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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Returns connected with the business of the Superior and Subordinate Courts of the Colony, for the Year 1877, are published for general information.

By Command,

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RETURN of CRIMINAL CASES tried in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, during the Year 1877.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIMES.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	SENTENCE.						CHARGES ABANDONED.		CASES POSTPONED.	
					Death.	Death Recorded.	Penal Servitude.	Hard Labour over One Year.	Hard Labour One Year and under.	Solitary Confinement.	Number of Persons. Publicly flogged.	Number of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.
1	1	Assault, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	without hard labour.	...	...	...	...
1	4	Assault and False Imprisonment, ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	without hard labour.	...	...	...	...
2	2	Assault occasioning Bodily Harm, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	without hard labour.	...	...	...	...
...	...	Assault with Intent to rob, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Attempting to commit Buggery, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Attempting to commit Burglary, ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Attempting to escape from Gaol, ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Attempting to obtain Goods by False Pretences, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Breaking and entering a Dwelling-house with Intent to commit a Felony } therein, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Burglary, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Burglary and Larceny, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Burglary and Larceny, being armed, ...	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Burglary and Previous Convictions, ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Burglary and receiving Stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	2	Burglary and receiving Stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Burglary and Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
4	7	Child Stealing, ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Cutting and Wounding with Intent to do grievous Bodily Harm, ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	Embracery, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
3	5	Highway Robbery with Violence, ...	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	Highway Robbery with Violence, and receiving Stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
16	31	Larceny, ...	20	11	...	...	...	2	6	...	...	...	...
...	
31	37	Larceny and Previous Convictions, ...	34	3	...	...	...	19	6	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny and Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2	9	Larceny and Receiving Stolen Goods, ...	3	6	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny by a Servant, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Larceny in a Boat, and Wounding, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
6	6	Larceny in a Dwelling-house, ...	4	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
1	1	Larceny in a Dwelling-house, and Previous Convictions, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	Larceny in a Dwelling-house, and receiving Stolen Goods, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
7	9	Larceny on board Ship in the Harbour, ...	4	5	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...
1	2	Manslaughter, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
1	1	Obtaining Goods by False Pretences, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1
1	2	Obtaining Goods by False Pretences, and Previous Convictions, ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
1	1	Obtaining Money by False Pretences, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Purchasing a Woman for the purpose of Prostitution, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
3	5	Receiving Stolen Goods, ...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	...
2	2	Returning from Deportation, ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
3	4	Robbery from the Person, ...	3	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	1
1	1	Robbery from the Person, and returning from Deportation, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
4	4	Robbery from the Person, and Previous Convictions, ...	4	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...
1	1	Robbery from the Person, and Wounding, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
1	1	Robbery from the Person with Violence, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	Tending Counterfeit Coin, ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	7	Uttering Counterfeit Coin, ...	5	2	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...
1	1	Uttering a Forged Promissory Note, ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
120	174		135	39	...	...	56	38	40	6	4	7	5

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.

RETURN of the NUMBER of CASES tried and ACTIONS commenced in the Supreme and Vice-Admiralty Courts of Hongkong, during the Year ending 31st December, 1877.

Cases tried in 1877.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages claimed.	Judgment.				Total.	
			Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.	Cases.	Debt and Damages.
Supreme Court:—								
Summary Jurisdiction,	a 673	\$50,077.32	606	44	23	73		
Original Jurisdiction,	b 11	82,799.30	10	1	.....	.....
Chancery, .....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankruptcy,	c 8	158,578.94	{ Petitioners } 8	.....	.....	.....
Probate,	60	582,627.10	{ discharged } 60	.....	.....	.....
Appeals,	3	.....	{ granted } 60	.....	.....	.....
Vice-Admiralty Court,...	d 4	44,200.00	4	Respondent 3	.....	.....	759	\$918,282.66

Actions commenced in 1877.

