

ABBREVIATIONS and COMMONLY USED TERMS

Use capitals at the beginning of proper nouns. i.e. peoples names e.g. John Smith, place names e.g. Snake Banks, positions of authority e.g. Lieutenant Governor.

- * Write **St.** not Saint, e.g. the ship St. Vincent
- * Write **Mt.** not Mount, e.g. the ship Mt. Stewart Elphinstone
- * Write **No.** not Number, in the case of **No. 3 Chain Gang.**
- * Write the number that comes after a ship name **in brackets** e.g. Arab (1).
- * Write **Port Arthur** in full, especially if in the tried/approved column as it could be mistaken for initials of a Magistrate. Write **h.l.c.** in full.

Note: "fs" is often ss, eg afsigned = assigned

1st / 2nd / 3rd class	1st / 2nd /3rd class Probation Pass Holder
7MC or SMC	Seven Mile Creek
& ^c	etc.
A	Aunt (usually seen in Remarks on indent)
abs ^c d	absconded
AC	Australian Colonies (eg Conditional Pardon approved for the AC)
acc ^s	according
acc ^t	account
add ⁿ	addition
add ^d to p ^r	added to probation
admon ^d	admonished
afs ^e or afs ^{ble} or afs ^{le}	assignable
ag ^t	against
Ant Ponds	Antill Ponds
apart ^{ts}	apartments (as in separate apartments)
APM	Assistant/Acting Police Magistrate (See note in Appendix 8)
app ^d	approved
app ^d or appreh ^d or apph ^d	apprehended
app ^g	appearing
arr ^d	arrived
Ass	Assizes
ass ^d or afs ^d or ass ^g d	assigned
ass ^g t	assignment
Assign ^{le} P ^{ty}	Assignable Party
Ass ^t	Assistant
asst ^g	assaulting
At hulk	(Refers to Hulk report)
Av ^a	Avoca
B	Brother (usually seen in Remarks on indent)
b & w	bread and water
B L	Both a little (referring to literacy)
Backw ^d	Backward (physical description)
beat ^g	beating
Bks	barracks

Bl ^k	Black (physical description)
B Magistrate	Bench Magistrate
B ⁿ or Brigh ⁿ	Brighton
Both	Both [Read and write]
Br	Brown (physical description)
B R ^r	Brown's River
Burg	Burgess (near Port Sorell)
burglar ^y	burglariously (not burglary)
cal ^r	calendar
Can R & W	Can read and write
Can R & W a little	Can read and write a little
Cas Fac	Cascades Factory
Casc	Cascades (if followed by a person's name refers to Cascades Hobart, otherwise Tasmans Peninsula)
CC	Chief Constable
CC	Chief Clerk (time chiefly taken up with examination of convict applications for indulgences)
CC	Circuit Court
CC	Civil Commandant
CC	Clerk Council
CCC	Central Criminal Court (also known as Old Bailey)
CCP	Colonial Conditional Pardon
CDC	Chief District Constable
CE	Conditionally Emancipated
Cert	Certificate [of Freedom]
CGM or CG Memo or CG's	Comptroller General's Memorandum
CG's Memo	Comptroller General's Memo (often preceded by 'vide')
ch	children
CH gang	Custom House gang
CH or C Hill	Constitution Hill
Char ^r or Character in gaol	Refers to Gaol report
C Hat Hill	Cocked Hat Hill
ch ^d	child
C Head	Circular Head
Ch ^f	Chief
ch g or ch gang	chain gang
chs	chains
Ch ^s report	[On] Chairman's report
Church Committee	(at Oatlands)
CJ or C ^t of Just ^y	Court of Justiciary
C' C' Court	Central Criminal Court –see also CCC
C ^l M ^s	Coal Mines
Cl Plns	Clarence Plains
clk	clerk
CM	Court Martial
CO	Colonial Office
C of E	Church of England
COHB	Charles O'Hara Booth
Col	Colonial

