

NAME.	OCCUPATION AND ADDRESS.	SPECIAL JUROR.	NAME.	OCCUPATION AND ADDRESS.	SPECIAL JUROR.
<b>W</b> ( <i>Continued.</i> )			<b>Y</b>		
Wolbe, Carl Jacob Heinrich	Assistant, Carlowitz & Co.		Young, Alexander	Assistant, Dock Co.	
Woodin, Edward Littlefield	Assistant, P. & O. Co.		Young, Laurence	Innkeeper, London Inn.	
Woollatt, George Humpston	Assistant, Reiss & Co.		Young, William Stewart .....	Merchant, Gilman & Co. ....	Special Juror.

ALFRED LISTER,  
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, 20th January, 1874.

Revised and amended, and the Special Jurors designated by His Excellency the Governor and the Legislative Council, this 17th Day of February, 1874.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
Clerk of Councils.

No. 33.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with a Warrant from Her Majesty The QUEEN, dated at the Court at Balmoral, the 22nd of November, 1873, His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B., has issued a Commission under the Public Seal of the Colony constituting and appointing JOHN BRAMSTON, Esquire, to be Attorney General of the Colony of Hongkong; and the said JOHN BRAMSTON, Esquire, has been this day sworn into Office accordingly.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th February, 1874.

No. 34.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Captain Superintendent of Police for the Year 1873, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th February, 1874.

No. 18.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 24th January, 1874.

SIR,—In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Police Report and Returns of Crime for the year 1873.

2. There is a marked diminution in the amount of Crime generally, and fewer cases have escaped detection than in the previous year. The decrease in serious Crimes is 5.73 per cent and in minor Offences 31.17 per cent.

3. The most important feature in these Returns is that only one case of Piracy has been reported. The helmsman of one of the piratical Junks engaged in this affair was recognized, convicted and executed. It would, however, probably be imprudent for European sailing vessels to rely on this apparent immunity from attack, and to sail unarmed, until it is ascertained what will be the future pursuits of the men now connected with the Coolie Barracoons of a neighbouring Colony when they are thrown out of the employ in March next. Information has already reached me that one gang of these men is being formed close to our Kowloong boundary for the purposes of depredation.

4. In the Spring of 1873, Government decided to repress, as far as possible, abuses in relation to Chinese Emigration, and an Ordinance was passed constituting it (among other matters) an offence to decoy persons from the Colony for the purpose of Emigration. There has consequently been a large increase in the number of cases of Kidnapping reported; but the fact that so many as two fifths of the persons accused were discharged, shows that a large proportion of these reports were false.

5. The severity with which Street Gamblers have been punished has had the effect of causing a diminution in this class of Offence; and it would appear that wealthier Gamblers prefer the security of private Clubs, or to cross over to Chinese Kowloong rather than risk attending any secret Gambling House in this Colony.

6. Since the construction of a Guard House at Hung Ham and of a Station at Yau-Ma-Ti, crime in British Kowloong has greatly diminished. But as there is reason to suppose that several Chinese frequent the latter village as a convenient place from which to smuggle Opium into China, and as these Smugglers are a dangerous class of people, I think it would be advisable to direct the Inspector in charge of the Station to board and examine Junks as is done at other outlying villages.

7. I find that boats to the number of 1086 are used solely as residences by Chinese. These boats are unlicensed, and are in every way a source of trouble to the Police. Not only are they convenient receptacles for stolen goods and places of refuge for bad characters, but they are the means of propagating and spreading disease.

8. It appears to me highly desirable to entirely prohibit the Chinese from using boats solely as residences, but if this is considered too extreme a measure, I would desire to suggest that they should be numbered and their occupants registered. The number of these boats is reported to be as follows:—

Sháu-ki-wan,.....	}	35	used as residences and fish lans.
		390	used solely as residences.
Aberdeen,.....		168	” ” ”
Ap-Li-Cháu,.....		115	” ” ”
Yau-Ma-Ti, .....		141	” ” ”
Causeway Bay,.....		171	” ” ”
Stanley, .....		66	” ” ”
Total,.....		1,086	” ” ”

\* POLICE FORCE.

9. The conduct of the Inspectors has continued to give me every satisfaction. Last year was, I believe, the first since the establishment of the Force during which no vacancy occurred in this rank from resignation or dismissal.

