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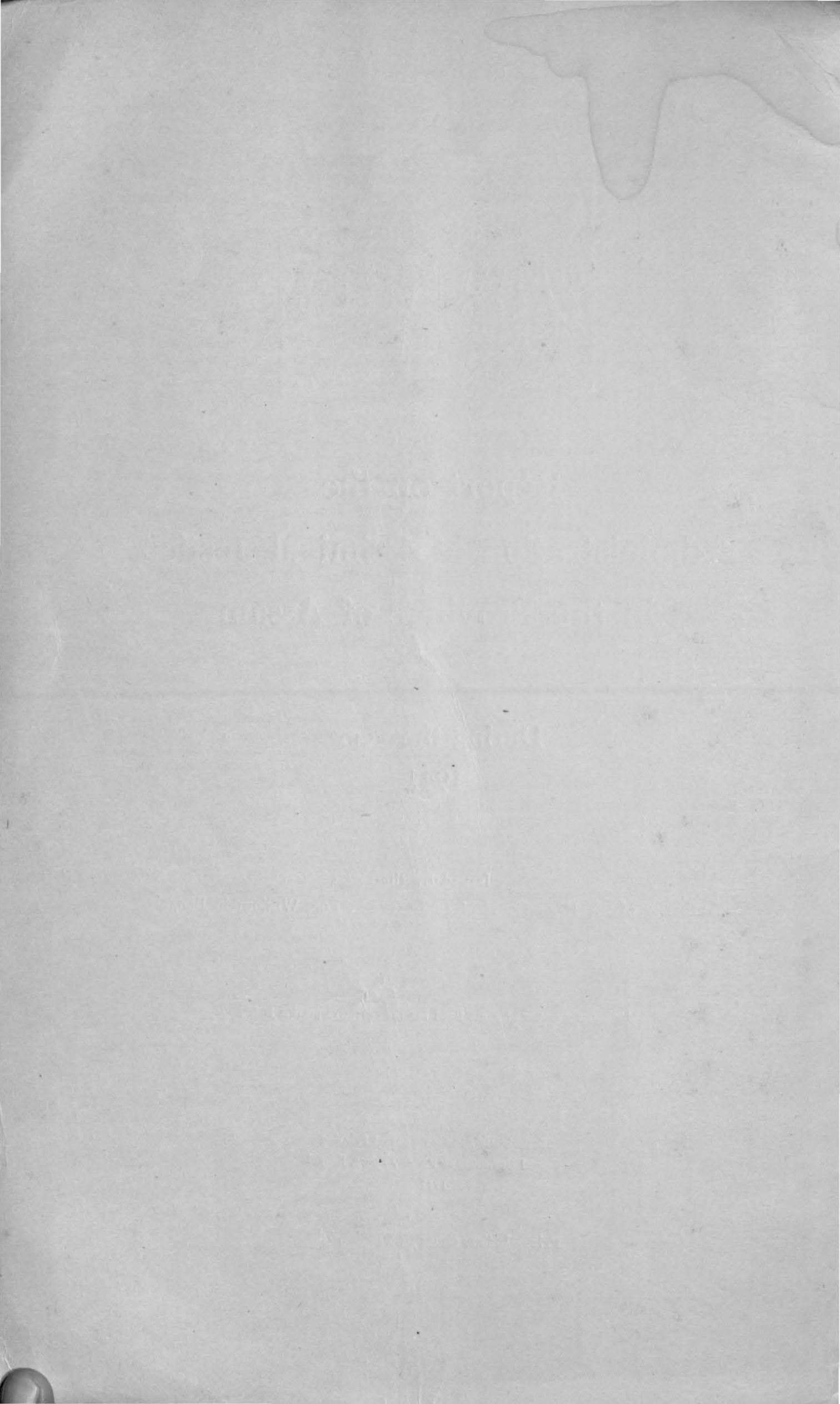
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1. **Judicial staff.**—The Judicial staff employed on criminal work in Assam during the year consisted of two Sessions Judges, one Additional Sessions Judge, one Assistant Sessions Judge, eight District Magistrates, seventy-five Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates and thirty-four Honorary Magistrates. Besides these, one temporary Additional Sessions Judge worked in the Assam Valley throughout the year. Three Subordinate Judges vested with the powers of an Assistant Sessions Judge were also employed, viz., one in Assam Valley throughout the year and two at Sylhet and Cachar for 65½ days. There was a decrease of 22 Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates over the number employed in the previous year; Lakhimpur, Nowgong and Goalpara showing a decrease and Sylhet and Cachar an increase in the staff. There was an increase in the number of Honorary Magistrates in Sylhet, Sibsagar and Darrang.

