

2. Letters from Bank Managers, dated 27th September, 1878, as to increased night patrols, with correspondence and Minutes thereon.
  3. Police Reports and Returns of Crime for the year 1874, (as published in the *Government Gazette*, February, 1875).
  4. Police Report and Returns of Crime for 1875, showing "an increase of 19.74 per cent. of serious crime" as compared with 1874, (*Government Gazette*, February, 1876).
  5. Police Report and Returns of Crime for 1876, showing "an increase of 6.45 per cent. of Serious Crime, and an increase of 23.86 per cent. of Minor Offences," as compared with 1875, (*Government Gazette*, February, 1877).
  6. Police Report and Returns of Crime for 1877, showing an "increase of 32.39 per cent. of Serious Crime, and an increase of 7.13 per cent. of Minor Offences," as compared with 1876, (*Government Gazette*, April, 1878).
  7. Despatch from Governor SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY to the EARL OF CARNARVON, dated 29th September, 1876, reporting that "various returns may hereafter indicate a serious increase of crime in this Colony," and attributing "this apparent outbreak among the population of Hongkong," to the cheap fares of the Canton River Steamers.
  8. Returns and information on this subject transmitted to the EARL OF CARNARVON by Governor POPE HENNESSY.
  9. Letters from His Excellency the Governor to Commodore WATSON and H. M. Consul at Canton, dated 3rd and 5th of May, 1877, respecting an attack by armed robbers on one of the villages in Hongkong, with subsequent Police Report of a similar attack on another village of the Colony.
  10. Statement made by His Excellency the Governor to the Legislative Council, on the 17th of September, 1877, on the increase of crime.
  11. Letter from Mr. DEANE, the Captain Superintendent of Police, dated Bath, 26th November, 1877, submitting certain explanations concerning the apparent increase of crime in Hongkong.
  12. Statement made by His Excellency the Governor to the Legislative Council, on the 12th of November 1877, on the advantage of having Steam-launches for Police purposes, with Minutes on this subject and Reports from Mr. CREAGH and Mr. DEANE.
- on the subject of increasing the number of armed Police; placing the District Captain Superintendent of Police, and further organizing the native Watchmen
- Police Reports and other Returns respecting the Police in 1878 (up to date).

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Comparative Return, prepared by the late Acting Superintendent of the Gaol, is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th September, 1878.

*Number of Prisoners discharged from the Hongkong Gaol, by Pardon, Warrant, or Authority of His Excellency the Governor, before such Prisoners had served two-thirds of the sentence of imprisonment imposed by the Judges or Magistrates.\**

	EUROPEANS.	INDIANS.	CHINESE.
In the fifteen months, from 21st January, 1876, } to 21st April, 1877, .....	9	...	142
In the fifteen months, from 22nd April, 1877, } to 22nd July, 1878, .....	12	2	72

\* This does not include Prisoners whose fines for Gambling were remitted on the recommendations of the Magistrates.

In reference to the number 142, there are twelve Chinese now in Gaol, and to the latter number 72, six are now in Gaol.

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

24th July, 187