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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON; Feb. 10, 1845.

*To the Speaker of the
House of Representatives :*

SIR,—I herewith transmit, to be laid before the Legislature, the Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Attorney for the County of Suffolk, and the District Attorneys, required by the act of 1844 (Chap. 87) to be prepared by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN G. PALFREY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 13, 1845.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Attorney for the County of Suffolk, and the District Attorneys, required by the act of 1844 (Chap. 87) to be prepared by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, have had the same under consideration, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration, and that the same be printed for the use of the House.

For the Committee.

JOSEPH BELL.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 13, 1845.

Read and accepted.

C. W. STOREY, JR., *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Agreeably to the provisions of the Act of 1844, Chapter 87, the Secretary of the Commonwealth respectfully submits to the Legislature an Abstract of Reports made by the Attorney for the County of Suffolk, and the Attorneys of three Districts, for the year 1844. No Report has been received from the Southern District; the office of Attorney for that District having been vacant during the time within which the Report is required by law to be made.

The form of Table heretofore used by the Attorney General has been adopted in making this Abstract.

In the following tables, the first columns contain the numbers of *persons* prosecuted, and the numbers in the other columns refer to the *indictments*.

The number of the persons, and of the indictments, is not necessarily the same; as one indictment is often against several persons, and several indictments are frequently found against one person.

Where there have been several indictments against one person, *at several times*, they have been reckoned, in making these tables, as against several persons, in order that the end of procuring the statistics of crime may be better attained. But where several indictments have been found against one person, at the same time, and for offences of the same kind, the numbers in the first columns have been increased by only one, while the several results of the indictments, and the costs arising under them, have been specified in their appropriate columns.

The title "other offences," as used in the following tables, is very general; but the enumeration of the classes of cases

placed under this title, in the County of Suffolk, will, to a certain extent, show the classes of cases denoted by it in the other counties. A large proportion of the cases placed under this title, are for offences which are *mala prohibita*, as distinguished from those which are *mala in se*. In the country counties, some cases of prosecutions are reported for "malicious mischief," some for "profanity," and some for "escape," or "aiding an escape."

The following is an enumeration of the classes of cases, placed in these tables, under the four titles particularized in the Act of 1839, Chap. 157 :

The title "Against the person feloniously," includes cases of murder, rape, felonious assault, and assault with a knife, or gun.

The title, "Against the person not feloniously," includes cases of assault and battery.

The title, "Against property with violence," includes cases of riot, burglary, burglary and larceny, highway robbery, and arson.

The title "Against property without violence," includes cases of larceny, cheating, counterfeiting, &c., forgery and embezzlement.

The three tables relative to the costs in the Municipal and Police Courts in Boston, and the fines and costs in the latter court, were furnished by the kindness of the Treasurer of the County of Suffolk.

The materials for the table numbered VIII., relative to the Convicts in the State Prison, were obtained from the records of the Prison.

The tables are much less valuable for the purpose of comparison with those of former years, than if a Report had been received from the Southern District.

The last of the tables, being a comparison of the sentences of convicts in the State Prison, with those in 1843, presents results of interest.

ABSTRACTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

The last paragraph in the report of the attorney for the Commonwealth in the county of Suffolk, is as follows :

“ There have been a very large number of trials and verdicts during the year,—many more indictments than common, and more persons punished in the penitentiaries, and by fines and imprisonment, than in any former year in this county.”

During the past year, the Municipal Court has sat on one hundred and sixty-three days, and the grand jury have been in session on sixty-six days.

During the past year,

12 convicts have been arraigned and received additional sentences.

129 indictments have resulted in punishments by confinement in the House of Correction.

61 indictments have resulted in punishments by confinement in the State Prison.

6 indictments have resulted in punishments by confinement in the House of Reformation.

32 persons have been sent to the Asylum at Worcester, as furious lunatics.

