Prisons.

The prison staff consists of one European Gaoler and six Native warders.

The total number of prisoners received during the year was 610, and the total discharged 589, a

total of 66 remaining in prison on the 31st March.

The prisoners are accommodated at Tuvao Prison Farm, and are employed in plantation labour—weeding, copra cutting and drying, cocoa cutting, pruning, and drying, fencing, planting and care of bananas, taro, peanuts, &c., and care of stock, buildings, and roads.

MENTAL PATIENTS.

During the year six mental patients were admitted and an equal number discharged, leaving the number remaining at two as previously.

Return showing the Number of Offences reported, the Number of Offences for which Persons were apprehended or summoned, the Number of Persons convicted or dismissed, and a Comparison of Crimes with the Year 1927.

Offences.					1928.					
					Offences reported.	Number arrested or summoned.	Number convicted.	Offences dismissed or withdrawn.	Increase.	Decrease.
Misleading justice—				İ						
Bribery, attempted				2						2
Escape from lawful custody		• •		2	6	6	4	2	4	٠٠,
Seditious words Contempt of Court	• •	• •	• •	1	3		3	• • •	$\overset{\cdots}{2}$	1
Offences against morality—	• •	••	• •			9			-	•••
Adultery				11	3	3	3			8
Abduction to earnally know	• •	• •	• •	6	2	2	2	••	• •	$\frac{4}{2}$
Aiding abduction Offences against the person—	• •	••	• •	2	• •	• •	••	•••	• • •	
Assault, common				33	33	33	27	6		
Assault, indecent			• •	3	3	3	2	1	:-	
Actual bodily harm	• •	• •	• •	5 2	13 6	13 6	10	3	$\begin{vmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{vmatrix}$	
Grevious bodily harm Rape		• •	• •	ľ	i	1	l		· · ·	1::
Murder	•••	• • •		2	2	5	2	3		
Buggery				1		• • •		• • •		I
A party to buggery Manslaughter	• •	••	• •	1	•••		• • •			1 1
Manslaughter Gaming offences—	• •	• •	• •	1		••	•••		1.4	-
Conducting a gaming-house					1	1	1		1	
Arms Ordinance—					١,	,		,	,	ļ
Unlawful use of firearms	• •	• •	• •		1	1	••	1	1	• •
Offences against property Burglary				6	13	10	10		7	
Thefts from dwellings				2	• •.					2
Theft				79	90	71	63	8	11	••
Theft, attempted Unlawful entry	• •	• •	• •	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	3 6		$\frac{2}{1}$	1
Unlawful entry Breaking and entering					9	4	4		9	
Theft from the person					1	1	1		1	
Trespass		• •	• •	37	20	19:	17	2		17
Trespassing cattle Wilful mischief	• •	• •		1	2 3	2 3	$\frac{2}{3}$::	$\frac{1}{3}$	
Wilful mischief Receiving stolen property			• • •	i	9	9	9		8	1
False pretences					1	1	1		1	
Uttering forged document	• •		• •	1	1			••		1
Theft of mail-bag Forgery	• •		• • •	3		1 1	$\frac{1}{1}$		1	$\frac{\cdot \cdot \cdot}{2}$
Forgery Police offences—	••	••	• •	"	-		1			-
Threatening language				1						l
Insulting language	• •	• •	• •		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$.	$\frac{1}{2}$	••	1	4
Breaches of the peace Disorderly conduct				6 18	23	23	$\frac{1}{21}$	$\cdot \cdot_2$	5	4
Drunkenness				7	20	20	20		13	
Throwing stones				2	11	7	6	1	9	
Insulting language to officials		 	**	8	2	2	••	2	2	8
Converting animals and vehicl Unlawfully removing sand an			wn use	4	1 ::				::	4
Threatening behaviour					11	11	11		11	
Resisting police and arrest					3	3	3		3	
Miscellaneous	• •	• •	• •	11	6	6	5	1	•••	5
Opium offences— Opium-smuggling				3	2	2	2			1
Aiding and abetting smoking				2						2
Liquor offences—										
Manufacturing liquor	• •	• •	• •	8	2	2	2	•••		6
Liquor on occupied premises Possessing liquor unlawfully	• •			1	5	5	5		4	1
Importing liquor unlawfully		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1	1	1	1		1	
Selling liquor				1	2	2	2		1	
Breaches of Distillation Act		• •	• •			••	••			6
Consuming methylated spirits Possessing prohibited imports				1	i	1	1	,	••	!
Samoans consuming liquor	• • • •	• • •			1					1 2
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