



## SUPPLEMENT

To the HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE of 18th February, 1888.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 77.

The following Annual Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1887, which was laid before the Legislative Council on the 16th instant, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1888.

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No. 14.

POLICE OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 20th January, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, details of the Police Establishment, the list of Pensioners and the Criminal Statistics for the year 1887.

2. The Criminal Statistics show that 8,481 cases were reported to the Police during 1887, being a decrease of 355 cases or 4.01 per cent on the return for 1886. In the subdivision of these cases into Serious Crimes (so called) and Minor Offences an increase of 77 cases or 3.08 per cent is found in Serious Crimes and a decrease of 432 cases or 6.81 per cent in Minor Offences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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

The Honourable F. STEWART, LL.D.,

*Colonial Secretary,*

*&c., &c., &c.*

TABLE A.  
RETURN OF SERIOUS and MINOR OFFENCES reported to have been committed during the Year 1887, with the Results of such Reports.

1887.	Robberies with Violence from the Person.		Burglaries.		Larcenies in Dwelling Houses.		Larcenies.		Felonies not already given.		Assaults and Disorderly Conduct.		Gambling.		Kidnaping.		Unlawful Possession.		Piracy.		Drunkenness.		Nuisances.		Miscellaneous Offences.		Euro-peans and Ameri-cans.		Indians.		Chinese.		Total.		TOTAL OF ALL CASES.						
	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.	No. of Persons discharged.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	No. of Persons convicted.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	No. of Persons convicted.							
January, .....	2	..	3	..	2	..	165	75	20	13	12	5	82	108	19	4	29	..	6	4	3	41	35	9	..	22	41	13	308	335	40	17	..	2	579	94	598	96	703		
February, .....	..	..	3	1	3	..	157	75	22	10	8	3	82	114	24	6	33	29	6	1	6	20	16	4	..	22	28	23	272	301	37	28	1	8	513	125	549	128	629		
March, .....	2	1	3	..	1	..	176	88	19	4	3	5	97	143	25	5	60	15	9	5	10	29	28	7	..	10	27	16	336	345	34	30	4	1	643	112	674	116	715		
April, .....	2	3	9	2	4	..	177	78	18	3	1	3	82	114	25	13	147	..	3	3	2	15	13	6	1	20	30	39	409	497	169	31	2	..	832	221	863	223	867		
May, .....	7	8	2	..	2	..	186	78	26	4	3	1	107	143	26	8	68	66	18	15	13	17	9	12	..	28	50	27	463	552	48	39	3	..	835	190	874	194	919		
June, .....	2	3	1	..	2	..	178	77	23	..	..	..	82	102	27	15	39	2	7	2	8	20	20	8	..	24	35	11	288	269	34	38	5	1	473	98	512	103	674		
July, .....	1	..	5	..	2	1	184	59	20	5	3	3	125	164	41	9	77	33	6	2	5	25	17	14	..	14	38	12	324	314	52	16	7	8	613	161	637	173	750		
August, .....	6	1	3	..	1	..	151	61	22	7	9	31	98	127	30	19	128	65	6	3	4	28	22	16	..	9	26	17	275	281	53	13	1	8	614	216	635	221	646		
September, .....	2	..	..	..	1	..	145	44	29	8	3	8	100	104	43	11	103	2	4	1	4	14	9	6	..	23	17	10	285	286	45	16	3	4	540	182	560	137	630		
October, .....	2	1	..	..	1	..	123	45	20	5	3	4	102	115	36	6	51	..	4	2	6	18	15	4	..	15	12	11	314	358	60	20	6	8	562	123	590	130	613		
November, .....	2	3	4	..	5	..	190	79	28	6	1	1	59	88	15	1	13	..	7	8	3	60	43	22	3	27	17	9	297	290	51	15	8	3	509	111	527	120	686		
December, .....	3	2	6	4	1	..	153	56	24	12	4	4	85	103	24	2	20	9	14	8	6	40	36	12	4	16	19	4	280	281	45	11	2	1	513	133	525	138	649		
TOTAL, .....	31	23	38	10	8	22	1,885	815	280	76	50	68	1,102	1,425	335	69	766	221	90	54	72	327	265	120	8	14	231	340	192	3,911	4,119	668	274	42	44	21	7,236	1,716	7,544	1,779	8,481

e 4 Cases undecided.

c 2 Cases undecided.  
d 1 Prisoner died in Hospital.

a 1 Prisoner absconded from bail.  
b Case undecided and 1 Prisoner escaped from Custody.

W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 20th January, 1888.



TABLE C.  
COMPARATIVE RETURN OF OFFENCES coming under the Notice of the POLICE, during the Years 1885, 1886, and 1887.

