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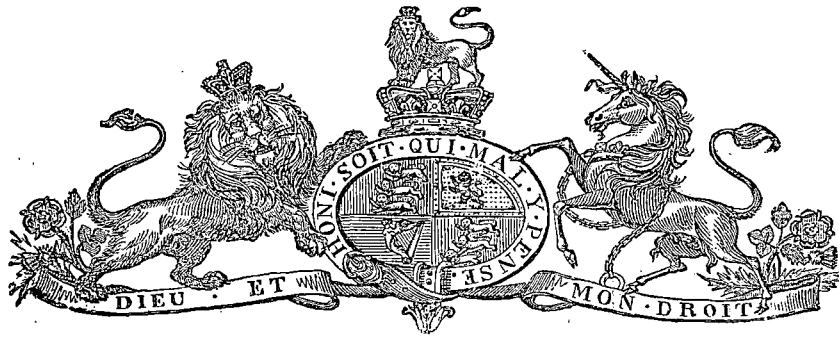
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**IMMIGRATION AGENTS' REPORT**

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1859.

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



*Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 14th July, 1859.*

SIR.

I HAVE the honor to submit for the information of the Board of Immigration the Half-yearly Report of this Department, with Tabular Returns appended.

2. During the Half-year ending 30th June, 1859, ten female Emigrants were landed in this Colony on Bounty Tickets issued by special authority, subsequent to the suspension, on the 31st March, 1857, of the Bounty Regulations of 1st July, 1856; of which number three arrived *via* Melbourne, having availed themselves of the rescission (by *Gazette* Notice of 22nd November, 1858) of the conditions contained in the Regulations of March and July, 1856, prohibiting their introduction by way of the Australian Colonies.

3. In consequence of the extension to the 31st December, 1859, of the period to which Bounty Tickets may be presented for payment, there are at present, under the Regulations of 1856, 43 family and 148 single Tickets outstanding and available for the introduction of Emigrants, which would otherwise have been out of date.

4. Seventy-two family and 518 single Tickets have been issued during the half-year under the Regulations of 21st December, 1858, including 24 family and 300 single Tickets to the St. Andrew's Immigration Society, Launceston.

Of those Tickets issued to the public generally, the greater portion will be applied to the introduction of relatives and friends, who, so far as may be judged from the statements of the applicants, will form a useful class of Emigrants.

5. With regard to the demand for labour in Tasmania, I have made the necessary enquiries from employers of every class, and find that, with the exception of some trades of a peculiar nature, ready employment can be obtained by a reasonable number of good and steady workmen.

The Immigration Agent for Launceston in his Report for the half-year states:—

"There appears to be a pretty general demand for labour. I do not know at this time of any unemployed Immigrants with the exception of Book-keepers, Merchant's Clerks, and Shopmen; of this class there are many out of employment. The rates of wages of families vary considerably; some with children are hired at £50 a year with rations, others obtain £65 and £70. One of my sons recently hired a family (Scotch Immigrants), husband, wife, and children, (eldest child 9 years old) at £65 and rations for all. Single ploughmen, £40 a year; or by the week, 16s. and 20s."

The demand for Female Domestic Servants has been increasing for some time back, and is at present great and urgent. Mr. Sams informs me that the rate of wages on the Northern side is as follows:—housemaids £25 to £30, cooks £30 to £35, and nursemaids £20 to £25; and the rate of wages on this side of the Island is very nearly, if not quite, as high.

6. From Returns furnished by the Collectors of Customs at Hobart Town and Launceston, I find that the number of departures during the half-year exceeds that of the arrivals by 428; but from personal observation I am persuaded that this number falls short of the reality, —many persons being in the habit of taking their passages when vessels are on the point of sailing, and after the lists have been furnished to the Customs.

7. I have continued to visit vessels leaving this Port as regularly as my Office duties would permit, and have, by doing so, deterred considerable numbers from leaving who were on board for that purpose. The amount collected from Emigrants taking their departure is considerable, which may be attributed in some degree to the fact that a large number of Bounty Emigrants, and the whole of those who arrived under the Indenture System, have completed their engagements with the Government.

8. The statements of the conditions of the several Bounty Systems will be found among the Returns appended hereto.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

*The Hon. the President,  
Board of Immigration.*

No. 1.

RETURN of Emigrants introduced, and Bounty certified, under the Bounty Regulations of 1st July, 1856, during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1859.

