

HONGKONG.

## REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE FOR 1892.

*Laid before the Legislative Council by Command of His Excellency  
the Governor, on the 8th February, 1893.*

No. 24.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 19th January, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Police Report for the year 1892.

2. The total number of cases brought to the notice of the Police during the year was 9,730 against 10,869 in 1891, being a decrease of 1,139 cases, or a decrease of 10.47 per cent.

Subdivided into serious and minor offences (so-called) there were in 1892, 2,983 cases of the former class against 2,994 in 1891, shewing a decrease of 11 cases or 0.36 per cent., and in the latter class 6,747 cases against 7,875 in 1891, giving a decrease of 1,128 cases or a decrease of 14.32 per cent.

3. During the year there were 3 cases of murder, the victims being a boatman named CHEUNG CHI, an Indian watchman named RAMSAMMY, and a man named CHUNG HO. In connection with the second case two Indians were committed for trial, and acquitted: in the other two cases the Police were unable to effect any arrests.

4. There were two serious cases of manslaughter during the year. In connection with the first two coolies were arrested, but there was not sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction: in the second case the assailant made good his escape, before his arrest could be effected.

5. Of the Highway Robberies the most flagrant case was that which occurred on the 11th July, when two men employed by the Dairy Farm Co. were waylaid and robbed by five men unknown on the Pokfulam Road. The Police had no means of tracing these men, and no arrests were made.

6. The facilities for leaving the Colony and the proximity of the mainland of China added to the reluctance of respectable people to lay information against criminals or to come forward as witnesses against them render it very difficult for the Police to bring the guilty parties to justice. In many instances the offender has made good his escape, before the Police have received information of the offence, and on many occasions a case has broken down through the reluctance of witnesses to come forward and give evidence.

7. Only three cases of Piracy have been reported during the year, all of which took place in Chinese waters. Several arrests were subsequently made by the Portuguese and Chinese Authorities in connection with these piracies.

Every precaution has been taken against a repetition of the *Namoa* calamity, and steamers carrying Chinese passengers have been regularly searched before leaving the port.

8. All the Police Stations are in good repair. The new station at Kennedy Town was occupied by the Police on the 31st December.

9. The health of the Police Force has been good, only 7 deaths occurring, including one European. There has been a marked decrease in the number of casualties, there being only 87 as against 142 in 1891.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. GORDON,  
*Captain Supt. of Police.*

The Honourable G. T. M. O'BRIEN, C.M.G.,

*Colonial Secretary,*

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TABLE C.

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF OFFENCES coming under the Notice of the POLICE, during the Years 1890, 1891, and 1892.

DESCRIPTION.	SERIOUS.						MINOR.								
	NUMBER OF CASES.			NUMBER OF PERSONS.			NUMBER OF CASES.			NUMBER OF PERSONS.					
	1890.	1891.	1892.	Convicted.	Discharged.	1890.	1891.	1892.	Convicted.	Discharged.	1890.	1891.	1892.		
Murder.....	3	1	3	1	1	4	1,032	1,335	1,111	1,055	1,723	1,492	500	247	255
Robbery with Violence from the Person, .....	42	18	49	9	3	10	29	523	595	62	1,623	1,720	10	65	141
Burglary or Larceny from Dwelling, .....	80	52	83	26	3	6	3,952	5,656	4,341	3,890	5,374	5,033	703	361	333
Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	7	...	3	2	1	...	150	133	221	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kidnapping, .....	43	71	86	13	54	52	111	140	399	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piracy, .....	2	4	...	...	14	3	50	88	80	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Possession, .....	344	500	411	282	478	375	111	140	399	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larcenies.....	2,537	2,300	2,304	1,087	371	1,109	111	140	399	...	...	...	...	...	...
Felonies not already given, .....	42	48	44	12	28	29	50	88	80	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	3,100	2,994	2,983	1,412	616	1,637	5,824	7,875	6,747	5,007	9,320	8,245	1,213	673	729

A. GORDON,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 19th January, 1893.

**Table D.**  
**1.—RETURN OF SERIOUS OFFENCES REPORTED TO THE POLICE, DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1892, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.**

