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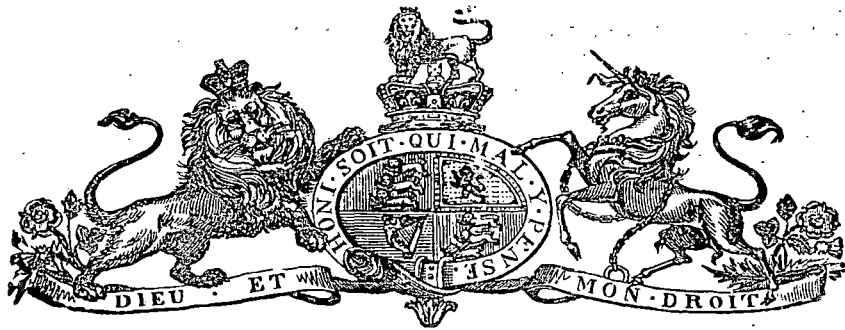
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**PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON :**

**REPORT FOR 1879.**

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## PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON.

*Penal Establishment, Launceston, 22nd March, 1880.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report and Returns for this Establishment for the year 1879.

No. 1.—Return of Receipts and Expenditure, showing net cost of Prisoners, Invalids, and Children in the Establishment to be £20 6s. 11d.

No. 2.—Return of the number of Women and Children received and discharged.

No. 3.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males.

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No. 14.—Return showing the number of Male Prisoners, convicted at Inferior Courts, in the House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1879.

*Officers.*—The Officers have performed their duties in an efficient manner. Two Constables and one Female Warder resigned during the year.

*Prisoners.*—On the 1st January there were 90 in the Establishment: 815 were received during the year,—making a total of 905, as against 810 for the year 1878. The daily number of Inmates was 109·167 as against 118·24 for previous year. The number tried at Superior Courts during the year (*See Return No. 12*) was 40. 31 were convicted, and 2 were found to be insane. One under committal for manslaughter was transferred to Hobart Town for trial.

The number arraigned during 1878 was 26: convicted, 19.

*Escapes.*—Two. One from the Invalid Depôt, the other from the Corporation Quarry. The former was arrested by the Officers of this Establishment, and the other by the Westbury Police.

*Prisoners transferred.*—Eighteen of those convicted at Superior Courts were transferred to Hobart Town, and the two found “insane” to the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk.

*Prisoners' Conduct.*—Their conduct has been satisfactory. Two cases were tried for escaping, and 29 for breaches of discipline during the year.

*Health of Prisoners.*—The health of the Inmates has been good. 195 cases were treated by the Medical Officer. 7 deaths occurred; viz., 1 Male Prisoner, aged 78 years; 1 Female Prisoner, aged 56 years; 3 Female Invalids, average age of 71; and 2 Infant Children, aged respectively 26 days and 3 days.

The sanitary condition of the whole of the Establishment is good.

I beg to call your attention to the necessity of appointing another Constable for the Establishment, as the duties to be discharged by the present Staff are too severe. Several of the Officers have to perform thirteen hours' duty daily, and one Officer fourteen hours.

*Visitors.*—I append Extracts from the Visiting Justices' and Visitors' Minute Books.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Sheriff.

A. JONES, Superintendent.

No. 1.

*RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.*

Daily Average—Colonial, 65·189 males, 43·043 females; Imperial, 0·934 males, females, nil.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries—			Labour to Officers .....	6	9 0
Officers .....	1289	16 10	Work performed for private persons .....	24	4 3
Contingencies—			Ditto washing ditto .....	13	19 8
Provisions .....	849	13 8	Ditto General Hospital .....	30	11 4
Stores, bedding, clothing, and stationery .....	331	4 1	Ditto, Invalid Depôt .....	44	12 0
Fuel and light.....	341	13 2	Receipts on account of maintenance of		
Unforeseen expenses .....	5	15 0	female paupers .....	49	8 4
Water .....	30	0 0	By sale of pigs and vegetables .....	57	11 10
Medical attendance and medicine .....	36	10 0	Labour supplied to Launceston Corporation		
Conveyance of Stores .....	16	6 9	Quarry.....	185	16 0
			Ditto Police Station .....	38	6 0
			Ditto Public Buildings .....	9	16 0
			Ditto Volunteer Department.....	17	14 0
			Ditto General Hospital .....	32	4 0
			Ditto Invalid Depôt .....	41	2 0
			Ditto Telegraph Department .....	2	2 0
			Ditto Customs Department .....	2	15 0
			Ditto Launceston Swamp .....	97	18 0
			Ditto Court House .....	7	2 0
			Ditto Powder Magazine.....	10	8 0
			Ditto carting stores, &c. ....	1	18 0
				673	17 5
			Net Cost .....	2227	2 1
			TOTAL .....	£2900	19 6