DESCRIPTION.	SERIOUS.						MINOR.										
	NUMBER OF CASES.		NUMBER OF PERSONS				DESCRIPTION.	NUMBER OF CASES.		NUMBER OF PERSONS							
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1887.	Convicted.		Discharged.	1885.	1886.	1887.	Convicted.	Discharged.				
Murder, .....	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	753	1,031	1,101	973	1,486	1,425	273	225	335
Robbery with Violence from the Person, .....	96	64	31	33	23	33	35	3	253	248	99	736	762	766	58	31	211
Burglary or Larceny from Dwelling, .....	93	68	60	32	11	32	8	8	1,901	3,735	3,941	1,998	4,209	4,119	426	416	668
Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	3	4	...	5	...	5	1	...	323	373	231	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kidnapping, .....	53	78	90	63	54	63	60	72	690	470	340	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piracy, .....	17	10	8	13	18	13	20	14	387	479	192	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Possession, .....	229	291	327	287	263	287	96	120									
Larcenies, .....	1,927	1,898	1,985	898	815	898	300	280									
Felonies not already given, .....	45	84	75	70	50	70	40	67									
Total, .....	2,466	2,500	2,577	1,298	1,234	1,389	561	472	4,307	6,336	5,904	3,707	6,457	6,310	757	672	1,214

1887—Total Number of Cases 8,481, being a Decrease of 355 Cases or 4.01 per cent. on 1886.  
Increase of Serious Crimes 77 Cases or 3.08 per cent.  
Decrease of Minor Offences 432 Cases or 6.81 per cent.

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TABLE D.  
1.—RETURN OF SERIOUS OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1887, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	Murder.			Robbery with Violence from the Person.			Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.			Assault with Intent to Rob.			Kidnapping.			Piracy.			Unlawful Possession.			Larceny.			Felonies not already given.				
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.
1878, .....	7	4	1	35	12	2	14	131	49	5	54	...	...	...	8	7	6	470	410	166	576	1,888	1,037	304	1,341	19	10	18	28
1879, .....	4	4	1	39	10	20	30	101	44	9	53	...	...	...	7	7	1	333	302	105	407	1,850	972	302	1,274	11	5	7	12
1880, .....	1	...	...	25	16	3	19	53	31	10	41	...	...	...	11	65	12	226	181	70	251	1,662	898	239	1,137	6	1	15	16
1881, .....	2	1	...	19	15	8	23	60	34	8	42	...	...	...	7	50	12	303	307	53	360	1,879	979	260	1,239	9	7	5	12
1882, .....	2	1	...	30	21	6	27	91	49	27	76	2	...	...	5	55	3	275	239	76	315	2,104	1,053	344	1,397	33	10	36	46
Total, .....	16	10	2	148	74	39	113	436	207	59	266	4	2	3	274	201	274	1,607	1,439	470	1,905	9,383	4,939	1,449	6,388	78	33	81	114
1883, .....	*2	...	...	30	17	15	32	81	21	4	25	1	1	...	13	30	7	254	217	81	298	1,980	887	312	1,199	82	25	22	47
1884, .....	4	...	26	52	18	8	26	47	15	9	24	2	1	...	9	32	4	298	262	109	371	2,153	949	322	1,271	55	32	19	51
1885, .....	3	...	2	96	70	35	105	67	28	7	35	3	1	...	17	53	25	229	165	96	261	1,927	952	300	1,252	45	36	40	76
1886, .....	3	...	2	64	33	15	48	68	32	6	38	4	5	1	10	78	63	291	287	65	352	1,898	898	278	1,176	84	70	40	110
1887, .....	1	...	1	31	23	3	26	60	11	8	19	...	...	...	8	90	54	327	263	120	383	1,985	815	280	1,495	76	50	68	118
Total, .....	13	...	31	273	161	76	237	323	107	34	141	10	7	2	9	283	153	1,399	1,194	471	1,665	9,943	4,501	1,492	5,993	342	213	189	402
Average of 1st period, .....	3.2	2.0	0.4	29.6	14.8	7.8	22.6	87.2	41.4	11.8	53.2	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.6	54.8	40.2	321.4	287.8	94.0	381.8	1876.6	987.8	289.8	1277.6	15.6	6.6	16.2	22.8
Average of 2nd period, .....	2.6	...	6.2	54.6	32.2	15.2	47.4	61.6	21.4	6.8	28.2	2.0	1.4	0.4	1.8	56.6	30.6	279.8	238.8	94.2	333.0	1988.6	900.2	298.4	1198.6	68.4	42.6	39.8	80.4

\* In one case the Murderer committed Suicide.

