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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Returns connected with the business of the Superior and Subordinate Courts of this Colony for the Year 1863, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th May, 1864.

### RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES that have been tried in the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG, during the Year 1863.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIME.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Death.	Death Recorded.	Penal Servitude.	Hard labor over one year.	Hard labor one year and under.	REMARKS.			
										Charges abandoned		Postponed	
										Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.
...	...	Abduction,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
3	4	Arson, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	...
2	2	Assault and Wounding, ...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Assaulting Police,...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Attempting to shoot and murder, ...	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
23	23	Burglary, ...	23	...	...	...	23	...	a	2	2	...	...
5	7	Burglary with Wounding, ...	7	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Burglary with Violence, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Child Stealing, ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Concealment of Birth, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...
2	13	Confederating with Pirates, ...	1	12	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Cutting and Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
1	2	Cutting and Wounding with intent to murder, ...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Embezzlement, ...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
24	24	Escaping from Gaol,...	24	...	...	...	21	3	...	...	...	...	...
3	2	Forgery, ...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Highway Robbery, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Highway Robbery and Assault, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Highway Robbery being armed, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Highway Robbery with Wounding, ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Housebreaking with Larceny,...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	5	Larceny,...	4	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Larceny and Assault, ...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Larceny in a Boat, ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	18	Larceny in a Dwelling-house,...	14	4	...	...	6	7	b	3	4	...	...
3	5	Larceny in a Vessel, ...	3	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...
1	1	Manslaughter, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
9	14	Murder, ...	6	8	3	...	1	1	c	1	1	...	...
1	1	Obtaining Goods on false pretences, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	5	Perjury, ...	5	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Permitting an Escape, ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	24	Piracy, ...	23	1	...	...	23	...	d	1	2	...	...
1	6	Piracy and Assault with intent to murder, ...	5	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	6	Piracy and Murder, ...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Piracy and Mutiny, ...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	8	Piracy Mutiny and Assault, ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Rape,...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Receiving Stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	e	...	...	...	...
1	1	Rescue, ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Revolt on board Ship, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	...
7	9	Robbery and Assault, ...	6	3	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...
35	37	Robbery from the Person, ...	33	4	...	...	22	8	3	...	...	...	...
2	8	Robbery in the Harbour, ...	8	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	4	Robbery with Violence,...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	4	Robbery with Wounding,...	3	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Stabbing with intent to do grievous bodily harm, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	6	Trading and Confederating with Pirates,...	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Uttering a forged note with intent to defraud, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
3	3	Uttering counterfeit coin, ...	1	2	...	...	1	...	f	2	2	...	...
178	273		211	62	11	3	129	49	19	15	35	...	...

N. R. MASSON,  
*Acting Registrar.*

a. One prisoner, acquitted on the ground of insanity, detained during H. M.'s pleasure.  
 b. In one case no witnesses appeared.  
 c. Three prisoners convicted of manslaughter.  
 d. In the case abandoned the prisoners were convicted on a charge of Piracy and Murder.  
 e. In this case the prisoners were tried for Larceny and Receiving.  
 f. In one case the prisoner was on bail, and did not surrender.

RETURN of the NUMBER of CASES tried before the Honorable the Chief Justice, and actions commenced in the Supreme Court and Vice Admiralty Court of Hongkong during the year ending 31st December, 1863.

Cases tried before the Honorable the Chief Justice in 1863.

COURT.	NUMBER OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT & DAMAGES CLAIMED.	JUDGMENT.			TOTAL.	
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court,—							
Common Law, .....	7a	\$37,000.00	7	...	...	} 24	} \$197,139.92
Chancery, .....	...	.....	...	...	...		
Insolvency, .....	3	140,138.10	...	...	...		
Appeals, .....	7b	.....	2	5	...		
Vice Admiralty Court, .....	7c	20,001.82	6	1	...		

Actions commenced in 1863.