10. There have been a great number of changes in the body of the Force, no less than 158 men of all nationalities having been struck off the Roll from different causes. The expiration of the terms of five years' service of several Indians caused many vacancies in that portion of the Force. It became necessary to dismiss for misconduct three of the men (exclusive of one who absconded) who joined from Scotland, and three who joined from England.

11. The Government has authorized the purchase of bedding, &c., from the revenue of the Department. These articles were previously paid for from the Fine Fund, the limited resources of which prevented many articles being supplied which were desirable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

12. I have the honor to enclose the following Returns:—

- A.—Return of Crime during 1873.
- B.—Return of Miscellaneous Offences during 1873.
- C.—Comparative Table of Crime during 1871, 1872, and 1873.
- D.—Punishments inflicted on Constables during 1873.
- E.—Casualties during 1873.
- F.—Police School Report by Mr. WILLCOCKS.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. M. DEANE,  
*Captain Superintendent of Police.*

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary,*  
 HONGKONG.

**TABLE A.**  
 RETURN OF SERIOUS AND MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1873, WITH RESULTS OF SUCH REPORTS.

1873.	Robbery with Violence from the Person.		Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.		Assaults with Intent to rob.		Larceny.		Felonies not already given.		Assaults and Disorderly Conduct.		Gambling.		Kidnapping.		Unlawful Possession.		Piracy.		Nuisances.		No Pass or Light.		Europeans and Americans.		Indians.		Chinese.		Total.		Miscellaneous Offences.		
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.			
January, .....	3	2	15	1	..	..	68	44	16	2	..	90	122	27	42	3	9	19	16	4	..	83	59	142	114	11	2	630	84	755	108	219	237	40	
February, .....	2	..	7	1	2	..	64	44	10	3	2	71	101	49	80	1	5	26	22	7	..	60	111	179	85	5	4	636	76	808	85	133	200	47	
March, .....	..	..	15	5	..	..	73	54	16	1	2	79	109	26	41	1	7	17	19	4	..	85	62	241	155	10	3	727	65	835	75	185	262	35	
April, .....	1	1	9	..	..	..	69	64	15	1	..	71	112	30	40	1	3	20	24	4	..	84	66	123	107	3	3	593	62	724	73	167	207	38	
May, .....	..	..	12	1	..	..	79	57	17	4	4	99	174	15	28	2	6	27	38	8	..	37	88	170	61	4	12	727	72	800	88	183	197	41	
June, .....	2	..	4	..	..	..	75	50	20	2	1	99	153	12	15	2	17	7	5	3	..	65	61	163	104	7	6	602	79	712	88	164	190	27	
July, .....	1	1	4	1	..	..	70	53	11	2	..	105	149	18	27	1	13	20	17	7	..	63	129	89	3	14	630	56	733	62	195	220	19		
August, .....	..	..	2	3	..	..	73	61	21	2	1	99	179	20	32	2	11	11	10	1	..	38	41	69	79	4	7	499	68	565	72	183	153	21	
September, .....	1	..	3	1	..	..	60	44	17	5	3	79	102	7	13	..	10	20	17	4	..	35	48	71	54	10	11	438	75	503	85	125	161	24	
October, .....	2	3	6	1	..	..	80	52	14	3	1	95	130	23	44	..	11	23	18	12	..	41	73	36	57	6	2	519	86	628	94	177	226	26	
November, .....	2	6	7	3	..	..	64	44	19	..	..	76	123	21	34	4	6	19	22	9	..	43	43	26	73	7	3	452	78	528	85	152	178	31	
December, .....	..	..	8	2	..	..	71	42	17	2	(a)	62	104	14	11	5	4	23	19	12	1	66	61	59	128	10	5	441	54	574	64	137	205	13	
TOTAL, .....	14	12	92	19	3	1	846	609	191	27	14	1,025	1,558	265	407	22	108	232	227	75	1	701	776	1,412	1,106	85	130	6,994	866	8,230	979	1,988	2,436	362	
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Total Number of Cases.....7,480.

(a). 1 case undecided.

Police Department, Hongkong, 24th January, 1874.

W. M. DEANE,  
 Captain Superintendent of Police.



**TABLE C.**  
COMPARATIVE RETURN OF OFFENCES coming under Notice of the POLICE, during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873.