2. **Offences reported.**—The number of offences reported during the year combined with the number pending from the previous year was 60,114 against 60,993 in 1940. Of this number, 39,497 were under the Penal Code and 20,617 under Special and Local Laws. There was a decrease in offences under the Penal Code in Lakhimpur, Darrang, Sylhet, Nowgong and Cachar, the largest decrease being in Lakhimpur, viz., 892.

3. **Cases found to be true.**—Including cases which were under enquiry at the close of 1940, 41,995 cases were accepted as true during 1941, and of these, 31,410 were brought to trial. Compared with the previous year, the figures represent a decrease of 1,541 under the former and an increase of 554 under the latter head.

Original Jurisdiction.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

4. **Cases disposed of.**—Including cases committed to the Sessions, 30,724 cases were disposed of in the courts of Magistrates during the year. Of the cases disposed of, 124 were decided by District Magistrates, 27,030 by Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates, 3,276 by Honorary Magistrates and Benches and 294 by the Special Magistrates. The number of cases decided during the year was 624 more than in 1940. This increase is due to an increase in the disposals of the Honorary Magistrates and Benches, the District Magistrates and the Special Magistrates who decided, respectively, 759, 134 and 65 cases more than in 1940. There was, on the other hand, a decrease of 334 in the number of cases decided by the Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates.

5. **Results of trials.**—The number of persons whose cases were decided by Magistrates was 57,238 or 1,227 more than in the previous year. Of these, 17,268 or 30·2 per cent. were convicted. The number of persons convicted in cases under the Indian Penal Code was 7,851 or 20·2 per cent. of those tried. In 1940 the percentage of such convictions was 19·2.

Of the persons acquitted or discharged, the cases of 13,422 were compounded, withdrawn, or dismissed for default. The percentage of convictions of persons actually tried was 39·4 against 38·5 in 1940.

Of the persons tried for offences under the Indian Penal Code, the cases of 10,998 were disposed of otherwise than on a trial on the merits of the case. The percentage of convictions of persons actually tried under the Penal Code was 27·7 against 26·9 in 1940.

6. **Persons awaiting trial.**—Exclusive of persons mentally incapable of standing their trial, 9,348 persons were awaiting trial at the close of the year. Of these, the cases of 1,368 persons were pending for over three, and of 269 for over six months. The number of persons in custody for over three months at the close of the year was 38 as against 13 in the previous year.

The general result of the trials before Magistrates of each class was as follows:—

Class of Magistrates.	Number of persons—		Percentage of convictions.
	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	
Benches of Magistrates ..	337	96	22·2
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates.	36,446	15,125	29·3
Honorary Magistrates ..	2,917	1,727	37·2
Special Magistrates ..	187	213	53·2
District Magistrates ..	83	107	56·3

7. **Witnesses.**—The number of witnesses examined was 71,652 or 5,783 less than in the previous year. Of the total number of witnesses who attended, 68·1 per cent. were discharged on the first day of the trial. The total number detained for more than three days was 765 against 885 in the previous year. The district in which the largest percentage of witnesses was detained for more than three days was in Nowgong (3·7). All explanations of long detention of witnesses have been dealt with by the High Court.

8. **Punishment.**— Before Magistrates 3,602 persons were sentenced to imprisonment, 12,461 to fine or forfeiture, 107 to whipping and 642 ordered to give security.

Fine.—The aggregate of the fines imposed was Rs. 2,10,730 The amount realised,

including the arrears of previous years, was Rs. 1,37,650, of which Rs. 13,733 was paid as compensation to complainants. The total amount of fines imposed during the year, increased by Rs. 3,297, while that realised decreased by Rs. 1,299 respectively. The short collection of fines was apparently due to the prevailing economic distress.

9. **Frivolous or vexatious accusations.**—The provisions of section 250 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were utilised in 41 cases. The total amount of compensation ordered to be paid by complainants to accused persons against whom they were found to have brought frivolous or vexatious accusations was Rs. 884. Of this amount, Rs. 830 was realised and Rs. 775 paid as compensation.

COURTS OF SESSION.

10. **Cases disposed of.**—The number of cases disposed of in the courts of session was 331 against 371 in the previous year.

11. **Results of trials.**—One thousand and twenty-five persons including those whose cases were pending from the previous year, were under trial before the courts of session. Of these, 846 were tried, 5 died or escaped and 174 remained under trial at the close of the year. Of the persons tried, 397 were convicted and sentenced in the sessions court, 15 were referred for orders of the High Court and 434 were discharged or acquitted; the figures for 1940 were 488, 30 and 417; respectively.

