

RETURN OF LANDS GRANTED

County or District.	Number of Grants under 100 Acres.		Number of Grants above 100, not exceeding 500 Acres.		Grants exceeding 500 Acres.	
	Number of Grants.	Number of Acres.	Number of Grants.	Number of Acres.	Number of Grants	No. of acres. Extent of Grant.
Dalbot	1196	36901	58	9778	"	"
Dalhousie	438	9745	90	14539	"	"
Normanby	367	6023	12	1869	"	"
Unnamed	1641	20506	87	13517	"	"
Highesbury	20	289	29	6375	7	40444
Greenville	229	2978	12	2916	1	502
Evelyn	35	1559	20	4402	2	1280
Ripon	109	4728	20	2938	"	"
Mornington	71	2568	50	10564	1	592
Bourke	1051	16768	213	42889	3	1749
Hampden	119	2052	47	12387	5	2992
Villiers	431	7132	74	15267	10	5996
Anglesy	70	816	3	409	"	"
Dundas	144	2117	5	665	"	"
Polworth	170	3346	"	"	"	"
Grant	749	30910	334	59823	20	11840
Preemptives	6	173	45	13666	75	48200
	6846	148611	1099	212004	124	76955

Treasury Melbourne.
21st Aug. 1856.

Duplicate.

AND SOLD DURING THE YEAR 1855.

Total Number of Grants, 1855.	Total Number of Acres granted, 1855.	Whether by Grant or Purchase.	Where sold, state the Average Price per Acre.	State the Total Number of Acres granted in the Colony.	State the Total Number of Acres sold.	State the Total Number of Acres that remain ungranted.
1254	46679		£. s. d. 1. 14. 3			
528	24284		2. 10. 8			
379	7892		2. 13. 2			
1728	34023		2. 2. 1			
56	10708		1. 7. 0			
242	6396		2. 6. 10			
57	7241		2. 6. 6			
129	7666		2. 1. 7			
122	13704		1. 6. 6			
1267	61406		2. 6. 9			
171	17431		1. 6. 9			
575	28175		1. 18. 8			
73	1225		1. 10. 4			
149	2782		1. 18. 2			
170	3346		2. 0. 7			
1103	102573		1. 10. 11			
126	62039		1. 0. 9			
8069	437570					

For the Treasurer.
W. H. Hull

RETURN of the GAOLS and HOUSES of CORRECTION, and of the Number

NAME OF THE PRISON, AND WHERE SITUATED.	1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Cells.	2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing, where more than one Prisoner sleeps in one Cell.	3. Number of Prisoners							
			Felons.							
			Tried.				Untried.			
			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Central Gaol, Melbourne in the City of Melbourne	82.	155.	77.	4.	3.	"	7.	"	"	"
TOTALS	82	155.	77.	4.	3.	"	7.	"	"	"

of PRISONERS confined therein for the Year ending 31st December 1855.

in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855.												4. Total Number of Prisoners in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855.				5. Greatest Number of Prisoners in Confinement at any one time in the Year.			
Misdemeanors.						Debtors.						Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
Tried.			Untried.			Whites.			Blacks or Colored Persons.			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
37.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	"	126.	4.	"	"	213.	4.	3.	"
37.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	"	126.	4.	"	"	213.	4.	3.	"

Edward Davis
Secretary

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. General Description of the Prison; whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or otherwise? (To be accompanied by a Ground Plan of the Buildings, &c.)

Public Gaol, Prison and House of Correction, — also a place where Male offenders under sentence to work on the Roads, may be detained and kept to Hard Labour

2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendence; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other Authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.)

Under the jurisdiction and superintendence of the Sheriff and the Visiting Justice; no measures are taken for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other Authorities but under the Act of Council 16 Victoria No 37 any Justice of the Peace may visit the Prison, and the Local Magistrate occasionally do so.

3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively?