YEAR.	Murder.			Robbery with Violence from the Person.			Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.			Assault with Intent to Rob.			Kidnapping			Piracy.			Unlawful Possession.			Larceny.			Felonies not already given.							
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.					
1883,.....	*2	..	2	30	17	32	81	21	4	25	1	1	30	7	42	49	13	4	8	12	254	217	81	298	1,980	887	312	1,199	82	25	22	47
1884,.....	4	..	26	52	18	8	47	15	9	24	1	..	32	4	39	43	9	16	28	44	298	262	109	371	2,153	949	322	1,271	56	32	19	51
1885,.....	3	..	2	96	70	35	67	28	7	36	3	1	53	25	60	85	17	13	20	33	229	165	96	261	1,927	952	300	1,262	45	36	40	76
1886,.....	3	..	2	64	33	15	48	32	6	38	4	5	78	63	55	118	10	1	10	11	291	287	65	352	1,898	898	278	1,176	84	70	40	110
1887,.....	1	..	1	31	23	3	60	11	8	19	..	..	90	54	72	136	8	18	14	32	327	263	120	383	1,985	815	280	1,095	76	50	68	118
Total,.....	13	..	33	273	161	76	237	107	34	141	7	2	283	153	268	421	57	52	80	132	1,399	1,194	471	1,665	9,943	4,501	1,492	5,993	342	213	189	402
1888,.....	2	10	12	45	19	13	32	18	2	20	4	3	91	37	96	133	12	..	4	4	254	208	99	307	1,878	776	284	1,060	74	53	47	100
1889,.....	2	..	4	66	24	35	98	37	22	59	1	2	75	37	79	116	4	1	2	3	313	252	99	351	2,236	991	314	1,305	98	65	63	128
1890,.....	3	1	2	42	9	13	22	80	11	37	7	2	43	13	54	67	2	..	14	14	344	282	123	405	2,537	1,067	371	1,438	42	12	28	40
1891,.....	1	..	1	18	10	3	52	6	3	9	..	..	71	52	56	108	4	3	3	6	500	478	72	550	2,300	1,109	262	1,371	48	29	44	73
1892,.....	3	..	4	49	38	10	48	21	8	29	3	5	86	81	46	127	..	..	..	..	411	375	102	477	2,304	1,179	298	1,477	44	29	24	53
Total,.....	11	3	23	220	100	74	174	389	108	46	154	12	2	366	220	331	551	22	4	23	1,822	1,595	495	2,090	11,255	5,122	1,529	6,651	306	188	206	394
Average of 1st period,.....	2.6	0.0	6.2	54.6	32.2	15.2	47.4	61.6	21.4	6.8	28.2	2.0	1.4	56.6	30.6	53.6	84.2	11.4	10.4	16.0	279.8	238.8	94.2	333.0	1988.6	900.2	298.4	1198.6	88.4	42.6	37.8	80.4
Average of 2nd period,.....	2.2	0.6	4.0	44.0	20.0	14.8	34.8	77.8	21.6	9.2	30.8	3.0	2.4	73.2	44.0	66.2	110.2	4.4	0.8	4.6	364.4	319.0	99.0	418.0	2251.0	1024.4	305.8	1330.2	61.2	37.6	41.2	78.8

\* In one case the Murderer committed Suicide.

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2.—RETURN of MINOR OFFENCES reported to the POLICE, during the 10 Years ending 1892, showing Number of Prisoners Arrested, Convicted and Discharged.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.				GAMBLING.				MISCELLANEOUS.				DRUNKEN- NESS.	NUISANCES.	NO LIGHT OR PASS.	
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.				Cases reported.
1883, .....	730	852	299	1,151	86	358	166	524	2,629	2,804	559	3,368	158	527	1,135	3,368
1884, .....	1,118	1,513	397	1,910	104	594	124	718	2,441	2,636	581	3,217	202	790	2,896	3,217
1885, .....	753	978	273	1,246	255	736	58	794	1,901	1,998	426	2,424	323	690	387	2,424
1886, .....	1,031	1,486	225	1,711	248	762	31	793	3,735	4,209	416	4,625	373	470	479	4,625
1887, .....	1,101	1,425	335	1,760	99	766	211	977	3,941	4,119	668	4,787	231	340	192	4,787
Total, .....	4,733	6,249	1,529	7,778	792	3,216	590	3,806	14,647	15,766	2,650	18,416	1,287	2,817	5,089	18,416
1888, .....	958	1,187	329	1,516	62	489	67	556	3,905	4,096	709	4,805	229	399	125	4,805
1889, .....	1,212	1,484	470	1,954	69	140	51	191	2,807	2,905	610	3,515	165	232	63	3,515
1890, .....	1,032	1,055	500	1,555	29	62	10	72	3,952	3,890	703	4,593	150	111	50	4,593
1891, .....	1,335	1,723	247	1,970	523	1,623	65	1,688	5,656	5,974	361	6,385	133	140	88	6,385
1892, .....	1,111	1,492	255	1,747	595	1,720	141	1,861	4,341	5,033	333	5,366	221	399	80	5,366
Total, .....	5,648	6,941	1,801	8,742	1,278	4,034	334	4,368	20,661	21,898	2,716	24,614	898	1,301	406	24,614
Average of 1st period, .....	946.6	1249.8	305.8	1555.6	158.4	643.2	118.0	761.2	2929.4	3153.2	530.0	3683.2	257.4	568.4	1017.8	3683.2
Average of 2nd period, .....	1129.6	1388.2	360.2	1748.4	255.6	806.8	66.8	873.6	4132.2	4379.6	543.2	4922.8	179.6	260.2	81.2	4922.8