COURT.	NUMBER OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT AND DAMAGES CLAIMED.	SETTLED WITHOUT TRIAL.	JUDGMENT.			REMAINING IN DEPENDENCE.	TOTAL.	
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.		Cases.	Debt & Damages.
Supreme Court,—									
Common Law, .....	80	\$313,102.17	34h	4	...	...	42	} 137	} \$545,086.95
Chancery, .....	2d	.....	...	...	...	...	2		
Insolvency, .....	3	140,138.10	...	...	...	...	...		
Probate, .....	28e	26,280.95	...	...	...	...	...		
Appeals, .....	6f	.....	...	2	4	...	...		
Vice Admiralty Court, ...	18g	65,565.73	1	5	1	...	11		

N. R. MASSON,  
Acting Registrar.

- a. Three of these cases were in dependence on 31st December 1862.  
 b. One of these cases was in dependence on 31st December 1862.  
 c. One of these cases was in dependence on 31st December 1862.  
 d. One of these cases was for Specific Performance, and one for an Injunction.  
 e. Probate was granted in nine of these cases—and Letters of Administration with the Will annexed in two cases; in one case Letters of Administration were granted until the wishes of the Executors in England were made known—the amount given above is from the valuations made by the Court appraisers.  
 f. One of these cases was from the Court of Summary Jurisdiction—and the others from the Consular Court at Shanghai.  
 g. Seven of these cases were derelict.  
 h. In ten of these cases Judgment by default was signed.

RETURN of the Number of CASES tried, and ACTIONS commenced in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1863.

NUMBER OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT AND DAMAGES CLAIMED.	SETTLED WITHOUT TRIAL.	JUDGMENT.			REMAINING IN DEPENDENCE.
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	
*1,475	\$61,740,491 $\frac{1}{4}$	632	636	37	169	1

\* Three of these Cases were in dependence on 31st December 1862.

HENRY J. HOLMES,  
Clerk of Court.

ABSTRACT of CAUSES under COGNIZANCE at the Police Magistrates' Court during the year 1863.

Total Number of Causes.	CAUSES HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.						WRITS ISSUED BY MAGISTRATES DURING THE YEAR 1863.				REMARKS.																
	Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Deported.		Committed for trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison, or detained, pending orders of the Governor.			Ordered to find security.		Punished for preferring false testimony, or giving false charge, or giving false evidence.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.		Summons for Defendants.	Summons to Witnesses.	Notices of Judgment and Releasings.	WARRANTS.			TOTAL.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				Distress.	Arrest.	Search.		
5,015	6,179	377	2,638	253	50	265	3	306	22	21	3	180	4	23	8	34	2	9,696	674	2,439	194	39	122	49	86	2,929	Of these Writs the parties did not appear before the Magistrates in 124 of the Number.

THE CASES CONSISTED OF

Abduction of Females, ...	7	Breach of Ordinances, (continued):—	32	Harbouring Police constable when on duty, ...	1
Aiding Soldiers and Seamen to desert, ...	2	Regulation of public vehicles, Chairs, &c., ...	37	Kidnapping, ...	2
Aiding Prisoners to escape from Jail, ...	6	Sale of prepared Opium, ...	7	Larcenies, ...	879
Assaults, ...	758	Suppression of public gaming, ...	27	Malignant prosecution and false testimony, ...	27
Assaults accompanied with damage of property, ...	62	Retail of Spirituous liquors, ...	7	Misconduct as Police Constables, ...	53
Administering drugs, ...	1	Bribery, ...	2	Murder, Piracy, &c., ...	38
Attempts to commit felony, ...	52	Burglary, Robbery, &c., ...	67	Obtaining goods or money by false pretences, &c., ...	11
Being at large in the Streets at night without pass, ...	274	Concealing birth, ...	1	Offences relating to Coins, ...	32
Breach of Prison, ...	16	Child Stealing, ...	3	Offences relating to Workmen, ...	8
Breach of Buildings Ordinance, ...	35	Cutting and Wounding, ...	6	Rape, ...	1
Breach of Cargo-boats Ordinance, ...	2	Demanding money with menaces, ...	2	Receiving stolen Property, ...	3
Breach of Jail Ordinance, ...	45	Desertion and refusal of duty by Seamen, ...	3	Trespass on Crown Lands, ...	8
Breach of Markets Ordinance, ...	35	Detention of Seamen's effects, ...	2	Vagrancy, Rogues and Vagabonds, ...	196
Breach of Post Office Ordinance, ...	5	Embezzlement, ...	6	Unlawful possession of property, Damage of property, Nuisances, Cruelty to animals, conduct calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, allowing unmuzzled ferocious dogs to be at large, Furious driving, cutting and destroying trees, &c., ...	2,034
Breach of Registration Ordinance, ...	215	Extortion by Colour of Office, ...	1		
Breach of Ordinances for—	34	Exercising the calling of Pawnbroker without license, ...	1		
Regulation of public Brothels, ...	2	Forgery, ...	5		