A Governor, 1 Station, 1 Visiting Justice 2 Clerks and 1 Medical Officer appointed by His Excellency the Governor; 2 Senior Turnkeys, 1 Overseer of Labour, 12 Ordinary Turnkeys and 1 Executioner appointed by the Sheriff; the Governor, the Station, and 4 of the Senior Turnkeys, reside in the Prison there are 2 Turnkeys continually on duty at night, there are no female prisoners, confined in this Gaol except those employed in the performance of domestic services for the Governor's family.

4. Number of Classes, Divisions or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

There are four Classes of Prisoners, 1. Those awaiting trial and under sentence of imprisonment with labor, and those confined for non-payment of fine or for default of Bail. 2. Those sentenced to Hard Labour. 3. Those sentenced to the Road of the Colony and 4. Debtors; — There are four airing yards, appropriated as follows, viz. No 1 to Classes 1 & 2 and 4. No 2 to Class 3. No 3 to Class No 4; There are neither Wards, Day Rooms, nor workrooms. The present building can be extended and increased.

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below ground?

Forty two Double Cells, thirty six single Cells and three Dark Cells, there are no Cells underground.

Claude Parry
Sheriff

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head for the different descriptions of Prisoners? And under what system and control the Food, Medicine, and Clothing for the Prisoners is contracted for, or otherwise provided?

Scale	Bread	Meat	Hay	Salt	Milk	Sugar	Vegetables	Soap	Weekly cost per head
5.	60	200	200	20	"	20	20	20	7/8 3/4
3	54	4 3/4	5 3/4	3 1/2	"	"	3 1/2	1 3/4	4/11 1/2
Solitary	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2/10 1/2

The food, medicine and Clothing are contracted for by the Government annually, the food is supplied by the contractor daily on the Requisition of the Governor of the Gaol, the Medicine on the Requisition of the Medical Officer, and the Clothing quarterly on Requisition if required. The whole is subject to rejection if not according to Contract.

7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?

Any prisoner under sentence of 6 Months and upwards is supplied with a suit of Prison Clothing at a cost of 25/-, all other prisoners, including vagrants are supplied with Clothing as it may be required; all prisoners are supplied with one pair of Blankets at £1. and 1 Rug at 5/-

8. Hours of Labor and Exercise?

In summer from 6. A.M. to 6 P.M. and in Winter from 7. A.M. to 4 P.M.

9. Description of Employment, and Hard Labor?

The Prisoners sentenced to Hard Labour are employed at Stone Breaking, cleansing the Gaol and other necessary work.

10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or the Fund for the Maintenance of the Prison?

There are no earnings from the Labour of the Prisoners; those sentenced to Hard Labor break stones for the Corporation for making the Streets of the City.

11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed: if not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect?

The Classification directed cannot be strictly observed in consequence of the construction of the Gaol and the limited number of yards, no measures have been taken to remedy this defect. The subject however, has been frequently brought under the notice of the Government, and the foundations of extensive additions have been laid which when completed will afford all the accommodation required.

12. Are convicted Prisoners prohibited from receiving Visits or Letters, or any articles of Food or Clothing from their Relatives or Friends: if not, under what restrictions?

The relations and friends of convicted prisoners may visit them under such restrictions as may be considered necessary for the security of the prison, once a quarter, they may send and receive one letter in the course of each quarter of a year, but these letters must be inspected by the Governor of the Gaol; those of them sentenced to Hard Labour are prohibited from receiving articles of food or clothing from their relatives or friends, but Prisoners under sentence of imprisonment may receive articles of food or clothing, but the same must be inspected by the Senior Turnkey on duty.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?

No Chapel or suitable place of worship. Divine Service is performed in the Gaol Corridor and the prisoners cannot be separated during the service.

14. What Duties are performed by the Chaplain? What provision is made for the Instruction of the Prisoners; and are they supplied with Bibles and other suitable Books?

The Church of England Chaplain performs Divine Service at the Gaol once on each Sunday; the Clergyman of the Church of Rome once on each Sunday, the Wesleyan Minister attends for the same purpose on Wednesday and the Presbyterian Minister Friday in each Week; there is no provision made for the instruction of the Prisoners, but they are supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, and other Works of moral tendency selected by the Clergy together with religious Tracts are occasionally distributed.