Police Department, Hongkong, 20th January, 1888.

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D.

2.—RETURN OF MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1887, SHOWING NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.				GAMBLING.				MISCELLANEOUS.				DRUNKENNESS. Cases reported.	NUISANCES. Cases reported.	NO LIGHT OR PASS. Cases reported.
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.			
1878, .....	875	1,289	318	1,607	253	585	125	710	1,794	1,965	332	2,297	512	355	335
1879, .....	838	1,134	376	1,510	157	499	185	684	1,442	1,717	337	2,054	301	232	762
1880, .....	746	965	310	1,275	358	814	191	1,005	1,815	1,769	374	2,143	276	329	840
1881, .....	904	1,430	227	1,657	397	1,046	108	1,154	1,879	1,983	367	2,350	337	284	566
1882, .....	754	1,089	317	1,406	261	693	147	840	1,750	1,820	382	2,202	276	263	424
Total, .....	4,117	5,907	1,548	7,455	1,426	3,637	756	4,393	8,680	9,254	1,792	11,046	1,702	1,463	2,927
1883, .....	730	832	299	1,151	86	358	166	524	2,629	2,804	559	3,363	158	527	1,135
1884, .....	1,118	1,513	397	1,910	104	594	124	718	2,441	2,636	581	3,217	202	790	2,896
1885, .....	753	973	273	1,246	255	736	58	794	1,901	1,998	426	2,424	323	690	387
1886, .....	1,031	1,486	225	1,711	248	762	31	793	3,735	4,209	416	4,626	373	470	479
1887, .....	1,101	1,425	335	1,760	99	766	211	977	3,941	4,119	668	4,787	231	340	192
Total, .....	4,733	6,249	1,529	7,778	792	3,216	590	3,806	14,647	15,766	2,650	18,416	1,287	2,817	5,089
Average of 1st period, .....	823.4	1181.4	309.6	1491.0	285.2	727.4	151.2	878.6	1736.0	1850.8	358.4	2209.2	340.4	292.6	585.4
Average of 2nd period, .....	946.6	1049.8	305.8	1555.6	158.4	643.2	118.0	761.2	2929.4	3153.2	530.0	3683.2	257.4	563.4	1,017.8

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3.—CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1878, .....	2,611 cases.	In 1883, .....	2,423 cases.
„ 1879, .....	2,397 „	„ 1884, .....	2,652 „
„ 1880, .....	2,051 „	„ 1885, .....	2,466 „
„ 1881, .....	2,329 „	„ 1886, .....	2,500 „
„ 1882, .....	2,596 „	„ 1887, .....	2,577 „
	11,984 cases.		12,618 cases.

Increase of 5.29 per cent. in second period.

MINOR OFFENCES.

In 1878, .....	4,224 cases.	In 1883, .....	5,265 cases.
„ 1879, .....	3,732 „	„ 1884, .....	7,551 „
„ 1880, .....	4,364 „	„ 1885, .....	4,309 „
„ 1881, .....	4,367 „	„ 1886, .....	6,336 „
„ 1882, .....	3,728 „	„ 1887, .....	5,904 „
	20,415 cases.		29,365 cases.

Increase of 43.84 per cent. in second period.

Altogether.

In 1878, .....	6,835 cases.	In 1883, .....	7,688 cases.
„ 1879, .....	6,129 „	„ 1884, .....	10,203 „
„ 1880, .....	6,415 „	„ 1885, .....	6,775 „
„ 1881, .....	6,696 „	„ 1886, .....	8,836 „
„ 1882, .....	6,324 „	„ 1887, .....	8,481 „
	32,399 cases.		41,983 cases.

Increase of 29.58 per cent. in second period.

4—DETAIL OF CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1878 to 1882.	Yearly Average.	1883 to 1887.	Yearly Average.
1. Murder, .....	16	3.2	13	2.6
2. Robbery with Violence, .....	148	29.6	273	54.6
3. Burglaries & Larcenies in Dwellings, .....	436	87.2	323	64.6
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	4	0.8	10	2.0
5. Kidnapping, .....	274	54.8	283	56.6
6. Piracy, .....	38	7.6	57	11.4
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	1,607	321.4	1,399	279.8
8. Larcenies, .....	9,383	1876.6	9,943	1988.6
9. Felonies not already given, .....	78	15.6	342	68.4

MINOR OFFENCES.

	1878 to 1882.	Yearly Average.	1883 to 1887.	Yearly Average.
10. Assault, .....	4,117	823.4	4,733	946.6
11. Gambling, .....	1,426	285.2	792	158.4
12. Miscellaneous, .....	8,680	1736.0	14,647	2929.4
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,702	340.4	1,287	257.4
14. Nuisances, .....	1,463	292.6	2,817	563.4
15. No Pass or Light, .....	2,927	585.4	5,089	1017.8

5—NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED BY POLICE.

