

No. 19.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Returns, connected with the business of the Superior and Subordinate Courts of this Colony for the Year 1868, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1869.

RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES that have been tried in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, during the Year 1868.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIME.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Death.	Death Recorded.	Penal Servitude.	Hard Labor, over one Year.	Hard Labor, one Year and under.	Publicly flogged.	Solitary Confinement No. of Persons.	REMARKS.			
												Charges Abandoned.		Postponed.	
												No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
1	2	Administering a stupefying Drug with Intent to commit a Felony, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Allowing a Prisoner to escape, ...	1	a...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Assault, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	4	...	...
...	...	Assault and Wounding, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...
1	2	Assault with Intent to rob, ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	13	Being found on board a Junk equipped for the Purposes of Piracy, ...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Bribery, ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	4	Burglary, ...	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	4	Burglary and Larceny, ...	4	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	10	Burglary and Larceny with Wounding, ...	5	5	...	...	4	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Burglary with Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
11	12	Child Stealing, ...	12	...	...	...	6	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
2	3	Cutting and Wounding with Intent to do grievous bodily Harm, ...	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Embezzlement, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	4	Escape, ...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Extortion by a Police Constable, ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	d...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Forcible Detention with Intent to sell as a Slave; Assault and Larceny, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Highway Robbery, being armed, ...	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Larceny, ...	3	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny and Embezzlement by a Police Constable, ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	e...	...
4	4	Larceny in a boat, ...	4	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Larceny in a Dwelling-house, ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
...	...	Larceny in a Warehouse, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny on board Ship in the Harbor, ...	1	f...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	5	Manslaughter, ...	2	3	...	...	1	g...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	8	Murder, ...	1	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	5	Obtaining Goods by false Pretences, ...	3	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Obtaining Money by false Pretences, ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	Perjury, ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Piracy, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	h...	...
...	...	Piracy and Murder, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Robbery from the Person, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
...	...	Robbery from the Person with Violence, ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Robbery from the Person; and Shooting with Intent to maim, ...	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
1	5	Robbery in the Harbor, ...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Robbery in the Harbor with Violence, ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	j...
1	4	Robbery with Violence, ...	4	i...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Shooting and Endangering Life with Intent to commit Piracy, ...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Shooting with Intent to do grievous bodily Harm, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
1	1	Slave Dealing, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	k...	...
...	...	Soliciting a Venereal Affair, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Uttering a forged Bank Note, ...	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	Uttering counterfeit Coin, ...	2	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
76	128		81	47	1	3	28	35	12	20	2	8	11	...	...

- a. Fined \$50, and to be Imprisoned until such Fine be paid.
- b. Two Prisoners fined \$100 each,—one of them to be Imprisoned until such Fine be paid. One Prisoner fined \$25.
- c. A Witness for the defence sent to prison for two months for perjury.
- d. Imprisonment without hard labor, and fined \$500.
- e. Case sent back to the Magistrate.
- f. A Witness for the prosecution sent to prison for two months for perjury.
- g. One Prisoner fined \$500, and to be Imprisoned for three months unless the fine be sooner paid.
- h. The Prisoner committed Suicide in Gaol before the trial could take place.
- i. A Witness for the prosecution sent to prison for two months for perjury.
- j. No Witnesses forthcoming.
- k. Case sent back to the Magistrate.

W. H. ALEXANDER,  
Registrar.

RETURN of the NUMBER of Cases tried before the Honorable the Chief Justice, and ACTIONS commenced in the Supreme and Vice Admiralty Courts of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

Cases tried before the Honorable the Chief Justice in 1868.

COURT.	NUMBER OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT AND DAMAGES CLAIMED.	JUDGMENT.			TOTAL.	
			PLAINTIFF.	DEFENDANT.	NONSUIT.	CASES.	DEBT AND DAMAGES.
SUPREME COURT,—							
Common Law, ... ..	a 4	\$8,369.15	2	2	...	...	.....
Chancery, ... ..	1	...	1	...	...	...	.....
Bankruptcy, ... ..	b 6	357,883.22	Petitioners } discharged } 6	...	...	...	.....
Appeals, ... ..	3	...	Appellant	Respondent	...	...	.....
VICE ADMIRALTY COURT, ...	c 5	16,500.00	1	2	...	...	.....
			5	...	...	19	\$382,752.37

Actions Commenced in 1868.

COURT.	NUMBER OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT AND DAMAGES CLAIMED.	SETTLED WITHOUT TRIAL.	JUDGMENT.			REMAINING IN DEPENDENCE.	TOTAL.	
				PLAINTIFF.	DEFENDANT.	NONSUIT.		CASES.	DEBT AND DAMAGES.
SUPREME COURT,—									
Common Law, ... ..	68	\$410,424.08	38	2	1	...	27	...	.....
Chancery, ... ..	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	.....
Bankruptcy, ... ..	11	d 151,287.68	e 1	Petitioners } discharged } 4	...	...	6	...	.....
Probate, ... ..	34	f 83,386.91	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Appeals, ... ..	3	...	...	Appellant	Respondent	...	...	...	.....
VICE ADMIRALTY COURT,	13	51,166.26	4	1	2	...	...	...	.....
				...	...	...	9	132	\$696,264.93

- a. One of these cases was in dependence on 31st December, 1867.
  - b. Two of these cases were in dependence on 31st December, 1867.
  - c. These cases were in dependence on 31st December, 1857.
  - d. Amount of liabilities as set forth in the Bankrupts Schedules.
  - e. This Bankruptcy was annulled, the Bankrupt having arranged with his Creditors.
  - f. Value of Estates as sworn to, and set forth in Commissions of Appraisement.
- Judgment by default was signed in nine Common Law cases representing the sum of \$30,394.77.

W. H. ALEXANDER,  
Registrar.

RETURN of the NUMBER of CASES tried and ACTIONS commenced in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1868.

NO. OF CASES.	AMOUNT OF DEBT AND DAMAGES CLAIMED.	SETTLED WITHOUT TRIAL.	JUDGMENT.				REMAINING IN DEPENDENCE.	REMARKS.
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	No Service.		
* 1,450	\$86,953.59	701	532	34	114	58	11	* 5 of these cases were in dependence on 31st December, 1867.

HENRY J. HOLMES,  
Clerk of Court.

COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION,  
Hongkong, January, 1869.