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?

They are permitted to have access without any restriction.

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?

The Surgeon of the Gaol visits each alternate day and oftener when required & prescribes and supplies medicine for the sick; there are no separate buildings or apartments for the sick.

17. What diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)?

See Return herewith.

18. Reasons for non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?

There are no available means of employment in the Gaol, except for those Prisoners under sentence of Hard Labor.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

19. Reasons for Punishments by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?

Punishment by whipping is never resorted to, Insolence, Disobedience of Orders, Quarrelling, with fellow prisoners or inflicting in any way upon the Rules of the Prison is punished by Solitary confinement on bread and water, and graver offences by Hard Labour in Irons.

20. Is there any Insane Person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what offence committed? How long has he or she been in confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

None

21. Are any, and what fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their admission to or discharge from the Gaol?

None

22. General Observations. This Gaol so far as it goes is a very good Prison but it has long been quite inadequate to the wants of the service. If the North Wing and yards were built it would be sufficient for many years. The foundations have been laid for a long time.

John Bull

Sheriff

Colbourne 29th February 1856.

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VICTORIA.

RETURN of DISEASES which have been most prevalent in *Main* the Good Melbourne during the year 1855.

Brain and Nerves.	No.	3
Circulatory Organs.	No.	"
Respiratory Organs	No.	4
Alimentary Canal.	No.	4
Urinary Organs.	No.	2.
Hepatic.	No.	"
Eyes.	No.	"
Skin.	No.	1
Cellular Texture.	No.	2.
Children.	No.	.
Fevers.	No.	1.
Rheumatic.	No.	4.
Dropsy.	No.	"
Veneral.	No.	10
Scorbutic.	No.	"
Uterine Organs.	No.	"
Ulcers.	No.	6
Pregnancy and Parturition.	No.	"
Wounds and Accidents.	No.	2.
Cancer.	No.	"
Casualties, Deaths.	No.	2.
Total treated in Hospital.	No.	41.
Total No. of Cases tried.	No.	

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9th February 1856.

J. M. A. [Signature]

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Eastern Hill [763]

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GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

Eastern Hill Gaol

1855

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RETURN of the GAOLS and HOUSES of CORRECTION, and of the Number

NAME OF THE PRISON, AND WHERE SITUATED.	1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Cells.	2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing, where more than one Prisoner sleeps in one Cell.	3. Number of Prisoners							
			Felon.							
			Tried.				Untried.			
			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Eastern Hill Gaol Melbourne	2	50	6							
TOTALS ...	2	50	6							

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of PRISONERS confined therein for the Year ending December 31st 1855.

4. in Confinement at Michaelmas, 185												5. Total Number of Prisoners in Confinement at Michaelmas, 18				6. Greatest Number of Prisoners in Confinement at any one time in the Year.			
Misdemeanors.						Debtors.						Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.					
Tried.			Untried.			Tried.			Untried.			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.					
Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.					
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
53	1									59	1	68	2						
53	1									59	1	68	2						

Clawson

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. General Description of the Prison; whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or otherwise? (To be accompanied by a Ground Plan of the Buildings, &c.)

A Common Gaol & House of Correction

2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendence; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other Authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.)

Under jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Victoria. A Visiting Justice is appointed by the Government whose duty it is weekly to inspect the Gaol. All Justices of the Peace are privileged to visit the Gaol at any time they think fit

3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively?

A Gaoler appointed by the Governor & three turnkeys appointed by the Sheriff. The whole of the officers reside in the prison. There are no female prisoners

4. Number of Classes, Divisions or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

There are three Wards & two Airing Yards

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below ground?

Three Sleeping Cells & two Solitary. There are no underground cells

Charles Davis Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head for the different descriptions of Prisoners? And under what system and control the Food, Medicine, and Clothing for the Prisoners is contracted for, or otherwise provided?

