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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

The following Returns connected with the business of the Superior and Subordinate Courts of the Colony, for the Year 1876, are published for general information.

By Command,

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RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES that have been tried in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, during the Year 1876.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIMES.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Death.	Death recorded.	Penal Servitude.	Hard Labour over One Year.	Hard Labour One Year and under.	Publicly flogged.	No. of Persons.	Solitary Confinement.	CHARGES ABANDONED.		POSTPOSED.		
													No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	
1	1	Abandoning a Child whereby its Life was endangered, ...	1														
1	3	Accusing of Crime with Intent to extort Money, ...	3														
1	1	Allowing a Prisoner to escape, ...	1														
1	1	Assault and wounding, ...	1														
1	1	Attempting to commit a Burglary, ...	1														
1	1	Attempting to drown, Assault and wounding, and Robbery in a Boat,	1														
1	1	Breach of Conditional Pardon, ...	1														
1	1	Breaking and entering a Godown with Intent to commit a Felony,	1														
1	3	Breaking and entering and stealing in a Dwelling-house,	2	1													
1	1	Burglary, ...	1														
2	2	Burglary and Larceny, ...	1	1													
1	2	Burglary and Larceny, and receiving stolen Goods, ...	2														
1	3	Child Stealing, ...	3														
1	1	Counterfeiting Coin, ...	1														
1	2	Cutting and Wounding with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm, ...	2														
1	1	Cutting and Wounding with Intent to Murder, ...	1														
1	1	Embezzlement, ...	1														
...	...	Forcibly detaining a Woman for the Purpose of Prostitution,	...														
1	1	Highway Robbery, ...	1														
...	...	Indecent Assault, ...	...														
5	5	Larceny, ...	4	1													
1	2	Larceny in a Boat in the Harbour, ...	2														
4	5	Larceny in a Dwelling-house, ...	4	1													
7	17	Larceny on board Ship in the Harbour, ...	13	4													
3	4	Manslaughter, ...	1	3													
1	1	Murder, ...	1														
3	3	Obtaining Goods by false Pretences, ...	3														
1	2	Obtaining Money by false Pretences, ...	2														
2	12	Piracy and receiving Goods piratically stolen, ...	8	4													
2	3	Rape, and aiding and abetting to commit Rape, ...	1	3													
1	1	Returning from Deportation, ...	1														
1	7	Riot, and Assault and Wounding, ...	6	1													
1	2	Robbery and Assault, ...	1	1													
2	2	Robbery from the Person with Violence, ...	2														
1	4	Robbery in a Boat in the Harbour, being armed, ...	3	1													
1	1	Shooting with Intent to Murder, ...	1														
1	2	Uttering a forged Order for delivery of Goods, ...	2														
56	100		76	24	1		33	26	16	3			8	9			

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Acting Registrar.

RETURN of the NUMBER of CASES tried and ACTIONS commenced in the Supreme and Vice-Admiralty Courts of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

Cases tried in 1876.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages claimed and Amounts to be administered.	Judgment.				Total.	
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.	Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court:—								
Summary Jurisdiction,	a 650	\$53,496.08	570	37	34	55		
Original Jurisdiction, ...	b 0	54,920.87	7	2				
Chancery, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Bankruptcy, ...	c 4	37,110.16	{ Petitioners discharged } 4					
Probate, ...	d 90	552,805.87	{ Petitioners granted } 90					
Appeals, ...	1	...	...	Respondent 1				
Vice-Admiralty Court, ...	1	...	1				755	\$608,332.98

Actions commenced in 1876.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages claimed, and Amounts to be administered.	Settled without Trial.	Judgment.				Remaining in Dependence.	Total.	
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.		Cases.	Debt & Damages.
Supreme Court:—										
Summary Jurisdiction,	1,032	\$98,753.06	310	507	37	31	54	24		
Original Jurisdiction, ...	36	268,077.73	15	5	1			f 15		
Chancery, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Bankruptcy, ...	e 6	75,676.52	...	{ Petitioners discharged } 2				4		
Probate, ...	90	552,805.87	...	{ Petitioners granted } 90						
Appeals, ...	3	...	1	...	Respondent 1			1		
Vice-Admiralty Court, ...	5	28,000.00	1	...	...			4	1,179 \$1,013,313.16	

a. Fifteen of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1875.

b. Three of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1875.

c. Two of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1875.

d. The amount given in these Cases is the Sworn Value of the several Estates in which Probate or Letters of Administration were granted during the year.

e. The amount given in these Cases is the amount of Liabilities set forth in the Bankrupts' Schedules.

f. One of these Cases was heard and was pending for judgment on 31st December, 1875.

