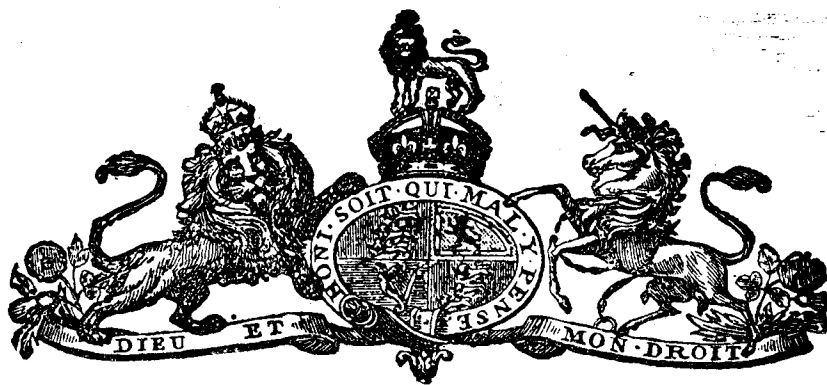


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RETURNS OF THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

*To be laid before the Legislative Council by Command of
His Excellency the Governor.*

- I. Abstract of Cases during the year.
- II. Return of Punishments awarded in respect of certain Classes of Offences during the year.
- III. List of Offences during the year.
- IV. Comparative Return of Cases for the past ten years.

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31st January, 1908.

Table II.

RETURN of PUNISHMENTS awarded in respect of CERTAIN CLASSES of OFFENCES, during the Year 1907.

PUNISHMENTS.		Assaults and other offences against the person.	Malicious Injuries to Property.	Gambling.	Offences against Property other than Malicious Injuries to Property or Prædial Larceny.	Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the Social Economy of the Colony.	Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies.	Other Offences.
Description.	Number of each kind inflicted.							
Fines,	11,710	428	69	2,150	17	2,874	21	6,151
Imprisonment in lieu of fine or security,	2,900	69	12	311	11	407	6	2,084
Peremptory Imprisonment,	834	54	1	...	474	2	...	303
Whipping,	29	2	...	...	27	...	...	...
Solitary Confinement, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exposed in Stocks,	757	5	1	...	611	2	...	138
Sentenced to House of Detention,	40	1	...	...	30	...	...	9
Bound over with or without Sureties,	480	280	18	2	28	12	1	139
TOTAL,	16,750	839	101	2,463	1,198	3,297	28	8,824

Table III.

LIST of OFFENCES TRIED in the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during the year 1907.

OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	NO. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	NO. OF PRISONERS.
Arms and Ammunition Ordinance—2 of 1900,— Contraventions of,	65	73	<i>Brought forward</i>	4,335	7,794
Banishment and Conditional Pardons Ordinance—1 of 1882,— Contraventions of,	91	91	Malicious Damage Ordinance—6 of 1865,— Injuries by fire to buildings and goods therein,	1	1
Bankruptcy Ordinance—7 of 1891,— Offences under.....	3	3	Miscellaneous injuries,	113	148
Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance—7 of 1896,— Contraventions of,	8	10	Marriage Ordinance—7 of 1875,— Offences under,.....	1	1
Chinese Emigration Ordinance—1 of 1889,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part I,	23	23	Married Women (Maintenance in case of desertion) Ordinance—10 of 1905,— Proceedings under,.....	1	2
" " Part III,	11	16	Merchant Shipping Ordinance—10 of 1899,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part I,	8	11
" " Regulations made thereunder,.....	2	2	" " " " VI,	133	218
Chinese Extradition Ordinance—7 of 1889,— Proceedings under,	20	45	" " " " VII,	5	9
Coinage Offences Ordinance—7 of 1865,— Offences relating to the King's gold and silver coin,	18	19	" " " " IX,	16	16
" " " foreign coin,.....	25	29	" " " " X,	48	82
Common Law Offences,	14	16	" " " " Regulations made thereunder,	99	156
Dangerous Goods Ordinance—1 of 1873,— Contraventions of,	39	43	" " " " Ordinance 5 of 1905. An Ordinance to amend the,	52	72
" " Regulations made thereunder,	5	5	Merchant Shipping Ordinance—16 of 1906,— Offences under,	22	62
Dogs Ordinance—5 of 1893,— Contraventions of,	17	25	Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	8	10
Employers and Servants Ordinance—45 of 1902,— Offences under,.....	45	107	Merchant Shipping Act,— Breaches of discipline,	1	1
Extradition Acts (1870-1873).— Proceedings under,	6	6	Merchandise Marks Ordinance—4 of 1890,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	7	7
Foreign Offenders Detention Ordinance—1 of 1872,— Proceedings under,	1	2	Misdemeanour Punishment Ordinance—1 of 1898,— Offences under,	43	50
Forgery Ordinance—4 of 1865,— Forgery of Bank Notes,	12	14	Morphine Ordinance—9 of 1893,— Offences under,	3	3
" Deeds, Wills, Bills of Exchange, &c.,	18	24	Naval Stores Ordinance (Hongkong)—4 of 1875,— Contraventions of,	16	22
" Records, Process, Instruments of Evidence, &c.,	1	1	New Territories (Regulation) Ordinance—8 of 1899,— Contraventions of Rules made thereunder,	30	66
Demanding property upon forged instruments,	5	6	Offences against the person Ordinance—2 of 1865,— Homicide.....	16	48
Gambling Ordinance—2 of 1891,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	317	2,502	Attempt to murder,	3	3
Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance—14 of 1901,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	5	5	Letters threatening to murder,	1	1
Larceny Ordinance—5 of 1865,— Simple Larceny,	978	1,081	Acts causing or tending to cause danger to life, &c.,	25	36
Larceny of cattle and other animals,	10	16	Assaults,	908	1,284
" written instruments,	1	1	Forcible taking or detention of persons,	8	12
" things attached to or growing on land,	36	50	Abolishable Offences,	18	27
" from the person and similar Offences,	142	184	Order and Cleanliness Ordinance—2 of 1867,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	17	105
Sacrilege Burglary and house breaking,	78	110	Pawnbrokers Ordinance—1 of 1860,— Contraventions of,.....	40	43
Larceny in dwelling houses,	20	24	Piers Ordinance—11 of 1899,— Contraventions of,	9	9
" in ships, wharves, &c.,	19	22	Police Force Ordinance—11 of 1900,— Offences under,	83	98
" or embezzlement by clerks, servants, &c.,	15	15	Post Office Ordinance—6 of 1900,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	12	12
Frauds by bankers, agents, &c.,	2	2	" " Orders and Regulations made thereunder,	1	1
Obtaining property by false pretences,	60	77	Prepared Opium Ordinance,—8 of 1891,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	2,207	2,377
Receiving stolen property,	54	89	" " " " Ordinance 15 of 1906. An Ordinance to amend the,	510	523
Apprehension of Offenders and other proceedings,	1	1	Prevention of Crimes Ordinance—4 of 1887,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	1
Licensing Ordinance—8 of 1887,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	1,038	1,084	Prison Ordinance—4 of 1899,— Offences under,	1	1
" " Regulations made thereunder,	632	1,413	Private Vehicles Licensing Ordinance—5 of 1895,— Offences under,	8	9
Liquor Licences Ordinance—8 of 1898,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	76	89	Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	40	46
Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	1	1	Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance—4 of 1897,— Offences under,	82	96
Live Stock Import and Export Regulation Ordinance—15 of 1903,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	3	4	" No. 6 of 1905. An Ordinance to amend the,	1	1
Magistrates Ordinance—3 of 1890,— Offences under,	397	438	Public Assemblages (Regulation of Traffic) Ordinance— 2 of 1869,	7	8
" No. 19 of 1903, An Ordinance to further amend,	20	25			
" " 2 of 1906, Do.,	1	1			
<i>Carried forward</i> ,	4,335	7,794	<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	8,940	13,466

