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ISLAND OF ST. HELENA.

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ST. HELENA,
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SIR,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Statistics relating to a Census of the Inhabitants and others within the Jurisdiction of this Island on Easter Sunday night the seventh day of April last, and to inform you that I nominated with the approval of His Excellency Governor Sterndale 14 Enumerators and allotted to each a certain division, and I have every reason to believe they did their respective parts satisfactorily.

2. The total number of persons on the Island is 9850 made up as follows :—

Inhabitants	...	...	...	...	...	3342
Garrison	...	...	...	...	...	1428
Do.	(wives and children)	...	...	...	...	104
Shipping	...	...	...	...	...	321
Prisoners of War	...	...	...	...	...	4650
Censors employed in connection with Prisoners	}					5
of War						
						<hr/> 9850

I may here remark that at no time in the history of this Island has such a number been reached, the nearest approach to it was in 1861 when there were 6860, including a garrison of 948 and shipping 416.

3. Since the last Census in 1891 the Inhabitants have decreased by 535. The decrease is accounted for by emigration to South Africa, advantage being taken of an offer made by the Cape Government to residents in the Cape Colony to induce them to obtain female domestic servants from St. Helena under a system of "Aided Passages," the Government paying one-half of a 3rd Class fare and the employer the other half viz: £3 3s. the Passage from this to Capetown being six guineas. Then followed applications through an Agent at St. Helena who was appointed by the Cape Government. The relief afforded to the congested state of the female domestic class was in a few years made apparent, as during that time upwards of 220 females between 15 and 25 years left the Island. Several lads also upon special application by employers in the

Cape were accepted under the same Aid which was extended to them.

Many families also left as there was no demand for labour in the Town nor Country. Added to the emigration the Death rate last year was abnormally high owing to an epidemic of Influenza and it exceeded the births by 46, the number of deaths being 162 and births 116. The births during the past ten years as shown in Table No. 5 were 1142 and deaths 752.

And although the epidemic carried off so many the births since the last Census exceeded the deaths by 391 which speaks well for the climate of St. Helena. At the present day there are only 5 males and 14 females in the Island between 80 and 90, and there is not one over that age. The number of females seems to be 118, to every 100 males, of the Inhabitants: and the number of papers returned showing heads of Families is 691, Jamestown having 342, and the Country is credited with the remainder.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. HOMAGEE,
Supervisor.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

TABLE No. 1.

Table showing the Total Population including Shipping and Garrison on the night of April 7th 1901.

1891.

DISTRICT.	Area Square Miles.	POPULATION.											
		Inhabitants.			Garrison.			Shipping.			Total.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Jamestown Ruperts } and Briars..... }	6	874	1120	1994	151	28	179	60		60	1085	1148	2233
Longwood.....	16½	219	211	430							219	211	430
Half-Tree-Hollow & } Lemon Valley..... }		190	240	430							190	240	430
Sandy Bay	24½	112	132	244							112	132	244
Central		204	227	431							204	227	431
West of Cason's Gate.....		176	172	348							176	172	348
	47	1775	2102	3877	151	28	179	60		60	1986	2130	4116

TABLE No. 1. (Continued.)

1901.

DISTRICT.	Area Square Miles.	POPULATION.													Total.		
		Inhabitants.			Garrison.*				Shipping.			Boer Prisoners of War.					
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Child'n	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Censors	M.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Jamestown..... } Ruperts & Briars. }	6	635 52	804 77	1439 129	1428	35	69	1532	320	1	321	5	4650	4655	7038 52	909 77	7947 129
Longwood to Rock Rose..... }	16½	212	221	433											212	221	433
Half-Tree-Hollow & Lemon Valley..... }	24½	158	226	384											158	226	384
Sandy Bay..... }		119	130	249											119	130	249
Central..... }		171	174	345											171	174	345
West of Cason's Gate. }		187	176	363											187	176	363
	47	1534	1808	3342	1428	35	69	1532	320	1	321	5	4650	4655	7937	1913	9850

TABLE No. 2.

Table showing the Male Population classified according to Occupation, Ages, and Conditions.

	Colonial Officials.	Professions.	Merchants and Shopkeepers.	Farmers and Gardeners.	Mechanics and Apprentices.	Mercantile Clerks	Boatmen and Fishermen.	Domestics.	Labourers.	Pensioners and Houseproprietors	Schoolmasters and Teachers.	Police.	Mariners.	Imbecile.	Paupers.	Lunatics.	Occupation. not stated.	Children under 14 years.	Total.
Town	5	1	23	7	36	10	49	23	64	67	4	6	8	1	3	2	57	269	635
Briars	1	1	—	2	3	—	1	2	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	30
Ruperts	—	6	—	—	2	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	22
Longwood	1	1	1	18	—	—	—	14	32	38	—	1	—	—	1	—	14	91	212
Half-Tree-Hollow	—	—	2	—	3	—	6	2	58	19	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	62	158
Central	3	3	4	17	4	—	4	4	39	21	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	67	171
Cason's	—	—	—	6	3	—	—	—	59	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	86	187
Sandy Bay	—	—	—	12	—	—	6	1	35	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	119
	10	12	30	62	51	10	67	46	298	173	8	9	8	3	4	2	98	643	1534