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ABSTRACT OF CASES UNDER COGNIZANCE OF THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURT, DURING THE YEAR 1876.

Total Number of Cases.	Total Number of Prisoners.		Cases how disposed of, and the number of male and female prisoners under each head.												Warrants.						Total								
	M.	F.	Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at the Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison, or Declined pending Orders of H. E. the Governor.		To keep the Pence.		Ordered to find Security.*		Punished for false Charge, or giving wilful false Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Prisoners.			Summonses for Defendants.	Summonses for Witnesses.	Notices of Re-hearing.	Arrest.	Distress.	Search.	For entering Houses.	Mages-trikes Orders.
9,103	7,315	1,788	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	9,532	76	50	88	7	27	1	8	2,787

TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES,.....10,426

\* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.



OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	3,441	4,521	<i>Brought forward</i> .....	7,811	9,058
House—Setting Fire to, (see "Arson").			Prisoners—Negligently allowing the Escape of, (see "Escape").		
" —Unlicensed Coolie Lodging, (see "Unlicensed").			" —Rescuing from Custody of Police, (see "Police").		
Hydrant—Wasting Water at a public, (see "Disorderly Conduct").			Provisions—Exposing for Sale or bringing into the Colony unwholesome, (see "Unwholesome Provisions, &c.")		
Inciting a Person to commit a Misdemeanor, (see "Misdemeanor").			Public Ways—Hanging wet Clothes, &c., to dry over, (see "Nuisances, &c.")		
Indecent Assaults, [see "Assault"].			" —Obstruction of, (see "Obstruction").		
Indecent Exposure of Person by Bathing or otherwise, and Lewdness, ... ..	17	25	Quarantine Regulations—Breach of, ... ..	1	1
Inquests—Jurors disobeying Coroner's Summonses for Attendance at, [see "Jurors"].			Rape, ... ..	2	2
Japan—Deportation to this Colony from [see "Deportation"].			Receiving Stolen Goods, ... ..	28	41
Jurors—Neglecting to answer Coroner's Summonses to attend Inquests, ... ..	3	3	Recognizances—Breach of, ... ..	7	7
Kidnapping, [see "Child Stealing," "Abduction and Sale of Women and Female Children"].			Regimental Clothes, &c., Purchasing or receiving, (see "Military Law").		
Labels and Trade Marks—Fraudulently using false, [see "Trade marks, &c."]			Registration of Births and Deaths—Breach of Ordinance for (see "Births and Deaths").		
Larceny—Cattle, [see "Cattle Stealing"].			Registration of Householders and Servants—Breach of Ordinance for, (see "House").		
" —Children, [see "Child Stealing"].			Religious Ceremonies—Chinese carrying on without Authority, Rendition of Chinese, (see "Crimes, &c.")		
" —Dogs, [see "Dog Stealing"].			Rescuing Prisoners from Custody of Police, (see "Police")		
" —Common, ... ..	445	481	Resisting Police—Assaulting, obstructing, or (see "Police, &c.")		
" —from Ships or Boats in the Harbour, ... ..	90	142	Riotous Assemblages, ... ..		
" —from the Person, ... ..	55	65	" Assault at, or in connection with, (see "Assaults, &c.")		
" —from Wreck, ... ..	1	2	Roads and Streets—Obstruction of, (see "Obstruction, &c.")		
" —in a Dwelling House, ... ..	98	112	Robbery—Assault with Intent to commit (see "Assault, &c.")		
" —of Vegetables and Fruits from Gardens and enclosed Places, ... ..	7	7	" —From the Person, ... ..	5	10
Lawlessness, (see "Indecent Exposure, &c.")			" —On the Highways with Arms or with Violence, ... ..	1	2
Libel, ... ..	1	1	" —with Wounding, ... ..	5	9
