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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1883.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1883.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
6,871	914	13	401	5,543

* 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...	174		1,027	32
Offences against the Good order of families	8		5	4
Offences against Property * ...	116		424	36
Other Offences	613		8,559	5
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	911		10,015	77

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.

Punishment	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	5,071	277	85	—	4,709
Fine and Imprisonment	122	21	9	1	91
Admonition	3,493	235	79	5	3,174
Peremptory Imprisonment	1,329	291	182	—	856
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10,015	824	355	6	8,830

* 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 in the year 1883.	Total	Murder, other than Wife, and Child Murder		Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Rapist's Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against property	Offences against the good order of family	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
		Manslaughter	Manslaughter													
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	68	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	19	4	27	3	4	...	...	5
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	7,499	6,755	5,445	5,388	6,871
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	12,487	11,387	9,052	8,911	11,003
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	926	926	845	767	1,027
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	6	—	3	5
3. For offences against property... ..	633	583	490	420	424
4. For other offences	9,612	8,657	6,737	6,710	8,559
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	25	25	23	36	32
2. For offences against the good order of families	2	—	5	4	4
3. For offences against property... ..	21	19	37	23	36
4. For other offences	3	2	11	3	5
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,265	1,161	895	932	902
2. In the Superior Courts	7	8	9	13	9

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,

4th June 1884

(Signed) Walter Kelly-Hutchinson

Chief Secretary to Government.

