

CENSUS

OF THE



ISLAND OF ST. HELENA,

IN

1881.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
St. Helena, 2nd June, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the returns of the Census of the population of this Island, taken on the 3rd of April 1881, in obedience to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1, of 1881.

Twenty-four enumerators were employed in securing the returns of families on the day appointed, and after examination of the Schedules, I have every reason to believe that the duty has been carefully and accurately performed.

The Returns show—

845 Families numbering.....	4511
Garrison	238
Shipping.....	310
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this is a decrease of 1327, as compared with 1871. This decrease is caused by a large emigration which took place in 1871, 1872, and 1873, consequent on the change and reductions which followed on the opening of the Suez Canal. Emigrant vessels were despatched to this Island from the Cape and Natal, inviting emigrants and offering good employment in those Colonies to any who were disposed to avail themselves of it. The result at that time was that 638 proceeded to the Cape of Good Hope, 441 to Natal, and 261 Liberated Africans were removed to Lagos and Sierra Leone.

The returns of the Census show that since that date the number of the population has remained stationary. A few persons have annually left the Island to join their friends

who had preceded them to the Cape and Natal but the excess of Births over Deaths has made up the loss.

The returns in the former Census distinguish the children of Liberated Africans born in St. Helena, but owing to the mixture with the other portion of the coloured population it is now difficult and almost impossible to make this distinction with accuracy, and the present returns therefore distinguish only those Africans who are Natives of the West Coast of Africa.

The return of Criminal Offences shows that there was not a single conviction in the last year of any Inhabitant for an Indictable Offence, and that no Inhabitant was in Gaol for any offence on the night of the Census. The only prisoners on that occasion being six Seamen for refusal of duty.

In taking the Census, the Enumerators were requested to use that opportunity of obtaining a return of the Live Stock in the Island, which is included in the printed enclosures.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

BAZETT N. C. KNIPE,

Assistant Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency

HUDSON R. JANISCH Esq., C. M. G.

Governor,

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TABLE NO. 1,

RETURN shewing the Total Population of the Island of St. Helena including Inhabitants, Garrison, and Shipping on the night of Sunday 3rd April, 1881.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Remarks.
<i>District of James Town.</i>				Town.
James Town	1042	1207	2249	} In 1871..... 3224
Ruperts Valley	36	54	90	
Briars Village	36	60	96	} In 1881..... 2435
				Decrease..... 789
COUNTRY.				
<i>District of Longwood ...</i>	212	229	441	} Country.
<i>St. Paul's District.</i>				
Half-Tree-Hollow	189	260	449	
Lemon Valley	14	14	28	
Sandy Bay	133	160	293	
Central	199	226	425	} In 1881..... 2076
West of Casons } Gate & Bluemans } Hill }	208	232	440	
				Decrease..... 538
				Total.
				{ In 1871..... 5838
Total	2069	2442	4511	{ In 1881..... 4511
				Decrease.....1327
Garrison	194	44	238	
Shipping	310	0	310	
Grand Total...	2573	2486	5059	

TABLE NO. 2,

AGES.

Population classified according to Ages.

MALES.	10 & under	20 & under	30 & under	40 & under	50 & under	60 & under	70 & under	80 & under	90 & under	100 & under	Total.
<i>James' Town Dist.</i>											
James' Town ...	282	26	152	117	89	78	35	22	6	0	1042
Ruperts Valley	6	14		3	2	3	5	2	0	0	36
Briars Village ...	6	10	2	5	5	7	1	0	0	0	36
<i>Dist. of Longwood</i>	58	72	24	17	16	9	9	5	2	0	212
<i>St. Paul's District.</i>											
Half Tree-Hollow	64	45	24	22	9	12	9	3	1	0	189
Lemon Valley...	4	5	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	14
Sandy Bay.....	50	35	10	14	9	6	6	2	1	0	133
Central.....	65	61	21	16	14	12	7	3	0	0	199
West of Casons Gate.....	83	46	22	13	17	14	11	2	0	0	208
Total Males ..	618	549	256	207	162	143	84	40	10	0	2069
FEMALES.											
<i>James' Town Dist</i>											
James' Town ..	272	267	216	133	106	98	78	32	5	0	1207
Ruperts Valley	13	9	12	7	2	7	4	0	0	0	54
Briars Village ..	17	15	11	4	4	5	2	1	1	0	60
<i>Dist. of Longwood</i>	54	70	30	26	19	12	12	5	1	0	229
<i>St Pauls' District</i>											
Half Tree-Hollow	81	63	40	32	18	16	7	2	0	1	260
Lemon Valley..	2	4	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	14
Sandy Bay... ..	54	36	25	15	13	7	6	3	1	0	160
Central.....	49	66	43	28	13	12	12	2	1	0	226
West of Casons Gate.....	64	72	30	23	21	15	7	0	0	0	232
Total Females...	606	602	409	271	198	73	128	45	9	1	2442
Total Males and Females.....	1224	1151	665	478	360	316	212	85	19	1	4511

TABLE No. 3.

Shewing the proportion of the Native to the whole population,—Garrison and Shipping not included.

PLACES OF BIRTH.	DISTRICT OF JAMESTOWN.			DISTRICT OF LONGWOOD,	DISTRICT OF ST. PAULS.					TOTAL.
	James' Town.	Ruperts.	Briars.		Half Tree Hollow.	Lemon Valley.	Sandy Bay.	Central.	West of Casons Gate.	
St. Helena — — — ...	2056	73	78	411	441	26	289	397	433	4204
United Kingdom — ...	74	2	9	19	2	...	2	18	...	126
British Colonies — ...	16	...	...	3	2	...	...	4	...	25
Foreign Colonies — ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	9
Africa, West Coast of ...	29	14	9	6	4	2	2	4	7	77
America, United States... ..	48	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	50
Austria —	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Chili —	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
France —	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Germany —	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Norway —	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Portugal —	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sweden —	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total	2249	90	96	441	449	28	293	425	440	4511

TABLE NO. 4.