Beside what is set forth in the table relating to Suffolk County, the attorney for that county, during the past year, has instituted 21 civil suits on recognizances in the Municipal Court, (since the act of 1844, ch. 44, went into operation,) and has attended to 7 other suits on recognizances, already commenced in the Court of Common Pleas, and to 7 others in the Supreme Judicial Court. He has also attended to 8 bank cases in the Supreme Judicial Court, and 12 cases brought into that court, by exceptions on points of law, from the Municipal Court. He has also attended to 3 trials for murder in the Supreme Ju-

dicial Court, and has given 29 written opinions to the Governor, upon requisitions for fugitives from justice.

Written opinions have been given by him to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Commonwealth, on points concerning which he has been consulted by them.

He was "called upon many times by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, in person and by letter, for advice (there being no Attorney General), and has given him oral and written opinions upon several interesting subjects."

Near the conclusion of his report he states as follows :

"In the month of May, 1844, I received a very long communication of the Treasurer, under the 13th chapter of the Revised Statutes, sec. 25 (there being no Attorney General), and he inclosed a very long list of debts due to the treasury from various persons on promissory notes, &c. I was of opinion, that it was no part of my official duty to act in the premises, unless specially instructed by the Governor or Legislature so to do. I inclosed a copy of the Treasurer's letter to me, and sent it to His Excellency the Governor, for such instructions as he might think proper to give me; but receiving none, I did nothing more in the premises."

As the title "other offences," in the following table, includes a large proportion of the cases, the following sub-division of that title is made :

Breaches of the license law,*	342
" " " Sunday "	70
Keeping a house of ill fame,	53
Assaults upon officers of the police,	26
Conspiracies,	16
Perjury,	13
Adultery,	12
Illegal voting,	12
Nuisance,	10
Receiving stolen goods,	5
Various other offences: such as official misdemeanor, drunkenness, lewdness, gambling, breaches of the lottery law,	57

* The costs in one case were \$206 16.

TABLE I.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Whole number of persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Cases— Nol. Pros'd, Laid on file, No Bills, or never arrested.	Acquittals by verdicts.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously,	21	11	3	1	\$553 18
Against the person not feloniously,	59	24	21	11	717 63
Against property with violence,	44	33	9	3	975 80
Against property without violence,	259	149	74	15	5,002 44
Other offences,	616	376	209	32	7,254 74
Total, ¹	999 ²	593 ³	316	62	14,503 79

¹ The whole number of entries on the Report of the Attorney for Suffolk, is 1078.

² 82 of these were commenced in 1843, and 27 of them were continued to January, 1845.

³ 142 of these convictions were obtained by verdicts.

\$5931 96 has been paid over by the Attorney for this County to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, being the amount collected in the year 1844 upon forfeited recognizances; and suits for \$3000 and more are still pending.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The report made by the attorney for this district consists of returns certified and made to him by the clerks of the courts in the several counties.

Several cases of indictments for "malicious mischief" appear in the returns for this district. They are classed in the tables under "other offences."

There is in this district a greater number than in Suffolk County of indictments for nuisances, many of them being against towns for keeping bad roads.

In the returns for Hampden County, one indictment for lar-

cy is thus mentioned—"Deft. deaf, dumb, and *penitent*—*nol pros'd.*"

The returns for Berkshire County are incomplete as to the costs;—and they are indefinite as to the number of the cases continued to the beginning of the year 1845.

The whole number of persons prosecuted in this district, in the year 1844, is 227; and the whole amount of costs returned is \$4,936 37.

The following is a statement of the number of cases of punishment by confinement:

Place of Commitment.	From Hampshire Co.	From Hampden Co.	From Franklin Co.	From Berkshire Co.	Total.
In the Common Jail,	0	0	0	0	0
“ State Prison,	6	3	2	0	11
“ House of Correction,	7	17	2	14	40
					51

TABLE II.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons indicted.	Convictions.	Acquittals by verdicts.	Nol. pros'd, never arrested, &c.	Still pending.	Costs.	
						Paid by Defendants.	Paid by Commonwealth.
Against the person feloniously,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Against the person not feloniously,	10	6	1	4	1	•	\$213 61
Against property with violence,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Against property without violence,	14	10	1	1	2	\$51 65	281 11
Other offences,	8 ¹	•	•	3	3	23 80	235 35
Total,	32	16	2	8	6	75 45	730 07

¹ 4 of these cases were for violations of the License Law.

