

RETURN of MARINE CASES tried at the Marine Magistrate's Office, during the year 1863.

| Number of cases. | Number of Defendants. | Cases how disposed of. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------|---|--------------|------------|
| | | Punished. | Ordered to be discharged. | Fined. | Dismissed. | Ordered to return to duty. | Discharged from Ship by mutual consent. | Reprimanded. | Cautioned. |
| 126 | 299 | 210 | 41 | 26 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Cases consisted of:—

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| Refusal of duty,..... | 43 |
| Assault,..... | 24 |
| Desertion,..... | 18 |
| Mutinous conduct,..... | 8 |
| Wilfully remaining behind from ship,..... | 6 |
| Drunkenness,..... | 6 |
| Breach of Section III of Ordinance 4 of 1850,..... | 4 |
| Insolent and abusive language,..... | 4 |
| Drawing a knife with intent,..... | 2 |
| Breach of Section IX of Ordinance 1 of 1862,..... | 2 |
| Breach of Section XX of Ordinance 1 of 1862,..... | 1 |
| Breach of Harbour Regulations,..... | 1 |
| Breach of Section VII of Ordinance 6 of 1852,..... | 1 |
| Stabbing,..... | 1 |
| Ill treatment,..... | 1 |
| Embezzling Cargo,..... | 1 |
| Attempt to kill,..... | 1 |
| False charge,..... | 1 |
| Stealing,..... | 1 |

Total,..... 126

ROBT. McMURDO,
Marine Magistrate.

No. 22.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Finding of the Marine Court, appointed under Ordinance No. 11 of 1860, to enquire into the charge of misconduct brought by Thomas Rogers, Master of the British Barque *Antipodes*, against James Duguid, Chief Mate of the said Vessel, and which has been confirmed by His Excellency the Acting Governor under the 5th Provision of Section 242 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1854, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th February, 1863.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

1st. The Court consider it proven that the Defendant was under the influence of drink several times during the voyage from England to Shanghai.

2nd. It is proven that Defendant obtained rum surreptitiously from the Steward during the aforesaid voyage.

3rd. It is proven that the Defendant was drunk and unfit for duty at Whampoa on the 14th January, and again at Hongkong on the 9th of February, 1863.

4th. It is proven that the Defendant sent a seaman from the ship to the shore at Hongkong to purchase spirits.

5th. The Court is unanimous in deciding that the Certificate of Competency of the Defendant be suspended for twelve months.

Dated at Victoria, Hongkong, the 11th February, A.D. 1863.

C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.ROBT. McMURDO,
Acting Harbour Master.P. RYRIE,
Justice of the Peace.G. H. HEATON,
Surveyor for Government and
local Offices.JOHN TOWNSEND,
Master Mariner, Commanding
"Fort William."Confirmed,
W. T. MERCER,
Acting Governor.