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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1884.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1884.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
8,203	1,051	11	357	6,784

* 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 ...	225		1,204	19
Offences against the good order of families	4		6	6
Offences against Property * ...	140		401	14
Other Offences ...	759		10,759	9
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	1,128		12,370	48

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	5,426	501	111	—	4,814
Fine and Imprisonment	110	18	4	—	88
Admonition	5,179	268	85	—	4,826
Peremptory Imprisonment	1,655	374	219	2	1,060
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	12,370	1,161	419	2	10,788

* Each person convicted counted as a separate case.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases tried in the Superior Courts ended in the year 1884.	Total	Murder, other than Wife, and Child Murderer		Attempt at Murder *	Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murderer	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 families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
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Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	42	1	16	2	10	2	5	...	1	5
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	6	2	1	3

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	6,755	5,445	5,388	6,871	8,203
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	11,387	9,052	8,911	11,003	13,546
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	926	845	767	1,027	1,204
2. For offences against the good order of families	6	—	3	5	6
3. For offences against property... ..	583	490	420	424	401
4. For other offences	8,657	6,737	6,710	8,559	10,759
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	25	23	36	32	17
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	5	4	4	5
3. For offences against property... ..	19	37	23	36	14
4. For other offences	2	11	3	5	6
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,161	895	932	902	1,122
2. In the Superior Courts	8	9	13	9	6

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, *May 20,* 18*85.*

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