Kéung A-t'ò, of Nám-hoi, shopman, aged thirtynine years, was convicted of purchasing a female child named Siu Hing, for the purposes of prostitution; and Li A-tak, of San-úi, widow, aged fifty-four years, was convicted of selling the same child for the like purposes. The prisoners were each sentenced to eighteen calendar months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Before passing sentence in the last three cases referred to, the Chief Justice remarked at great length upon the large increase in this Colony of the traffic in women and children, either for purposes of so called domestic slavery or for prostitution. His Honour alluded in the course of his remarks to certain misconceptions which seemed to exist, as to the law applicable to such crimes here and concluded by stating:—That to sell or to buy, or to hold, or detain a man, a woman, or a child as a slave, or as property, is absolutely prohibited by the law of England, which law is imported into and forms the substance of the law of Hongkong, by virtue of Ordinances No. 6 of 1845, and No. 12 of 1873.

W. H. Mossop, Acting Deputy Registrar.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 27th October, 1879.

Summary of cases deserving notice decided at the Magistracy of Hongkong, from the 18th to 24th October, 1879, both days inclusive.

#### Larcenies.

- 2. T'sü A-t'ong, a coolie, was convicted of stealing on the 21st instant, several pieces of clothing the property of Ü A-yáu, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was further convicted of stealing some clothing and sentenced to a further term of three months' imprisonment with hard labour.
- 2. Ch'an A-chan, a coolie, was, on the 22nd instant, convicted of stealing three pairs of trousers the property of Fung A-shing, and sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.
- 3. Léung A-on, a chair coolie, was, on the 22nd instant, convicted of stealing a chair the property of Sham A-shing, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour, and was ordered to pay \$6 amends to the said Sham A-shing, in default, to be further imprisoned for six weeks with hard labour.
- 4. Wan A-kwai, a coolie, was, on the 24th instant, convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement and the rest with hard labour, and the day previous to his release to be publicly exposed in the stocks for six hours in front of the Hung-hom Dock gates for stealing a piece of iron the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The accused was identified as an old offender.

沒上三案未審决時泉憲詳論本 港有將女孩賣與別人為家中奴 漢有將女孩賣與別人為家中奴 與政有以用此種律辦本處此種 武及有以用此種律辦本處此種 是認故隨後又云凡買賣故留一 大英律例均有嚴禁之條此律頒 大英律例均有嚴禁之條此律頒 一千八百山十五年第六條 是於,條 一千八百七十三年第十 二條則例所載者

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## 案 竊 偷

Rogue and Vagabond, (a Street Gambler.)

5. Ch'an A-tak, a hawker, was, on the 20th instant, convicted of being a rogue and vagabond in that he was found playing at a certain game of chance known as three sticks in Queen's Road West, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The accused was identified as an old offender.

#### Larceny from the person.

6. Lam A-fuk, a shop coolie, was, on the 20th instant, convicted of stealing a silver watch value \$25 from the person of Chu A-shing on board the Yau-ma-ti steam launch, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement and the rest with hard labour.

# Breach of the Excise Ordinance (Opium,) 1858-79.

7. Ch'an Sám-kau, a bricklayer, was, on the 23rd instant, convicted of having in his possession a quantity of prepared opium without a permit from the opium farmer, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, in default, to be imprisoned for two months.

#### Giving wilful false evidence.

8. Wong A-fún, a hawker, was, on the 24th instant, convicted of giving wilful false evidence in a case in which one Li A-tsò was charged with larceny, and fined \$15 or six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

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#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders for the supply of Provisions and other Articles required for the use of Victoria Gaol, Hongkong, from 21st November, 1879, to the 20th November, 1880, inclusive, will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 5th November, 1879.

No Tender will be received, unless the Person tendering shall produce a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$200, as a pledge of the bonâ fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such Person shall refuse to carry out his Tender.

Forms of Tender and any information can be obtained on application at the Office of the Gaol Superintendent.

There are Eleven Schedules to be tendered for, and there must be a separate Tender for each Schedule.

The Schedules are as follows:—

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