

CENSUS
OF
THE ISLAND OF
ST. HELENA
IN
1861.



ST. HELENA:

JOHN ELLIOTT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

St. Helena, 28th July 1861.

SIR,

Your Excellency having been pleased to direct by Ordinance No. 1. of this year that a Census of the population should be taken, and that the Colonial Secretary should have the care of superintending the taking of the Census, and of preparing such Forms and Instructions as might be deemed necessary. I have now the honor to submit the results which are embodied in the seven returns annexed hereto.

In the preliminary measures which were adopted to secure accuracy and completeness the Island was divided into twenty districts (seven in Town and thirteen in the Country) and the service of a careful and active Enumerator was secured for each district. The Commanding Officers of the several Garrison corps undertaking to furnish returns of the Military, and the Collector of Customs procuring those from the shipping in Port on the 7th April.

On the return of the Schedules 1078 in number exclusive of the Garrison and Shipping a list of the whole in detail was drawn up with much care and transcribed in a Volume by Mr Knipe, Superintendent of James Town whose useful assistance in this undertaking has already been recognized by your Excellency.

From these Returns it will be seen that the total population is as follows :—

Inhabitants (exclusive of Garrison and Shipping)	5496
Garrison including their families	948
Shipping	416

6860

this would shew an increase of 727 in the number of the Inhabitants since the census of 1851, and although from the imperfect mode adopted on that occasion the comparison

cannot be wholly relied on, there is reason to believe from the best Estimates which can be made that the increase is real as well as apparent.

About six years ago in consequence of glowing description of the advantages to be gained by emigration to New Zealand operating together with a temporary dullness in the local demand for labor, many of the laboring class were induced to seek an opportunity of proceeding to that Colony, but found themselves unable to accomplish their purpose: this desire for emigration led to an effort on the part of some gentlemen at the Cape of Good Hope to provide the means of passage for such of the Inhabitants as were willing to choose that destination, and a vessel under the management of a special agent was chartered with this object.

But when thus tested not more than 75 Emigrants were obtained. Since that period the demand for labor in the Island has greatly increased and wages to artificers and laborers have advanced at least 50 and in some instances more than 100 per cent.

Subsequent to the introduction of Liberated African Settlers which took place in the ten years prior to 1851 to the extent of about 550 in number the Island has received no additional Immigrants of that class excepting an occasional individual. Up to the present date the original number of Africans has been reduced by deaths and emigration to 320 and increased by 322 births shewing a total remaining of 652 of this class of the population.

In consequence of the confined space in which most of the one roomed huts inhabited by the poor in James Town are crowded together it is difficult to give from the returns the exact number of houses it being almost impossible to decide whether many of these huts should be dignified by the description of a separate house, or whether they should be considered merely as separate rooms of one general building.

As however the number of buildings remains almost precisely the same as when the general plan of properties was made some years ago by the Surveyor it will be sufficiently correct to state that the separate houses are 190 in

Town and 195 in the Country, the heads of families being 1078. Great need must therefore exist for better accommodation for the poor indeed every inhabitable house is fully occupied and the only nine uninhabited buildings are vacant in consequence of repairs.

Bearing in mind that the houses are most of them small these figures would shew a state of crowding which cannot be otherwise than highly injurious both to health and morals.

Against this it is satisfactory to find that the deaths during 1860 which is a fair average year did not exceed 155 (exclusive of Strangers) in a population of 6444 being at the rate of 2·4 per cent, also that the proportion of children receiving instruction at the Public Schools is very large being not less than 74·6 per cent exclusive of private pupils and the proportion of Native Criminals in Gaol is not only very small (one in a thousand) but the crimes are none of them of a heinous description.

The returns of accommodation and attendance at the places of Public worship although far from being as satisfactory as could be desired, will also bear favourable comparison. At home the return of sittings to the population shows a proportion of 57·0 per cent to 32·6 at St. Helena, but the proportion of the occupied to the whole number of sittings are 73·8 for St. Helena to 35·6 in England and Wales.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

H. R. JANISCH,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency

SIR E. H. DRUMMOND HAY

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TABLE No. 1.

RETURN shewing the Total Population of the Island of Saint Helena, including Inhabitants, Garrison and Shipping on the night of the 7th April 1861.

	Males.	Females.	Total of both Sexes.	Observations,
Inhabitants.....	2610	2886	5496	
Garrison.....	760	188	948	
Shipping.....	404	12	416	
Total.	3774	3086	6860	

TABLE No. 2

AGES

Of the Population 5,496. Classified in Quinquennial periods.

