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The following Returns relative to Victoria Gaol, during the year 1877, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th June, 1878.

RETURN of the NUMBER of PRISONERS in VICTORIA GAOL on the last Day of each Week of the Year 1877.

| WEEKLY. 1877. | EUROPEANS. | | CHINESE OR COLOURED. | | TOTAL. | WEEKLY. 1877. | EUROPEANS. | | CHINESE OR COLOURED. | | TOTAL. |
|------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------|------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | | | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | |
| January 7 | 36 | ... | 398 | 23 | 457 | July 8 | 24 | 1 | 300 | 16 | 341 |
| " 14 | 36 | ... | 389 | 18 | 443 | " 15 | 27 | ... | 293 | 18 | 338 |
| " 21 | 36 | ... | 400 | 18 | 454 | " 22 | 32 | ... | 310 | 17 | 359 |
| " 28 | 37 | ... | 386 | 17 | 440 | " 29 | 32 | ... | 321 | 22 | 375 |
| February 4 | 41 | ... | 366 | 16 | 423 | August 5 | 33 | ... | 324 | 21 | 378 |
| " 11 | 43 | ... | 348 | 16 | 407 | " 12 | 33 | ... | 325 | 21 | 379 |
| " 18 | 46 | 1 | 339 | 15 | 401 | " 19 | 33 | ... | 335 | 23 | 391 |
| " 25 | 49 | 1 | 324 | 14 | 388 | " 26 | 40 | ... | 355 | 25 | 420 |
| March 4 | 42 | ... | 300 | 16 | 358 | September 2 | 44 | ... | 344 | 20 | 408 |
| " 11 | 38 | ... | 288 | 15 | 341 | " 9 | 43 | ... | 361 | 17 | 421 |
| " 18 | 37 | ... | 284 | 15 | 336 | " 16 | 36 | ... | 363 | 19 | 418 |
| " 25 | 33 | ... | 291 | 18 | 342 | " 23 | 36 | ... | 358 | 16 | 410 |
| April 1 | 26 | ... | 292 | 21 | 339 | " 30 | 37 | ... | 351 | 17 | 405 |
| " 8 | 26 | ... | 278 | 18 | 322 | October 7 | 34 | ... | 338 | 15 | 387 |
| " 15 | 28 | ... | 291 | 18 | 337 | " 14 | 41 | ... | 341 | 18 | 400 |
| " 22 | 27 | ... | 283 | 22 | 332 | " 21 | 39 | ... | 354 | 21 | 414 |
| " 29 | 26 | ... | 288 | 18 | 332 | " 28 | 47 | ... | 389 | 21 | 457 |
| May 6 | 25 | ... | 293 | 22 | 340 | November 4 | 47 | ... | 395 | 19 | 461 |
| " 13 | 31 | 1 | 306 | 20 | 358 | " 11 | 47 | ... | 422 | 21 | 490 |
| " 20 | 21 | 1 | 316 | 19 | 357 | " 18 | 38 | ... | 431 | 20 | 489 |
| " 27 | 22 | 1 | 312 | 21 | 356 | " 25 | 38 | ... | 384 | 15 | 437 |
| June 3 | 23 | 1 | 313 | 23 | 360 | December 2 | 33 | ... | 368 | 14 | 415 |
| " 10 | 21 | 1 | 310 | 21 | 353 | " 9 | 34 | ... | 378 | 16 | 428 |
| " 17 | 25 | 1 | 313 | 21 | 360 | " 16 | 25 | ... | 392 | 12 | 429 |
| " 24 | 21 | 1 | 304 | 17 | 343 | " 23 | 29 | ... | 396 | 13 | 438 |
| July 1 | 23 | ... | 301 | 15 | 339 | " 30 | 30 | ... | 401 | 12 | 443 |

T. C. DEMPSTER, *Captain,*
Acting Superintendent.

Victoria Gaol Office, Hongkong, 13th March, 1878.

RETURN showing the CLASSIFICATION of OFFENCES for which PRISONERS were admitted to VICTORIA GAOL, from the respective Courts of the Colony, during the Year 1877.

| CLASS OF PRISONERS. | Murder. | Manslaughter. | Piracy. | Cutting and Wounding, or Assault occasioning Grievous Bodily Harm, &c. | Assault with Intent to Rob, Highway Robbery, Robbery with Violence and Attempt at such. | Burglary, Attempt to commit Burglary, and having Possession of House-breaking Implements. | Larceny, Larceny from a House, Larceny from the Person and from Ships in the Harbour. | Defrauding, and Obtaining Goods or Money under False Pretences. | Unlawful Possession or Receiving Stolen Goods, &c. | Illegally Pawning Goods, &c. | Sodomy and Unnatural Offences. | Indecent Assault. | Child Stealing, Kidnapping, Abduction of Females, Forcible Detention, Buying or Selling of Human Beings. | Forgery, Coining, or Making Counterfeit Coins. | Perjury, Suborning Witnesses to Commit Perjury, Preferring False Charge, and Giving Willful False Testimony, &c. | Threatening to Accuse of Crime, Accusing of Crime with Intent to Extort Money. | Assault, Assault with Wounding and Rioting. | Drunk and Incapable, Fighting and Quarrelling, Disorderly Conduct, Refusing to pay Chair Hire, and Resisting the Police in the Execution of their Duty. | Misconduct as a Private or Public Servant, Refusal of Duty, Negligence, Desertion and Remaining behind from Ship. | Breaches of Military or Naval Discipline. | Gambling or Haunting Gambling Houses, &c. | Rogues and Vagabonds, Suspicious Characters, and Vagrancy. | Breach of Conditional Pardon and Returning to the Colony from Deportation. | Breach of Ordinance with regard to Weights and Measures and Registration. | Without Passes, Unlawful Hawking or Selling without a Licence, Obstruction, Nuisance, Damage, Making Bonfires and Firing Crackers, Defiling Streams, Uttering Cries, Trespassing, Breach of Ordinance for Harbour and Market Regulations. | Breach of Brethel Ordinance. | Committed for Trial, Remanded from Courts, Crown Witnesses, and Pending Orders, &c. | For Debt. | GRAND TOTAL. |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|--|---|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|------------------------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| European Males,..... | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 2 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 186 | 55 | 73 | .. | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 61 | 4 | 489 |
| European Females,... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 4 |
| Indian Males, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 19 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 1 | 72 |
| Indian Females, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Chinese Males, | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 8 | 15 | 756 | 27 | 166 | 1 | .. | 2 | 8 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 90 | 235 | 39 | .. | .. | .. | 170 | 16 | 3 | 726 | 16 | 3,238 | |
| Chinese Females, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 1 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 3 | .. | .. | 11 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 92 | 2 | 192 | |
| TOTAL,..... | .. | 2 | .. | 6 | 8 | 15 | 793 | 30 | 180 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 19 | 4 | 134 | 438 | 114 | 73 | 277 | 193 | 16 | 3 | 670 | 22 | 892 | 23 | 8,946 | |

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