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## 3.—CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

## SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1883, .....	2,423 cases.	In 1888, .....	2,436 cases.
„ 1884, .....	2,652 „	„ 1889, .....	2,893 „
„ 1885, .....	2,466 „	„ 1890, .....	3,100 „
„ 1886, .....	2,500 „	„ 1891, .....	2,994 „
„ 1887, .....	2,577 „	„ 1892, .....	2,983 „
	<u>12,618 cases.</u>		<u>14,406 cases.</u>

Increase of 0.04 per cent. in second period.

## MINOR OFFENCES.

In 1883, .....	5,265 cases.	In 1888, .....	5,678 cases.
„ 1884, .....	7,551 „	„ 1889, .....	4,568 „
„ 1885, .....	4,309 „	„ 1890, .....	5,324 „
„ 1886, .....	6,336 „	„ 1891, .....	7,875 „
„ 1887, .....	5,904 „	„ 1892, .....	6,747 „
	<u>29,365 cases.</u>		<u>30,192 cases.</u>

Increase of 2.80 per cent. in second period.

## Altogether.

In 1883, .....	7,688 cases.	In 1888, .....	8,114 cases.
„ 1884, .....	10,203 „	„ 1889, .....	7,461 „
„ 1885, .....	6,775 „	„ 1890, .....	8,424 „
„ 1886, .....	8,836 „	„ 1891, .....	10,869 „
„ 1887, .....	8,481 „	„ 1892, .....	9,730 „
	<u>41,983 cases.</u>		<u>44,598 cases.</u>

Increase of 2.88 per cent. in second period.

## 4.—DETAIL OF CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

## SERIOUS OFFENCES.

	1883 to 1887.	Yearly Average.	1888 to 1892.	Yearly Average.
1. Murder, .....	13	2.6	11	2.2
2. Robbery with Violence, .....	243	48.6	220	45.0
3. Burglaries & Larcenies in Dwellings, .....	323	64.6	389	77.8
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	10	2.0	15	3.0
5. Kidnapping, .....	283	56.6	366	73.2
6. Piracy, .....	57	11.4	22	4.4
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	1,399	279.8	1,822	364.4
8. Larcenies, .....	9,943	1,988.6	11,255	2,251.0
9. Felonies not already given, .....	342	68.4	306	61.2

## MINOR OFFENCES.

	1883 to 1887.	Yearly Average.	1888 to 1892.	Yearly Average.
10. Assault, .....	4,733	946.6	5,648	1,129.6
11. Gambling, .....	792	158.4	1,278	255.6
12. Miscellaneous, .....	14,647	2,929.4	20,661	4,132.2
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,287	257.4	898	179.6
14. Nuisances, .....	2,817	563.4	1,301	260.2
15. No Pass or Light, .....	5,089	1,017.8	406	81.2

## 5.—NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY POLICE.

## FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.

In 1883, .....	1,663 persons.	In 1888, .....	1,672 persons.
„ 1884, .....	1,857 „	„ 1889, .....	2,027 „
„ 1885, .....	1,859 „	„ 1890, .....	2,028 „
„ 1886, .....	1,861 „	„ 1891, .....	2,131 „
„ 1887, .....	1,799 „	„ 1892, .....	2,220 „
	<u>9,039 persons.</u>		<u>10,078 persons.</u>

## FOR MINOR OFFENCES.

*Excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15 (See Table 2) of which no details are given.*

