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## PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through The Right Honourable The Earl of KIMBERLEY, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinances; namely:—

No. 12 of 1873, entitled,—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Constitution of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Colony;*

No. 13 of 1873, entitled,—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading in the Supreme Court of the Colony, and to provide a Uniform Code of Procedure at Common Law and in Equity;*

No. 14 of 1873, entitled,—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to abolish the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and to confer upon the Supreme Court at Summary Jurisdiction at Law and in Equity:*

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinances have been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 4th Day of February, 1874.

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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 1873, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1874.

RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES that have been tried in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, during the Year 1873.

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.	Publicly flogged, No. of Persons.	Solitary Confinement, No. of Persons.	REMARKS.			
												Charges Abandoned.		Postponed.	
												No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
1	1	Assault, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Breaking and entering a Building within the Curtilage and Larceny, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Breaking and entering, and stealing in a Dwelling-house, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Child Stealing, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Conspiring to accuse of an indictable Offence, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	Escape, ...	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Escape, with Larceny, attempting to shoot, and unlawful Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Forgery, uttering a forged Scrip Certificate, and obtaining Money by false Pretences, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Highway Robbery with Violence, ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	6	Highway Robbery with Wounding, ...	6	...	...	...	3	3	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
2	3	Larceny being armed, ...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
4	22	Larceny, and receiving stolen Goods, ...	14	8	...	...	1	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	12	Larceny in a Boat, and receiving stolen Goods, ...	6	6	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny on board Ship, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	Manslaughter, ...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Murder, ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Perjury, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...
...	...	Piracy and Murder, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
1	1	Rape, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Receiving stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Receiving a valuable Security, knowing it to have been stolen, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Robbery on the High Seas, and Assault, ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Robbery with Wounding, ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Shooting with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Unlawful Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Uttering Counterfeit Coin, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
34	71		50	21	1	...	12	22	15	12	...	3	3	2	2

W. H. ALEXANDER, 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, 1873.

Cases tried in 1873.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages Claimed.	Judgment.				Total.	
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.	Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court:—								
Summary, .....	69	\$ 4,712.43	56	12	1	.....		
Common Law, .....	a 10	93,776.56	8	1	1	.....		
Chancery, .....	b 5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....		
Bankruptcy, .....	3	60,212.75	(Petitioners discharged) 3	.....	.....	.....		
Probate, .....	c 53	744,065.40	(Petitions granted) 53	.....	.....	.....		
Appeals, .....	d 2	.....	.....	Respondent 2	.....	.....		
Vice-Admiralty Court, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	\$902,767.14

Actions Commenced in 1873.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages Claimed.	Settled without Trial.	Judgment.				Remaining in Dependence.	Total.	
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.		Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court:—										
Summary, .....	158	\$ 13,843.78	67	56	12	1	15	7		
Common Law, ...	80	690,835.88	36	6	1	1	.....	36		
Chancery, .....	11	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	7		
Bankruptcy, .....	14	e 108,396.92	(annulled) 2	(Petitioners discharged) 3	.....	.....	.....	9		
Probate, .....	53	744,065.40	.....	(Petitions granted) 53	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Appeals, .....	2	.....	.....	.....	Respondent 2	.....	.....	.....		
Vice-Admiralty Court, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318	\$1,557,141.98	

a. Two of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1872.

b. One of these Cases was pending on 31st December, 1872.

c. 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.

d. One of these Cases was from the Marine Magistrate's Court, and one from the Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

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

W. H. ALEXANDER, Registrar.

RETURN of the NUMBER of CASES tried and ACTIONS commenced in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction from the 1st January to the 12th October, 1873.

No. of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages Claimed.	Settled without Trial.	Judgment.				Remaining in Dependence.	Remarks.
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	No Service.		
* 904	\$59,701.16	394	384	30	90	5	1	* 4 of these Cases were in Dependence on the 31st December, 1872.

HENRY J. HOLMES, Clerk of Court.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1874.

ABSTRACT OF CASES UNDER COGNIZANCE OF THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURT, DURING THE YEAR 1873.

