

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

OF

COST OF KEEP OF PRISONERS, VICTORIA GAOL.

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POLICE OFFICE, VICTORIA,
February 6th, 1879.

To the Honourable the Attorney-General.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your information a comparative statement of the cost to the Government for the keep of prisoners in Victoria Gaol, during the last quarter of 1877 and the corresponding quarter of 1878, taken from the records of the Gaol and Police Office.

Total expenditure for food and clothing during the quarter ending 31st December, 1877	\$1,287 64
Total expenditure for food and clothing during the quarter ending 31st December, 1878.....	\$484 85
Average number of prisoners during the quarter ending 31st December, 1877	59
Average number of prisoners during the quarter ending 31st December, 1878	45½
Cost per man during the quarter ending 31st December, 1877.....	\$21 83
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Daily cost per man, 1877	23½
Do. do. 1878	11½

The prisoners are as well fed and healthy as ever they were in this prison.

I have, &c.

C. TODD.
Superintendent of Police.