Description.	MINOR.														
	SERIOUS.						Description.								
	No. of Cases.		Convicted.		Discharged.		No. of Cases.		Convicted.		Discharged.				
Murder, .....	4	3	5	1	7	1	942	1,081	1,025	1,206	1,567	1,558	417	352	265
Robbery with Violence from the Person, .....	47	46	14	17	18	12	219	512	262	328	792	407	40	53	22
Burglary and Larcenies in Dwelling Houses, .....	261	150	92	27	55	19	1,711	2,488	1,988	2,173	3,317	2,436	533	452	362
Assault with Intent to rob, .....	6	2	1	3	2	1	731	1,169	701	} No Analysis of Convictions or Discharges.					
Kidnapping, .....	30	30	103	20	15	66	291	917	776						
Piracy, .....	14	6	41	8	1	1	1,124	2,839	1,412						
Unlawful Possession, .....	239	317	232	333	227	115									
Felonies not already given, .....	34	38	22	22	18	20									
Larceny, .....	799	802	846	528	544	609									
Totals, .....	1,434	1,394	1,316	863	994	948	5,018	8,936	6,164	3,707	5,616	4,401	980	862	649

Decrease on 1872—78 Cases or 5.73 per cent.

\* All executed.

† Also entered under Murder.

Decrease 2,792 Cases or 31.17 per cent.

W. M. DEANE, — Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Station, 24th January, 1874.

**TABLE D.**

RETURN showing PUNISHMENTS inflicted on Members of the FORCE by the JUDICIAL and POLICE DEPARTMENTS, during the Year 1873.

Nationality of Constables.	PUNISHMENT INFLICTED BY															
	Supreme and Magistrates' Courts.						Departmental.									
	Demanding Money with Menaces.	Larceny.	De-sectation.	Breach of Police Regulations.	Neglect of Duty.	Mis-conduct.	Fines.	Imprisonment.	Fines.	Imprisonment.	Total.	Average per man.				
Europeans, ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	424	49	25	439	49	25	3	60	0.20
Indians, .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	228	50	19	441	00	19	2	59	0.11
Chinese, .....	*1	+2	†1	...	11	2	320	485	89	58	519	89	13	1	60	2.29
Total, ...	1	2	1	1	3	3	320	1,138	88	102	1,400	38	57	2	27	1.27

\* One Chinese constable to six months Hard Labor for demanding money with menaces.

† One do. do. for desertion.

† Two Chinese Constables to six and three months Hard Labor for larceny respectively.

|| One Indian constable fined \$200 for neglect of duty.

W. M. DEANE, — Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Station, 24th January, 1874.

**TABLE E.**

CASUALTIES in the POLICE FORCE during 1873.

Force.	Death.	Resignation through sickness.	Resignation through expiry of term of Service or other causes.	Dismissals through other causes.	Total.
European,.....	1	2	6	16	28
Indian, .....	7	2	40	15	64
Chinese, .....	3	10	20	33	66
	11	14	66	67	158

W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Station, 24th January, 1874.

**F.**

POLICE SCHOOL,  
HONGKONG, 7th February, 1874.

SIR,—I have to submit this my fifth Annual Report on the Police Schools, viz., that for the year ending 31st December, 1873.

2. During the past year, it has been found necessary, for executive and other reasons, to make various changes in the School routine.

3. The attendance is still compulsory on all who have not passed the prescribed examination for exemption, but in the case of the Chinese Constables their attendance is enforced only on two evenings every week.

4. The Chinese have longer hours on duty than the other nationalities who comprise the Force. They have a greater aptitude for learning and bring to bear a closer application. In fact, as a rule, they take a greater interest in learning, and study hard in private. Under those circumstances it was thought that two evenings a week was as much as could be reasonably demanded of them.

5. A School has been established on board the Water Police hulk where the attendance is very large and regular. I hope during the present year to be able to devote more of my time to this important class than I have hitherto done.

6. The classes formed for the instruction of the Europeans in Chinese have, I regret to say, proved an entire failure.

At first all Europeans had to attend, but this caused dissatisfaction. Many had not the slightest inclination for, or intention of, acquiring the language; others, who were at first willing to attempt it, became discouraged when they found it was not so easily learned as they anticipated, so that when the attendance was made voluntary they fell off till the classes virtually ceased to exist. There are a few who still make Chinese a study, but they are very few indeed. Every inducement has been held out to the men of the Force to encourage them, but without avail.

7. The progress of the School on the whole is satisfactory.

8. At the Quarterly examination for certificates of exemption from School, held in December and January last, 52 men presented themselves, and of those only five were found up to the standard. This is a small number, but taking into consideration that examinations are novel to most of the men, and their being the first of the kind, I am not surprised. No doubt at each succeeding examination the number will be greater.