Per Cuius	Bread	Meat	Vegetables	Milk	Sugar	Lard	Soap	Weekly Cost		
								£	s	d
At Labor	1lb	1lb	1lb	8oz	1oz	1oz	1/2oz	7	8	3/4
Unemployed	12oz	4oz	8oz	12oz	nil	1oz	1/2oz	4	11	1/2
Solitary	1/2lb	"	"	"	"	"	"	3		3/4

The articles are contracted for & when supplied are submitted to a Board of Enquiry if they are considered unsuitable

7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?

A Cap, Jacket, trousers, shirt & Boots are supplied to each prisoner under sentence this lasts six months & costs 35s. Each prisoner is allowed yearly a rug & two blankets

8. Hours of Labor and Exercise?

The prisoners are mustered each morning at half past six o'clock & return to their Ward at four in the evening.

9. Description of Employment, and Hard Labor?

Cleansing the Gaol. Washing clothing & bedding. & attending upon the sick & Lunatics

10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or the Fund for the Maintenance of the Prison?

Nil

11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed: if not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect?

The Classification cannot be observed as there is no little separate cell accommodation. This Gaol is considered to be temporary & only to be used as a prison until the main Gaol is extended

12. Are convicted Prisoners prohibited from receiving Visits or Letters, or any articles of Food or Clothing from their Relatives or Friends: if not, under what restrictions?

Convicted prisoners may be visited once in each quarter. but must converse in presence of an officer. They are also allowed to receive & write one letter in that period.

Charles Davis Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?

There is no Chapel but one of the Wards is used for the purpose. The Prisoners being all males are placed promiscuously.

14. What Duties are performed by the Chaplain? What provision is made for the Instruction of the Prisoners; and are they supplied with Bibles and other suitable Books?

The Protestant Chaplain reads prayers & preaches to the prisoners of that denomination on each Sunday. He also makes frequent visits to the sick. The Catholic Chaplain holds a service on each Sabbath & attends the sick on all occasions when he is required. The Prisoners are supplied with Bibles & Prayer Books.

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?

The Ministers of the Presbyterian & Wesleyan Churches visit the Gaol without restriction, those of any other denomination are admitted at the discretion of the Sheriff.

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?

We visit the Gaol, prescribe for the sick & order any extra or medical comforts, he thinks they require. A Ward is reserved exclusively for the Sick.

17. What diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)?

Mania (principally that occasioned by Cerebrum Tremens) & General Debility.

18. Reasons for non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?

The Prisoners received at this Gaol are either Lunatic Persons remanded for Medical Enquiry or those incapacitated by sickness or General Debility from being placed at Hard Labour in the main Gaol or Penal establishment.

Charles Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

19. Reasons for Punishments by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?

Insults, Disobedience of Orders, Refusal to work, & use of obscene or Profane Language. No Whipping allowed.

20. Is there any Insane Person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what offence committed? How long has he or she been in confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

Name	Age	When Committed	Offence
George Williams	30	Jan ^r 3 rd 1855	Lunacy
Auguste Berman	30	Dec ^r 13 th 1856	"
John Pitts	31	Dec ^r 22 nd "	"
Daniel Stewart	40	Dec ^r 12 th "	"
Conrad Muller	26	Dec ^r 7 th "	"
Joseph Hornbeck	35	Nov ^r 20 th "	"
Thomas Lane	28	Nov ^r 17 th "	"
John Klein	35	Nov ^r 14 th "	"

*There is no convenience to keep these persons separate from the other prisoners, but they are frequently visited & persons appointed from among the prisoners to attend to their necessities.

Nil

21. Are any, and what fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their admission to or discharge from the Gaol?

22. General Observations.

A great number of persons are remanded by the Police Magistrate for Enquiry into the state of their minds, mostly suffering from Cerebrum Tremens. These persons are received at this Gaol where they are attended by the Surgeon & either returned to the Police Office Court, or forwarded to the Lunatic Asylum.