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1878, .....	2,125 cases.	In 1883, .....	1,663 cases.
„ 1879, .....	1,866 „	„ 1884, .....	1,857 „
„ 1880, .....	1,638 „	„ 1885, .....	1,859 „
„ 1881, .....	1,796 „	„ 1886, .....	1,861 „
„ 1882, .....	1,966 „	„ 1887, .....	1,799 „
	9,391 cases.		9,039 cases.

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

Excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15 (See Table 2) of which no details are given.

In 1878, .....	4,614 cases.	In 1883, .....	5,038 cases.
„ 1879, .....	4,248 „	„ 1884, .....	5,845 „
„ 1880, .....	4,423 „	„ 1885, .....	4,464 „
„ 1881, .....	5,161 „	„ 1886, .....	7,129 „
„ 1882, .....	4,448 „	„ 1887, .....	7,524 „
	22,894 cases.		30,000 cases.

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

In 1878, .....	6,739 cases.	In 1883, .....	6,701 cases.
„ 1879, .....	6,114 „	„ 1884, .....	7,702 „
„ 1880, .....	6,061 „	„ 1885, .....	6,323 „
„ 1881, .....	6,957 „	„ 1886, .....	8,990 „
„ 1882, .....	6,414 „	„ 1887, .....	9,323 „
	<u>32,285 cases.</u>		<u>39,039 cases.</u>

**6.—DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED.**

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1878 to 1882.	1883 to 1887.
1. Murder, .....	12	33
2. Robbery with Violence from Person, .....	113	237
3. Burglaries and Larcenies from Dwellings, .....	266	141
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	3	9
5. Kidnapping, .....	475	421
6. Piracy, .....	111	132
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	1,909	1,665
8. Larcenies, .....	6,388	5,993
9. Felonies not given, .....	114	402
	<u>9,391</u>	<u>9,033</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	1878 to 1882.	1883 to 1887.
10. Assault, .....	7,455	7,778
11. Gambling, .....	4,393	3,806
12. Miscellaneous, .....	11,046	18,416
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,702	1,287
14. Nuisances, .....	1,463	2,817
15. No Pass or Light, .....	2,927	5,089
	<u>28,986</u>	<u>39,193</u>

**7—NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.**

FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1878, .....	1,554	571	In 1883, .....	1,178	485
„ 1879, .....	1,381	485	„ 1884, .....	1,297	560
„ 1880, .....	1,208	430	„ 1885, .....	1,298	561
„ 1881, .....	1,390	406	„ 1886, .....	1,389	472
„ 1882, .....	1,405	561	„ 1887, .....	1,234	565
	<u>6,938</u>	<u>2,453</u>		<u>6,396</u>	<u>2,643</u>

FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1878, .....	3,839	775	In 1883, .....	4,014	1,024
„ 1879, .....	3,350	898	„ 1884, .....	4,743	1,102
„ 1880, .....	3,548	875	„ 1885, .....	3,707	757
„ 1881, .....	4,459	702	„ 1886, .....	6,457	672
„ 1882, .....	3,602	846	„ 1887, .....	6,310	1,214
	<u>18,798</u>	<u>4,096</u>		<u>25,231</u>	<u>4,769</u>

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1878, .....	5,393	1,346	In 1883, .....	5,192	1,509
„ 1879, .....	4,731	1,383	„ 1884, .....	6,040	1,662
„ 1880, .....	4,756	1,305	„ 1885, .....	5,005	1,318
„ 1881, .....	5,849	1,108	„ 1886, .....	7,846	1,144
„ 1882, .....	5,007	1,407	„ 1887, .....	7,544	1,779
	<u>25,736</u>	<u>6,549</u>		<u>31,627</u>	<u>7,412</u>



TABLE E.

RETURN shewing the STRENGTH, ENLISTMENTS and CASUALTIES in the Police Force during 1887.

	Strength of the Force. *	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignations through Sickness.	Resignations through expiry of term of service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total number of Casualties.
Europeans, .....	114	12	4	...	6	5	15
Indians, .....	220	15	1	5	14	5	25
Chinese, .....	347	66	4	4	26	27	61
TOTAL,.....	681	93	9	9	46	37	101

\* Exclusive of—1 Captain Superintendent.  
 1 Adjutant.  
 4 Clerks.  
 55 Coolies. } Grand Total, 742.

W. M. DEANE,  
 Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 20th January, 1888.