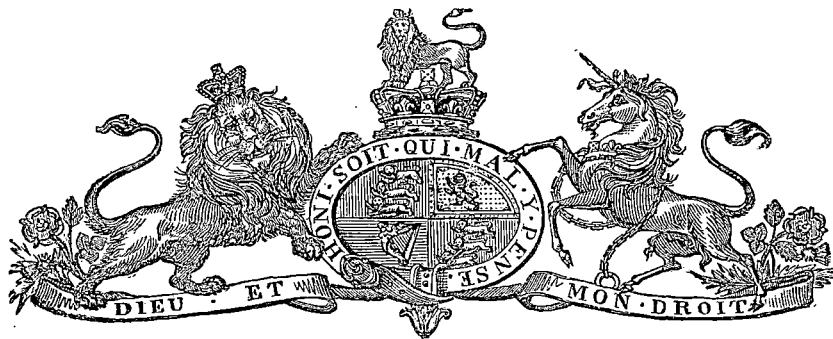
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P E N S I O N E R S.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Field, 23 August.)

Presented by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,
26 August, 1859.



*Staff Officer of Pensioners' Office,
Hobart Town, 26th August, 1859*

SIR,

I HEREWITH beg to forward the Returns requested in your letter of the 22nd instant, in preparing which, I may mention, the whole of the time of my Clerk has been occupied up to the present moment, and that at a time when the duties of my office, which you are aware are supposed to be of an exclusively Imperial character, are unusually pressing, consequent on my having taken over the Northern District, and from other causes.

I trust, however, that now the Returns have been prepared they will prove to be such as were sought for.

I beg to call attention to the fact that, although no less than 1620 souls appear by the Returns to have been introduced into the Colony under the arrangement entered into between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the then Secretary at War, the "pauperism" that has arisen therefrom is of so trivial a nature as to be scarcely worthy of notice.

I cannot conclude without stating my conviction that the introduction of the Enrolled Pensioners and their families into the Colony must ever be looked upon in the light of a boon, rather than as a source of regret and complaint.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FRED. B. RUSSELL, *Major and Staff Officer of Pensioners,
commg. the Pensioners Force in Tasmania.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

P.S.—I must not omit to add that the Pensioners Establishment disburses in this Colony between £8000 and £10,000 per annum, which probably is not generally known.

F. B. R.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Number of Enrolled Pensioners who have arrived in Tasmania, with the Dates of their Arrival, the Number of Women and Children, the Number of Men who have died and those who have left the Colony, together with a List of Women and Children who have thereby become a Burthen on the Public or on private Benevolence, so far as is known to the Staff Officer.

| <i>Number of Ships.</i> | <i>Name of Ship.</i> | <i>Number of Pensioners by each Ship.</i> | <i>Date of Arrival.</i> | <i>Number of Women.</i> | <i>Number of Children.</i> | <i>Men who have died.</i> | <i>Men who have left the Colony.</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Eliza | 72 | 15th April, 1850 | 54 | 77 | 9 | 19 |
| 2 | Blenheim 1 | 30 | 31st July, 1850 | 23 | 38 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 | Maria Somes | 30 | 16th August, 1850 | 21 | 41 | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | Nile | 30 | 15th October, 1850 | 22 | 36 | 9 | 1 |
| 5 | William Jardine | 30 | 21st November, 1850 | 27 | 51 | 4 | 1 |
| 6 | Rodney 1 | 30 | 10th December, 1850 | 24 | 39 | 8 | 3 |
| 7 | Hydrabad | 30 | 21st December, 1850 | 23 | 40 | 1 | 9 |
| 8 | London | 30 | 28th March, 1851 | 24 | 41 | 6 | 5 |
| 9 | Lady Kennaway | 30 | 6th June, 1851 | 26 | 51 | 8 | 5 |
| 10 | Cornwall | 30 | 20th June, 1851 | 27 | 36 | 6 | 8 |
| 11 | Blenheim 2 | 30 | 15th November, 1851 | 28 | 30 | 6 | 5 |
| 12 | Rodney 2 | 29 | 31st December, 1851 | 28 | 39 | 6 | 8 |
| 13 | Aboukir | 30 | 30th March, 1852 | 22 | 24 | 2 | 15 |
| 14 | Fairlie | 30 | 12th July, 1852 | 26 | 44 | 2 | 9 |
| 15 | Pestongee Bomangee .. | 30 | 6th August, 1852 | 24 | 33 | 6 | 6 |
| 16 | Lord Dalhousie | 30 | 21st August, 1852 | 24 | 41 | 3 | 4 |
| 17 | Bangalore | 2 | 7th January, 1851 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | From Western Australia | 3 | 22nd May, 1856 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| | | 526 | | 427 | 667 | *91 | †103 |