In 1883, .....	5,038 persons.	In 1888, .....	6,877 persons.
„ 1884, .....	5,845 „	„ 1889, .....	5,660 „
„ 1885, .....	4,464 „	„ 1890, .....	6,220 „
„ 1886, .....	7,129 „	„ 1891, .....	9,993 „
„ 1887, .....	7,524 „	„ 1892, .....	8,974 „
	<u>30,000 persons.</u>		<u>37,724 persons.</u>

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

In 1883, .....	6,701 persons.	In 1888, .....	8,549 persons.
„ 1884, .....	7,702 „	„ 1889, .....	7,687 „
„ 1885, .....	6,323 „	„ 1890, .....	8,248 „
„ 1886, .....	8,990 „	„ 1891, .....	12,124 „
„ 1887, .....	9,323 „	„ 1892, .....	11,194 „
	<u>39,039 persons.</u>		<u>47,802 persons.</u>

**6.—DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED.****FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.**

	1883 to 1887.	1888 to 1892.
1. Murder, .....	33	23
2. Robbery with Violence from Person, .....	237	174
3. Burglaries and Larcenies from Dwellings, .....	141	154
4. Assault with Intent to Rob, .....	9	14
5. Kidnapping, .....	421	551
6. Piracy, .....	132	27
7. Unlawful Possession, .....	1,665	2,090
8. Larcenies, .....	5,993	6,651
9. Felonies not given, .....	402	494
	<u>9,033</u>	<u>10,178</u>

**FOR MINOR OFFENCES.**

	1883 to 1887.	1888 to 1892.
10. Assault, .....	7,778	8,742
11. Gambling, .....	3,806	4,368
12. Miscellaneous, .....	18,416	24,614
13. Drunkenness, .....	1,287	898
14. Nuisances, .....	2,817	1,301
15. No Pass or Light, .....	5,089	406
	<u>39,193</u>	<u>40,329</u>

**7.—NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED.****FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES.**

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1883, .....	1,178	485	In 1888, .....	1,116	556
„ 1884, .....	1,297	560	„ 1889, .....	1,409	161
„ 1885, .....	1,298	561	„ 1890, .....	1,412	461
„ 1886, .....	1,389	472	„ 1891, .....	1,687	144
„ 1887, .....	1,234	565	„ 1892, .....	1,728	492
	<u>6,396</u>	<u>2,643</u>		<u>7,352</u>	<u>1,814</u>

**FOR MINOR OFFENCES.**

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1883, .....	4,014	1,024	In 1888, .....	5,772	1,105
„ 1884, .....	4,743	1,102	„ 1889, .....	4,529	1,131
„ 1885, .....	3,707	757	„ 1890, .....	5,007	1,213
„ 1886, .....	6,457	672	„ 1891, .....	9,320	673
„ 1887, .....	6,310	1,214	„ 1892, .....	8,245	729
	<u>25,231</u>	<u>4,769</u>		<u>32,873</u>	<u>4,851</u>

*Altogether excepting Nos. 13, 14 and 15.*

	Convicted.	Discharged.		Convicted.	Discharged.
In 1883, .....	5,192	1,509	In 1888, .....	6,888	1,661
„ 1884, .....	6,040	1,662	„ 1889, .....	5,938	1,749
„ 1885, .....	5,005	1,318	„ 1890, .....	6,419	1,829
„ 1886, .....	7,846	1,144	„ 1891, .....	11,007	1,117
„ 1887, .....	7,544	1,779	„ 1892, .....	11,228	1,221
	<u>31,627</u>	<u>7,412</u>		<u>41,480</u>	<u>7,577</u>

TABLE E.

RETURN shewing the STRENGTH, ENLISTMENTS and CASUALTIES in the Police Force during 1892.

	Strength of the Force.	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignation through Sickness.	Resignation through expiry of term of service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total Number of Casualties.
European, .....	128	7	1	1	7	5	14
Indian, .....	226	26	3	...	12	10	25
Chinese, .....	342	61	3	2	22	21	48
Total,.....	696*	94	7	3	41	36	87

\* This number includes the Police paid for by other Departments and Private Firms but is exclusive of :—

1 Captain Superintendent,	} Grand Total, 754.
1 Deputy Do.,	
4 Clerks,	
52 Coolies,	

A. GORDON,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Police Department, Hongkong, 19th January, 1893.