CENSUS TAKEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE 7th APRIL, 1861.

MALES.																				
TOTAL.	90 years and under 95 and upwards.	85 years and under 90.	80 years and under 85.	75 years and under 80.	70 years and under 75	65 years and under 70	60 years and under 65	55 years and under 60	50 years and under 55	45 years and under 50	40 years and under 45.	35 years and under 40	30 years and under 35.	25 years and under 30.	20 years and under 25.	15 years and under 20.	10 years and under 15.	5 years and under 10.	Under 5 years.	
James Town.....	0	2	1	7	11	26	33	28	43	54	81	115	103	133	101	132	213	227	245	
Country.....	0	1	2	6	9	21	22	23	25	43	42	53	63	79	68	104	145	177	172	
Totals.	0	3	3	13	20	47	55	51	68	97	123	168	166	212	169	236	358	404	417	

TABLE No. 2. (CONTINUED.)

	FEMALES.																							Total of both Sexes.
	TOTAL.	95 years & upwards.	90 years & under 95.	85 years & under 90.	80 years & under 85.	75 years & under 80.	70 years & under 75.	65 years & under 70.	60 years & under 65.	55 years & under 60.	50 years & under 55.	45 years and under 50.	40 years and under 45.	35 years and under 40.	30 years and under 35.	25 years and under 30.	20 years and under 25.	15 years and under 20.	10 years and under 15.	5 years and under 10.	Under 5 years.			
James Town.....	1713	0	1	1	7	12	11	19	33	38	40	66	91	117	121	172	163	159	217	229	216			
Country.....	1173	0	0	4	2	5	9	19	13	16	31	46	53	53	76	98	107	118	160	177	186			
Total	2886	0	1	5	9	17	20	38	46	54	71	112	144	170	197	270	270	277	377	406	402			

TABLE No. 3.

SHEWING the proportion of the Native to the whole Population. Garrison not included.

Places of Birth.						Proportion per cent.				
United Kingdom	St. Helena.	British Colonies.	Africa.	Elsewhere	Total	United Kingdom.	St. Helena.	British Colonies.	Africa.	Elsewhere
240	4844	29	330	53	5496	4.4	88.1	.6	6.0	9.

TABLE No. 4.

TABLE SHEWING THE PROPORTION PER CENT OF VARIOUS CLASSES OF THE POPULATION.

Males to Females.		90.4
Females to Population.		52.5
Males to Population.		47.5
Married Persons.		27.2
Children of both sexes under 15.		43.0
Lunatics.		0.08
Prisoners convicted of Felony in the year.		0.03
Prisoners.	Seamen and Military Prisoners.	0.2
	Inhabitants.	0.1
Disabled and Infirm.		1.
Paupers.		0.3
Laboring Men.	Day Laborers.	4.2
	Domestics.	3.1
Boatmen and Fishermen.		3.
Tradesmen.		3.

TABLE No. 5.

AREA OF THE ISLAND AND DENSITY OF POPULATION.

Total Area in		No. of Acres to each Person	No. of Per- sons to each mile.	Area in Arable and Pasture land exclusive of Crown Waste Lands Acres.	No. of Acres of Arable Land to each Person.	No. of Heads of Families	No. of Persons to each family.
Miles	Acres						
47	30300	4.7	137	10100	1.6	1078	5.1

TABLE No. 6.

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND THE PROPORTION PER CENT OF SCHOLARS

Number of Schools.						Number of Scholars.						Proportion per cent to whole Population.	Porportion per cent to children from 6 to 12
Govt.	Bene- volent Society	Bap- tist	Free	Garri- son,	Total	Govt.	Bene- volent Society	Bap- tist	Free	Garri- son	Total		
5	6	2	1	2	16	362	285	85	92	94	918	14.2	74.6

TABLE No 7

TABLE SHEWING THE ACCOMMODATION IN THE PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP
PROVIDED BY EACH DENOMINATION.

Number of Places of Worship.						No of Sitzings.		Proportion per ct. of Sitzings to the whole Population.		Proportion per cent. of Occupied Sitzings to the total No. of Sitzings.									
Church of England.		Protestant Dissenters.		Roman Catholics.		TOTAL.		Church of England.	Protestant Dissen- ers.	Roman Catholics	TOTAL.	Church of England	Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	TOTAL.				
Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others,	Separate Buildings.	Others,	Separate Buildings.	Others.												
2	4	1	4	0	1	3	9	1380	520	200	2100	21'4	8'1	3'1	32'6	75'3	63'4	90'0	73'8