

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARI-
son of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1897, and Year ending 31st December, 1898.

Offences.	1897.	1898.										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	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Abduction	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5
Abortion, procuring	7	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	2	3	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	1
Absconding from bail	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Absconding from industrial schools ..	85	87	..	..	67	8	..	..	75	..	..	2	..
Abusive and threatening language ..	271	299	..	..	180	19	84	15	298	..	..	28	..
Armed, with felonious intent	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Arson	24	29	7	..	1	..	2	3	13	4	..	5	..
Arson, attempted	13	13	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	..	..	..	..
Assaults, common	819	741	1	..	436	33	235	28	733	1	..	..	78
Assaults, indecent	42	43	16	..	6	..	17	..	39	8	..	1	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	38	60	29	1	9	..	19	1	59	17	..	22	..
Assaults on bailiffs	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Assaults on police	70	111	3	..	93	5	9	1	111	1	..	41	..
Assaults and robbery	30	32	22	..	1	..	3	..	26	15	..	2	..
Attempts to commit felony	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Bankruptcy offences	16	18	9	..	1	..	7	1	18	4	..	2	..
Being in possession of house-breaking implements ..	3	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..
Begging	12	17	..	..	12	..	2	3	17	..	..	5	..
Bestiality	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	1
Bigamy	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	3	..
Breaches of the peace	284	296	2	..	238	14	39	3	296	..	..	12	..
Broaching cargo	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Bribery, attempted	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	395	335	80	4	49	7	32	3	175	51	1	..	60
Carnally knowing girls	18	16	15	..	..	..	..	..	15	2	..	..	2
Carnally knowing, attempted ..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1
Cattle- and horse-stealing (see Theft).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle-maiming	3	13	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	2	..	10	..
Coinage offences	7	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
Concealment of birth	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	..
Conspiring to defraud	1	5	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	2	..	4	..
Conspiring to murder	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice ..	..	24	19	..	..	..	5	..	24	18	..	24	..
Contempt of Court	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..
Cruelty to animals	112	180	..	..	139	1	38	1	179	..	..	68	..
Cruelty to children	5	7	1	1	3	2	..	..	7	1	1	2	..
Cutting and wounding	8	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	6
Damaging police uniform	46	40	..	..	34	2	4	..	40	..	..	..	6
Defacing brands on stock	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children ..	337	403	..	1	227	6	133	12	379	..	..	66	..
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships ..	88	101	..	..	46	..	5	..	51	..	..	13	..
Deserting merchant vessels	36	42	..	..	23	..	13	..	36	..	..	6	..
Discharging firearms	9	22	..	..	19	..	3	..	22	..	..	13	..
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	50	46	..	..	31	..	15	..	46	..	..	..	4
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses ..	376	436	..	..	291	4	122	1	418	..	..	60	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct ..	287	273	..	..	216	13	37	4	270	..	..	..	14
Distillation offences	4	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Distributing obscene literature ..	4	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	2
Disturbing meetings and congregations ..	80	85	..	..	67	..	18	..	85	..	..	5	..
Drunkenness	5,204	5,532	..	..	4,717	740	56	17	5,530	..	..	328	..
Embezzlement	3	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1
Escaping from custody	5	6	2	..	3	..	1	..	6	1	..	1	..
Escaping from lunatic asylums ..	12	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	2
Failing to support parents and near relatives ..	275	220	..	..	144	1	68	6	219	..	..	..	55
False declarations	2	8	1	..	..	..	6	1	8	..	..	6	..
False pretences	170	186	29	1	79	8	36	2	155	24	1	16	..
Falsifying a share-register	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fish, illegally taking	66	14	..	..	14	..	9	..	14	..	..	..	52
Forcible entry	..	9	..	..	..	..	9	..	9	..	..	9	..
Forgery and uttering	71	94	65	1	1	..	6	1	74	60	1	23	..
Fortune-telling	3	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Furious riding and driving	58	60	..	..	48	..	12	..	60	..	..	2	..
Game, illegally shooting	42	43	..	..	38	..	5	..	43	..	..	1	..
Gaming offences	55	171	..	..	139	1	26	4	170	..	..	116	..
Illegally on premises	64	133	..	..	81	7	45	..	133	..	..	69	..