Court.	Number of Cases.	Amount of Debt and Damages claimed.	Settled without Trial.	Judgment.				Cases pending on 31st December.	Total.	
				Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Nonsuit.	Struck out.		Cases.	Debt & Damages.
Supreme Court:—										
Summary Jurisdiction,	30	\$ 92,456.55	362	599	44	22	73	32		
Original Jurisdiction,	...	136,294.45	14	8	1	.....	.....	7	
Chancery, .....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankruptcy,	9	e 117,229.71	...	{ Petitioners } 5	.....	.....	.....	4	
Probate,	60	f 582,627.10	...	{ discharged } 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appeals,	4	.....	...	{ granted } 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vice-Admiralty Court,...	9	33,260.00	1	3	Respondent 3	.....	.....	1	
								5	1,244	
									\$961,867.81	

- a. Eight of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1876.
- b. Two of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1876.
- c. Three of these Cases were pending on 31st December, 1876.
- d. One of these Cases was pending on 31st December, 1876.
- e. This is the amount of liabilities entered in the Bankrupts' Schedules.
- f. This is the value of the Estates as sworn to by the Pétitioners and Appraisers.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.

ABSTRACT OF CASES UNDER COGNIZANCE OF THE POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURT, DURING THE YEAR 1877.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		CASES HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS, UNDER EACH HEAD.												WRITS ISSUED BY THE POLICE MAGISTRATES, DURING THE YEAR 1877.					Total.										
	M.	F.	Punished and Convicted.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at the Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison, or Detained pending Orders of H. E. the Governor.		To keep the Peace.		To be of good Behaviour.		To answer any Charge.		Fined for preferring false Charge or giving Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Prisoners.		Summons for Defendants.	Summons for Witnesses.	Notices of Re-hearing.	Arrest.	Distress.	Search.	For Gambling Houses.	Magistrates' Orders.
9,283	7,386	572	1,966	364	209	15	16	1	64	6	89	6	39	5	14	8	12	12	...	9,745	972	2,557	120	50	69	12	10	...	...	2,818

TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES,.....10,717

* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

THE CASES CONSISTED OF:—

OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
Abduction and sale of Women and female Children,.....	20	40	Brought forward,.....	1,385	1,584
Absent from Ship without Leave, (see "Desertion").			Constables of Police—Attempt to bribe, (see "Bribery").		
Abusive Language, (see "Breach of the Peace").			—Misconduct as, (see "Police").		
Accessory after the Fact to Felony, (see "Felony").			Contagious Diseases Ordinance—Offences against,.....	16	48
" before			Contempt of Court,	8	8
Accusing of Crime—Conspiracy for, (see "Conspiracy").			Coolie Lodging Houses—Unlicensed, (see "Unlicensed, &c.")		
Aiding and Abetting in Felony, (see "Felony").			Coroner's Summonses to attend Inquests—Disobedience of, by Juror, (see "Jurors").		
Alms—Soliciting, (see "Mendicancy").			Crackers—Making Bonfires or Firing, (see "Bonfires, &c.")		
Animals—Cruelty to,	5	6	Crime—Conspiracy to accuse of, (see "Conspiracy").		
Arms—Chinese not Holders of Night Passes found carrying, ..	1	1	Crimes and Offences committed in Chinese Territory, (see "Chinese").		
Army and Navy—Desertion from H. M.'s, (see "Desertion").			Crown Land—Trespass on, (see "Trespass").		
Arson, .....	...	...	Cruelty to Animals, (see "Animals").		
Artificers and Artizans—Misconduct as, (see "Workmen").			Cutting and Wounding with Intent, &c.,	14	16
Assault—At or in connection with riotous Assemblages,	1	8	Damage to Property—(see "Malicious Injuries").		
" —Accompanied with Damage to Property,	16	20	Dangerous and Offensive Trades—Carrying on,	5	5
" —Common,	4(09	530	" Weapons—Found by Night with,		
" —Indecent,	4	4	" with Intent to break into a Dwelling House, (see "Night").		
" —On Person to prevent lawful Apprehension,	1	2	Deaths and Births—Breach of Ordinance for, (see "Births, &c.")		
" —On Police in the Execution of their Duty, and obstructing and resisting Police,	67	79	Decoying Persons into or away from the Colony,	3	3
" —With Intent to	2	2	Deportation from Canton to the Colony under H. M.'s Order in Council, 1865,		
" to commit an Unnatural Offence, .....	...	...	" from Japan	4	4
" —With wounding,	4	5	" from Shanghai	...	...
Attempting to commit Felony, (see "Felony").			" Returning from, (see "Banishment").	...	...
" to			Deported Persons—Harbouring, .....	...	...
" to other Offences,	19	21	Desertion from Foreign Ships,	107	113
" to extort by Threats, Menaces, &c., (see "Threats, &c.")			" from H. M.'s Army and Navy,	17	17
" to bribe Police Constables, (see "Bribery").			" from British Merchant Ships,	2	2
Auctioneer—Unlicensed, .....	...	...	" Assisting in the—of Soldiers and Seamen, .....	...	...
Banishment—Returning after, (see also "Conditional Pardon"),	23	23	Destitutes—(see "Vagrants," under "Rogues and Vagabonds, &c.")		
Bankrupt—Fraud by, .....	...	...	Diseased Cattle—Bringing into the Colony, (see "Unwholesome Provisions").		
Begging, (see "Mendicancy").			Disorderly Behaviour—Accompanied with Damage to Property,	26	26
Breach of the Peace,	15	15	" —Drunkenness, Fighting, &c.,	906	1,447
Bestiality, (see "Unnatural Offences").			" —Wasting Water at Public Hydrants, .....	...	...
Bills—Posting, (see "Posting Bills").			Distilling—Illicit, .....	...	...
Birds—Breach of Ordinance for Preservation of, .....	...	...	Dogs—Allowing unmuzzled ferocious, to be at large, &c., ..	12	12
Births and Deaths—Breach of Ordinance for Registration of, ..	3	4	" Stealing,	1	1
Boats—Larceny in the Harbour on board (see "Larceny").			Domestic Servants—Misconduct as,	4	4
" —Exposing Night, along the Praya in open, (see "Nuisances").			Dredging in the Harbour at Anchorage for Ships of War, ..	...	...
