

enormous extent, has also arrived out in the colony, and is now employed sweeping the wards in the new convict prison, which has just been completed. It is an immense structure, and took seven years to build. The prison has 1,000 separate cells, chapel, hospital, lunatic asylum, and residences for the Governor and his deputy, chaplain, doctor, &c.

AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS.—The golden colony of Victoria, on the 30th of June last, had a total population estimated at above 480,000. A general passenger or emigrant rate of 5s. per head is charged, and a special rate of £10 on each Chinese upon his arrival. We say his, because few or no women come with China men. The last general population census was that of 29th March, 1857, and gave the total as 406,577, including 25,424 Chinese and 1,768 Aborigines. There were 269,910 males and 145,667 females. The public revenue of the Colony of Victoria, is stated at £3,500,000 sterling yearly, without loans or special funds. For the year ending June 30th, 1858, it was £3,423,642, being an increase over the previous year of £500,000. Of this amount £1,630,000 consisted of Customs duties, and £1,000,000 the proceeds of public land sales. Tariff on spirits and cordials of all kinds, 10s. per proof gallon; on wine having not only 25 per cent proof spirits, 2s. per gallon; on beer, cider, perry or spruce, 6d. per gallon; on opium, 10s. per lb.; on cigars, 3s. per lb.; on all other tobacco, 2s. per lb.; on sugar, 6s. per cwt.; on melas es, 3s. per cwt.; on tea, 6d. per lb.; on coffee or chicory, 2d. per lb.