Col Sec Letter	Colonial Secretary's Letter
Col Hosp	Colonial Hospital
Col Sec Memo	Colonial Secretary's Memo
comm ^d	commended
Comm ^t Stores	Commissariat Stores
compl ^t	complaint
Compt Gens Office	Comptroller General's Office
Cond Pardon	Conditional Pardon
conf ^d	confined/confirmed
conf ^t	confinement
connexions [sic] or connex ^{ns}	connections (pertaining to relations or friends)
const ^{le}	constable
Conv Mar Dept	Convict Marine Department
conv ^d	convicted
CP or Cond Pardon	Conditional Pardon
CPM	Chief Police Magistrate
CS	Church of Scotland (under religion)
CS	Colonial Service/Servitude
CSCO	Colonial Service. Colonial Office (usually followed by a date and preceded by a period of time e.g. 12 months C.S. C.O. 18/4/1846.)
C ^t M ^l	Court Martial
DACG	Deputy Assistant Commissary General
Dar ^{ln}	Darlington (Maria Is)
DC	District Constable
DCG	Department of Comptroller General
DCG	<i>Deputy Commissioner-General (?) Check this</i>
dec ⁿ	decision
Del ^{ne}	Deloraine
det ⁿ	detention
disch ^d	discharged
dis ^d or dism ^d	dismissed
disob ^{ce}	disobedience
Dis ^t [1 st class or in relation to conduct on probation]	Disobedient
dis ^t	disobedient
dist ^g	disturbing
Dist ^t	District
D ^k	Dark (physical description)
d ^k & dis ^y	drunk and disorderly
D ^k B ^r or D ^k Bro	Dark brown (physical description)
dk ^s	drunkenness
DL ⁿ	Depot Launceston
do	ditto
D ^o	Ditto (in physical description, dittoing the previous entry)
D. of H.	District of Hobarton
Doug R C ^l C ^y	Douglas River Coal Company
D. River C. Comp ^y	Douglas River Coal Company
drunk ^{fs}	drunkenness

Dun ^r	Dunrobin
dur ^g	during
dw or dw ^g	dwelling
E B Neck	East Bay Neck (Dunalley)
EHN	Eagle Hawk Neck
emb ^d	embarked
ent ^d	entered
EO	Ecclesiastical Objection (with regards to permission to marry applications)
eve ^g	evening
exam ⁿ or examon	examination
ex ^g	existing
exe ⁿ	execution
expir ⁿ	expiration
Ext ^d	extended
F	Father (usually seen in Remarks on indent, but also on conduct record)
F& M	father and mother
Fact ^y	[Female] Factory [Hobart]
Fact ^y L ⁿ	[Female] Factory Launceston
FB	Flinders Bay
FC or Free Cert	Free Certificate
f ^d secreted	found secreted
fel ^y	feloniously (not felony)
F ^l or Fing ^l	Fingal
F. Is	Flinders Island
flagell ^r	flagellator
FLb ^r or Fm Lbr ^r	Farm labourer
f ^m	Farm
f ^m	from
F ^m Sv ^t	Farm Servant
fo	[until] further orders
f. order	further orders
FP	Field Police
FPNN	Field Police New Norfolk
fprisoner	fellow prisoner
Frank ⁿ	Franklin
Free passage for W&F allowed	Free passage for wife and family allowed.
FS or F by S	Free by servitude
f ^w p ^r	fellow prisoner
G or G ^l	Gaol
Gaol Delivery	(See Glossary)
Gaoler's report	(Refers to Gaol report)
GD	Gaol Delivery
g ^d	gained
G D ⁿ	Governor's Decision