TABLE II—*Continued.*

WESTERN DISTRICT.—HAMPDEN COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	No. Bills. Nol. Pros. Never arrested.	Acquittals by verdicts.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously,	3	3	.	.	\$127 07
Against the person not feloniously,	6	4	.	2	127 08
Against property with violence, . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Against property without violence,	23	19	3	1	542 70
Other offences,	38 ¹	10	21	7	999 63
Total,	70	36	24	10	1796 48

¹ 21 of these cases were prosecutions for violations of the License Law.

TABLE II—*Continued.*

WESTERN DISTRICT.—FRANKLIN COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Nol. Pros.	Acquittals by verdicts.	Continued.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously,	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against the person not feloniously,	3	1	1	1	.	\$108 17
Against property with violence, . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Against property without violence,	8	3	1	3	3	341 68
Other offences,	8 ¹	3	3	.	2	144 54
Total,	19	7	5	4	5	594 39

¹ There were no prosecutions, in this County, during the year 1844, for violations of the License Law.

TABLE II—*Concluded.*

WESTERN DISTRICT.—BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Nol. Pros., &c. &c.	Acquittals by verdicts.	Continued.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously,	3	2	1	.	.	\$23 55
Against the person not feloniously, *	21	17	.	4	5	442 00
Against property with violence,*	2	1	.	1	.	68 07
Against property without violence, * .	26	11	.	4	11	442 95
Other offences, *	54 ¹	11	5	2	30	858 86
Total, *	106	42	6	11	46	1835 43

¹ 27 of these cases were prosecutions for violations of the License Law.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The attorney for this district states, in his report, that, during the past year, he has been "twenty-three weeks employed in actual attendance upon the courts, in conducting and prosecuting the criminal business;" and that there was "business sufficient for two weeks left unfinished in Middlesex County," owing to the "engagements of all the members of the court."

No report was received from this district for the year 1843, and, consequently, there can be no comparison between the number of species of offences in that year, and that now last past.

596 cases were commenced and prosecuted, in this district, during the year 1844, and 41 other cases were there pending at the commencement of that year.

129 verdicts were taken within the year; and of the 187 persons indicted in Essex County, only 10 obtained a verdict of acquittal.

13 processes were instituted for contempts of court; 7 of them in Middlesex County, and 6 of them in Essex County.

Besides the cases in the Court of Common Pleas, which are set forth in Table III, the district attorney has attended to one case for murder in the Supreme Judicial Court, and to 21 cases taken to that court on exceptions from the Court of Common Pleas.

The following is a statement of the cases of punishment by confinement, during the year last past, in this district:

Place of Commitment.	From Essex County.	From Middlesex Co.	
In the Common Jail,	2	5	7
“ State Prison,	9	13	22
“ House of Correction, . .	16	20	36
			65

In this district, as in the western, there are many indictments for nuisances. The report of the district attorney does not state the species of the nuisances; but they may be presumed to be in the same proportion with those in the western district, where many actions were brought against towns for “bad roads.”

TABLE III.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.—ESSEX COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol. Pros. Quashed. Not arrested, &c. &c.	No Bills.	Still pending.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously, .	4	2	2	.	.	.	\$127 13
Against the person not feloniously,	26	10	6	8	.	2	541 23
Against property with violence, .	38	14	6	10	3	5	493 05
Against property without violence, .	33	11	4	8	9	1	696 84
Other offences,	228 ¹	116	10	43	41 ²	14	2617 22
Total, .	329 ³	153	28	69	53	22	4505 47

¹ 87 of these cases were prosecutions for violations of the License Law.

² 19 of these were on complaints for violations of the License Law.

³ 41 of these cases were continued from 1843.

TABLE III—*Continued.*

NORTHERN DISTRICT.—MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Acquittals. No Bills. Nol. Pros, &c. &c.	Still pending.	Costs.
Against the person feloniously, . . .	5	1	1	1	\$162 52
Against the person not feloniously, . . .	12	3	1	8	158 71
Against property with violence, . . .	9	4	4	1	204 16
Against property without violence, . . .	40	24	3	11	958 07
Other offences, . . .	239 ¹	84	66 ²	82	2966 17
Total, . . .	305	116	75	103	4449 63

¹ 141 of these cases were prosecutions for violations of the License Law.

