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**CRIMINAL STATISTICS.**

1886.

## I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1886.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,075	1,103	39	351	5,582

\* Include both Offences against rights of Property and Injuries to the subjects of Property.

## II.—APPREHENSIONS AND SUMMONSES.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons brought before the Magistrates' Courts by Arrest, Warrant or Summons for Offences, and how their Cases were disposed of in the Magistrates' Courts.

	Number Discharged for want of Prosecution by the Party complaining or for want of Evidence	Number of Cases Dismissed on the Merits	Number of Persons summarily Convicted	Number of Persons Committed for trial in the Superior Courts
Offences against the Person ...	250		1,243	24
Offences against the good order of families	8		25	11
Offences against Property *...	89		389	13
Other Offences ... ..	771		8,408	6
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,118		10,065	54

NOTE — Purely Civil Cases in which Magistrates exercise jurisdiction are not included in this or the following table.

\* See foot-note above.

## III.—SUMMARY CONVICTIONS.

TABLE showing the Number of Summary Convictions for various Classes of Offences, and the kind of Punishment inflicted.

Punishment	Total Number of Offences *	Assaults and other Offences against the person	Malicious Injuries to Property	Offences against the good order of families	Other Offences
Fine ... ..	7,472	578	121	6	6,767
Fine and Imprisonment ... ..	305	44	16	9	236
Admonition ... ..	188	3	6	—	179
Imprisonment ... ..	2,100	618	246	10	1,226
Whipping... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>10,065</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8,408</b>

\* Each person convicted counted as a separate case.

## IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

## Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1885.  (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Offences														
		Murder, other than Wife, and Child Murder	Man-slaughter	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against property	Offences against the good order of families	Boys	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	11	6	...	...	5
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	12	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	5	...	...	1

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.  
 showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals,  
 for the last Five Years.

	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	5,388	6,871	8,203	7,832	7,075
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates ... ..	8,911	11,003	13,546	*12,316	11,237
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person ... ..	767	1,027	1,204	1,280	1,243
2. For offences against the good order of families	3	5	6	11	25
3. For offences against property ... ..	420	424	401	419	389
4. For other offences ... ..	6,710	8,559	10,759	9,719	8,408
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person ... ..	36	32	17	35	19
2. For offences against the good order of families	4	4	5	6	6
3. For offences against property ... ..	23	36	14	10	12
4. For other offences ... ..	3	5	6	3	5
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts... ..	932	902	1,122	821	1,118
2. In the Superior Courts ... ..	13	9	6	12	12

\* 1 handed over to the Military.

**I** do hereby certify that the foregoing Financial Accounts, Return of the Establishments, &c., and other Statements, have been prepared under the standing Regulations, and are to the best of my belief true.

MALTA, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 18 87

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The first part of the report is devoted to a general description of the

country and its resources, and to a description of the principal

industries and occupations of the people.

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