

The following is a return of miner's rights, licenses, and registrations issued during the twelve months, with comparative column showing the increase over the year 1880 :—

	Westport.	Charleston.	Lyell.	Total, 1881.	Total, 1880.	Increase, 1881.
Miner's Rights ..	228	290	267	785	672	133
Business Licenses, £5	1	1	2	4	2	2
„ £3	10	3	9	22	15	7
Water Licenses, 2s. 6d.	121	217	121	459	245	214
„ 5s.		1	..	1		1
Registration, 10s.	10	14	1	25	20	5
„ 1s. .	331	1,232	327	1,890	1,644	246
Applications ..	156	454	281	891	567	324
Gold-Mining Leases	4	7	19	30	16	14

The revenue for the twelve months, amounting to £4,394 0s. 8d., with a comparative table showing increase over the year 1880 :—

	Westport.			Charleston.			Lyell.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Warden's Department	1,197	7	7	773	9	10	973	12	3	2,944	9	8
Resident Magistrate's Department	187	19	0	63	0	0	60	2	0	311	1	0
Fees, Licensing Court	15	11	0	17	0	0	10	19	0	43	10	0
Spirit licenses	625	0	0	215	0	0	255	0	0	1,095	0	0
Total, 1881	2,025	17	7	1,068	9	10	1,299	13	3	4,394	0	8
Total for year 1880	1,862	15	2	887	6	4	1,050	14	8	3,800	16	2
Showing an increase of	163	2	5	171	3	6	248	18	7	594	4	6

The following is the return of cases disposed of in Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts during the year, showing an increase in the civil and Warden's cases as compared with the year 1880 :—

	Civil.	Criminal.	Warden's.	Total.
Westport	205	108	15	328
Charleston	45	16	28	89
Lyell ..	51	36	28	115
Total, 1881	301	160	71	532
Total for year 1880	246	190	28	464
Showing an increase of	55		43	68

The estimated yield of gold in the district is 23,570 oz. :—

	Oz.
Westport	6,600
Charleston ..	6,270
Lyell	10,700
Total ..	23,570

No. 8.

Mr. Warden REVELL to the UNDER-SECRETARY for GOLD FIELDS.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Reefton, 11th May, 1881.

In compliance with your Circular No. 90, of 29th January, 1881, I have now the honor to forward you the returns called for therein, and my report upon this portion of my district during the past twelve months.

I have, since the date of my last report, continued to hold fortnightly sittings of the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts here, and the subjoined tables will show the business transacted and revenue collected, &c.

The cases disposed of in the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts, Reefton, were: Civil, 298; criminal, 101; Warden's, 23: total, 422.

The revenue collected was as follows: Warden's Department, £1,873 7s.; Resident Magistrate's Department, £321; fees, Licensing Court, £17 18s.; spirit licenses, £968 10s.: total, £3,180 15s.

The following is a return of miners' rights, licenses, and registrations issued during the twelve months: Miners' rights (£1), 367; business licenses (£5), 1; ditto (£3), 20; water-race licenses (2s. 6d.), 123; ditto (5s.), —; registrations (10s.), 13; ditto (1s.), 423; lost miners' rights, 3; transferred business licenses, 3. Applications: Mining rights, 303; gold-mining leases, 20; special claims, 4; cancellation leases, 5; protection leases, 5; agricultural leases, —.

The population of sub-districts is as follows :—Reefton: European, 963; Chinese, 10: total, 973. Murray Creek: European, 383. Black's Point and Crusington: European, 102. Boatman's, Italian Gully, Due North, Redman's, Landing Creeks, and Cronaden: Europeans, 445; Chinese, 100: total, 545. Maori Gully, Soldier's, Devil's, and Slab Hut Creeks, and Merrigigs: Europeans, 88; Chinese, 181: total, 269. Grand total, 2,272.