Lunatics are also forwarded here from the Country Gaols, & remain until accommodation can be provided for them at the Yarra Bend Asylum.

Several old & helpless men are also retained here, in consequence of their inability to gain a livelihood & the crowded state of the Benevolent Asylum, preventing their being received into that institution.

RETURN of the GAOLS and HOUSES of CORRECTION, and of the Number

NAME OF THE PRISON, AND WHERE SITUATED.	1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Cells.	2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing, where more than one Prisoner sleeps in one Cell.	3. Number of Prisoners							
			Felons.							
			Tried.				Untried.			
			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
<i>Female gaol Collins & West Melbourne</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					
TOTALS	<i>7</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					

of PRISONERS confined therein for the Year ending *31 Decemr 1855*

in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855												4. Total Number of Prisoners in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855.				5. Greatest Number of Prisoners in Confinement at any one time in the Year.			
Misdemeanors.								Debtors.											
Tried.				Untried.															
Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.					
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
<i>74</i>										<i>102</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>1</i>						
<i>74</i>										<i>102</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>1</i>						

*David Raine
Haiff*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

- 1. General Description of the Prison; whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or otherwise? (To be accompanied by a Ground Plan of the Buildings, &c.) *A Common Gaol & House of correction for the reception of Female prisoners only*
- 2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendence; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other Authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.) *The Sheriff of Victoria & visited weekly by the visiting Justice repeatedly appointed for that purpose - no measures are adopted to secure the attendance of the local magistrates or other authorities - but under the act of Council 10 Vic No 32. any Justice of the Peace may visit the prison at discretion -*
- 3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively? *One Jailor & a Surgeon appointed by His Excellency the Governor - Four Female & one Male Jailor appointed by the Sheriff - all the officers reside in the prison with the exception of the Surgeon & Male Jailor - the Prisoners are attended by the Female Officers only -*
- 4. Number of Classes, Divisions or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased? *Two Class - Four Wards - three airing yards - (& two large additional wards in course of erection) -*
- 5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below ground? *Four sleeping Wards - three dark cells - all above ground -*

*Clarendon
Merrill*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

- 6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head for the different descriptions of Prisoners? And under what system and control the Food, Medicine, and Clothing for the Prisoners is contracted for, or otherwise provided?

	Bread	Meat	Wheat	Meal	Sugar	Tea	Starch	Soap	Weekly Cost per head	
Scale 5	1/4	1/4	1/4	3/4	1/4	3/4	3/4	1/4	7/8 3/4	Prisoners employed
" 3	3/4	1/4	3/4	5/4	-	3/4	1/4	1/4	4/11 1/2	do unemployed
" 8	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	2/10 1/2		do Solitary

The Food is supplied daily by the Contractor on the requisition of the Jailor the Clothing quarterly on requisition as required - & the Medicine on requisition of the Medical Officer - each article is subject to rejection if not according to contract -
- 7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head? *One set of Bedding consisting of a pair of Blankets and a rug - at a cost of £1.15 & two sets of clothing at a cost of £1.10 for the twelve months -*
- 8. Hours of Labor and Exercise? *From 1st to 30 April at 1/2 past 8 A.M. to 1/2 past 5 P.M.
" 1 May 31 Aug 7 A.M. " 5 P.M.
" 1 to 30 Sep 1/2 past 8 A.M. " 1/2 past 5 P.M.
" 1 Oct to 31 March 6 A.M. " 6 P.M.*
- 9. Description of Employment, and Hard Labor? *Partially employed in washing Cooking & keeping the establishment clean -*
- 10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or the Fund for the Maintenance of the Prison? *None -*
- 11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed: if not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect? *The required Classification cannot be fully carried out for want of sufficient wards in some additional wards however are in course of erection -*
- 12. Are convicted Prisoners prohibited from receiving Visits or Letters, or any articles of Food or Clothing from their Relatives or Friends: if not, under what restrictions? *The Relations and Friends of Prisoners Females may visit them under certain restrictions, and a quantity They may send & receive letters in the course of each quarter of a year but each letter must be inspected by the Jailor - Females sentenced to Imprisonment only may receive Food & Clothing after being inspected by the officer on duty - Females sentenced to Hard labor are prohibited from receiving any such indulgence -*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein? *A Ward is appropriated on Sunday for Divine Service, & the Prisoners attend the Ministers of their own denomination, but during ~~the~~ attendance cannot be kept separate —*

