

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 98.

The following Returns of the Superior Court are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th February, 1901.

SUPREME COURT,
HONGKONG, 7th January, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the following Annual Returns :—

- 1.—Return of all sums received as Revenue in the Registry of the Supreme Court during the year 1900.
- 2.—Return of all sums collected in the Registry of the Supreme Court for 1900, and paid into the Treasury.
- 3.—Comparative table showing the number of offences, apprehensions, convictions and acquittals for the last four years.
- 4.—Return of Criminal cases that have been brought under the cognizance of the Supreme Court during the last ten years.
- 5.—Indictments and Informations in the Supreme Court for 1900.
- 6.—Return of Criminal cases tried in the Supreme Court during 1900.
- 7.—List of changes in the holders of Offices.
- 8.—Return of Estates of Intestates for the second half year ending 31st December, 1900.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. W. NORTON KYSHE,
Registrar.

The Honourable,
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

RETURN of all SUMS RECEIVED as REVENUE in the Registry of the Supreme Court during the Year 1900.

Original Jurisdiction,	\$ 4,342.10
Summary Jurisdiction,	3,515.25
Bankruptcy Jurisdiction,	562.74
Probate Jurisdiction,	3,587.70
Official Administrator's Commission,	3,384.38
Official Trustee's Commission,	120.17
Sheriff's Fees,	100.50
Bailiff's Fees,	684.00
Fees on Distraints,	1,110.25
Registrar of Companies,	4,581.00
Fines and Forfeitures,	510.00
Miscellaneous Receipts,	0.95
Official Receiver in Bankruptcy,	883.62
Admiralty Jurisdiction,	153.00
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	\$ 23,535.66
Land Office Fees (including \$1,892 account New Territory),	16,699.25
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	\$ 40,234.91

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Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 7th day of January, 1901.

RETURN of all SUMS COLLECTED in the Registry of the Supreme Court for the Year 1900, and paid into the Treasury.

	1899.	1900.
REGISTRAR.—Court Fees paid by Stamps,	\$ 12,207.05	\$ 13,271.04
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.—5 % on amounts encashed and paid into the Treasury,	5,551.74	3,384.38
OFFICIAL TRUSTEE.—2 % on amount of Trust on taking over up to \$10,000, above \$10,000 commission 1 %, 1 % commission on income,	576.35	120.17
BAILIFF,	694.00	684.00
SHERIFF,	119.00	100.50
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES,	5,638.00	4,581.00
FINES AND FORFEITURES, .....	...	510.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, .....	...	0.95
OFFICIAL RECEIVER IN BANKRUPTCY,	286.71	883.62
LAND OFFICE FEES (including \$1,892 account New Territory for 1900),	\$ 25,073.45	\$ 23,535.66
	11,988.50	16,699.25
	\$ 37,061.95	\$ 40,234.91

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

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
The Number of Convictions in the Superior Courts—				
1. For Offences against the Person,	24	19	49	54
2. For Offences against Property,	10	17	18	7
3. For other Offences,	5	3	10	12
The Number of Persons acquitted—				
2. In the Superior Courts,	23	15	21	18

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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.
1891,	32	37	26	9	2	2	...	...
1892,	30	44	18	17	4	9	...	...
1893,	43	57	33	16	4	8	...	...
1894,	36	44	21	17	6	6	1	5
1895,	26	39	23	9	5	7	...	...
Total,	167	221	121	68	21	32	1	5
1896,	64	60	27	26	4	6	1	1
(a) 1897,	52	67	39	17	11	11	...	...
(b) 1898,	36	54	39	10	4	5	...	...
1899,	65	98	77	12	8	9	...	...
(c) 1900,	43	91	73	14	4	4	...	...
Total,	260	370	255	79	31	35	1	1
Average of 1st } Period, }	33 $\frac{2}{3}$	44 $\frac{1}{3}$	24 $\frac{1}{3}$	13 $\frac{3}{5}$	4 $\frac{1}{5}$	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	1
Average of 2nd } Period, }	52	74	51	15 $\frac{1}{5}$	6 $\frac{1}{5}$	7	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

a. In one case the recognizance estreated.
b. In two cases the recognizance estreated.
c. In two cases the recognizance estreated.

