

year 1908–9 of the maintenance of ships forming the Naval Force on the Australian Station.

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The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand

Date.	Description.
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February 28	From the Admiralty.

Enclosures.

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SIR,—

Admiralty, 28th February, 1910.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a statement showing the cost during the financial year 1908–9 of the maintenance of ships forming the Naval Force on the Australian Station.

It will be seen that the total cost—viz., £622,022—exceeds the minimum amount necessary to justify the full contribution of £240,000 provided for under Article VIII of the Naval Agreement with the Australian Commonwealth and the Dominion of New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.

W. GRAHAME GREENE.

STATEMENT OF COST during the Period 1st April, 1908, to 31st March, 1909, of the MAINTENANCE OF SHIPS forming the NAVAL FORCE on the AUSTRALIAN STATION.

Name of Ship.	Class.	5 per Cent. on Prime Cost.	Wages, &c.	Victual-ling.	Repairs.	Sea Stores.	Steam-vessel Coal.	Freight, Naval Stores.	Naval Ordnance Stores.	Medical Stores.	Passages, &c.	Liability in Respect of Retired-pay of Officers and Pensions of Men.	Total.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Powerful ..	Cruiser, 1st class	42,475	54,724	18,120	7,140	7,777	16,087	..	3,674	1,116	5,360	18,976	175,449
Challenger ..	" 2nd ..	22,299	40,549	7,760	3,362	3,644	10,255	..	1,208	45	528	6,384	96,034
Encounter ..	" 2nd ..	22,881	22,541	7,760	4,965	4,328	5,863	..	3,391	125	657	9,869	82,380
Cambrian ..	" 2nd ..	13,620	17,119	4,900	4,798	2,467	7,528	..	1,186	59	263	6,555	58,495
Pioneer ..	" 3rd ..	8,735	14,728	2,610	3,002	2,751	3,892	..	1,892	79	1,237	3,220	42,146
Prometheus ..	" 3rd ..	7,877	13,197	3,940	3,390	2,450	6,814	..	1,021	32	111	5,353	44,185
Pyramus ..	" 3rd ..	8,052	14,834	2,605	3,567	2,011	2,411	..	1,762	45	1,007	3,218	39,512
Pegasus ..	" 3rd ..	7,045	11,879	3,450	2,985	2,501	7,076	..	724	42	137	4,693	40,532
Psyche ..	" 3rd ..	9,128	15,156	2,605	3,493	1,071	3,742	..	997	48	809	3,040	40,089
								3,200	..	..	..	..	3,200
Total ..	..	142,112	204,727	53,750	36,702	29,000	63,668	3,200	15,855	1,591	10,109	61,308	622,022

NOTE.—The "Cambrian" left the limits of the station on the 3rd March, 1909. The "Pegasus" was outside the limits of the station from the 6th February to the 22nd March, 1909.

The figures in the statement do not include the cost of the upkeep, &c., of the naval establishment at Sydney, which was approximately £51,000.

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New Zealand, No. 45.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 11th March, 1910.

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Ministers, that an address has been presented to His Majesty by the House of Commons asking for a return to give—

- (1.) The colonies and British dominions in which periodical returns are required by law of unclaimed balances and securities in the hands of bankers; and