

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1896, and Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Offences.	1896.		1897.								Increase.	Decrease.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Persons apprehended or summoned.						Total Number of Persons apprehended or summoned.	Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
			Committed for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Discharged.			M.			F.
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Abandoning children .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..
Abduction	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring	3	7	1	3	..	..	2	1	7	..	1	4	..
Absconding from apprenticeship	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Absconding from bail	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Absconding from industrial schools	50	85	..	..	73	4	6	..	83	..	..	35	..
Abusive and threatening language	283	271	..	..	149	11	97	12	269	..	..	..	12
Armed, with felonious intent ..	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..
Arson	40	24	10	1	1	..	2	1	15	4	..	..	16
Arson, attempted	8	13	2	..	..	..	2	..	4	2	..	5	..
Assaults, common	787	819	4	1	455	26	290	29	805	4	..	32	..
Assaults, indecent	25	42	20	..	7	..	12	..	39	7	..	17	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm	35	38	15	1	11	1	9	..	37	12	..	3	..
Assaults on bailiffs	1	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	3	..
Assaults on police	69	70	3	..	64	1	2	..	70	2	..	1	..
Assaults and robbery	24	30	8	1	..	..	4	..	13	5	..	6	..
Attempts to commit felony	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..
Bankruptcy offences	23	16	12	..	2	..	2	..	16	2	..	..	7
Being in possession of house-breaking implements	1	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	..	2	..
Begging	13	12	..	..	11	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	1
Bestiality	4	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	1
Bigamy	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Breaches of the peace	294	284	..	..	216	10	53	5	284	..	..	..	10
Breach of cargo .. .. .	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	346	395	102	1	29	..	55	..	187	66	..	49	..
Carnally knowing girls	5	18	8	2	2	..	4	2	18	5	2	13	..
Carnally knowing, attempted ..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..
Cattle- and horse-stealing (see Theft).	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Cattle-maiming	3	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	4	..	..	2
Coinage offences	9	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Concealment of birth	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
Conspiring to defraud	7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Conspiring to murder .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	4	..
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Contempt of Court	8	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7
Cruelty to animals	137	112	..	..	96	..	16	..	112	..	..	..	25
Cruelty to children	1	5	1	1	1	2	..	..	5	1	1	4	..
Cutting and wounding	3	8	7	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	5	..
Damaging police uniform	25	46	..	..	44	1	1	..	46	..	..	21	..
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children	587	337	1	..	172	3	128	4	308	..	..	250	..
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships	56	88	..	..	65	..	..	..	65	..	..	32	..
Deserting merchant vessels ..	15	36	..	..	29	..	3	..	32	..	..	21	..
Discharging firearms	10	9	1	..	6	..	2	..	9	1	..	..	1
Disobeying orders on board ships	58	50	..	..	36	..	14	..	50	..	..	..	8
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	359	376	..	..	206	2	140	1	349	..	..	17	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act	4	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1
Disorderly and riotous conduct..	355	287	..	..	224	11	50	16	301	..	..	..	68
Distillation offences	3	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..
Distributing obscene literature..	5	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	1
Disturbing meetings and congregations	36	80	..	..	59	..	20	1	80	..	..	44	..
Drunkenness	5,005	5,204	..	..	4,369	1,167	56	12	5,604	..	..	199	..
Embezzlement	14	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	11
Escaping from custody	12	5	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	7
Escaping from lunatic asylums..	..	12	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	12	..
Extortion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Failing to support parents and near relatives	154	275	..	..	169	2	84	12	267	..	..	121	..
False declarations	9	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	7
False pretences	141	170	22	2	85	9	32	3	153	18	1	29	..
Falsifying a share-register ..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	..
Fish, illegally taking	19	66	..	..	37	1	27	1	66	..	..	47	..
Forceful entry	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Forgery and uttering	83	71	52	5	1	..	3	..	61	51	2	..	12
Fortune-telling .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	3	..
Furious riding and driving ..	69	58	..	..	56	1	1	..	58	..	..	..	11
Game, illegally shooting	54	42	..	..	36	..	6	..	42	..	..	..	12
Gaming offences	63	55	..	..	38	..	17	..	55	..	..	..	8
Illegally on premises	79	64	..	..	53	3	8	..	64	..	..	..	15
Indecent exposure or behaviour	104	96	..	..	71	5	19	..	95	..	..	..	8