Lights—Chinese not carrying at Night, ... ..	39	39	Rogues and Vagabonds—As Street Gamblers and Watchmen to Gamblers, ... ..	98	98
Lodging Houses, unlicensed coolie, ... ..			" —As suspicious Characters, ... ..	152	152
Mails—Detention of H.M.'s, [see "Post Office"].			" —As Vagrants (Europeans and Indians), ... ..	37	37
Malignant Injury to Property, ... ..	22	25	Rubbish and Filth—Allowing Accumulation in house, or immediate Vicinity thereof, of, (see "Nuisances").		
Man-slaughter, ... ..	4	6	Rubbish and Filth—Throwing into the Harbour or on the Beach, (see "Nuisances").		
Marine Store Dealers—Breach of Ordinance for, ... ..	22	22	Rubbish and Filth—Throwing into the Harbour or on the Beach, (see "Nuisances").		
Markets Ordinance—Breach of, ... ..	427	427	Sailors—Assisting in the Desertion of, (see "Desertion").		
Mendicancy, ... ..	440	449	Seamen—Harbours deserted, ... ..	1	1
Mendicants—Bringing into Colony, ... ..	1	2	" —Desertion of Merchant, (see "Desertion").		
Men-of-War Anchorage—Dredging at, [see "Harbour"].			" —making false Statement as to Ships in which they served, and presenting false Characters, ... ..		
Merchant Seamen—Desertion of [see "Desertion"].			" —Refusal of Duty by British Merchant, ... ..	5	5
" —Refusal of Duty by British, [see "Seamen."]			Seamen's Boarding House, unlicensed, ... ..		
Military Law—Breach of, ... ..			Effects, Detention of, ... ..		
Misdemeanor—Attempting to commit, ... ..			Servants—Breach of Ordinance for Registration of Householders and, (see "House").		
" —Inciting a Person to commit a, ... ..	10	16	Servants—Misconduct as Domestic, (see "Domestic Servants").		
Money Changer—Unlicensed, ... ..			Ship or Boat in the Harbour—Larceny on board, (see "Larceny").		
Murder, ... ..	3	7	Shooting with Intent to Murder, ... ..	2	2
" —Piracy with, (see "Piracy").			Shopkeepers—Obstruction of Roads by, (see "Obstruction").		
Night—being out without Lights at, (see "Light").			Soldiers—Assisting in the Desertion of, (see "Desertion").		
" —Found at, armed with Dangerous and offensive Weapons, with Intent to break into Dwelling Houses, (see "Night").	2	18	Spirituous and fermented Liquors—Breach of Ordinance for Retail of, ... ..	11	11
" —Found in Dwelling Houses by—with Intent to commit Felony therein, ... ..	6	6	Stamp Ordinance—Breach of, ... ..		
" —Noises by playing at the Game called "Chai-Mui," ... ..			Stealing Cattle, [see "Cattle Stealing"].		
" —by Watchmen, ... ..	3	3	" —Children, [see "Child Stealing"].		
" —Passes—being out without, (see "Passes").			" —Dogs, [see "Dog Stealing"].		
" —Chinese carrying Arms, not being Holders of (see "Arms").			" —Children, [see "Child Stealing, &c."]		
Nuisances—Allowing Dirt and Filth to remain on Premises or in immediate Vicinity thereof, ... ..	684	684	Stolen Goods—Receiving, [see "Receiving, &c."]		
" —Exposing Night Soil in the Streets in uncovered Buckets and in open Boats, ... ..	20	20	Stones and other Missiles—Discharging to Danger of Persons or Property, ... ..	10	10
" —Hanging wet Clothes, &c., to dry over Public Ways, ... ..	49	49	Stragglers from British and Foreign Ships (see "Desertion").		
" —Keeping Pigs without a Licence, ... ..	25	25	Streams—Boiling, ... ..	17	17
" —Neglecting to clean out Dust Bins, and throwing Rubbish, &c. into the Streets, ... ..	118	118	Street Chairs and Vehicles—Breach of Ordinance for, [see "Chairs and Vehicles"].		
" —Obeying Calls of Nature in the Streets, ... ..	37	37	" —Obstruction of Roads and, [see "Obstruction"].		
" —Laking Dust Bins, ... ..	7	10	" —Gamblers and Watchmen to Gamblers, [see "Rogues and Vagabonds"].		
" —Throwing Rubbish into the Harbour or on the Beach, ... ..	82	82	Street gambling, treated as Obstruction of Public Ways, [see "Gambling"].		