General Sessions	(A court)
G.F.	Gaol Fingal
GG	Gaol gang
GIC	Governor in Council
Glen ^y	Glenorchy
GNN or G ^l NN	Gaol New Norfolk
GO or G Oat ^s	Gaol Oatlands
Gor R	Gordon River
Gov ^t	Government
GP or Gpds	Green Ponds
GR	Gaol report aka Penitentiary Report
GR Stn	Gordon River Station
Great Sessions	(A court)
GS	General Sessions
GSP	Greater Swanport
GSPR	General Sessions Police Report
G ^t	Great
GT or GeoT	George Town
GTH	Grass Tree Hill
Ham ⁿ	Hamilton
hand ^d	handcuffed (especially in Norfolk Is records)
Hbt or Hob ^t	Hobart
HC	House of Correction
HCHT	House of Correction Hobart Town
Her MG Launceston	Her Majesty's Gaol, Launceston
hl	hard labour
hlc	hard labour chains
HM Col. Hospital	Her/His Majesty's Colonial Hospital
Ho maid	House maid
hosp ^l	hospital
hosp ^l sn	hospitalisation
HR	Hulk report
H ^{se} of Ass	House of Assembly
H ^{se} of Correct ⁿ or HC ⁿ	House of Correction
HT or HTown	Hobart Town
HWH or HW Hill	Half Way Hill
IB or I Bay or Imp Bay	Impression Bay
ID (NN) or IDNN	Invalid Depot (New Norfolk)
impert ^t	impertinent
imp ^t	imprisonment
Imp ^t	Imperfect (eg Imperfect shoemaker)
ins	inside (eg inside right arm seen in physical description)
inst ^t	instant (relating to the day of the current month)
insubord ⁿ	insubordination
intox ⁿ	intoxication

Jer ^m	Jerusalem
Jer ^o	Jericho
J.R.	Judge's report (see also vide J.R.)
K ^{Gardr} or K Gardener	Kitchen gardener
KP ^t	Kangaroo Point
L	lashes (eg 50 L)
lab ^r	labourer
Larceny and p.c.	Larceny and previous conviction
L ^d or Longf ^d	Longford
LGD ⁿ or Lt Gov Dec ⁿ	Lieutenant Governor's Decision (usually preceded by 'vide')
L ⁿ or Launc ⁿ	Launceston
LOB	Little Oyster Bay
Lpool St	Liverpool St
L. Point	Long Point
l ^t	left, or light (check context)
L ^t	Light (physical description eg L ^t brown)
L ^t B ^r or L ^t Bro	Light brown (physical description)
Lt Gov	Lieutenant Governor
Lt Gov Memo	Lieutenant Governor's Memo
Lun Asy	Lunatic Asylum
LY B ^{ks}	Lovely Banks
M	Mersey (probation station)
M	Mother (usually seen in Remarks on indent, but also on conduct record)
M or Marr ^d	Married
M or Med	Medium (physical description)
Macq St	Macquarie St
mak ^g	making
Mal ^s Huts	Malcolm's Huts
Mar D ^t or Mar Dept or M Dept	Marine Department
M ^c H ^r	Macquarie Harbour
Med D ^t or Med Dept	Medical Department
med ^m	medium
Memo	Memorandum
mer conduct	meritorious conduct
mess ^r or mefs ^r	messenger
MH	Medium height (physical description)
Midd ^x	Middlesex
MIs	Maria Island
misc ^t or miscon ^t	misconduct
ML	Medium length (physical description)
MM Office	Muster Master's Office
morn ^g	morning
Morven	(place in NW Tasmania)
mo ^s or mths	months

MW	Medium width (physical description)
N or N/N/ or Neither	Neither [read nor write]
na	not available
New O ⁿ School	New Orphan School
NH	North Huon
NN	New Norfolk
North H ⁿ	North Huon
NP or N Pl ^{ns}	Norfolk Plains
NR	Nicholl's Rivulet
NT	New Town
NTB	New Town Bay
NTF ^m	New Town Farm
ntu	not taken up (associated with a freedom such as conditional pardon)
N W Bay	North West Bay
N Wharf	New Wharf
Oat ^s	Oatlands
OBB	O'Brien's Bridge
O Beach	Old Beach
obt ^g	obtaining
OHD	Oatlands Hiring Depot
On board	(Refers to Surgeon's report)
o ^r	other
OR ^d	Oatlands Road [Party]
orig ^l	original
orwise or o ^r wise	otherwise
OW	Old Wharf
Oy Cove or O Cove	Oyster Cove
Oyer & Terminer	(See Glossary)
P or P ⁿ	(May refer to Probation. See Police Number)
PA or P ^t A ^r or P ^t Arthur	Port Arthur
PB	Prisoners' Barracks [Hobart]
PB L ⁿ	Prison Barracks Launceston
P Cygnet or PC	Port Cygnet
PE	Penal Establishment
PE	Port Esperance (usually in LH column on probation conduct records)
PE L ⁿ	Penal Establishment Launceston
Penquite	(place in Launceston)
Pen ^y or Penitent ^y	Penitentiary
Pep ^t Bay	Peppermint Bay
Perp ^r	Perpendicular (physical description)
pet ^g	petitioning
pet ⁿ	petition
P Gang or P ⁿ Gang	Probation Gang
PGL	Probation Gang Labour
PG PB	Probation Gang Prisoners' Barracks