No. of Cripples.....11
 „ „ Blind..... 1
 „ „ Imbecile..... 1
 „ „ Lepers..... 1
 „ „ Lunatics 2

TABLE No. 2, Males—*Continued.*

	Under 10	Under 14	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 45	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90	Total.	Single.	Married.	Widowers.	Total.
Town	211	58	93	80	59	23	15	57	26	10	3	635	432	167	36	635
Briars	9	—	2	9	1	—	3	2	4	—	—	30	14	15	1	30
Raperts	7	1	1	6	4	—	1	—	1	1	—	22	14	7	1	22
Longwood	67	24	27	32	20	9	8	7	13	5	—	212	140	66	6	212
Half-Tree-Hollow ...	49	13	27	32	11	4	12	4	5	1	—	158	110	42	6	158
Central	46	21	29	23	13	3	4	17	12	2	1	171	113	50	8	171
Cason's	60	26	26	30	17	5	4	10	5	4	—	187	135	47	5	187
Sandy Bay	35	17	18	17	10	1	4	10	5	1	1	119	87	31	1	119
	484	160	223	229	135	45	51	107	71	24	5	1534	1045	425	64	1534

TABLE No. 3.

Table showing Female population classified according to Occupations, Ages, and Conditions.

		Seamstresses.	Domestics.	Laundresses.	Married.	Shopkeepers & Merch'ts	Schoolmistresses and Teachers.	Nurses & Midwives.	Disabled & Infirm.	Occupation not stated.	Imbecile.	Children under 14	Paupers & Lunatics.	Totals.	Under 10.	Under 20.	Under 30.	Under 40.	Under 50.	Under 60.	Under 70.	Under 80.	Under 90.	Totals.	Widows.	Single.	Married.
Town	Town	21	82	78	178	25	8	7	24	51	1	297	32	804	202	179	124	95	67	55	48	28	6	804	79	547	178
Dis-	Briars	4	4	4	16	—	—	—	1	2	—	19	—	50	14	10	9	2	9	2	2	2	—	50	1	33	16
trict.	Ruperts	1	1	7	6	—	—	—	—	3	—	9	—	27	9	3	6	1	4	2	—	2	—	27	3	18	6
Longwood to	Rock Rose	5	22	9	65	1	2	3	—	27	—	87	—	221	70	52	33	26	17	10	6	5	2	221	11	145	65
Half-Tree-Hollow		8	17	14	49	1	—	7	2	36	—	92	—	226	72	53	42	18	19	10	5	4	3	226	18	159	49
Central		10	27	8	51	1	1	4	—	27	—	45	—	174	31	35	42	21	12	18	11	4	—	174	12	11	51
Cason's		2	6	5	43	—	—	1	—	51	—	68	—	176	48	39	26	19	16	14	9	3	2	176	11	122	43
Sandy Bay		4	7	7	30	—	—	2	—	30	—	50	—	130	39	28	19	17	11	8	5	2	1	130	11	89	30
		55	166	132	438	28	11	24	27	227	1	667	32	1808	485	399	301	199	155	119	86	50	14	1808	146	1224	438

No. of Cripples 6
 „ „ Deaf and Dumb.... 1
 „ „ Dumb..... 2
 „ „ Imbecile..... 1
 „ „ Lunatics..... 5
 „ „ Blind..... 2

TABLE No. 4.

Table showing the proportion of the Native to the whole Population.

St. Helena.	United Kingdom.	British Colonies.	Foreign Countries.	West Coast of Africa.	United States of America.	Austria.	France.	Germany.	Spain and Portugal.	Sweden.	Holland.	Total.
3172	94	38	3	26	2	1	2	1	2	—	1	3342

TABLE No. 5.

Table showing the Number of Births and Deaths at different Age periods, registered from April 1891 to April 1901.

PERIOD.	Births.	Deaths.										Total.	Excess of Births over Deaths.	Excess of Deaths over Births.	Remarks.	
		Under 10	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90						
4th April to 31st Dec.																
Year 1891	85	13	2	4	1	3	5	8	7	2	45	40	—			
" 1892	103	8	2	1	3	5	3	11	11	2	56	47	—			
" 1893	126	31	1	6	4	5	7	6	9	3	72	54	—			
" 1894	102	35	—	1	—	5	4	9	12	7	73	29	—			
" 1895	116	16	—	7	1	1	8	9	12	7	61	55	—			
" 1896	100	18	5	6	2	3	3	4	13	5	59	41	—			
" 1897	125	10	1	9	—	4	4	5	8	3	44	81	—			
" 1898	110	17	5	9	3	4	10	13	12	10	83	27	—			
" 1899	132	18	2	10	—	6	7	6	15	10	74	58	—			
" 1900	116	21	14	26	14	16	21	23	16	11	162	—	46			
Jan. 10 to April 7 1901	27	4	3	5	4	1	2	1	3	—	23	4	—			
	1142	191	35	94	32	53	74	95	118	60	752	436	46			

Net excess of Births over Deaths, 390.

