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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 1878, are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1879.

RETURN OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG, DURING THE YEAR 1878.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIMES.	SENTENCE.							CHARGES ABANDONED.		CASES POSTPONED.		
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Death.	Death Recorded.	Penal Servitude.	Hard Labour, over 1 Year.	Hard Labour, 1 Year and under.	Solitary Confinement, Number of Persons.	Privately Flogged, Number of Persons.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.
1	1	Administering Stupifying Drugs,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Assault,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Assault with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm,	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Attempt to commit a Burglary,	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Attempting to steal,	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	4	Being found at Night with House-breaking Implements,	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Breach of Conditional Pardon,	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Breaking, entering and stealing in a House,	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	1	3	...
2	2	Buggery,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	13	Burglary,	7	3	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Burglary and Larceny,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	12	Child Stealing,	4	8	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
1	3	Conspiracy,	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Cutting and Wound, with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
1	1	Embezzlement,	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Inflicting grievous Bodily Harm,	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
45	48	Larceny,	45	3	...	...	12	15	18	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny and receipt of Stolen Goods,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny by a Servant,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny by a Trustee,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	7	Larceny in a Boat,	4	3	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
5	9	Larceny in a Dwelling-house,	5	4	...	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
6	11	Larceny on board a Ship in the Harbour,	7	3	...	...	2	3	2	...	1	1	...	...
3	12	Manslaughter,	12	...	...	...	10	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
5	5	Murder,	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
1	1	Obtaining Goods by False Pretences,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
9	13	Receiving Stolen Goods,	13	...	...	...	6	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Returning from Deportation,	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
27	35	Robbery from the Person,	24	11	...	...	6	3	15	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Robbery from the Person, being armed,	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
3	3	Robbery from the Person with Violence,	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
4	4	Unlawfully Wounding,	2	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	Uttering Counterfeit Coin,	3	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Uttering a Forged Document,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	7	Wounding with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm,	5	2	...	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	...
157	216		163	45	3	...	52	38	70	...	6	6	8	...

C. B. PLUNKET,
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, 1878.

Cases tried in 1878.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages claimed.	Judgment.				Total.	
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.	Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court:—								
Summary Jurisdiction,	a 691	\$74,206.78	583	66	42	92		
Original Jurisdiction,	b 27	124,946.11	25	2	.....	.....
Chancery, .....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankruptcy,	5	61,996.39	{ Discharge granted } 5	.....	.....	.....
Probate,	57	752,133.15	{ Petitions granted } 57	.....	.....	.....
Appeals,	c 1	700.00	.....	.....	1	.....	
Vice-Admiralty Court,...	3	75,400.00	3	.....	.....	.....	784	\$1,089,382.43

Actions commenced in 1878.

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 & Damages.
Supreme Court:—										
Summary Jurisdiction,	1,230	\$126,691.88	425	573	66	42	92	32		
Original Jurisdiction,	68	443,995.20	13	23	1	.....	.....	31	
Chancery, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankruptcy,	22	d 2,541,296.37	Annulled 2	{ Discharge granted } 5	.....	.....	.....	15	
Probate,	57	e 752,133.15	.....	{ Petitions granted } 57	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appeals, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vice-Admiralty Court,...	2	200.00	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1,379 \$3,864,316.60

a Twelve of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1877.
b Three of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1877.
c This Case was pending on 31st December, 1877.

d This is the Amount of Liabilities entered in the Bankrupts' Schedules.
e This is the Value of the Estates, as sworn to by the Petitioners and Appraiser.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.

ABSTRACT of CASES brought under COGNIZANCE at the Police Magistrates' Court during a period of Ten Years from the 1st January, 1869, to 31st December, 1878, inclusive.

Years.	Total Number of Cases.	CASES HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.															
		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or detained pending Orders of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to Security.		Punished for Preferring False Charge or giving False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1869,	4,731	4,413	504	1,998	186	120	9	9	2	295	23	41	8	32	...	6,708	732
1870,	5,936	5,702	609	2,065	261	127	1	12	...	336	28	40	6	70	14	8,352	919
1871,	6,400	6,143	673	2,406	311	148	1	28	...	414	16	40	7	32	9	8,211	1,017
1872,	9,950	11,185	999	2,426	294	137	23	44	1	271	19	23	8	13	1	9,999	1,345
1873,	9,137	8,810	1,352	1,798	266	67	10	15	...	171	29	37	10	35	6	14,333	1,673
1874,	8,079	6,636	1,135	1,651	269	101	2	31	1	175	21	50	2	21	6	5,665	1,436
1875,	8,055	6,749	890	1,632	281	95	9	4	...	190	29	23	7	20	1	3,713	1,217
1876,	9,103	7,315	683	1,744	300	118	11	6	...	174	23	25	7	20	...	9,402	1,024
1877,	9,283	7,336	572	1,966	364	209	15	16	1	192	17	14	3	12	...	9,745	972
1878,	9,100	7,166	628	2,126	251	200	18	11	...	98	22	10	3	19	...	9,350	922

C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 8th March, 1879.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

TABLE A.—Return of all Coroner's Cases, 1878.

Nationality.	Inquest Held.					Buried without Inquest					Grand Total.		
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Very much decomposed Sex not ascertainable.	Total.	1878.	1877.
Europeans and Americans,.....	12	1	1	...	14	1	...	...	...	...	1	15	16
Chinese,.....	62	16	5	4	87	26	4	35	22	...	88	175	153
Malays and Indians,.....	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	7
Total,.....	75	17	6	5	103	28	4	35	22	...	90	193	176

TABLE B.—Return of Inquests, 1878.

Verdicts.	Europeans and Americans.			Chinese.				Indians and Malays.			Total.
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.	Girls.	
Accidental Death,	5	...	...	23	5	3	2	...	1	...	39
Died from Gun Shot wound,.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Felo de Se,	1	1	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Found Dead, (Cause of Death unknown),	3	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Justifiable Homicide,* .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter, .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Natural Causes,	2	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Do., in Gaol,.....	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	...	15
Murder,	1	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	13
Suicide while Insane,.....	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total,.....	12	1	1	62	16	5	4	1	1	...	103

* Robber shot in Wing-lok Street by P. C. Campbell.

TABLE C.—Return of Burials without Inquest, 1878.

Reason why no Inquest was held.	Europeans and Americans.		Chinese.				Indians.	Very much decomposed Sex not ascertainable.	Total.	Found on Shore.		Found in Harbour.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.				Men.	Un-known.	Known.	Un-known.
No suspicious Circumstances, .....	...	...	16	4	20	6	1	...	47	10	31	2	4
No evidence or decomposed State of Body,	1	...	7	...	14	16	...	1	39	...	24	...	15
Post Mortem satisfactory,....	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	4	1	2	...	1
Total,.....	1	...	26	4	35	22	1	1	90	11	57	2	20

C. V. CREAGH,
Coroner.

Coroner's Office, Hongkong, 8th March, 1879.