9. The subjects of the examination and the number of marks attainable, are as follow:—

Reading aloud, .....	100 marks.
Writing from Copy, .....	75 "
Writing from Dictation,.....	100 "
Arithmetic, to Simple Proportion,.....	75 "
Composition, .....	100 "
Geography, .....	50 "
Total,.....	500 "

Two-thirds of the total must be obtained to gain a Certificate.

10. The above scheme is founded on that in force in the Metropolitan Police and is fully up to that Standard, there being no reason why the Constables in the Hongkong Establishment, with the facilities at present afforded them, should not be as far advanced as their brethren at home.

11. To encourage the Indians to study English two Prizes, of \$20 and \$10 respectively, are to be competed for annually. A similar inducement is held out to the Chinese Constables.

12. The whole scheme of examination will be found in the Appendix.

13. The classes on shore are still held in the Police Magistracy. A suitable School-room is much needed.

14. With the attention of the Teachers and the conduct of the men, I am perfectly satisfied. I do not remember a single instance of any of the Scholars having been reported for misconduct in School.

15. The Stores are sufficient and in good order. None have as yet been demanded for this year; as, Stores. until the result of the examination was known, it was not certain what our wants would be, and we have ample to keep the School going for some time yet.

16. In the following Tables of Attendance, you will again observe a marked increase in the numbers as compared with the previous year.

At the commencement of the year the numbers on the Class Roll stood:—	On the 31st December, they were:—
Europeans, ..... 81	Europeans, ..... 75
Indians, ..... 123	Indians, ..... 142
Chinese, ..... 118	Chinese, ..... 231
Total, ..... 322	Total, ..... 448

An increase of 126.

This large increase is attributable in a great measure, but not entirely, to the formation of the Police Hulk School.

Average attendance.

17. The number of men who have availed themselves of the School during the year is:—	With an average daily attendance of:—
Europeans, ..... 89	Europeans, ..... 26.37
Indians, ..... 191	Indians, ..... 29.25
Chinese, ..... 290	Chinese, ..... 130.76
Total, ..... 570	Total, ..... 186.38

Conclusion.

18. I have again to thank you for the ready way in which you have supplied all I have required for the use of the School.

I am, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
EDWARD J. R. WILLCOCKS,  
*Master in Charge.*

W. M. DEANE, ESQUIRE,  
*Captain Superintendent of Police,*  
*&c., &c., &c.*

### APPENDIX.

#### POLICE SCHOOL.

I. An Examination of all European Constables is to be held forthwith in the following subjects:—

	<i>Marks.</i>
(i.) <i>a.</i> Reading aloud, .....	100
<i>b.</i> Writing from Copy, .....	75
<i>c.</i> " " Dictation, .....	100
<i>d.</i> Arithmetic, to Simple Proportion, .....	75
<i>e.</i> Composition, .....	100
<i>f.</i> Geography, .....	50
Total, .....	500

(ii.) To every Constable who obtains  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the marks allowed for the before-mentioned subjects, attendance at the English School will be voluntary.

(iii.) Every Constable who passes will receive a Certificate.

(iv.) Attendance at the Police School will be compulsory on Constables who do not obtain Certificates.

(v.) Similar Examinations will be held quarterly.

(vi.) The School hours will remain as heretofore.

II. (i.) The attendance at the Chinese class for Europeans will be voluntary; but no promotion to the rank of Sergeant will be made unless the Constable to be promoted possesses some knowledge of Colloquial Chinese, except with the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

(ii.) Every Constable who passes an Examination in Colloquial Chinese will be entitled to a 4th class Good Conduct Allowance.

(iii.) Two Prizes, of \$20 and \$10 respectively, will be given annually to the Constables who, after having attended School a fixed number of times, have made the best progress in learning Chinese.

III. Two Prizes, of \$20 and \$10 each, will be given annually for competition among the Indian Constables to the men who, having attended School a fixed number of times, have made the best progress in English and Chinese.

IV. The Members of the Chinese Force shall only be required to attend School on two Days in each Week.

V. Two Prizes, of \$20 and \$10 each respectively, will be given annually for competition among the Chinese Police, and will be awarded to the men who have made the best progress in English.

VI. Certificates of competency will be given when merited to both Indian and Chinese Constables.

(Signed,) CECIL C. SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

No. 35.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honorable JOHN BRAMSTON to act provisionally as Puisne Judge, until further notice.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1874.