TABLE NO. 6.

Table showing the Population of the Colony from 1683 to 1821.

Year.	Total.	Remarks.
1683	500	
1714	832	Exclusive of Company's Slaves.
16	883	Do. " "
16	953	Inclusive of " "
18	801	Exclusive of Garrison.
20	834	Do. " "
23	1110	Inclusive of Garrison and Blacks.
1802	2511	" " " " "
14	3587	" " " " "
Napoleon arrived..... 15	3721	" " " " "
16	5511	" " " " "
17	6157	" " " " "
18	5468	" " " " "
19	6061	" " " " "
20	5827	" " " " "
Napoleon died .....1821	5097	" " " " "

TABLE NO. 7.

Table showing the Population of the Colony, at each of the stated periods; distinguishing Sex, and exhibiting the decrease or increase as compared with the previous Census since 1839.

Census.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Difference from previous Census.		No. of Females to 100 Males.	Remarks.
Years				Decrease.	Increase.		
1839	2066	2139	4205	—	—	103·5	Exclusive of Garrison 531
1851	2973	2517	5490	—	1285	84·6	" " 704
1861	2610	2886	5496	—	6	110·5	" " 948
1871	2681	3157	5838	—	342	117·7	" Shipping 416
1881	2069	2442	4511	1327	—	117·9	" Garrison 302
1891	1775	2102	3877	634	—	118·4	" Shipping 101
1901	1534	1808	3342	535	—	117·8	" Garrison 238
							" Shipping 310
							" Garrison 179
							" Shipping 60
							" Garrison 1532
							" Prisoners } 4655
							" of War }
							" Shipping 321
				2496	1633		

Net Decrease in 62 years.....863.

TABLE No. 8.

Table of Deaths of both Sexes from different causes in each of the years 1891 to 1900, Garrison, Prisoners of War, Seamen, and Passengers, included.

DISEASES.	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
Accidental.....	4	1	2	—	—	2	3	2	2	4
Apoplexy.....	1	4	7	3	6	1	3	10	4	8
Beri-Beri.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Brain.....	3	2	1	4	—	5	4	2	4	—
Bronchitis.....	7	4	6	22	3	4	1	1	—	5
Cancer.....	—	—	3	2	1	3	5	3	—	1
Consumption.....	4	6	5	2	5	4	3	5	2	3
Debility (Infants)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Diarrhœa.....	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	4	1	6
Diphtheria.....	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fever.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	14
Heart.....	5	1	4	2	5	10	1	7	8	9
Inflammation of Bowels	1	—	2	2	—	3	—	2	—	2
“ “ Lungs	5	6	6	—	1	2	—	12	10	31
Influenza.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46
Senile Decay.....	8	8	6	11	13	5	9	13	15	5
Paralysis.....	2	—	—	—	2	1	1	2	8	2
Teething & Convulsions	5	3	6	11	5	4	7	3	3	8
Various.....	9	19	17	13	18	10	5	13	15	15
	56	56	72	73	61	59	44	83	74	162

TABLE No. 9.

Live Stock.

Table showing the number of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Asses, and Mules, in each of the stated periods.

	1891.	1901.
Horses.....	126	* 120
Cattle.....	1139	* 1014
Sheep.....	3115	* 2094
Goats.....	929	1011
Swine.....	231	280
Asses.....	927	* 774
Mules.....	—	119 Property of His Majesty.

* The correct number is unknown as Mr. W. A. Thorpe who is one of the three largest Owners of Stock in the Island writes "I am unable to give the desired information."

TABLE No. 10.

Table of number of Horses, Cattle, Mules, Sheep, Asses, and Swine imported into the Colony, from 1891 to 1900.

Year.	Horses	Cattle.	Mules.	Sheep.	Asses.	Swine.	From the United Kingdom Cape and Australia.
1891	—	1	—	230	—	—	
2	4	28	—	197	—	1	
3	—	—	—	114	—	—	
4	—	—	—	168	—	—	
5	—	—	—	181	—	—	
6	5	—	—	168	—	—	
7	1	—	—	50	—	—	
8	1	125	—	15	1	—	
9	4	162	—	8	—	—	
1900	10	800	123	2	—	—	
	25	1116	123	1133	1	1	

TABLE NO. 11.

Table showing the number of Schools, and of Scholars of each Sex on the Rolls on the 31st December 1900.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools.	Scholars on the Rolls.		Total.	How Maintained.
		M	F		
Government.....	4				Colonial Government
Town Day, Boys -	—	90	—	90	
“ “ Girls -	—	—	100	100	
Country - - - -	—	50	40	90	
Infant, Town - - -	—	20	22	42	
Hussey Charity..	3				By a Bequest of Miss REBECCA HUSSEY.
Town Day - - - -	—	42	20	62	
Country (2 Schools)	—	57	63	120	
Benevolent Society	2				By Voluntary Contri- butions and income from Investments.
Town Day - - - -	—	20	25	45	
Sandy Bay, Day - -	—	31	34	65	
Baptist Mission	1				Contributions from Scholars.
Sunday School - -	—	50	55	105	
	10	360	359	719	