14. What Duties are performed by the Chaplain? What provision is made for the Instruction of the Prisoners; and are they supplied with Bibles and other suitable Books? *Divine Service is performed by Ministers of the Church of England & Rome every Sunday — by a Presbytery Minister every Friday — no further instructions is afforded, but Bibles & Prayer Books are supplied, and religious tracts occasionally distributed —*

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and if so, at what times, and under what restrictions? *Yes — at all reasonable times, without restrictions*

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick? *The Surgeon attends personally in the Sick each alternate day — & more frequently if required — a Ward is appropriated for the Sick & harmless Lunatics, the more violent of the latter are confined in separate cells until they can be removed to the Lunatic Asylum*

17. What diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)? *Brain & Nerves*

18. Reasons for non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)? *Want of the necessary accommodation —*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

19. Reasons for Punishments by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise? *Whipping, & Irons are never resorted to, Breaches of Prison discipline, insolence, & disobedience of orders are punished by Solitary Confinement; graver Charges by additional Imprisonment with or without Solitary Confinement imposed by the Visiting Justice —*

20. Is there any Insane Person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what offence committed? How long has he or she been in confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

Name	Age	Days in Prison
Jacobina Maguire	30	14
Monk	37	5
Thomas Crompton	27	13
Maheldan Ankle	34	3
Jane Williams	31	2
May Kelly	28	90

The Lunatics are detained waiting vacancies at the Yarra Bend Asylum —

21. Are any, and what fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their admission to or discharge from the Gaol? *None —*

22. General Observations. *This Gaol has generally been very much crowded during the past year but considerable additions are just now about being completed which will afford great additional facilities for a better classification of the Prisoners. Alan Baird Sheriff*

VICTORIA.

RETURN of DISEASES which have been most prevalent in *Female Gaol, Melbourne* during the year 1855.

Brain and Nerves.	Circulatory Organs.	Respiratory Organs	Alimentary Canal.	Urinary Organs.	Hepatic	Eyes.	Skin.	Cellular Texture.	Children.	Fevers.	Rheumatic.	Dropsy.	Veneral.	Scorbutic.	Uterine Organs.	Ulcers.	Pregnancy and Parturition.	Wounds and Accidents.	Cancer.	Casualties.	No.	No.	Total No. of Cases tried.
40	-	8	8	.	.	.	2	2	.	2	6	1	10	.	.	8	5	2	2	1	.	96	

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GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

Geelong Gaol

1855

RETURN of the GAOLS and HOUSES of CORRECTION, and of the Number

NAME OF THE PRISON, AND WHERE SITUATED.	1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Cells.	2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing, where more than one Prisoner sleeps in one Cell.	3. Number of Prisoners							
			Felons.							
			Tried.				Untried.			
			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Male Prison North Geelong	38	114	12		8	1				
Female Prison South Geelong	8	36			1					
TOTALS	46	150	12		8	1				

of PRISONERS confined therein for the Year ending

1855.

in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855												4. Total Number of Prisoners in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1855.				5. Greatest Number of Prisoners in Confinement at any one time in the Year.				
Misdemeanors.						Debtors.						Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		
Tried.			Untried.			Whites.			Blacks or Colored Persons.			Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		
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M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
57	1	1				1				79	2	92	3							
18		1								20		33								
TOTALS	57	18	1	1		1				79	20	2	92	33	3					