" —Obstruction of Wharves by, (see "Obstruction").			Driving furiously—(see "Furious driving")		
" —Refusing to pay Hire, .....	...	...	Drugs—Administering,		
" —Unlicensed,	1	1	Drunkenness—(see "Disorderly Behaviour").		
" —Breach of "Cargo Boats".	20	20	Ducks—Selling in the Streets, (see "Markets Ordinance").		
Boarding, .....	...	...	Dust Bins—Neglecting to clean out, (see "Nuisances").		
Bodily Injuries, .....	...	...	" —Raking, (see "Nuisances").		
" Cutting	...	...	Dwelling Houses—Found by Night with Dangerous and Offensive Weapons with Intent to break into, (see "Night").		
Bonfires—Firing	408	468	" —Found by Night in—with Intent to commit Felony, (see "Night").		
Bribery, .....	...	...	" —Larceny in a, (see "Larceny").		
British Merchant	...	...	Earth—Cutting from prohibited Places, (see "Trespass on Crown Land").		
" of Duty by, (see "Seamen")	...	...	Embezzlement,	3	3
Brothels, (see "Unwholesome Provisions")			Embracery,	1	1
Buggery, (see "Unwholesome Provisions")			Enclosed Places and Gardens—Larceny of Vegetables and Fruits from, (see "Larceny").		
Buildings—Breach of Ordinance for,	1	1	Encroachment on Crown Land, (see "Trespass").		
Burglary,	16	20	Escape of Prisoners from Gaol,		
Burial of Chinese elsewhere than in a Cemetery, .....	...	...	" from Custody of Police,		
Cargo Boats—Breach of Ordinance for,	9	13	" Negligently allowing,		
Cattle—Bringing into the Colony diseased, (see "Unwholesome Provisions").			Evidence—Giving wilful false, (see "False Charge, &c.")		
" —Turned loose on Public Ways,	9	9	Explosive Substances—Breach of Ordinance for Storage of, ..		
" Stealing, .....	...	...	Extortion by Colour of Office,		
Chairs and Vehicles—Breach of Ordinance for Street,	210	210	" by Menaces,		
Chair Coolies—Obstruction of Public Ways by, (see "Obstruction").			" by Threats, (see "Threats").		
Chair Hire—Refusing to pay Vehicle or, (see "Chairs and Vehicles").			False Charge—Preferring—or giving wilful false Evidence, ..	27	30
Chai Mui—Night Noises by playing at the Game called, (see "Night").			" Imprisonment,	1	4
Child Stealing,	21	33	" Pretences—Obtaining Goods and Money by,	26	30
Chinese—Burial of, elsewhere than in a Cemetery, (see "Burial").			" Statements—Seamen presenting false Characters and making, (see "Seamen").		
" —not Holders of Night Passes found carrying Arms, (see "Arms").			" Trade Marks and Labels—Fraudulently using, (see "Trade Marks").		
" —Offenders found in the Colony after Banishment under Ordinance 9 of 1857 and in Breach of Conditional Pardon under Ordinance of 1860, (see "Banishment" and "Conditional Pardon").			Felony—Accessory before the Fact to,		
Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855,—Breach of, .....	...	...	" — after		
Chinese Territory—Crimes and Offences committed in,	13	17	" —Aiding and abetting in,	10	14
Clothes—Hanging to dry over Public Ways, wet, (see "Nuisances").			" —Attempting to commit,	50	54
" —Purchasing or Receiving Regimental, (see "Military Law").			" —Conspiracy (see "Conspiracy").		
Coin—Offences relating to,	21	21	" —Found by Night in Dwelling Houses with Intent to commit, (see "Night, &c.")		
Common Assault, (see "Assault").			Fighting, (see "Disorderly Behaviour").		
" Larceny, (see "Larceny").			Fire Arms—Discharging,		
Conditional Pardon—Breach of,	4	4	Fire Brigade Ordinance—Breach of	7	7
Confederating with Pirates, (see "Piracy").			Fish—Selling in the Streets, (see "Markets Ordinance").		
Conspiracy to accuse of Crime, .....	...	...	Forgery,	2	2
" to commit Felony, .....	...	...	
" to defraud,	2	7			
Constables of Police—Assault, &c., on, (see "Assaults").					
" —Assuming Name and Designation of, (see "Police").					
Carried forward,.....	1,385	1,584	Carried forward,.....	2,673	3,471

OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	2,673	3,471	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	5,150	6,411
Forceful Entry, .....	...	...	Money Changer—Unlicensed, .....	...	...
Fowls—Selling in the Streets (<i>see</i> "Markets Ordinance").	...	...	Murder,.....	3	5
Fraud by Bankrupt (<i>see</i> "Bankrupt").	...	...	" Piracy with, (<i>see</i> "Piracy").	1	1
" Conspiracy to commit (<i>see</i> "Conspiracy").	...	...	Naval Stores—Breach of Ordinance for,.....	1	1
Fruits and Vegetables in Gardens and enclosed Places—Larceny of (<i>see</i> "Larceny").	...	...	Night—being out without Lights at (<i>see</i> "Light").	...	...
Fugitive Criminals—Apprehension and Detention of,.....	...	...	" —Found at, armed with Dangerous and offensive Weapons, with Intent to break into Dwelling Houses,.....	3	3
Furious Driving,	2	2	" —Found in Dwelling Houses by—with Intent to commit Felony therein,.....	6	6
Gambling—Breach of Ordinance for Suppression of,.....	2	2	" —Noises, by playing at the Game called "Chai-Mui," by Watchmen,.....	1	1
" —in the Streets, treated as Obstruction of Public Ways,.....	40	370	" —Passes—being out without (<i>see</i> "Passes").	...	...
" —in the Streets, treated as Rogues and Vagabonds,.....	183	186	" —Chinese carrying Arms, not being Holders of, (<i>see</i> "Arms").	...	...
" —Registered Householder permitting, in a House,.....	88	89	Nuisances—Allowing Dirt and Filth to remain on Premises or in immediate Vicinity thereof,.....	847	847
Gaols—Breach of Ordinance for,.....	4	4	" —Exposing Night Soil in the Streets in uncovered Buckets and in open Bogs,.....	1	1
Gaol—Escape of Prisoners from, (<i>see</i> "Escape").	5	5	" —Hanging wet Clothes, &c., to dry over Public Ways,.....	85	85
Gardens and enclosed Places—Larceny of Vegetables and Fruits from (<i>see</i> "Larceny").	...	...	" —Keeping Pigs without a Licence,.....	16	16
Gunpowder—Breach of Ordinance for Storage of,.....	...	...	" —Neglecting to clean out Dust Bins, and throwing Rubbish, &c., into the Streets,.....	139	139
Harbour and Coasts Ordinance—Breach of,.....	1	1	" —Obeying Calls of Nature in the Streets,.....	61	61
" Dredging at Anchorage for Ships-of-War in the,.....	1	1	" —Raking Dust Bins,.....	2	2
" Larceny on board Boat or Ship in the (<i>see</i> "Larceny").	...	...	" —Throwing Rubbish into the Harbour or on the Beach,.....	66	66
" Regulations—Breach of,.....	...	...	Obscene Pictures—Exposing for sale,.....	1	1
" Throwing Rubbish on the Beach or into the (<i>see</i> "Nuisances").	3	3	Obstruction of or Resisting Police (<i>see</i> "Police").	...	...
Hawkers calling out in the Sale of their Wares (<i>see</i> "Street Noises").	...	...	" of Navigation,.....	204	246
" Obstruction of Public Ways by (<i>see</i> "Obstruction").	...	...	" of Roads and Streets, &c., by Hawkers, Chair Coolies and Shopkeepers,.....	548	548
" Unlicensed,.....	...	...	" of Wharves by Boat People,.....	135	145
" Unlicensed, and calling out in the Sale of their Wares (<i>see</i> also "Street Cries"),.....	507	507	Offensive Trades—Carrying on Dangerous and, (<i>see</i> "Dangerous").	...	...
House Breaking,	23	23	" Weapons—Found at Night with Dangerous and—with Intent to break into a Dwelling House, (<i>see</i> "Night").	...	...
Householder, Registered, permitting Gambling in a House, (<i>see</i> "Gambling").	7	13	" Having Possession of, (<i>see</i> "Weapons").	...	...
Householders and Servants—Breach of Ordinance for Registration of,.....	12	12	Opium—Breach of Ordinance for Preparation and Sale of prepared,.....	7	8
House—Larceny in a (<i>see</i> "Larceny").	...	...	Passengers' Act of 1855—Breach of Chinese, (<i>see</i> "Chinese, &c.").	...	...
" —Registered Householder permitting Gambling in a (<i>see</i> "Gambling").	...	...	Passes—Chinese carrying Arms, not being Holders of, (<i>see</i> "Arms").	1,125	1,125
" —Found by Night in a—with Intent to commit Felony therein (<i>see</i> "Night").	...	...	" —Chinese out at Night,.....	15	15
" —Found by Night with Dangerous and offensive Weapons with Intent to break into a Dwelling (<i>see</i> "Night, &c.").	...	...	Pawnbrokers—Breach of Ordinance,.....	3	3
" —Setting Fire to (<i>see</i> "Arson").	...	...	Perjury, (<i>see</i> also "Perjury").	...	...
Hose—Unlicensed Coolie Lodging (<i>see</i> "Unlicensed").	...	...	" wilful false Testimony,.....	...	...
