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**CRIMINAL STATISTICS.**

## I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1872.

| Total Number of Offences reported | Offences against the Person | Offences against the good order of families | Offences * against Property | Other Offences |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 6,028                             | 570                         | 12  | 475                         | 4,971          |

\* 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                     | 164  |   | 641                                   | 21   |
| Offences against the good order of families     | 13   |   | 2                                     | 4  |
| Offences against Property *                     | 188  |   | 532                                   | 15   |
| Other Offences ... ..                           | 1,057  |   | 7,291                                 | 2  |
| Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended | 1,422  |   | 8,466                                 | 24   |

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

\* See foot note (\*) above.



## V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

|   | 1869  | 1870  | 1871  | 1872  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| The number of offences reported to the police ... ..                                      | 4,311 | 4,904 | 5,759 | 6,028 |
| The number of persons apprehended by the police or summoned before the magistrates ... .. | 6,738 | 7,281 | 8,987 | 9,930 |
| The number of summary convictions :—  |       |       |       |       |
| 1. For offences against the person ... ..   | 315   | 302   | 452   | 549   |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families ...                                    | 1     | 2     | 2     | 8     |
| 3. For offences against property ... ..   | 275   | 302   | 326   | 460   |
| 4. For other offences ... ..  | 6,092 | 6,601 | 8,157 | 8,871 |
| The number of convictions in the Superior Courts :—                                       |       |       |       |       |
| 1. For offences against the person ... ..   | 15    | 23    | 16    | 22    |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families ...                                    | 1     | 6     | 6     | 2     |
| 3. For offences against property ... ..   | 28    | 20    | 11    | 20    |
| 4. For other offences ... ..  | 1     | 3     | 12    | 3     |
| The number of persons acquitted :—  |       |       |       |       |
| 1. In the Inferior Courts ... ..  | 935   | 1,119 | 1,450 | 1,409 |
| 2. In the Superior Courts ... ..  | 3     | 14    | 16    | 19    |

V—COMPARATIVE TABLE  
Government Papers showing the Number of Letters, Applications, and Returns  
for the last Year.

| 1872  | 1871  | 1870  | 1869  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1000  | 1000  | 1000  | 1000  |
| 2000  | 2000  | 2000  | 2000  |
| 3000  | 3000  | 3000  | 3000  |
| 4000  | 4000  | 4000  | 4000  |
| 5000  | 5000  | 5000  | 5000  |
| 6000  | 6000  | 6000  | 6000  |
| 7000  | 7000  | 7000  | 7000  |
| 8000  | 8000  | 8000  | 8000  |
| 9000  | 9000  | 9000  | 9000  |
| 10000 | 10000 | 10000 | 10000 |

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.

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