Obscene Pictures, exposing for Sale, ... ..	1	1	Street Noises by Hawkers, † ... ..	243	190
Obstruction or Resisting Police, (see "Police").			Suspicious Characters, [see "Rogues and Vagabonds"].		
" —of Roads and Streets, &c., by Hawkers, Chair Coolies and Shopkeepers, ... ..	738	738	Threats—Attempting to extort by Menaces, and ... ..		
" —of Wharves by Boat People, ... ..	50	50	" —of Violence to the Person, ... ..	11	11
Offensive Trades—Carrying on Dangerous and (see "Dangerous").			" —with Intent to extort Money, ... ..	1	3
" —Weapons—Found at Night with Dangerous and—with Intent to break into a Dwelling House (see "Night").			Trade Marks and Labels—Fraudulently using false, ... ..		
" —Having Possession of, (see "Weapons").			Trees, &c.—Cutting and destroying, ... ..	102	103
Opium—Breach of Ordinance for Preparation and Sale of prepared, ... ..	18	18	" —Unlawful Possession of Shrubs, &c., [see "Unlawful Possession"].		
Passengers' Act of 1855—Breach of Chinese, (see "Chinese, &c.")			Turf—Cutting from Crown Land without Permit, [see "Trespass on Crown Land"].		
Passes—Chinese carrying Arms, not being Holders of Night, (see "Arms").			Trespass on Crown Land, ... ..	91	91
" —Chinese out at Night without, ... ..	791	791	Uniform, &c.—Soldiers disposing of, [see "Military Law"].		
Pawnbrokers—Breach of Ordinance for, ... ..	10	11	Unlawful Possession of Property, ... ..	783	350
Pawning—Illegally, ... ..	1	1	" —of Trees, Shrubs, &c., ... ..	71	71
Perjury, (see also "Preferring false charge and giving wilful false Testimony").			Unnatural Offence, ... ..		
Pigs—Unlicensed Keeping of, (see "Nuisances, &c.")			" —Assault with Intent to commit an, [see "Assaults"].		
Piracy, ... ..	2	17	Unwholesome Provisions—Exposing for Sale or bringing into the Colony, ... ..	20	26
" —Confederating with Pirates, ... ..	2	2	Vehicles and Chairs—Breach of Ordinance for, [see "Chairs, &c."]		
Piracy with Murder, ... ..	4	11	Watchmen to Gamblers, [see "Rogues and Vagabonds"].		
Placeards—Posting, ... ..			" —Misconduct as Private, ... ..	12	12
Police—Assaulting, obstructing or resisting, (see "assault").			" —Night Noises by, [see "Night"].		
" —Assuming Name, Designation, &c., of Constable of, ... ..	1	1	Weapons—Found by Night with dangerous and offensive, with Intent to break into Dwelling Houses, [see "Night"].		
" —Escape of Prisoners from Custody of, (see "Escape, &c.")			Weapons—Having Possession of dangerous and offensive, ... ..	3	3
" —Rescuing Prisoners from Custody of, ... ..	8	8	Weights and Measures—Breach of Ordinance for, ... ..	43	43
Police Constables—Bribery, or attempting to bribe, (see "Bribery, &c.")			Witnesses—Intimidating, (see "Embraecery").		
" —Misconduct as, ... ..	12	12	" —Ordered to give Security for Appearance, ... ..	20	20
Posting Bills on Walls, &c., (see "Placeards").			Wharves—Obstruction by Boat People of, (see "Obstruction").		
Post Office—Breach of Ordinance for, ... ..	3	3	Workmen—Intimidating, ... ..	1	2
Poultry—Selling in the Streets, (see "Breach of Markets Ordinance").			" —Misconduct as, ... ..	5	5
Preservation of Birds—Breach of Ordinance for, (see "Birds, &c.")			Wounding—Assault with, (see "Assault").		
Prisoners—Escape from Custody of Police of, (see "Escape").			" —Cutting and inflicting bodily injuries, (see "Cutting, &c.")		
" —" —Gaoi of, (see "Escape").			Wounding—Robbery from the Person with, (see "Robbery").		
			Wreck—Larceny from, (see "Larceny").		
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	7,811	9,068	TOTAL.....	9,103	10,425

† Some of the Prisoners in these cases were also convicted of unlicensed Hawking.