PORT OF ARRIVAL.	NO. OF TICKETS CERTIFIED.			BOUNTY FOR EMIGRANTS INTRODUCED.														TOTAL BOUNTY.	SOULS ARRIVED.		BIRTHS DURING VOYAGE.	DEATHS DURING VOYAGE.			
				Married.		Single.		Total Adults.	Rate.	Bounty.	Children 3 and under 12.			Rate.	Bounty.	Children under 3.			Rate.	Bounty.			£ s. d.	M.	F.
	Family Tickets.	Man & Wife Tickets.	Single Tickets.	M.	F.	M.	F.	£	£	M.	F.	T.	£ s.	£ s.	M.	F.	T.	£	£	£ s. d.	M.	F.			
Regulations 1st July, 1856.																									
Ordinary Bounty Tickets—																							Nil.	Nil.	
Hobart Town .....	1	—	5	—	2	—	3	5	16	80	—	2	2	8	0	16	0	—	—	—	96	0	0	—	7
Hobart Town * .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	14	14	—	2	2	7	0	14	0	—	—	—	28	0	0	—	3
Total .....	2	—	5	—	3	—	3	6	—	94	—	4	4	—	30	0	—	—	—	124	0	0	—	10	

Total Bounty .....	£	s.	d.	
	124	0	0	
Less Deposits on Bounty Tickets—Family 2, Single 5 .....	45	0	0	Statute Adults.
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Expenditure .....	79	0	0	

\* This difference in the Rate of Bounty is owing to the Applicant having introduced the Emigrants via Melbourne, and merely claimed the Cost of their Passage to that Port per *Florence Nightingale*; the expense of transmission thence to Hobart Town having been defrayed by himself.

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## No. 2.

*NATIVE Countries and Religions of EMIGRANTS arrived during Half-year ending 30th June, 1859.*

	<i>Married.</i>		<i>Single.</i>		<i>Children.</i>		<i>Total Souls.</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
England .....	..	1	..	..	..	2	3
Scotland .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland .....	..	2	..	3	..	2	7
Other Countries .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	..	3	..	3	..	4	10
Protestants .....	..	2	..	..	..	2	4
Roman Catholics .....	..	1	..	3	..	2	6
Other Religions .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	..	3	..	3	..	4	10

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

## No. 3.

*CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM under the Regulations of the 1st March, 1856, up to 30th June, 1859.*

	<b>ON DEPOSIT.</b>		<b>BLANK TICKETS.</b>	
	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>
Issued .....	540	1198	26	500
Less certified for payment, or acted on .....	426	861	6	149
Cancelled .....	74	205	—	—
Overdue* .....	—	—	—	—
<b>Outstanding .....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>351</b>

\* The period for payment of the Tickets under these Regulations was extended by *Gazette Notice* of 22nd November, 1858, till the end of 1859; there are, consequently, none overdue.

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## No. 4.

*CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM under the Regulations of the 1st July, 1856, up to the 30th June, 1859.*

	ON DEPOSIT.			BLANK TICKETS.	
	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Man &amp; Wife Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>
Issued .....	95	11	187	6	150
Less certified for payment, or acted on .....	71	6	120	6	129
Cancelled .....	21	5	51	—	—
Overdue* .....	—	—	—	—	—
Outstanding .....	3	—	16	—	21

\* The period for payment of the Tickets under these Regulations was extended by *Gazette Notice* of the 22nd November, 1858, till the end of 1859; there are, consequently, none overdue.

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## No. 5.

*OCCUPATIONS of FEMALE EMIGRANTS introduced during Half-year ending 30th June, 1859.*

General Servants .....	2
Laundress .....	1
Housemaid .....	1
Nurserymaids .....	2
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## No. 6.

*RETURN of BOUNTY TICKETS issued under Bounty Regulations of 21st December, 1858, and Amount of Deposit received, during Half-year ending 30th June, 1859.*

	FAMILY TICKETS.	SINGLE TICKETS.		AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT RECEIVED.
		<i>For Males.</i>	<i>For Females.</i>	
<b>HOBART TOWN.</b>				
General Issue .....	17	42	77	£ s. d. 1060 0 0
<b>LAUNCESTON.</b>				
General Issue .....	31	35	64	1135 0 0
To St. Andrew's Immigration Society	24	100	200	*2360 0 0
<b>TOTAL† .....</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>4555 0 0</b>

\* Paid by two Promissory Notes of £1180 each, at eight and eleven months respectively, and signed by the eight Members of the Executive Committee; dated 12th January, 1859.

† The liability of the Board of Immigration on account of the above issues, exclusive of the amount of deposits, (calculating, from former averages, the cost of each family to be about £37,) may be roughly estimated at £7477.

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*