Hose—Seamen's Boarding (<i>see</i> "Unlicensed").	...	...	Pigs—Unlicensed Keeping of, (<i>see</i> "Nuisances").	...	...
Hydrant—Drawing Water at a public (<i>see</i> "Disorderly Conduct").	...	...	Piracy,.....	3	16
" Drawing Water at a public, (<i>see</i> "Disorderly Conduct").	...	...	" —Breaches of Ordinances for,.....	1	1
Indecent Assaults, (<i>see</i> "Assault").	24	26	" —Confederating with Pirates,.....	...	...
Indecent Exposure of Person by bathing or otherwise, and Lewdness,.....	...	...	" —with Murder,.....	...	...
Inquests—Jurors disobeying Coroner's Summonses for Attendance at (<i>see</i> "Jurors").	2	2	Placards—Posting,.....	...	...
Japan—Deportation to this Colony from (<i>see</i> "Deportation").	...	...	Police—Assaulting, (<i>see</i> "Assault").	3	3
Jurors—Neglecting to answer Coroner's Summonses to attend Inquests,.....	2	2	" —Assuming Name, Designation, &c., of Constable of,.....	...	...
Kidnapping (<i>see</i> "Child Stealing," "Abduction and Sale of Women and Female Children" and "Decoying, &c.").	...	...	" —Escape of Prisoners from Custody of, (<i>see</i> "Escape, &c.").	...	...
Labels and Trade Marks—Fraudulently using false, (<i>see</i> "Trade Marks, &c.").	...	...	" —Rescuing Prisoners from Custody of,.....	...	...
Larceny—Beasts or Birds not the subject of Larceny at common Law,.....	2	2	Police Constables—Bribery, or attempting to bribe, (<i>see</i> "Bribery, &c.").	5	6
" —Cattle (<i>see</i> "Cattle Stealing").	...	...	" —Misconduct as,.....	...	...
" —Children (<i>see</i> "Child Stealing").	...	...	Posting Bills on Walls, &c., (<i>see</i> "Placards").	...	...
" —Dogs (<i>see</i> "Dog Stealing").	...	...	Post Office—Breach of Ordinance for,.....	...	...
" —Common,.....	636	687	Poultry—Selling in the Streets, (<i>see</i> "Markets Ordinance").	...	...
" —from Ships or Boats in the Harbour,.....	84	104	Preservation of Birds—Breach of Ordinance for, (<i>see</i> "Birds, &c.").	...	...
" —the Person,.....	59	99	Prisoners—Escape from Custody of Police of, (<i>see</i> "Escape.")	...	...
" —Wreck,.....	78	83	" — " Gaol of, (<i>see</i> "Escape").	...	...
" —in a Dwelling House,.....	16	16	" —Negligently allowing the Escape of (<i>see</i> "Escape").	...	...
" —of Vegetables and Fruits from Gardens and enclosed Places,.....	...	...	" —Rescuing from Custody of Police, (<i>see</i> "Police.")	...	...
Lewdness, (<i>see</i> "Indecent Exposure, &c.").	...	...	Provisions—Exposing for Sale or bringing into the Colony unwholesome, (<i>see</i> "Unwholesome Provisions, &c.")	29	35
Libel, .....	...	...	Public Ways—Hanging wet Clothes, &c. to dry over, (<i>see</i> "Nuisances, &c.").	8	8
Lights—Chinese not carrying at Night,.....	18	18	" —Obstruction of, (<i>see</i> "Obstruction").	...	...
Lodging Houses—Unlicensed Coolie, .....	...	...	Quarantine Regulations—Breach of,.....	...	...
Mails—Detention of H. M.'s (<i>see</i> "Post Office").	...	...	Rape, .....	...	...
Malicious Injury to Property,.....	23	25	Receiving Stolen Goods,.....	...	...
Manslaughter,	4	7	Recognizances—Breach of,.....	7	7
Marine Store Dealers—Breach of Ordinance for,.....	399	399	Regimental Clothes, &c.—Purchasing or receiving (<i>see</i> "Military Law").	...	...
Markets Ordinance—Breach of,.....	7	7	Registration of Births and Deaths—Breach of Ordinance for (<i>see</i> "Births & Deaths").	...	...
" —do.—and calling out,.....	245	245	" of Householders and Servants—Breach of Ordinance for (<i>see</i> "House").	...	...
Mendicancy, .....	...	...	Religious Ceremonies—Chinese carrying on without Authority,.....	...	...
Mendicants—Bringing into Colony,.....	...	...	Rendition of Chinese (<i>see</i> "Crimes, &c.").	...	...
Men-of-War Anchorage—Dredging at, (<i>see</i> "Harbour").	...	...	Rescuing Prisoners from Custody of Police (<i>see</i> "Police").	...	...
Merchant Seamen—Desertion of, (<i>see</i> "Desertion").	...	...	...	...	...
" —Refusal of Duty by British, (<i>see</i> "Seamen").	...	...	...	...	...
Military Law—Breach of,.....	1	1	...	...	...
Misdemeanor—Aiding and Abetting in,.....	1	1	...	...	...
" —Attempting to commit other offences, (<i>see</i> "Attempting to commit other offences").	1	1	...	...	...
" —Inciting a Person to commit a,.....	1	1	...	...	...
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	5,150	6,411	<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	8,468	9,804

OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCE.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	8,468	9,804	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	8,662	10,031
Resisting Police—Assaulting, obstructing, or, (see "Police, &c.")			Streams—Defiling,	19	20
Riotous Assemblages,	4	29	Street Chairs and Vehicles—Breach of Ordinance for, (see "Chairs and Vehicles")		
" " Assault at, or in connection with, (see "Assaults, &c.")			Streets—Obstruction of Roads and, (see "Obstruction")		
River Steamers Ordinance, 1876,—Breach of,	2	2	" Gamblers and Watchmen to Gamblers, (see "Rogues and Vagabonds")		
Roads and Streets—Obstruction of, (see "Obstruction, &c.")			" Gambling, treated as Obstruction of Public Ways, (see "Gambling")		
Robbery—Assault with Intent to commit, (see "Assault, &c.")	15	18	" Noises by Hawkers,	121	121
" —From the Person,	6	8	Suspicious Characters, (see "Rogues and Vagabonds")		
" " with Wounding,	113	115	Threats—Attempting to extort by Menaces, and	1	1
" —On the Highways with Arms or with Violence,	27	28	" —Of Violence to the Person,	2	2
Rogues and Vagabonds—As suspicious Characters,			" with Intent to extort Money,		
" —As Vagrants (Europeans & Indians),			Trade Marks and Labels—Fraudulently using false,		
Rubbish and Filth—Allowing Accumulation in House, or immediate Vicinity thereof, of, (see "Nuisances")			Trees, &c.—Cutting and destroying,	54	56
" —Throwing into the Streets, (see "Nuisances")			" —Unlawful Possession of Shrubs, &c., (see "Unlawful Possession")		
" —Throwing into the Harbour or on the Beach, (see "Nuisances")			Turf—Cutting from Crown Land without Permit, (see "Trespass on Crown Land")		
Sailors—Assisting in the Desertion of, (see "Desertion")			Trespass on Crown Land,	60	60
Seamen—Harbouring deserted,			Uniform, &c.—Soldiers disposing of, (see "Military Law")		
" —Desertion of Merchant, (see "Desertion")			Unlawful Possession of Property,	252	301
" —Making false Statement as to Ships in which they served, and presenting false Characters,			" " of Trees, Shrubs, &c.,	37	41
" —Masters neglecting to furnish Discharge to,	4	4	Unnatural Offence,	1	2
" —Refusal of Duty by British Merchant,	2	2	" " Assault with Intent to commit an, (see "Assaults")		
Seamen's Boarding House, unlicensed,			Unwholesome Provisions—Exposing for Sale, or bringing into the Colony,	37	45
Servants—Breach of Ordinance for Registration of Householders and, (see "House")			Vehicles and Chairs—Breach of Ordinance for, (see "Chairs, &c.")		
" —Misconduct as Domestic, (see Domestic Servants)			Watchmen to Gamblers, (see "Rogues and Vagabonds")		
Ship or Boat in the Harbour—Larceny on board, (see "Larceny")			" Misconduct as Private,	11	11
Shooting with Intent to Murder,	1	1	" Night Noises by, (see "Night")		
Shopkeepers—Obstruction of Roads by, (see "Obstruction")			Weapons—Found by Night with dangerous and offensive, with Intent to break into Dwelling Houses, (see "Night")		
Soldiers—Assisting in the Desertion of, (see "Desertion")			" —Having Possession of dangerous and offensive,	1	1
" —Disposing of Uniform, &c., (see "Military Law")			Weights and Measures—Breach of Ordinance for,	8	8
Spirituous and fermented Liquors—Breach of Ordinance for Retail of,	7	7	Witnesses—Intimidating, (see "Embracery")		
Stamp Ordinance—Breach of,	10	10	" —Ordered to give Security for Appearance,	3	3
Stealing Cattle, (see "Cattle Stealing")			Wharves—Obstruction by Boat People of, (see "Obstruction")		
" Children, (see "Child Stealing")			Workmen—Intimidating,		
" Dogs, (see "Dog Stealing")			" —Misconduct as,	14	14
Stinkpots, &c., Junks carrying, (see "Piracy")			Wounding—Assault with, (see "Assault")		
Stolen Goods—Receiving,			" —Cutting and inflicting bodily Injuries, (see "Cutting, &c.")		
Stones and other Persons in Danger of,	3	3	" —Robbery,		
Stragglers—Near,			Wreck—Larceny from, (see "Larceny")		
	10,031		TOTAL,.....	9,283	10,717