Average cost per head on gross expenditure £26 10 0½ Average cost per head on net expenditure ... £20 6 11

No. 2.

*RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1879.*

	PRISONERS.	INVALIDS.	CHILDREN.
Strength on the 1st January, 1879.....	28	18	1
Receipts .....	273	19	13
Discharges .....	267	23	10
Died .....	1	3	1
Strength 31st December, 1879.....	33	11	3

No. 3.

*RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1879.*

Strength on the 1st January, 1879.....	24
Receipts .....	211
Discharges .....	218
Died .....	Nil
Strength on the 31st December, 1879.....	17

## No. 4.

*RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1879.*

Strength on the 1st January, 1879.....	42
Receipts .....	318
Discharges.....	300
Died.....	1
Strength on the 31st December, 1879.....	59

## No. 5.

*RETURN of Prisoners remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1879, showing their respective Sentences.*

	Strength 1st January.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.
Remanded .....	2	173	175
Committed.....	6	38	44
24 hours.....	..	20	20
48 hours.....	2	80	82
3 days.....	..	4	4
4 days.....	..	..	..
5 days.....	..	26	26
6 days.....	..	4	4
7 days.....	..	46	46
10 days.....	..	8	8
14 days.....	3	51	54
21 days.....	..	5	5
1 month.....	9	137	146
6 weeks.....	..	3	3
2 months.....	6	32	38
3 months.....	27	100	127
4 months.....	2	13	15
5 months.....	..	..	..
6 months.....	13	38	51
8 months.....	..	2	2
9 months.....	2	2	4
12 months.....	7	11	18
18 months.....	1	1	2
2 years.....	6	5	11
3 years.....	2	1	3
4 years.....	..	6	6
5 years.....	..	2	2
6 years.....	..	..	..
7 years.....	1	1	2
8 years.....	..	2	2
10 years.....	..	..	..
15 years.....	..	1	1
Default in Bail.....	..	1	1
Children.....	1	11	12
Invalids.....	18	15	33
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>947</b>

## No. 6.

*RETURN showing the Number and Average Age of Women who died at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year ending the 31st December, 1879.*

	Prisoners.	Invalids.
Number of Deaths during the Year.....	1	3
Average Age .....	56	71

## No. 7.

*RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year ending 31st December, 1879, at the Male House of Correction, Launceston.*

Number of Deaths during the Year.....	1
Average Age .....	78

## No. 8.

*RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1879.*

	£	s.	d.
129 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	54	16	6
50 Pairs Women's Shoes made, at 6s. per pair .....	15	0	0
36 Pairs Invalid Depôt Shoes made, at 6s. per pair .....	10	16	0
186 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair .....	46	10	0
56 Pairs Women's Shoes repaired, at 3s. per pair .....	8	8	0
9 Pairs Children's Boots repaired, at 2s. per pair .....	0	18	0
119 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	29	15	0
	<u>£166</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Total number of Boots and Shoes made .....	215		
Total number of Boots and Shoes repaired.....	370		
TOTAL .....	585		

## No. 9.

*RETURN showing the Value of Needlework and Washing performed by Female Prisoners in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1879.*

	£	s.	d.
Gaol Washing .....	5	16	1
Female House of Correction Washing .....	46	15	2
Female Invalids and Children Washing.....	32	6	2
Male House of Correction Washing.....	34	10	0
Invalid Depôt Washing.....	44	12	0
General Hospital Washing.....	30	11	4
Private Washing .....	13	19	8
Needlework (new articles).....	10	16	0
Needlework (repairs).....	2	9	8
TOTAL.....	£221	16	1