* The majority of these men died on their land after being located, in which case their Widows and Children continued in occupation, the Grant Deed going to the proper heir-at-law.

† Of this class the majority left after completing their 7 years, selling their allotments, and taking their families with them. Some were single men who received no land.

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No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children (belonging to Pensioners) who are at present a Burthen on the Public, or a Tax on the private Benevolence of Individuals.

| <i>Number of Women and Children.</i> | <i>Place and Name.</i> | <i>Remarks.</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| | H. M. COLONIAL HOSPITAL. | |
| 1 | Wife of Patrick Williams | } This man lately sold his allotment at Westbury, and is supposed to have left the Colony. |
| 1 | Infant child of Patrick Williams | |
| | QUEEN'S ORPHAN SCHOOL. | |
| 2 | Children belonging to the late Pensioner William Rhodes | } These 4 men died in the Colony. |
| 3 | Ditto John Crine | |
| 2 | Ditto John Conroy | |
| 4 | Ditto James Walker | |
| 3 | Ditto — Barry | } This Pensioner died on his passage out. Remark as above under the head of Colonial Hospital. |
| 2 | Ditto Patrick Williams | |
| | PRIVATE BENEVOLENCE. | |
| 1 | Child belonging to Pensioner James Bale. | This man sold his land at Evandale lately, and deserted his child, leaving it in the hands of some person not known to the Staff Officer at that place. An application is about to be made to the Secretary of State for War, to cause his Pension to be stopped for its maintenance. |

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No. 3.

RETURN showing the Distribution in the various Districts of the Enrolled Pensioners who arrived in Tasmania as Guards over Convicts, the Number of those who have complied with the Government Conditions and have obtained Grants of their Allotments, and those who have complied but have not yet received them.

| STATION. | Number of Pensioners located. | Number who have complied with the Conditions, and have received Grant Deeds. | Number who have complied, but not yet received Grant Deeds. | REMARKS. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Hobart Town..... | .. | .. | .. | There are several of these Convict Guard Pensioners in Public Service, not yet located, at this place. |
| Pontville | 23 | 23 | | |
| Kempton | 19 | 16 | 3 | |
| Oatlands..... | 33 | 29 | 4 | |
| Jerusalem | 26 | 26 | | Ditto. |
| Richmond | 8 | 8 | | |
| Clarence Plains | 2 | 2 | | |
| Port Arthur | .. | .. | .. | |
| Three-Hut Point | 9 | 7 | 2 | |
| Huon River | 9 | 8 | 1 | |
| Port Cygnet | 72 | 49 | 23 | |
| Spring Bay | 3 | 1 | 2 | |
| New Norfolk..... | 1 | .. | 1 | |
| Launceston..... | .. | .. | .. | |
| Westbury | 150 | 136 | 14 | Ditto. N.B.—With exception of Westbury and Port Cygnet, the land furnished for the Enrolled Pensioners is of the most inferior quality. |
| Longford | 26 | 19 | 7 | |
| Campbell Town..... | 20 | 17 | 3 | |
| Evandale | 3 | 3 | | |
| Perth | 8 | 6 | 2 | |
| Avoca..... | 5 | 5 | | |
| Fingal | 6 | 5 | 1 | |
| Rocky Hills | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 426 | 363 | 63 | |

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