RETURN OF DEATHS during the last Ten years classified according to diseases. (Seamen and Passengers not included.)

DISEASES.	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	Total.
Abscess.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	3	10
Accidental.....	5	2	12	4	5	1	2	4	2	0	37
Apoplexy.....	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	5	3	17
Asthma	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Brain.....	3	2	1	2	1	1	4	4	2	2	23
Bronchitis.....	3	1	7	1	3	3	19	3	3	3	51
Cancer	3	3	2	3	0	4	4	0	0	2	21
Consumption	15	11	8	7	7	8	7	9	12	9	93
Croup	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	7
Debility (infants)	9	9	1	4	1	2	4	2	1	2	35
Diarrhœa	5	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	11
Delirium tremens	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dropsy	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	2	9
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	1	10
Dysentery	2	2	6	3	1	5	4	2	2	0	27
Epilepsy.....	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	8
Fever.....	5	2	2	1	4	1	1	1	3	4	24
Heart.....	6	5	2	3	4	2	5	1	7	3	38
Hooping Cough...	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Inflam: of Bowels	6	2	2	4	5	3	11	3	3	3	42
Inflam: of Lungs	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	4	9	6	27
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leprosy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liver	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Natural Decay....	10	8	7	9	6	8	2	8	6	4	68
Premature Birth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Paralysis.....	2	3	4	7	2	3	5	4	8	4	42
Syphilis	4	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	0	16
Tetanus.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
Teething and Convulsions. }	2	1	6	4	1	4	5	7	7	4	41
Various	6	6	6	7	5	6	5	9	8	9	67
Total....	91	67	80	64	50	69	98	69	89	71	748

TABLE No. 5.

RETURN OF DEATHS during the last Ten years classified according to Ages, (Seamen and Passengers not included.)

AGES.			1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	Total.
10	&	under	30	25	39	17	16	21	55	26	19	19	267
20	&	"	11	1	2	1	3	2	3	4	5	7	39
30	&	"	6	4	0	6	1	7	6	6	8	5	49
40	&	"	11	7	9	6	5	4	6	3	10	5	66
50	&	"	12	9	8	8	7	7	6	5	7	6	75
60	&	"	7	7	2	10	3	7	5	2	10	12	65
70	&	"	2	2	7	5	3	8	9	5	10	8	59
80	&	"	8	8	4	7	8	8	6	11	10	7	77
Above 80 yrs.			4	4	9	4	4	5	5	7	10	2	51
Total...			91	67	80	64	50	69	90	69	89	71	748

TABLE No. 6.

Shewing the number of Schools and Scholars 1880.

Schools.					Total.	Scholars.					Total.
Government	Benevolent Society.	Hussey Charity.	Baptist.	Others.		Government	Benevolent Society.	Hussey Charity.	Baptist.	Others.	
5	2	3	2	3	15	462	136	250	180	85	1113

TABLE No. 7.

Shewing the accommodation in the Places of Public Worship.

Number of Places of Worship.						Total.		Number of Sitzings.			
Church of England.		Pro-testant Dis-senters		Roman Catholic.							
Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Separate Buildings.	Others.	Church of England.	Protestant Dis-senters.	Roman Catholic.	Total.
4	0	3	0	0	1	7	1	1340	540	200	2080

TABLE No. 8.

Shewing the number of Convictions for Criminal Offences during 1880.

Supreme Court.	Summary Police Conviction.									
Inhabitants	Inhabitants.						Seamen.			
Indictable Offences	Drunk and Disorderly.	Assault.	Petty Theft	Vagrants.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Drunk and Disorderly.	Refusal of Duty.	Others.	Total.
0	22	17	19	1	70	129	5	36	25	66

TABLE No 9.

Showing the numbers of the several classes and conditions.

MALES.																			
No	14	8	28	70	24	2	171	96	477	20	7	7	85	12	2	17	9	10	2069
	Government Officers.	Professions.	Merchants and Shopkeepers.	Farmers and Gardeners.	Tradesmen and Apprentices.	Mercantile Clerks	Boatmen and Fishermen.	Domestics	Laborers.	Pensioners & Houseproprietors	Schoolmasters and Teachers.	Police.	Mariners.	Disabled and Infirm	Lunatics.	Occupation not stated.	Children.	Total.	
Married.....	463										Deaf and Dumb... 4								
											Blind 3								
Widowers...	73										Imbecile 8								

FEMALES.													
No	6	104	249	449	25	7	12	31	27	0	593	939	2442
	Annuitants and House Proprietors.	Seamstresses,	Domestics.	Laundresses.	Laborers.	Shopkeepers.	Schoolmistresses and Teachers.	Nurses and Midwives.	Disabled and Infirm.	Lunatics	Occupation not stated.	Children.	Total.
Married.....	469												
Widows.....	179												
							Deaf and Dumb...	2					
							Blind	1					
							Imbecile	5					

RETURN OF LIVE STOCK IN THE ISLAND.

HORSES	-	-	-	-	-	-	202
HORNED CATTLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	1444
SHEEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	4145
GOATS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1491
SWINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	325
ASSES -	-	-	-	-	-	-	922