Charles Brodie
Gaoler

W. H. ...
Supt. Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS

NAME OF THE PRISON, AND WHERE SITUATED.	6. Total Number of Prisoners committed in the course of the Year. <i>915</i>								7. Number of Prisoners who have been committed before.						8. Number of Prisoners of the	
	Whites. <i>899</i>				Blacks or Colored Persons. <i>16</i>				Once.		Twice.		Three Times or more.		At Hard Labor in the Prison.	At Hard Labor out of the Prison.
	Number under 18 years of age.		Number who cannot read.		Number under 18 years of age.		Number who cannot read.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Male Prison North Geelong	6	4	"	"	"	"	"	5	7	11	7	20	6	"	"	
Female Prison South Geelong	3	1	"	"	"	"	"	9	8	5						
TOTALS	9	5	4	1	"	"	"	57	9	11	8	7	5	206	"	

*Charles Davis
Prinell*

HOUSES of CORRECTION, &c.—continued.

employed in the course of the Year.	9. Punishment for Offences within the Prison during the Year.										10. Cases of Sickness.				11. Deaths during the Year.					
	At Employ-ments not Hard Labor.		Not Employed.		Whipping.		Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punish-ments.		Greatest Number of Sick at one time.		Total Cases of Sickness during the Year.		Deaths during the Year.			
	Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Colored Persons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
48	525	"	"	"	"	12	4	7	2	112	5	5	1							
15	125	"	"	"	"	15	7	5		80			1							
TOTALS	48	15	525	125	"	"	12	15	4	7	7	5	2	112	80	5	5	1	1	

*Charles Bondi
Prinell*

*W. H. Wade
Prinell*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. General Description of the Prison; whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or otherwise? (To be accompanied by a Ground Plan of the Buildings, &c.)

New Stone Building at South Geelong for male prisoners containing thirty eight, 38, Cells. There is a foundation laid for another wing. At South Geelong for female prisoners a stone and brick building containing 100 Cells 16 feet by 10 feet. Cells 7 feet by 4 feet. A Ward built of brick 12 feet by 10 feet used as an infirmary.

2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendence; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other Authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.)

The High Sheriff of Victoria, a Deputy Sheriff stationed at Geelong, a Visiting Justice, a Gaoler and Matron ~~and a number of other officers~~ are appointed to manage the Prison.

3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively?

Magistrates may visit the Gaols at all reasonable hours without restriction, but the Visiting Justices only is to visit the prisoners at least once in each week. Gaoler, 2, appointed by the Governor. Two Surgeons, 19, three Matron Surkeys, appointed by the High Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, and appointed by the High Sheriff. Gaoler and five unattached Surkeys reside in buildings attached to the Male Prison. Male Surkeys and Wife reside in Female Prison. Attended by Female Surkeys exclusively.

4. Number of Classes, Divisions or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

Three Classes, 13, three divisions, female prisoners kept in a separate Gaol, no day rooms, or work rooms, 1 Gaol Yard, 2 two airing yards for male prisoners, 2 two airing yards for female prisoners. Yes. The foundation for a new wing for male Prison has been laid. These 100 years is capable of extension.

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below ground?

Male Prison 138, thirty eight sleeping cells. Female Prison 121, two sleeping rooms 16 feet by 16 feet, used also as day rooms. 16 six light cells 7 feet by 4 feet used for refractory female prisoners and female Surkeys, no cells below ground.

Charles Barrie Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head for the different descriptions of Prisoners? And under what system and control the Food, Medicine, and Clothing for the Prisoners is contracted for, or otherwise provided?

Wide Prison Return. Prison No. 3. 3/4 per week for Prisoners under going confinement. Prison No. 5 1/2 per week for Prisoners at Hard Labor. Food and clothing supplied on requisition to the Colonial Storekeeper, Medicine supplied by the District Surgeon, Boots being kept of the supply and issue of the articles.

7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?

Such Clothing as is necessary. 2) Two Blankets (1) one Bag, to each prisoner at prices approved by Government.

