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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1885.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1885.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,832	1,141	17	348	6,326

* 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 ...	218		1,280	38
Offences against the good order of families	3		11	8
Offences against Property *...	78		419	15
Other Offences	522		9,719	5
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	821		11,429	66

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	5,655	491	99	—	5,065
Fine and Imprisonment	184	36	7	—	141
Admonition	4,049	183	19	1	3,846
Peremptory Imprisonment	1,540	330	142	10	1,058
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11,428	1,040	267	11	10,110

* 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 1885. (Each prisoner tried counted as a separate case)	Total	Murder, other than Wife, and Child Murder		Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Reputed 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	Offence against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
		Manslaughter	Murder													
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	54	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	32	6	3	1	6	...	1	2
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	3	2	...	...	2

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

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	5,445	5,388	6,871	8,203	7,832
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	9,052	8,911	11,003	13,546	*12,316
The number of summary convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person	845	767	1,027	1,204	1,280
2. For offences against the good order of families	—	3	5	6	11
3. For offences against property	490	420	424	401	419
4. For other offences	6,737	6,710	8,559	10,759	9,719
The number of convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person	23	36	32	17	35
2. For offences against the good order of families	5	4	4	5	6
3. For offences against property	37	23	36	14	10
4. For other offences	11	3	5	6	3
The number of persons acquitted :—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	895	932	902	1,122	821
2. In the Superior Courts	9	13	9	6	12

* 1 handed over to the Military.

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 27,* 18 *86.*

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