² 54 of these cases are returned as cases in which no bills were found by the Grand Jury; but the class or classes of offences of which there was suspicion, is, or are not, enumerated.

MIDDLE DISTRICT.

In this district, as well as in the northern and western, there were many prosecutions for nuisances; and there are several for malicious mischief. There was one, in Norfolk County, against two persons, for "kidnapping;" and one against the Boston and Worcester Rail-road Company, for "causing the death of a passenger." This latter is still pending.

In Worcester County, an indictment for murder, and another for rape, were found against the same person; who having been convicted and sentenced to death on the former, the latter was placed on file.

Three writs of scire facias were entered in this district, and are still pending.

Six cases upon writs of error, and eight upon questions of law, reserved, were heard and decided in the S. J. Court.

The following is a statement of the cases of punishment, by confinement, during the year last past, in this district :

Place of Commitment.	From Worcester Co.	From Norfolk Co.	
In the Common Jail,	1	1	2
" State Prison,	7	1	8
" House of Correction, . .	10	4	14
			24

Separate cases against three individuals, to the number of 61 in all, were brought before the Court of Common Pleas, upon appeals from justices. They were all for violations of the license law. Those against one of the three persons stand continued. The costs paid by the Commonwealth on those against the other two, amount to \$306 20. Cases against these two latter were taken to the S. J. Court, and the report concerning them there, is, "continued for sentence."

261 persons were prosecuted, in this district, during the year 1844.

TABLE IV.
MIDDLE DISTRICT.—WORCESTER COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol. pros'd, laid on file, quashed, &c. &c.	Still pending.	Costs.	
						Paid by Defendants.	Paid by Commonwealth.
Against the person feloniously,	2	1	.	1	.	.	\$98 24
Against the person not feloniously,	19	8	4	6	1	\$188 61	433 36
Against property with violence,	9	5	1	2	.	.	583 51
Against property without violence,	22	12	.	6	4	287 64	330 25
Other offences,	147	14	2	39	92	114 91	1299 37
Total,	199 ¹	40	7	54	97	591 16	2744 73

¹ 63 of these cases were pending at the beginning of the year 1844; 20 of them were appeals from the decisions of Justices of the Peace, and 129 of them were for breaches of the License Law.

TABLE IV.—*Continued.*

MIDDLE DISTRICT.—NORFOLK COUNTY.

OFFENCES.	Persons prosecuted.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Nol. pros'd, laid on file, quashed, &c. &c.	Still pending.	Costs.	
						Paid by Defendants.	Paid by Commonwealth.
Against the person feloniously,	1	1	.	.	.	.	\$39 01
Against the person not feloniously,	10	4	.	3	2	\$48 18	43 12
Against property with violence,	1	1	.	.	.	.	22 07
Against property without violence,	5	3	.	1	1	.	101 55
Other offences,	45	26	15	45	30	68 06	599 18
Total,	62 ¹	35	15	49	33	116 24	804 93

¹ 23 of these cases were pending at the beginning of the year 1844; and 29 of them were for violations of the License Law.

TABLE V.

Abstract of Fines, Cos's and Fees received in the Police Court of the City of Boston, in the year 1844.

	Fines.	Costs.	Fees.	Amount.	Amt. credited to Com'lth.
From 1st Jan. to 31st March, inclusive,	\$326 50	\$467 11	\$20 62	\$814 23	
Deduct cases under By-Laws,	63 02	84 53	·	147 55	
	263 48	382 58	20 62	·	\$666 68
From 1st April to 30th June, inclusive,	437 26	630 92	21 48	1089 66	
Deduct cases under By-Laws,	64 79	116 34	·	181 13	
	372 47	514 58	21 48	·	908 53
From 1st July to 30th Sept. inclusive,	596 96	1028 57	22 65	1648 18	
Deduct cases under By-Laws,	105 53	157 19	·	262 72	
	491 43	871 38	22 65	·	1385 46
From 1st Oct. to 31st Dec. inclusive,	503 40	823 26	38 90	1365 56	
Deduct cases under By-Laws,	179 50	222 07	·	401 57	
	323 90	601 19	38 90	·	963 99
					3924 66

TABLE VI.