LIST of OFFENCES, ETC.,— *Continued.*

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRI-SONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRI-SONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i>	8,940	13,466	<i>Brought forward</i>	10,035	15,108
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance—1 of 1903,—			Summary Offences Ordinance—1 of 1845,—		
Contraventions of Part II,	288	454	Nuisances, Trespasses and Similar Offences,.....	2,075	2,551
" " III,	144	172	Offences against good order,	649	1,248
" " VI,	5	9	Possession of stolen goods.	347	420
Failure to comply with B. A. Notice.....	58	73	Proceedings under Miscellaneous Provisions.	11	11
" " S. B. " under the Ord.,	34	34	" " No. 7 of 1905. An Ordinance to		
Contraventions of Bye-laws made thereunder.	89	97	amend the,	14	18
" " Regulations made thereunder,	61	114	Suppression of Piracy Ordinance—1 of 1868.		
Public Places Regulation Ordinance—2 of 1870,—			Offences under,	2	8
Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder.....	14	17	Tramway Ordinance—10 of 1902,—		
Raw Opium Ordinance—9 of 1887,—			Contraventions of and Offences under,.....	20	34
Contraventions of and Offences under,	80	88	" " Rules made thereunder,.....	2	3
Regulation of Chinese Ordinance—3 of 1888,—			Triad and Unlawful Societies Ordinance—2 of 1887,—		
Offences under Part III,	7	7	Contraventions of and Offences under,	11	16
" " V,	24	76	Vaccination Ordinance—2 of 1890,—		
" " VII,	5	5	Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	4
Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	1	2	Vagrancy Ordinance—9 of 1897,—		
River Steamers Ordinance—6 of 1895,—			Proceedings under,.....	25	27
Offences under,.....	9	44	Vehicles Regulation Ordinance—3 of 1899,—		
Rogue and Vagabond—5 Geo. IV c. 83,	205	274	Contraventions of and Offences under,	97	114
Servants Quarters Ordinance—11 of 1903,—			" " Bye-laws made thereunder.	10	10
Offences under,.....	32	59	Water Works Ordinance—16 of 1903,—		
Small Tenements Recovery Ordinance—10 of 1897,—			Offences under,	11	15
Proceedings under,	3	3	Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	6	6
Stonecutters Island Ordinance—4 of 1889,—			Weights and Measures Ordinance—2 of 1885,—		
Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	1	Contraventions of and Offences under,	33	33
Stowaways Ordinance—5 of 1903,—			Wild Birds and Game Preservation Ordinance—6 of		
Offences under,.....	35	107	1885,—		
			Contraventions of and Offences under,	2	2
			Undecided Cases,	63	88
<i>Carried forward</i>	10,035	15,108	<i>Total</i> ,	13,414	19,716

Table IV.

ABSTRACT of CASES brought under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during a period of Ten Years, from 1st January, 1898, to 31st December, 1907, inclusive.

Years.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.																				
		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or detained pending Order of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to find Security		Did not appear and absconded	Escaped before being brought for trial at the Magistracy.			Punished for preferring False Charge or giving False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1898, ...	13,341	12,663	834	1,196	93	65	3	2	...	209	43	1	1	...	...	25	8	142	4	14,304	985
1899, ...	10,158	9,007	511	1,527	114	128	3	2	1	90	12	1	...	...	...	17	2	28	3	10,800	646
1900, ...	14,081	13,149	501	2,416	235	131	5	11	1	211	20	1	...	...	1	13	3	77	8	16,010	773
1901, ...	14,531	13,689	536	2,129	147	121	2	6	...	287	25	...	...	...	...	2	...	105	18	16,389	728
1902, ...	16,070	14,404	803	2,071	165	95	4	9	...	264	26	...	...	...	...	3	2	211	...	17,057	1,000
Total...	68,181	62,912	3,185	9,339	754	540	17	30	2	1,061	126	3	1	...	1	60	15	563	33	74,510	4,132	
Average per Year, }	13,636.2	12,582.4	637	1,867.8	150.8	108	3.4	6	4	212.2	25.2	6	2	...	2	12	3	112.6	6.6	14,902	826.4	
1903, ...	14,268	12,906	553	2,104	167	164	9	8	2	211	21	...	...	...	...	9	...	266	22	15,068	774
1904, ...	14,505	13,129	796	1,966	210	83	3	7	...	148	25	...	...	...	1	15	1	75	...	15,424	1,055
1905, ...	13,450	14,512	912	2,097	226	85	2	19	1	312	68	...	...	...	...	6	4	224	7	17,255	1,220
1906, ...	13,871	16,910	299	2,351	49	61	...	19	...	317	24	...	...	...	...	2	1	95	...	19,755	373
1907, ...	13,414	15,533	732	2,563	160	105	3	47	...	403	77	...	...	...	...	4	1	87	1	18,742	974
Total...	69,508	72,990	3,292	11,081	812	498	17	100	3	1,391	215	...	...	...	1	36	7	747	30	86,844	4,576
Average per Year, }	13,901.6	14,598	658.4	2,216.2	162.4	99.6	3.4	20	6	278.2	43	...	...	...	2	7.2	1.4	149.4	6	17,368.8	875.2
Grand Total for the 10 Years, }	137,689	155,902	6,477	20,420	1,566	1,038	34	130	5	2,452	341	3	1	...	2	96	22	1,310	63	161,354	8,508	
Average per Year, }	13,768.9	15,590.2	647.7	2,042	156.6	103.8	3.4	13	5	245.2	34.1	3	1	...	2	9.6	2.2	131	6.3	16,135.4	850.8	