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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1879.

I. — OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1879.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,499	810	5	576	6,108

* 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 . .	153		926	22
Offences against the Good order of families	1		—	5
Offences against Property * . .	213		633	19
Other Offences	898		9,612	5
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,265		11,171	51

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.

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	4,938	222	83	—	4,633
Fine and Imprisonment	138	27	14	—	97
Admonition	3,692	152	89	—	3,451
Peremptory Imprisonment	2,403	499	380	—	1,524
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11,171	900	566	—	9,705

* Each person convicted counted as a separate case.

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, Boyized 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
		Murder, other than Wife, and Child Murder	Manslaughter														
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	51	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	18	3	2	1	2
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879
The number of offences reported to the Police ..	7,079	7,655	8,257	7,896	7,499
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	12,276	12,893	14,441	12,639	12,487
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	901	982	948	629	926
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	—	1	4	—
3. For offences against property	492	521	711	712	633
4. For other offences	9,284	9,683	11,112	9,866	9,612
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	23	21	20	31	25
2. For offences against the good order of families	2	7	2	2	2
3. For offences against property	18	31	14	24	21
4. For other offences	—	—	1	6	3
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,547	1,646	1,611	1,357	1,265
2. In the Superior Courts	9	2	7	10	7

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,

5th May

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