Abstract of Bills of Costs taxed on Cases terminated in the Police Court of the City of Boston, in the year 1844.

	Officers' Fees.	Assis'tnt Officers' Fees.	Court Fees.	Witnesses' Fees.	Amount.	Amount charged to Com'ltl.
From 1st Jan. to 31st March, inclusive,	\$425 47	\$0 50	\$649 25	\$330 78	\$1406 00	
Deduct cases under By-Laws, . . .	29 58	.	68 85	16 74	115 17	
	395 89	0 50	580 40	314 04	.	\$1290 83
From 1st April to 30th June, inclusive, . . .	511 98	6 96	805 25	333 90	1658 09	
Deduct cases under By-Laws, . . .	36 98	.	83 85	10 26	131 09	
	475 00	6 96	721 40	323 64	.	1527 00
From 1st July to 30th Sept., inclusive, . . .	755 28	7 42	1221 85	563 18	2547 73	
Deduct cases under By-Laws, . . .	47 45	.	112 25	30 78	190 48	
	707 83	7 42	1109 60	532 40	.	2357 25
From 1st Oct. to 31st Dec., inclusive, . . .	716 33	11 31	1083 05	461 16	2271 85	
Deduct cases under By-Laws, . . .	65 80	.	170 70	26 00	262 50	
	650 53	11 31	912 35	435 16	.	2009 35
						7184 43

TABLE VII.

Abstract of Costs taxed in the Municipal Court in the County of Suffolk, in the year 1843, as per general and special Bills.

		Costs.	Monthly.	TOTAL.
1844.				
January,	Amount of special bill,	\$980 75		
	“ “ general “	327 61		
			\$1308 36	
February,	Amount of special “	1233 58		
	“ “ general “	355 38		
			1588 96	
March,	Amount of special “	994 65		
	“ “ general “	394 69		
			1389 34	
April,	Amount of special “	932 76		
	“ “ general “	309 16		
			1241 92	
May,	Amount of special “	1198 15		
	“ “ general “	354 21		
			1552 36	
June,	Amount of special “	938 98		
	“ “ general “	285 03		
			1224 01	
July,	Amount of special “	689 60		
	“ “ general “	279 91		
			969 51	
August,	Amount of special “	1104 85		
	“ “ general “	303 78		
			1408 63	
September,	Amount of special “	1129 10		
	“ “ general “	330 72		
			1459 82	
October,	Amount of special “	1660 78		
	“ “ general “	372 36		
			2033 14	
November,	Amount of special “	2225 23		
	“ “ general “	324 19		
			2549 42	
December,	Amount of special “	1693 66		
	“ “ general “	428 64		
			2122 30	
	Total amt. special “	. .	14,782 09	\$18,847 77
	“ “ general “	. .	4065 68	
				18,847 77

TABLE VIII.

Showing the number of Convicts sentenced by the several Judicial Courts to confinement in the State Prison, the Counties whence they were sent, the Crimes for which they were punished, and the Duration of their Confinement.

[The convicts from Suffolk County were sentenced in the Municipal Court; convicts from the other counties were sentenced in the Court of Common Pleas, excepting a few cases for the higher offences, which were tried, and the convicts sentenced, in the Supreme Judicial Court.]

BRISTOL.

No.	Term.	CRIME.	When received.	SENTENCE.	
				Days.	Years.
1	March,	Larceny,	March 19	1	2
2	do	Common and notorious thief,	do	5	5
3	do	Larceny,	do	1	2
4	June,	Burglary,	June 18	1	5
5	do	{ Shop-breaking and larceny,	do	1	2
		{ do do		1	2
6	do	do do	do	1	2
7	do	Maliciously removing a rail from the rail-road,	do	2	4
8	do	do do do	do	1	3
9 ¹	do	Larceny,	do	1	1
10	Sept.	do	Sept. 18	1	1½
11	Dec.	Burglary,	Dec. 24	1	Life.
12	do	{ Shop-breaking,	do	1	3
		{ do		1	1
13	do	{ Shop-breaking,	do	1	3
		{ do		1	1
14	do	Polygamy,	Dec. 31	1	2

¹ Sent to the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, Sept. 19, 1844.

