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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1874.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1874.

Total Number of Offences reported]	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other offences
5,760	705	2	486	4,567

* 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 ...	169		787	23
Offences against the Good order of families	1		—	1
Offences against Property * ...	203		503	28
Other Offences	746		7,392	—
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,119		8,682	52

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	3,540	208	87	—	3,245
Fine and Imprisonment...	165	29	11	—	125
Admonition	2,944	170	73	—	2,701
Peremptory Imprisonment	2,033	380	332	—	1,321
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,682	787	503	—	7,392

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	Manslaughter	Attempted Murder	Murder of Wife, Reposed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Bugs	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	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15*	2	1	...	10†	...
Judgment for the Prisoner...	12	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	6	...
Prisoner found Insane ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Case fell through for want of Prosecution, including cases where a Bill was thrown out by Grand Jury ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Including two offences against the persons: one committed by 2 and the other by 3 individuals.

† Including 7 offences against property: five committed by 2 and the other 2 by 3 individuals.

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1871	1872	1873	1874
The number of offences reported to the police	5,759	6,028	5,673	5,760
The number of persons apprehended by the police or summoned before the magistrates	8,917	9,930	9,750	9,853
The number of summary convictions:—				
1. For offences against the person	452	549	1,000	787
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	2	8	10	—
3. For offences against property... ..	326	460	748	503
4. For other offences	8,157	8,871	7,929	7,392
The number of convictions:—				
1. For offences against the person	16	22	19	17
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	6	2	7	—
3. For offences against property... ..	11	20	35	23
4. For other offences	12	3	2	—
The number of persons acquitted:—				
1. In the Inferior Courts... ..	1,450	1,409	1,172	1,119
2. In the Superior Courts	16	19	22	12

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,

21st May,

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John Ainslie

Chief Secretary to Government.