Table with columns: TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES, Convicted and Punished, Discharged, Committed to the Supreme Court, Committed to Prison or Detained pending Orders of His Excellency the Governor, To keep the Peace, Ordered to find Security, To answer Charge, etc.

\* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES,.....12,606

Large table listing various offenses such as Abduction of Females, Administering Drugs, Aiding and abetting in Larceny, etc., with columns for Males (M.), Females (F.), and Total counts.

C. MAY, 1st Police Magistrate.

Carried forward,

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## CORONER'S RETURNS.

TABLE A.—Return of all Coroner's Cases, 1873.

NATIONALITY.	INQUEST HELD.					BURIED WITHOUT INQUEST.					GRAND TOTAL.	
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	1873.	1872.
Europeans and Americans, ..	18	1	..	..	19	5	..	..	..	5	24	21
Chinese, .....	34	15	8	1	58	25	8	38	22	93	151	142
Malays and Indians, .....	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	3	10
Manilamen, .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
West Indians, .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total, .....	56	16	8	1	81	31	8	38	22	99	180	173

M. S. TONNOCHY,  
Coroner.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1874.

TABLE B.—Return of Inquests, 1873.

VERDICTS.	EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS.		CHINESE.				IN- DIANS.	MANILAMEN AND MALAYS.	TOTAL.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Men.	
Accidental Death, .....	3	..	14	..	1	..	..	1	19
Accidentally Drowned, .....	4	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	8
+Burns, .....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
+Burnt at a Fire, .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Excessive Drinking, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Felo de Se, .....	..	..	4	6	2	..	..	..	12
+Found Drowned, .....	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	4
+Gunshot Wounds, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Manslaughter, .....	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Do., against p. or pp. unknown, ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
*Natural Causes, .....	3	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	8
* Do., in Gaol, .....	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	6
+Overdose of Opium, .....	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3
+Poisoned, .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Suicide whilst Drunk, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Do., Suffering from Illusage, .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Do., Insane, .....	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	6
Wilful Murder, .....	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Do., against p. or pp. unknown, ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total, .....	18	1	34	15	8	1	1	3	81

\* Namely, Aneurism of Aorta, 1; Angina Pectoris, 1; Atrophy of Heart, 1; Childbirth, 1; Consumption, 1; Epilepsy, 1; Fatty Degeneration of Heart, 1; Inflammation of Lungs, 1; Peritonitis, 1; Phthisis, 1; Phthisis and Debility, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Uremic Poisoning, 1.

† No further evidence.

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Coroner.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1874.

TABLE C.—Returns of Burials without Inquest, 1873.

REASON WHY NO INQUEST WAS HELD.	EUROPEANS & AMERICANS.		CHINESE.				IN- DIANS.	TOTAL.	FOUND ON SHORE.		FOUND IN HARBOUR.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.		Known.	Unknown.	Known.	Unknown.
No suspicious Circumstances, ....	..	..	15	1	16	11	1	44	12	20	2	10
No evidence and State of Body, ..	..	..	5	1	21	11	..	38	1	24	..	13
Post Mortem satisfactory, .....	2	..	3	6	1	..	..	12	10	2	..	..
Death occurred outside Jurisdiction, ..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	2
Drowning (Body removed out of Jurisdiction, .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Total, .....	5	..	25	8	38	22	1	99	25	46	3	25

REMARKS.—The probable causes of Death of the above 99 persons, as certified by the Superintendent of the Civil Hospital, are as follows:—

Apoplexy, .....	1	Diarrhoea, .....	3	Natural Causes, .....	13	Still Born, .....	7
Boiler Accident (out of Jurisdiction), .....	2	Disease of Lungs, .....	3	Opium Smoking, .....	5	Unknown, .....	32
Bright's Disease, .....	1	Drink and Destitution, .....	2	Poisoning (out of Jurisdiction), ..	1	Uremic Poisoning, .....	1
Caries of Spine, .....	1	Inanition, .....	3	Rupture of Blood Vessel, .....	1		
				Small Pox, .....	12		

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Hongkong, February 2nd, 1874.