## No. 10.

*RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised in Grounds of Penal Establishment during the Year ending 31st December, 1879.*

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.			AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Potatoes .....	14 tons	4	10	0	63	0	0
Hay.....	3 ditto	4	0	0	12	0	0
Straw .....	4 ditto	2	10	0	10	0	0
Carrots .....	4 ditto	1	5	0	5	0	0
Oats .....	60 bushels	0	2	3	6	15	0
Parsnips .....	3 tons	1	10	0	4	10	0
Onions and Leeks .....	3 ditto	8	0	0	24	0	0
Linseed .....	60 lbs.	0	0	2	0	10	0
Mangolds .....	3 tons	1	5	0	3	15	0
Green fodder.....	3 ditto	0	15	0	2	5	0
					<u>£131</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>



## No. 13.

*RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Superior Courts, in the House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1879; showing Condition, Age, Sentence, &c.*

OFFENCE.	CONDITION.				AGE.					SENTENCE.					First Conviction.	Second Conviction.	Third Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Read nor Write.
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	10 to 15 Years.	25 to 30 Years.	45 to 55 Years.	55 to 65 Years.	TOTAL.	6 Months.	1 Year.	2 Years.	3 Years.	7 Years.						
Stealing .....	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	
Housebreaking.....	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Burglary .....	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Assault with intent .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Forgery.....	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Forgery and uttering .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Uttering .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
Embezzlement .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	
TOTALS .....	...	4	4	8	...	1	4	3	8	...	2	4	1	1	8	5	3	6	...	

## No. 14.

*RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Inferior Courts, in the Male House of Correction, Launceston, the 31st December, 1879; showing Condition, Age, Sentence, &c.*

OFFENCE.	CONDITION.				AGE.					SENTENCE.								1st Conviction.	2nd Conviction.	3rd Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Read nor Write.				
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	15 to 25 Years.	25 to 35 Years.	35 to 45 Years.	45 to 55 Years.	55 to 65 Years.	65 to 75 Years.	TOTAL.	7 Days.	14 Days.	1 Month.	2 Months.	3 Months.	4 Months.							6 Months.	9 Months.	12 Months.	18 Months.
Assault.....	3	...	1	4	3	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	4	...	...
Larceny .....	4	2	12	18	2	3	...	8	5	18	...	...	2	1	4	1	4	1	4	1	16	11	...	7	3	11	4
Disturbing the peace .....	1	1	1	3	...	1	1	...	1	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	1	2	...
Idle and disorderly.....	2	2	15	19	1	2	2	7	5	19	...	...	6	1	9	...	3	...	...	...	19	6	2	11	6	4	9
Drunk and incapable.....	1	...	2	3	...	...	1	1	1	3	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	1	...	2	1
Indecent behaviour .....	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	2	...
Default in bail .....	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...
Obtaining money by false pretences .....	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...
TOTALS .....	12	7	32	51	6	8	4	17	13	51	2	1	12	3	16	1	9	1	5	1	51	27	3	21	18	19	14

*EXTRACTS from Visiting Justices' Minute Book for 1879.*

WE have visited the whole of the Establishment, and found it in its usual state of perfect cleanliness and good order, and no complaints from the inmates.

February 24th, 1879.

(Signed) J. J. HUDSON, J.P.  
HY. BENNETT, J.P.

THE above remarks equally apply to our visit this day.

March 26th, 1879.

(Signed) J. J. HUDSON, J.P.  
HY. BENNETT, J.P.

WE have this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and beg to record our entire satisfaction with the perfect order and cleanliness and supervision pervading it.

April 15th, 1879.

WM. MASON, J.P.  
A. M. MILLIGAN.

I HAVE this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and with pleasure reiterate my former statement as regards the perfect order and cleanliness prevailing in the Establishment.

May 13th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, J.P.

WE have this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and again have great pleasure in testifying to the great order and cleanliness pervading the Establishment, and heard no complaints from the inmates.

