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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1873.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other offences
5,673	776	10	501	4,386

* 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	173		827	19
Offences against the good order of families	10		—	7
Offences against Property *	257		491	35
Other Offences	754		7,175	2
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,194		8,493	63

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 Punishments Inflicted.

Punishments	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	3,118	199	78	—	2,841
Fine and Imprisonment	211	41	10	1	159
Admonition	3,223	159	55	—	3,009
Peremptory Imprisonment	1,966	418	335	—	1,213
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,518	817	478	1	7,222

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases tried in the Superior Courts ended (Each prisoner tried counted as a separate case)	Total	Murder, other than Wife and Child Murder	Murder	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Expecting Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Rape	Unnatural Crimes	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to Property	Robbery with Violence	Offences against the good order of families	Other Offences against Property	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown	46	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	21†	...	...	1	17	...
Judgment for the Prisoner... ..	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19‡	1
Prisoner found Insane ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Case fell through for want of Prosecution, including cases where a Bill was thrown out by Grand Jury ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Murder committed at Naples on board a British Merchant Vessel.

† Including an offence against the person committed by 7 individuals.

‡ Including an offence against property committed by 11 individuals.

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1870	1871	1872	1873
The number of offences reported to the police	4,904	5,759	6,028	5,673
The number of persons apprehended by the police or summoned before the magistrates	7,281	8,987	9,930	9,750
The number of summary convictions :—				
1. For offences against the person	302	452	549	1,000
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	2	2	8	10
3. For offences against property... ..	302	326	460	748
4. For other offences	6,601	8,157	8,871	7,929
The number of convictions in the Superior Courts :—				
1. For offences against the person	23	16	22	19
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	6	6	2	7
3. For offences against property... ..	20	11	20	35
4. For other offences	3	12	3	2
The number of persons acquitted :—				
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,119	1,450	1,409	1,172
2. In the Superior Courts	14	16	19	22

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,

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