8. Hours of Labor and Exercise?

Hours of Labor from 1st to 30th April 1/2 past 6 A.M. to 1/2 past 5 P.M. From 1st May to 30th August 7 1/2 to 1/2 past 5 P.M. From 1st to 30th September 1/2 past 6 A.M. to 1/2 past 5 P.M. From 1st October to 31st March 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

9. Description of Employment, and Hard Labor?

Hours of Exercise for prisoners in airing yards not employed at labor from 1/2 past 8 A.M. to 1/2 P.M. weather permitting.

10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or the Fund for the Maintenance of the Prison?

Oakum picking £17.7.8. Stone breaking £85.12. The moiety to prisoners or officers. The above amount paid to the Deputy Sheriff and by him to the Sub-Treasurer Geelong.

11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed: if not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect?

Yes, with the exception of Lunatics and Debtors, there is no infirmary Ward or Debtors room. The Lunatics are kept in the same yard as the men imprisoned in default of payment of fines.

12. Are convicted Prisoners prohibited from receiving Visits or Letters, or any articles of Food or Clothing from their Relatives or Friends: if not, under what restrictions?

and Letters. Convicted prisoners receive visits once a quarter, also other times by special order of Sheriff or Visiting Justice. Letters are admitted subject to perusal of the Gaoler, clothing admitted to prisoners who are under short periods of imprisonment. Food not admitted.

Charles Barrie Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?

No Chapel. Religious Service performed in the Corridor. Prisoners are not separated except that each class sit on separate benches under the Supervision of Turnkeys.

14. What Duties are performed by the Chaplain? What provision is made for the Instruction of the Prisoners; and are they supplied with Bibles and other suitable Books?

The Chaplain visits every Sunday and performs Divine Service, also visits twice on week days for religious instruction. Bibles and Prayers are provided. The Deputy Sheriff has instituted a school for such prisoners who voluntarily choose to attend the same.

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?

Yes (accompanied by the Senior Turnkey) at all reasonable times.

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?

Surgeon visits the Gaol daily, enters his name in the Visiter's book, keeps a journal also attends when ever sent for. When the Gaol is not crowded, the Sick are kept in separate Cells, there is no Infirmary at the Male Prison. Lunatics at times are obliged to be kept in separate cells which occasions the other prisoners being crowded. The female prison has an Infirmary Ward 12 feet by 10 feet.

17. What diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)?

"Brain and Nerves" vide Return of Diseases.

18. Reasons for non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?

There has been no hard labor for prisoners since 27th October 1855. The Corporation not having supplied Stone.

John D. Farrel Sheriff

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

19. Reasons for Punishments by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?

No Whipping, Irons, or Solitary Confinement. For Breach of Gaol Regulation. Solitary Confinement when sent to by Visiting Justice, the same is accumulated to original Sentence.

20. Is there any Insane Person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what offence committed? How long has he or she been in confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

Names	Age	In Confinement	Offence
George Davis	20	8 Months	Lunacy
William Kerr	23	5	"
Robert Scott	29	4	Separate
Samuel Dwyer	25	1	"
Dennis Kelly	17	3	"
Robert Cook	53	3	"
John Carroll	24	2	"
John Gavin	27	2	"
Wm. Tomlinson	21	1	"
Alex ^r Kelly	21	1	"
John Torrey	49	2	Separate by gaol
Frank Walsh	21	2 Weeks	Lunacy
Luzula Cameron	28	3	"
Mary Armstrong	29	3 Months	"

Total Lunatics 14.

21. Are any, and what fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their admission to or discharge from the Gaol?

No fees are demanded or received from Debtors or Prisoners.

22. General Observations.

The Corporation of Gaolers have discontinued to supply Stone and removed all their Tools there are 140 forty Male Prisoners sentenced to hard labor but no means of employment. ~~There is no employment for them~~ ~~in the Gaol~~ An hospital Ward is absolutely necessary, the number of Lunatics in this Gaol is detrimental to proper discipline and also is a source of the greatest annoyance and discomfort to the other prisoners. The Want of Work is much felt both morally and physically, it is to be deeply lamented that some employment cannot be found for prisoners under Sentence.

John D. Farrel Sheriff

W. F. Keble Dep^y Sheriff