June 3rd, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN.  
WM. MASON, J.P.

I HAVE this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and beg to remark that the oftener I visit the Establishment the more am I impressed with the order and cleanliness pervading; also with the care in which the Superintendent conducts it.

July 1st, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, J.P.

THIS Establishment is conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and reflects much credit on the Superintendent, Mr. Jones.

July 1st, 1879.

(Signed) C. O'REILLY, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

I HAVE this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and with pleasure state my satisfaction at the cleanliness and perfect order and condition of the same.

August 6th, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.

I HAVE to-day inspected this Establishment, and am extremely well pleased. The inmates appear to be well satisfied with Mr. Jones's efforts to make them as comfortable as possible consistent with their position; and some of the pauper invalids spoke in terms of gratitude of his care and attention to their wants. The appearance of the whole place reflects credit upon its Superintendent.

August 23rd, 1879.

(Signed) JOHN STOKELL DODDS, *Attorney-General.*

WE have this day visited the whole of the Establishment, and again have the same pleasure in testifying to the great order and cleanliness always prevailing in this Establishment.

August 26th, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.  
WM. MASON, J.P.

WE have this day visited the whole of this Establishment, and again have the same pleasure in testifying to the extreme cleanliness and order pervading the Establishment. We have heard no complaint from any of the inmates.

September 16th, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.  
WM. MASON, J.P.

VISITED and examined thoroughly every part of the Gaol and Pauper Establishments. Found all in perfect order. Mr. Jones deserves every praise for his attention to the extreme cleanliness and good order of the Gaol. I heard no complaints from prisoners or paupers.

September 18th, 1879.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY, *Colonial Secretary.*

WE have this day visited the whole of this Establishment, and again have very great pleasure in testifying to the great cleanliness and care perceptible in the whole of the Establishment. No complaints from any of the inmates.

September 30th, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.  
WM. MASON, J.P.

WE have this day visited the whole of this Establishment, and again repeat our pleasure in testifying to the great care, cleanliness, and order prevailing here. Each time we visit this establishment increases our high opinion of Mr. Jones's ability as Superintendent, and his great zeal in his capacity.

October 14th, 1879.

(Signed) A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.  
WM. MASON, J.P.

WE have again visited this Establishment, and again endorse our oft-repeated opinion as regards the great care evinced in the care and superintendence of Mr. Jones in this Establishment; and the more we visit the more pleasure we have in recording this opinion.

October 24th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, J.P.  
A. M. MILLIGAN, J.P.



VISITED the Gaol and Male House of Correction this day, and have been strongly impressed by the discipline, order, and perfect cleanliness and indications of good and judicious management prevailing throughout the Establishment.

November 3rd, 1879.

(Signed) JOHN WHITEFOORD, *Recorder.*

WE have again visited the whole of this Establishment, and again record our testimony to the efficient manner in which it is conducted.

November 5th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, *J.P.*  
A. M. MILLIGAN, *J.P.*  
W. G. MADDOX, *J.P.*

WE have this day visited the whole of this Establishment, and find the same order and regularity and care prevailing in the Establishment during Mr. Jones's absence (in George Town) as when he was here; and testify to Mr. Miller's care as Acting-Superintendent.

November 20th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, *J.P.*  
A. M. MILLIGAN, *J.P.*

WE again repeat, with the same pleasure, that in visiting the whole of this Establishment to-day we again find the same order and care prevailing as before; and testify to Mr. Miller's careful supervision during Mr. Jones's absence.

November 24th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, *J.P.*  
A. M. MILLIGAN, *J.P.*

I HAVE in my inspection of this prison to-day (without previous notice) been pleased to observe that everything appears in the same excellent order in which I have ever found it; and much credit is due to Mr. Miller, in Mr. Jones's absence, and to Mrs. Penman in her department.

November 27th, 1879.

(Signed) FRED. A. WELD, *Governor of Tasmania.*

MY inspection of this Establishment to-day with His Excellency the Governor confirms the good impression made on the occasion of my first official visit. The appearance of the whole place is highly creditable to the officers; and it is extremely to be regretted that Mr. Jones's illness continues.