Magistracy, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1878.

C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.

ABSTRACT of Cases brought under COGNIZANCE at the Police Magistrates' Court during a period of Ten Years from 1st January, 1868, to 31st December, 1877, inclusive.

Years.	Total Number of Cases.	CASES HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.															
		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or detained pending Orders of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to find Security.		Punished for Preferring False Charge or giving False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Defendants.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1868,	5,969	7,469	1,101	2,257	281	123	10	36	...	254	28	48	19	22	...	10,209	1,439
1869,	4,731	4,413	504	1,998	186	120	9	9	2	295	23	41	8	32	...	6,908	732
1870,	5,936	5,702	609	2,065	261	127	1	12	...	356	28	40	6	70	14	8,352	919
1871,	6,400	6,143	673	2,406	311	148	1	28	...	414	16	40	7	32	9	9,211	1,017
1872,	9,950	11,185	999	2,426	294	137	23	44	1	271	19	23	8	13	1	14,099	1,345
1873,	9,137	8,810	1,352	1,798	266	67	10	15	...	171	29	37	10	35	6	10,933	1,673
1874,	8,079	6,636	1,135	1,651	269	101	2	31	1	175	21	50	2	21	6	8,665	1,436
1875,	8,055	6,749	890	1,632	281	95	9	4	...	190	29	23	7	20	1	8,713	1,217
1876,	9,103	7,315	683	1,744	300	118	11	6	...	174	23	25	7	20	...	9,402	1,024
1877,	9,283	7,336	572	1,966	364	209	15	16	1	192	17	14	3	12	...	9,745	972

Magistracy, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1878.

C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

TABLE A.—Return of all Coroner's Cases, 1877.

Nationality.	Inquest Held.					Buried without Inquest.					Grand Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	1877.	1876.
Europeans and Americans,.....	15	...	1	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	16	15
Chinese,.....	38	15	3	2	58	26	1	36	24	87	145	135
Malays and Indians,.....	5	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	2	7	5
Other Chinese, very much decomposed, Sex not ascertained,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...
Total,.....	58	15	4	2	79	28	1	36	24	97	176	155

TABLE B.—Return of Inquests, 1877.

Verdicts.	Europeans and Americans.		Chinese.				Indians and Malays.	Manila-men.	Total.
	Men.	Boys.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Men.	
Accidental Death,.....	5	...	10	3	2	...	...	...	20
Accidentally Drowned,.....	4	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	10
Felo de Se,.....	...	...	4	10	...	...	1	...	15
Found Dead, (Cause of Death unknown),.....	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	5
Manslaughter,.....	...	...	(a) 1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Natural Causes,.....	2	...	7	...	1	2	...	...	13
Do., in Gaol,.....	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	5
Murder,.....	(b) 1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	4
Overdose of Opium,.....	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Suicide while Insane,.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total,.....	15	1	38	15	8	2	5	...	79

(a) TSANG-A-SAM and ESOP killed by the *Yesso* explosion.

(b) Native of South America.

TABLE C.—Return of Burials without Inquest, 1877.

Reason why no Inquest was held.	Europeans and Americans.		Chinese.				Indians.	Total.	Found on Shore.		Found in Harbour.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.		Known.	Unknown.	Known.	Unknown.
No suspicious Circumstances,....	2	...	2	...	...	4	...	2	...	2
No evidence ^{and} State of Body,....	22	1	34	24	2	83	8	42	3	38
Post Mortem satisfactory,.....	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1
Other Chinese, very much decomposed, Sex not ascertained,.....	8	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	26	1	36	24	2	97	8	45	3	41

N.B.—The above returns include only two of the persons killed by the explosion of the *Yesso's* boiler.J. RUSSELL,
Coroner.

Coroner's Office, Hongkong, 5th March, 1878.