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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1891.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1891.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,960	1,208	53	430	6,269

* 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 ...	184		1,314	76
Offences against the good order of families	17		36	11
Offences against Property* ...	137		411	66
Other offences... ..	492		9,871	7
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	830		11,632	160

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	5,876	647	176	11	5,042
Fine and Imprisonment	445	166	55	22	202
Admonition	4,000	189	57	2	3,752
Imprisonment	1,311	457	150	—	704
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11,632	1,459	438	35	9,700

* Each person convicted counted as separate case.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1891. (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Murder, other than Wife and Child Murder	Manlaughter	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortions	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
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	133	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	62	...	8	45	11	...	...	6
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	27	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	2	11	...	...	...	1

V—COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	7,126	7,550	7,319	8,374	7,960
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	10,845	11,299	11,019	13,466	12,622
The number of summary convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person	1,065	835	1,056	985	1,327
2. For offences against the good order of families .	24	16	30	28	36
3. For offences against property	241	242	408	406	424
4. For other offences	8,538	9,146	8,630	11,201	9,872
The number of convictions ;—					
1. For offences against the person	29	42	55	54	63
2. For offences against the good order of families .	6	14	9	14	11
3. For offences against property	20	23	19	24	53
4. For other offences	5	2	5	4	6
The number of persons acquitted :—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,089	955	802	726	803
2. In the Superior Courts	15	24	21	24	27

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, 25th July 1892

(Signed) Emilio de Petra

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