November 27th, 1879.

(Signed) J. S. DODDS.

I HAVE this day visited the whole of this Establishment, including the Invalid Depôt, and again testify to the great care and supervision exercised by Mr. Jones in the management of both Establishments; and also to the great courtesy and civility evinced by him at each visit.

December 9th, 1879.

(Signed) WM. MASON, *J.P.*

WE have again visited the whole of this Establishment, and have again the same great pleasure in testifying to the care exercised by Mr. Jones in his supervision of the Establishment.

January 7th, 1880.

(Signed) WM. MASON, *J.P.*  
A. M. MILLIGAN, *J.P.*

I HAVE visited the Establishment in company with the above Justices, and am extremely pleased with the care and cleanliness shown in every department.

January 7th, 1880.

(Signed) D. LAWRENCE, *M.D., Melbourne.*

The Sheriff visited the Establishment ten times during the year 1879.

*EXTRACTS from Visitors' Minute Book for 1879.*

VISITED the whole of H.M. Gaol, and feel highly pleased with general appearance.

January 17th, 1879.

(Signed) JAS. PHILLIPS, *J.P.*  
WM. WEST, *Melbourne.*

HIGHLY pleased with general state of Gaol.

March 4th, 1879.

(Signed) J. H. BULY, *Sydney.*  
A. MACKENZIE, *Sydney.*  
M. H. MANLEY *Melbourne.*

WE found everything in good order and very clean.

(Signed) SAML. J. SCOTT, *Hobart Town.*  
GEO. KINNAS, *Kilmore, Victoria.*  
FRANK KINNAS, *Kilmore, Victoria.*  
LAURENCE COHEN, *Melbourne.*  
W. H. FLEMINGTON, *U.S. America.*  
F. HERMER, *U.S. America.*  
JESSIE FAVERS, *Queensland.*

*March 12th, 1879.*

VISITED the Gaol: were treated with great courtesy by Mr. Miller and Mrs. Penman. Found every place scrupulously clean, organisation and discipline in first class order.

(Signed) D. T. PLAYER, *Victoria.*  
HORACE COPELAND, *Columbus, U.S. America.*  
JOHN GILMORE, *Melbourne.*  
C. J. LEE, *U.S. America.*  
ARTHUR W. EYRE, *Sydney.*  
JAMES. L. MACBETH, *Scotland.*

*April 30th, 1879.*

VISITED the Gaol, in company with Mr. E. Young, and we were strongly impressed with the excellent state thereof: the cleanliness and discipline seemed perfect.

(Signed) F. W. MITCHELL, *J.P., Hobart Town.*  
P. E. MATCHEN, *Victoria.*  
JOHN DANIELL, *New Zealand.*  
W. C. GUNN, *Scotland.*

*October 9th, 1879.*

VISITED the Building. All very clean: treated very kind by Officers.

(Signed) CHAS. H. TOUNAN, *Sydney.*  
JOSEPH STONE, *Melbourne.*  
A. WOLFE, *Clunes, Victoria.*  
SIMON ELLIOT, *Clunes, Victoria.*  
CHAS. TUKES, *Warrnambool, Victoria.*

*November 1st, 1879.*

VISITED the Buildings, accompanied by Mr. Miller. Strongly impressed with the excellent state of the Institution.

(Signed) L. MATTHEWS, *Adelaide, S.A.*  
L. G. MADLEY, *Adelaide, S.A.*  
MRS. MADLEY, *Adelaide, S.A.*

*December 16th, 1879.*

VISITED the Buildings, accompanied by the Superintendent. Very much pleased by the evident good management of the Establishment.

*December 19th, 1879.* (Signed) F. G. PLEYSEN, *Adelaide, S.A.*

MUCH pleased with the appearance, and, so far as a casual visitor can determine, the evident discipline and care exercised in respect of the Inmates. I am also much indebted to the courtesy of the officials.

*December 31st, 1879.* (Signed) JOHN FAIRHELY, *Maryboro', Victoria.*

I QUITE endorse the above.

*December 31st, 1879.* (Signed) L. JOHNSON, *Bordy, Sydney.*