PH or P Holder	Pass Holder
Pl cook	Plain cook
Pleas of Crown Mote	(related to a court)
Plo'man	Ploughman
PM	Police Magistrate (may also be someone's initials)
pn	proper name
P ⁿ	Petition (if followed by a freedom e.g. P ⁿ TL)
PO	Police Office
Pont ^e	Pontville
Port E.	Port Esperance
poss ⁿ	possession
Poss. or Poss ^y	Possibly (e.g. possibly absconded for good). Used in comments columns.
PP or P ^t pr	Point Puer
P Pass	Parson's Pass
PPH	Probation Pass Holder
ppty	property
PR	Police Report
Presb	Presbyterian
princ ^l	principal
Prison report	(Refers to Gaol report)
pris ^r	prisoner
prob ⁿ	probation
prop ^y	property
Pros Plns or P Plns	Prossers Plains
pros ^r or pr ^r	prosecutor
pros ^x	prosecutrix
Prot	Protestant
PS	Police/Principal Superintendent (See note in Appendix 8)
PS or P Sec ^y	Private Secretary
PSC	Principal Superintendent of Convicts
P S sentence	Penal servitude sentence
PTL or P ⁿ TL	Petition for Ticket of Leave
Pty	Party
PW	Public Works
QG	Quarry Gang
Q O School	Queen's Orphan School
QS or Q ^{tr} Sess ^{ns}	Quarter Sessions
R & W or RW	read & write
RC	Roman Catholic
RC BP	Roman Catholic Bishop
R ^d	Road [party]
Rd Pty	Road Party
rec ^d	received
recomm ^d or rec ^d	recommended
RE Dept	Royal Engineer's Department
rem ^d	removed

rem ^r	remainder
rep ^d or rept ^d	reported
reprim ^d or rep ^d	reprimanded
resist ^s	resisting
ret ^d	returned
Revd RK	Reverend Robert Knopwood
RHills	Rocky Hills
Rich ^d	Richmond
riv ^t	rivulet
R/L	Read little
R/N	Read [not] write
Rofs	Ross
R. of S.	Remission of sentence
S	Single (marital status)
S	Sister (usually seen in Remarks on indent)
satisfact ^v	satisfactorily (not satisfactory)
Sat ^y	Saturday
S. Arm	South Arm
SB	Snake Banks
SB or S Bay	Sandy Bay
SC or Sup Ct	Supreme Court
SCCJ	Supreme Court of Criminal Jurisdiction
Sec ^y	Secretary
sent ^{ce}	sentence
Sep treatment	Separate treatment
serv ^t	servant
SH or S Hill	Spring Hill
SMC or 7MC	Seven Mile Creek
SMP or St MP	St Mary's Pass
SMV	St Mary's Vale
sol ^y or sol ^y conf ^t	solitary or solitary confinement
SP	Sessions of Peace (a court)
Sp Bay	Spring Bay
S Port	Southport or Swanport (sometimes hard to determine the correct one)
SPP	St Peter's Pass
SR	Surgeon's report
ss treatment	strict separate treatment
st ^g	stealing
Stip ^y Mag	Stipendiary Magistrate
Sup ^t	Superintendent
susp ^d	suspended or suspected
SWC	Salt Water Creek
SWR	Salt Water River
TB	Tunbridge
T Box Bay	Tinder Box Bay
THP	Three Hut Point
threat ^s	threatening

