

VICTORIA.

No. 1.

POPULATION.

RETURN of the INCREASE and DECREASE of the POPULATION of the Colony of VICTORIA during the year ending 31st December, 1853, and the TOTAL POPULATION on the latter date.

(Not including Aborigines, who are estimated at about 2,500.)

	Males.	Females.	Total.	GENERAL TOTAL.
Increase by Immigration	66,032	26,280	92,312	
Increase by Births	5,000	
Total Increase	66,032	26,280	...	97,312
Decrease by Departures	36,532	5,911	42,443	
Decrease by Deaths	5,000	
Total Decrease	36,532	5,911	...	47,443
Net Increase	29,500	20,369	...	49,869
Population on 31st December, 1852 ...	98,313	50,314	...	148,627
Population on 31st December, 1853 ...	127,813	70,683	...	198,496

NOTE.—The system of registering Births and Deaths in the Colony having been entirely altered during this year, and numbers having been born but not baptized, and buried without funeral service, it is impossible to give more than an approximation; but as far as hitherto observed, the number of Births and Deaths during the last six months of the year are about equal, and 5000 of each is believed to be a fair estimate for the whole year. These uncertainties will gradually disappear as the registration system comes into general and efficient operation.

(Signed)

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