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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1880.

I. — OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1880.

| Total Number of Offences reported | Offences against the Person | Offences against the good order of families | Offences against Property * | Other Offences |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 6,755 | 784 | 9 | 577 | 5,385 |

* 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 the Party complaining or for want of Evidence | Number of Cases Dismissed on Merits | Number of Persons summarily Convicted | Number of Persons Committed for trial in the Superior Courts |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Offences against the Person.. | 173 | | 926 | 25 |
| Offences against the Good order of families | 2 | | 6 | 1 |
| Offences against Property*.. | 239 | | 583 | 26 |
| Other Offences | 747 | | 8,657 | 2 |
| Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended | 1,161 | | 10,172 | 54 |

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 | 4,900 | 257 | 93 | — | 4,550 |
| Fine and Imprisonment | 122 | 24 | 15 | 2 | 81 |
| Admonition | 3,049 | 143 | 47 | — | 2,859 |
| Peremptory Imprisonment | 2,101 | 424 | 334 | 2 | 1,341 |
| Whipping | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bound over with or without sureties .. | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 10,172 | 848 | 489 | 4 | 8,831 |

* 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, reputed Wife, or Concubine | Child Murder | Concealment of Birth | Abortion | Escape | 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) | 46 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | .. | 5 | 14 | .. | .. | 2 |
| Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated) | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 1 | .. | .. |

V. — COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

| | 1876 | 1877 | 1878 | 1879 | 1880 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| The number of offences reported to the Police .. | 7,655 | 8,257 | 7,896 | 7,499 | 6,755 |
| The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates | 12,893 | 14,441 | 12,639 | 12,487 | 11,387 |
| The number of summary convictions : — | | | | | |
| 1. For offences against the person | 982 | 948 | 629 | 926 | 926 |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families | — | 1 | 4 | — | 6 |
| 3. For offences against property | 521 | 711 | 712 | 633 | 583 |
| 4. For other offences | 9,683 | 11,112 | 9,866 | 9,612 | 8,657 |
| The number of convictions : — | | | | | |
| 1. For offences against the person | 21 | 20 | 31 | 25 | 25 |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | — |
| 3. For offences against property | 31 | 14 | 24 | 21 | 19 |
| 4. For other offences | — | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| The number of persons acquitted : — | | | | | |
| 1. In the Inferior Courts | 1,646 | 1,611 | 1,357 | 1,265 | 1,161 |
| 2. In the Superior Courts | 2 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 8 |

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,

14th May

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Chief Secretary to Government.