ESSEX.

1	March,	Breaking into and entering a vessel in the night time,	April 13	1	2
2	do	do do do	do	1	2
3	do	Felonious assault,	do	1	5
4	June,	Larceny,	June 29	1	2
5	do	Having counterfeit bank bills with intent to pass the same as true,	do	2	5
6	Oct.	{ Larceny,	Oct. 10	1	1
		{ do		1	1
7	do	do	do	1	2
8	do	do	do	1	1

FRANKLIN.

No.	Term.	CRIME.	When received.	SENTENCE.	
				Days.	Years.
1	March,	Adultery,	April 10	1	1
2	do	Larceny,	do	1	3

HAMPDEN.

1	Feb.	Assault with intent to kill,	Feb. 27	1	2
2	Oct.	Assault with intent to murder,	Nov. 2	1	2
3	do	Larceny,	do	1	1

HAMPSHIRE.

1	March,	Larceny,	April 7	1	4
2	Nov.	{ do	Nov. 27	1	2
		{ do	do	1	2
		{ do	do	1	3
		{ do	do	1	3
		{ do	do	1	1, less 1 day.

MIDDLESEX.

1	March,	Larceny,	March 4	1	1
2	do	Assault with intent to commit a rape,	do	1	2
3	do	Having counterfeit coin,	do	1	1
4	do	{ Larceny,	do	1	1
		{ do	do	1	1
5	June,	do	July 3	3	2
6	July,	Robbery,	do	1	Life.
7	June,	Larceny,	do	1	1
8	July,	do	do	1	1
9	June,	Forgery,	do	1	1
10	July,	Larceny,	do	1	4
11	Nov.	Common and notorious thief,	Nov. 11	1	3

NORFOLK.

1	1843.	Assault with intent to rob,	Jan. 2	1	2½
2	do	Larceny,	do	2	10
3	1844.	Shop-breaking,	Dec. 25	2	2½

PLYMOUTH.

No.	Term.	CRIME.	When received.	SENTENCE.	
				Days.	Years.
1	Aug.	{ Arson,	Aug. 22	3	9
		{ do	do	1	9
2	do	{ Larceny,	do	1	1 yr. less 1 day.
		{ do	do		1 yr. less 1 day.
3	do	{ Larceny,	do	1	1 yr. less 1 day.
		{ do	do	1	1 yr. less 1 day.

SUFFOLK.

1	Jan.	Stealing from a dwelling-house,	Jan. 13	1	1
2	do	Stealing in a shop,	do	1	1
3	do	Stealing from a dwelling-house,	Jan. 15	1	5
4	do	Breaking into a dwelling-house and stealing therefrom in the night time,	Jan. 20	1	2
5	Feb.	Stealing from a dwelling-house in the night time,	Feb. 17	1	3
6	do	do do do	do	1	1
7	do	Stealing from a dwelling-house,	do	1	1
	do	Stealing from a shop,	do	1	1 month.
8	do	Stealing,	Feb. 24	1	1
9	do	Larceny,	do	1	2
10	March,	{ Breaking into a shop and stealing therefrom,	March 27	1	3
		{ do do do	do	1	1
11	do	do do do	do	1	3
12	do	do do do	do	1	3
13	do	Gross lewdness,	do	1	1
14	April,	Larceny,	April 13	1	1
15	do	do	do	1	1
16	do	{ do	April 20	1	1
		{ do		1	1
17	June,	do	June 15	2	2
18	do	do	do	2	2
19	do	Robbery,	June 18	2	2
20	do	do	do	2	2
21	do	Common and notorious thief,	June 19	1	1
22	Aug.	Breaking into and entering a shop,	Aug. 19	1	1
23	do	Three distinct larcenies,	do	1	5
24	do	Breaking into and entering a dwelling-house,	Aug. 24	1	2
25	do	Having in possession counterfeit bank bills,	do	1	10
26	do	Stealing from the person,	do	1	3

SUFFOLK—Continued.

