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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1878.

## 1.— OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1878.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,896	576	8	661	6,651

\* 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.	112		629	28
Offences against the Good order of families	2		4	5
Offences against Property *..	232		712	34
Other Offences .. .. .	1,011		9,866	4
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,357		11,211	71

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 .. .. .	5,132	222	124	—	4,786
Fine and Imprisonment. . . . .	133	26	9	1	97
Admonition .. .. .	3,371	166	61	—	3,144
Peremptory Imprisonment .. .. .	2,575	461	432	3	1,679
Whipping .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties .. .	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>11,211</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9,706</b>

## 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	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Beputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Rape	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against Property	Offences against the good order of families	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	63	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	3	21	2	..	6
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	1	..	..

## V.— COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878
The number of offences reported to the Police ..	5,760	7,079	7,655	8,257	7,896
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates .. ..	9,853	12,276	12,893	14,441	12,639
The number of summary convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person .. ..	787	901	982	948	629
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	—	—	1	4
3. For offences against property .. ..	503	492	521	711	712
4. For other offences .. .. .	7,392	9,284	9,683	11,112	9,866
The number of convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person .. ..	17	23	21	20	31
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	2	7	2	2
3. For offences against property .. ..	23	18	31	14	24
4. For other offences .. .. .	—	—	—	1	6
The number of persons acquitted :—					
1. In the Inferior Courts .. .. .	1,119	1,547	1,646	1,611	1,357
2. In the Superior Courts .. .. .	12	9	2	7	10



**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, <sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> May 1879.

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