C. MAY,  
1st Police Magistrate.

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

Number of cases.	Number of Defendants.	How disposed of.				
		Punished.	Ordered to return to duty.	Fined.	Discharged.	Reprimanded.
210	581	356	95	87	39	4

## Cases consisted of:—

Refusal of duty,.....	89
Desertion, .....	29
Assault, .....	27
Drunkenness, .....	10
Insurbordination, .....	9
Breach of Harbor Regulations, .....	9
Mutinous conduct,.....	7
Embezzlement, .....	4
Wilfully remaining behind from ship, .....	3
Stealing,.....	3
Selling spirit without license, .....	3
Disobedience of orders, .....	3
Breach of Ordinance 6 of 1852, .....	3
Attempt to stab, .....	2
Insolent and abusive language, .....	2
Disorderly conduct, .....	1
Facilitating Desertions, .....	1
Threat to entice Sailors to desert, .....	1
Neglect of duty, .....	1
Breach of Ordinance 3 of 1862, .....	1
Drawing a knife with intent, .....	1
Enticing Sailors to desert, .....	1
Total,.....	210

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Marine Magistrate.

No. 91.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR having resolved to remove and compensate under terms of Article VI. of the Treaty of Peking, the present Chinese occupants of that portion of Kowloon marked in the accompanying plan, Notice is hereby given that all Chinese residents within such limits shall vacate and quit their tenements and Grounds on or before the 30th day of June next (the 27th day of the 5th moon). In the case of growing crops the time will, on application, be extended until the crops now in the ground be reaped.

The amount of compensation to be paid in each case may be ascertained by application to Lieut. Williams, Resident Engineers' Office, Kowloon, on or before the 15th day of June, after which date no claim will be attended to.

Certificates of Compensation will be furnished by the Resident Engineer, signed by the Acting Surveyor General and himself and, on presentation of these at the Colonial Treasury, duly endorsed as abandoned by the Resident Police Inspector, the sum awarded will be paid.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th May, 1864.

## NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 10th May, 1864.

## Notice to Consignees, Masters and others in charge of Merchant Vessels.

1. On or before the 1st June proximo all Ships with the following exceptions shall be moved over to the North side of the Harbour mooring them properly with 45 fathoms on each chain, the anchors lying in an E. N. E. and W. S. W. direction from each other.

2. The Southern line of this anchorage is, the North Extremity of Hongkong shut in with the South Extremity of the Kowloon Peninsula bearing E. by S.; the Top Gallant Masts and Yards are to be on deck and flying Jib-boom in, a spare anchor should be ready for letting go, and the hawse invariably kept clear.

3. Hulks or receiving Ships (not having Top Masts pointed) may, for convenience, lie on the South shore.

4. Ships discharging cargo may also by permission anchor on the South shore.

5. The Peninsular and Oriental Company's Hulk *Fort William* is, for the convenience of the Public Service, allowed to remain where she is—the Mail Steamers anchoring near her but not to Southward.

Vessels under Articles 3 and 4 and 5 must perfectly understand that although they have permission to remain there, it is entirely at their own risk.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.