TL or T Leave	Ticket of Leave
tob ^{co}	tobacco
TP	Tasmans Peninsula
TR	T Reiby (person)
transp ^d	transported
transp ⁿ	transportation
TSGang	Town Surveyors Gang
tu	taken up (with regards to Conditional Pardon)
Tunb	Tunbridge
TW or TWheel	tread wheel
twc	task work credits
T work	task work
U	Uncle (usually seen in Remarks on indent)
ult ^o	ultimo (relating to the day of the previous month)
upt ^g	upturning
U.S.	under sentence
v	value
vag ^t	vagrant
vag ^y	vagrancy
vide	(Latin for 'see')
Vide J.R.	Vide Judge's report
Vide LGD	Vide Lieutenant Governor's Decision
Vide Memo of Col Sec ^y	Vide Memorandum of Colonial Secretary
VM	Visiting Magistrate
VV	Victoria Valley
W	Wife
W	Widower/widowed
WB	Wedge Bay
w ^h	with
wo or with ^t or w ^t	without
W Tiers	Western Tiers
W Tub	Wash Tub
vest ^y	Yesterday
York NR QS	York North Riding Quarter Sessions
York WR QS	York West Riding Quarter Sessions

EXAMPLES OF MISCELLANEOUS TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

[33] days g ^d by task work	[33] days gained by task work
12 mths CS CO 12/12/56	12 months Colonial Service Colonial Office 12/12/1856
14 days tw	14 days tread wheel
2 days hlc	2 days hard labour in chains
48 hrs sc on b & w	48 hours solitary confinement on bread and water
Ab ^t w/out leave	Absent without leave
CP appd for AC	Conditional Pardon approved for Australian Colonies
Confessed this offence	(Same as stated this offence)
D & dis ^y	Drunk and disorderly
F & M at NP	Father and mother at native place
Found in a dis ^y ho'	Found in a disorderly house
James Smith (1 st)	(One of a number of convicts with the same name on the same ship)
On New Book	(Refers to another record at the AOT)
S or M not stated	Single or married not stated
Stlg in a dw ho'	Stealing in a dwelling house
TL restored, absence act ^d for	Ticket of leave restored, absence accounted for
TL revoked, absent from muster	Ticket of leave revoked absent from muster
Tried with Smith 1103/7 and Jones 1180/Life	Tried with Smith, [Police No] 1103 [and sentenced to] 7 years, and Jones [Police No] 1180 [and sentenced to] Life
US to BW	Under sentence to Bridgewater

SOME ABBREVIATED NAMES

Males

Abr ^m	Abraham
Alex ^r	Alexander
Alf ^d	Alfred
Anth ^y	Anthony
Arch ^d	Archibald
Barth ^w	Bartholomew
Benj ⁿ	Benjamin
Cha ^s	Charles
Chris ^r	Christopher
Corn ^s	Cornelius
Dan ^l	Daniel
D ^d	David
Ed ^d	Edward
Fred ^k	Frederick
Ge ^o	George
Hy	Henry
I ^s	Isaac
Ja ^s	James
Jn ^o	John
Jon ⁿ	Jonathan
Jos or Jos ^h	Joseph
Josh ^a of Jos ^a	Joshua
Mat ^w	Matthew
Mich ^l	Michael
Nath ^l	Nathaniel
Nich ^s	Nicholas
Pat ^k	Patrick
R ^d	Richard
Rob ^t	Robert
Sam ^l	Samuel
Steph ⁿ	Stephen
Tho ^s	Thomas
W ^m	William

Females

Car ^e	Caroline
Cath ^e	Catherine
Eliz th	Elizabeth
M.A.	Mary Ann[e]
Marg ^t	Margaret
Reb ^a	Rebecca
Sus ^h	Susannah