

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 84.

The following Supreme Court Returns for 1897, which were laid before the Legislative Council on the 23rd instant, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1898.

No. 28.

SUPREME COURT,
HONGKONG, 10th February, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward to you herewith the return of Criminal cases in the Supreme Court for 1897.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. W. NORTON-KYSHE,
Registrar.

The Honourable

COLONIAL SECRETARY,

&c., &c., &c.

RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES that have been brought under the COGNIZANCE of the SUPREME COURT,
during the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Charges Abandoned.		Postponed.	
					No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
1888,	101	186	99	47	28	40	...	...
(g) 1889,	92	143	64	41	24	37	...	...
1890,	59	80	43	20	7	17	...	...
1891,	32	37	26	9	2	2	...	...
1892,	30	44	18	17	4	9	...	...
Total,	314	490	250	134	65	105	...	...
1893,	43	57	33	16	4	8	...	...
1894,	36	44	21	17	6	6	1	5
1895,	26	39	23	9	5	7	...	...
1896,	64	60	27	26	4	6	1	1
(f) 1897,	52	67	39	17	11	11	...	...
Total,	221	267	143	85	30	38	2	6
Average of 1st { Period, }	62 $\frac{2}{5}$	98	50	26 $\frac{1}{5}$	13	21	...	...
Average of 2nd { Period, }	44 $\frac{1}{5}$	53 $\frac{2}{5}$	28 $\frac{3}{5}$	17	6	7 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	1 $\frac{1}{5}$

g. In one case the recognizance estreated; this case is included in the total, but not in any other of the above headings.

f. In one case the recognizance estreated.

J. W. NORTON-KYSHE,
Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 10th day of February, 1898.

INDICTMENTS and INFORMATIONS in the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG for the Year 1897.

Showing how the cases tried in the Superior Courts ended. (Each Prisoner tried counts as a separate case; where a large number of Prisoners have been convicted together, the fact is mentioned in a note.)	Including Attempts and Conspiracies to commit the several offences.											
	Total.	Murder.	Manslaughter.	Attempt at Murder.	Concealment of Birth.	Abortion.	Rape.	Unnatural Crimes.	Robbery with violence.	Other offences against the Person.	Offences against Property.	Miscellaneous Offences.
Judgment for the Crown,.....	39	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	15	10	5
Judgment for the Prisoners,.....	16	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	3	1	5
Prisoner found Insane,	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases which fell through for want of prosecution or absence of accused, and cases thrown out by the Grand Jury (Attorney General),	11	...	3	3	3	2
Cases postponed,
	67	6	5	1	1	1	6	21	14	12

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COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES, APPREHENSIONS, CONVICTIONS and ACQUITTALS for the last Four Years.

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
The Number of Convictions in the Superior Courts—				
1. For Offences against the Person,	16	17	15	24
2. For Offences against the Property,	1	...	10	10
3. For other Offences,.....	4	...	2	5
The Number of Persons acquitted—				
2. In the Superior Courts,	17	9	32	28

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Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 10th day of February, 1898.

RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES tried in the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG during the Year 1897.

Number of Cases tried.	Number of Persons tried.	CRIMES.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	SENTENCE.				Solitary Confinement— Number of Persons.	Privately Flogged— Number of Persons.	Charges Abandoned.		Cases Postponed.	
					Death.	Death Recorded.	Hard Labour over One Year.	Hard Labour One Year and under.			No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
3	3	Administering stupifying drug with intent to commit an indictable offence,	3	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Arson,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
1	1	Assault with intent to commit buggery,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Bribery of a Police Constable,	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Buggery,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Conspiring to obstruct and pervert the due course of public justice, .....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Demanding money with menaces,	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Embezzlement, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Forgery,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Having forged Bank Note in possession, knowing same to be forged,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...
1	1	Larceny by a Servant,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	5	Larceny in a dwelling house,	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Manslaughter,	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	3	...	...
3	6	Murder,	4	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Obtaining money under false pretences,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Perjury,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Rape, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Returning from banishment,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
3	6	Robbery with violence,	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
1	1	Setting fire to a dwelling house, there being person therein,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Uttering a forged letter, .....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1a	Uttering counterfeit coin, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
7	8	Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance 1890, Offences under,	6	2	...	...	4	2	...	...	3	3	...	...
1	3	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm,	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1b	Wounding with intent to commit murder, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	57		33	17	3	...	27	9	...	1	11	11	...	...

Of 67 Persons56 were indicted.
 Recognizance estreated..... 1
 10 were not indicted which are included under the heading of "Charges Abandoned," ...10

67 Persons.

a. Defendant failed to appear, and recognizance estreated.

b. Prisoner having been found by a Jury empanelled for the purpose was committed to Gaol pending the Orders of His Excellency the Governor.

J. W. NORTON-KYSHE,
Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 10th day of February, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 85.

New Maps of Victoria and of Kowloon, on a scale of 60 feet to an inch, the former in 29 sheets, the latter in 5 sheets; have been received from England.

These Maps can be obtained on application at the Office of the Director of Public Works and after payment into the Treasury of \$50 for the Map of Victoria, and \$12 for the Map of Kowloon.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th February, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 86.

Notice is hereby given that THE NORTH BRITISH RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED, of Castles Mills, Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, have complied with the requirements of Ordinances 16 of 1873 and 20 of 1895, for the registration in this Colony of their Mark as applied to Chinese India-Rubber Shoes, Boots, and Rubber, Gutta Percha and Caoutchouc Goods; and that the same has been duly registered.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th February, 1898.