No.	Term.	CRIME.	When received.	SENTENCE.	
				Days.	Years.
27	Sept.	Larceny,	Sept. 14	1	1 yr. less 1 day.
28	do	Stealing,	do	1	1
29	do	do	do	1	1
30	do	Stealing from the person,	do	3	5 yrs. less 3 days.
31	do	do	do	3	5 yrs. less 3 days.
32	do	{ Assault with intent to rob,	Sept. 18	3	6
		{ Breaking into a shop and stealing therein,	do	1	4
33	do	Breaking and entering a shop with intent to commit a larceny,	do	3	4
34	Oct.	Having in possession counterfeit bills,	Oct. 19	2	2
35	do	Tendering in payment a counterfeit bank bill,	do	1	14
36	do	Common and notorious thief,	do	1	2
37	do	Having in possession counterfeit bill,	do	3	14
38	do	Stealing in a dwelling-house,	do	1	1
39	do	Larceny,	Oct. 23	1	1
40	do	Manslaughter,	do	1	2
41	do	do	do	1	2
42	Nov.	Larceny,	Nov. 16	1	1
43	do	Stealing from a vessel in the night,	do	1	2
44	do	Common and notorious thief,	do	3	3
45	do	Stealing from a dwelling-house,	do	1	1
46	do	Common and notorious thief,	Nov. 23	1	3
47	do	do do do	do	3	6
48	do	do do do	do	3	5
49	Dec.	Burglary,	Dec. 7	1	1
50	Nov.	Stealing,	Dec. 17	1	1

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1	June,	Burglary,	June 7	1	1
2	do	Arson,	do	1	Life.
3	do	Burning a dwelling-house,	do	2	7
4	do	Burglary,	do	2	10
5	do	do	do	2	5
6	Oct.	Bigamy,	Oct. 5	1	1

Total, 102.

RECAPITULATION OF TABLE VIII.

	1844.	1843.	Excess in 1844.	Excess in 1843.
Number of Convicts from Barnstable County,	·	4	·	4
“ “ “ “ Berkshire “	·	3	·	3
“ “ “ “ Bristol “	14	13	1	·
“ “ “ “ Essex “	8	11	·	3
“ “ “ “ Franklin “	2	1	1	·
“ “ “ “ Hampden “	3	6	·	3
“ “ “ “ Hampshire “	2	4	·	2
“ “ “ “ Middlesex “	11	11	·	·
“ “ “ “ Nantucket “	·	·	·	·
“ “ “ “ Norfolk “	3	3	·	·
“ “ “ “ Plymouth “	3	3	·	·
“ “ “ “ Suffolk “	50	33	17	·
“ “ “ “ Worcester “	6	11	·	5
	102	103	19	20
	Excess in 1843 over 1844, · ·			19
				1

RECAPITULATION & COMPARISON OF TABLE VIII.

No. OF CONVICTS.		COUNTIES.	SENTENCES.			
1843.	1844.		1843.		1844.	
			Dys.	Years.	Dys.	Years.
3	•	Barnstable, •	4	8	•	•
4	•	Berkshire, •	8	12	•	•
13	14	Bristol, • •	29	31½	22	39¼ and 1 for life.
11	8	Essex, • •	16	33 less 1 day.	10	21
1	2	Franklin, •	2	2	2	4
6	3	Hampden, •	14	17	3	5
4	2	Hampshire, •	7	11	6	15 less 1 day.
11	11	Middlesex, •	26	43 less 1 day.	14	18 and 1 for life.
•	•	Nantucket, •	•	•	•	•
3	3	Norfolk, •	4	13½	5	15
3	3	Plymouth, •	4	4	7	22 less 4 days.
33	50	Suffolk, •	76	91 less 3 days.	75	124½ less 7 days.
11	6	Worcester, •	27	40 less 1 day.	9	24 and 1 for life.
103	102	12 Counties in 1843.	217	306 less 6 days.	153	287½ and 3 lives less 12 days.
		10 Counties in 1844.				