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Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 7th day of January, 1901.

INDICTMENTS and INFORMATIONS in the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG for the Year 1900.

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,	73	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	37	12	7	12
Judgment for the Prisoners,	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	1	4
Prisoner found Insane, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases which fell through for want of prosecution or absence of accused, and cases thrown out by the Grand Jury (Attorney General), ...	4	1	1	...	1	...	1
Cases postponed,
	91	2	3	1	1	44	15	8	17

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RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES tried in the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG during the Year 1900.

Number of Cases tried.	Number of Persons tried.	CRIME.	SENTENCE.								Privately Flogged— Number of Persons.	Charges Abandoned.		Cases Postponed.	
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Death.	Death Recorded.	Hard Labour over One Year.	Hard Labour: One Year and under.	Solitary Confinement— Number of Persons.	No. of Cases.		No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	
1	1	Assault with intent to rob,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Attempting to commit the abominable crime of buggery,	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	4	Being a member of an unlawful society,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	5 a	Bribery of a public servant,	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...
...	...	Demanding money with menaces, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
2	3	Forgery,	3	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	3	Housebreaking and receiving stolen goods,	3	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1 b	Importing counterfeit coins, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny as a clerk,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Manslaughter,	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Murder,	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Obtaining money by false pretences,	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Perjury,	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Rape, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
1	3	Robbery,	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	44	Robbery with violence,	37	7	...	...	37	...	...	28	...	...	...	...
1	1	Throwing corrosive fluid with intent to burn,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Unnatural offence, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
2	2	Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1890, Offences under,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	5	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, ..	5	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	87		71	14	2	...	59	10	...	28	4	4	...	...

Of 91 Persons 87 were indicted.
Four were not indicted, which are included under the heading of "Charges Abandoned," 4

91 Persons.

a. & b. In two cases the recognizance estreated.

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Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 7th day of January, 1901.

LIST of CHANGES in the Holders of Offices, and Appointments, Creation of New Offices, Changes in Salaries and Allowances in the Department of Supreme Court, during the Quarter ending 31st December, 1900.

Office.	Name of the Officer who formerly held the appointment, and annual Salary.	Name of the Officer who is now appointed and annual Salary.	Date of appointment, authority, and annual Salary.	If it is a new office, state date of such appt. and annual Salary.
Assistant Land Officer.	New Appointment.	George Herbert Wakeman, \$3,600.	14th September, 1900. C.S.O. 640 of 1900. \$3,600.	New appointment. 14th September, 1900. \$3,600.

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Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 7th day of January, 1901.

RETURN of ESTATE of INTESTATES for the Second Half-year ending 31st December, 1900.
(Ordinance 3 of 1897 Section 28.)

	Amount received on Account of Estate.		Deductions for Disbursements.		Balance on closing Account.		Disposal of Balance.
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	
Charles Baines,		9.73		0.49		9.24	Paid into the Government Treasury. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.
Mrs. M. L. M. Burke,		195.30		14.52		180.78	
C. T. Dale,		40.99		4.05		36.94	
F. D. Maclean,		179.42		12.72		166.70	
Mrs. Emma Moore,		42,085.48		9,575.03		32,510.45	
Malla Singh,		100.00		34.35		65.65	
Jehangheer Hormusjee,		55.00		2.75		52.25	
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B. M. Noorodin,		22.00		1.10		18.90	
J. Umiashankar,		22.00		1.10		18.90	
James Dodd,		78.01		3.90		74.11	
F. Dittmann,		20.02		1.00		19.02	
J. B. Plinston,		124.47		6.75		117.72	
Veemin,		10.00		0.50		9.50	
Kaiser Singh,		5.00		2.50		2.50	
Niels Jergen Nielsen,		711.01		167.75		543.26	
Wong Doch Shiu,		374.50		18.73		355.77	
Ruby Dwyer,		375.62		74.25		301.37	
Daniel Haywood,		298.77		73.75		225.02	
Ebrahim Kahn,		4.02		.....		4.02

J. W. NORTON KYSHE,
Official Administrator.

Registry, Supreme Court, Hongkong, 7th day of January, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 99.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 4th March, 1901, for the erection of a latrine of 40 seats at Yaumati.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th February, 1901.