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CRIMINAL STATISTICS

1890.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1890.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
8,374	310	43	375	7,646

* 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 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 ...	121		985	62
Offences against the good order of families	6		28	18
Offences against Property * ...	95		406	30
Other Offences ...	504		11,201	10
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	726		12,620	120

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 Punishments 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	7,255	532	233	2	6,488
Fine and Imprisonment	225	55	9	8	153
Admonition	3,973	80	14	—	3,879
Imprisonment	1,167	318	150	18	681
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	12,620	985	406	28	11,201

* Each person convicted counted as a separate case.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1890. (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Manner of Disposition														
		Murder, other than Wife and Child Murder	Man-slaughter	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	Offences against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	96	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	49	...	2	22	14	...	...	4
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	6	4	...	...	6

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	7,075	7,126	7,550	7,319	8,374
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	11,237	10,845	11,299	11,019	13,466
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	1,243	1,065	835	1,056	985
2. For offences against the good order of families .	25	24	16	30	28
3. For offences against property	389	241	242	408	406
4. For other offences	8,408	8,538	9,146	8,630	11,201
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	19	29	42	55	54
2. For offences against the good order of families .	6	6	14	9	14
3. For offences against property	12	20	23	19	24
4. For other offences	5	5	2	5	4
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,118	1,089	955	802	726
2. In the Superior Courts... ..	12	15	24	21	24

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.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