12. **Punishment.**—Sentence of death was passed on three persons in three cases, which were referred to the High Court for confirmation. The result of these references is stated in paragraph 19 below. Twenty-seven persons were sentenced in the sessions court to transportation or penal servitude. Three hundred and thirty-five persons were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, 42 to fine or forfeiture, 4 to whipping and 7 were ordered to give security.

13. **Witnesses.**—The number of witnesses in attendance before the courts of session was 5,295. Of these 3,251 were examined and 2,044 discharged without examination, against 3,325 and 2,126, respectively, in 1940.

	Brought before the Court.			Heard and determined.			Pending at the close of—		
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1939.	1940.	1941.
Appeals—									
Under section 410, Criminal Procedure Code.	99	105	93	88	112	90	20	13	6
Under section 417, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
References—									
Under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	11	17	6	15	14	9	..	3	..
Under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	8	3	3	6	3	4	2	1	..
Revisions—									
Under section 435, Criminal Procedure Code.	112	110	120	100	110	108	15	15	27
Under section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	31	55	53	29	59	45	9	5	13
Under section 476, Criminal Procedure Code.	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Under section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	13	10	15	12	9	16	1	2	1

Of the total number in attendance, only one was detained for more than three days in the Surma Valley Districts and none in the Assam Valley Districts. The proportion of witnesses discharged after the third day to the total number examined was .05 against nil in the previous year in the Surma Valley and nil against 0.3 in the Assam Valley. The amount paid to witnesses on account of the expenses incurred by them in attending sessions trials was Rs. 15,114 as compared with Rs. 15,868 in 1940. Rs. 484-0-3 and Rs. 329-1-6, respectively, were paid to jurors and witnesses discharged during the year before trial opened and on adjournment after opening.

14. No case from Assam was committed to the Original Jurisdiction of the High Court.

Appellate Jurisdiction.

15. **Appeals to the High Court.**—Thirteen appeals were pending before the High Court from the previous year, 93 were preferred, and 90 were disposed of during the year, leaving 16 pending at its close. Of the appeals preferred, all were from convictions by Sessions Judges. The number of persons concerned in the appeals was 163. The results of criminal appeals decided in the High Court during the year under review are shown in the following statement:—

1	Decided after admission.						8	9
	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	Confirmed.	Enhanced.	Reduced, altered or modified.	Reversed or proceedings quashed.	Retrial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Appeals summarily dismissed.	Total.
Appeals from Magistrates acting under section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals from Sessions Judges	6	..	6	4	..	..	74	90
Appeals by Government	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	6	..	6	4	..	74	90

16. **Criminal work of the High Court.**—The following statement shows in detail the criminal business which came before the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction during each of the past three years:—

17. **Appeals to Courts of Session.**—The number of appeals disposed of in the courts of session was 1,147 against 1,333 in the previous year. There were 1,973 persons concerned in these appeals. The appeals resulted in confirmation of the original sentence in 1,290 instances or 65·4 per cent.; in modification in 243 instances or 12·3 per cent.; and in reversal in 417 instances or 21·1 per cent. The cases of 23 persons were otherwise disposed of.

18. **Appeals to Magistrates.**—In the courts of District Magistrates 195 appeals of 437 persons were disposed of during the year. Of the persons concerned, 250 or 57·2 per cent. were altogether unsuccessful, 128 or 29·3 per cent. obtained a reversal and 40 or 9·2 per cent. a modification of their original sentences. The cases of 19 persons were otherwise disposed of.

The proportion of appellants completely or partially successful to the number whose appeals were heard by Sessions Judges and District Magistrates was 34·6 and 42·8 per cent., respectively, against 33·7 and 43·4 in the previous year.

Reference and Revision.

I—HIGH COURT.

19. Three references under section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of death sentences were made to the High Court during 1941 and one was pending at the opening of the year. All the four cases in which four persons were concerned were decided during the year. Three of the accused persons were sentenced to death and one to transportation or penal servitude. Twenty-two cases of revision were pending from the previous year and 188 cases were filed during the year. Of these, 169 were disposed of, leaving 41 cases undecided at the end of the year.

II—COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

20. **Sessions Courts.**—The number of applications for revision disposed of in the courts of session was 457 against 402 in the previous year. In these cases, 1,563 persons were implicated. The orders of the lower courts were affirmed in the cases of 1,152 persons, altered in those of 3 and reversed in those of 4 persons. The cases of 404 persons were otherwise disposed of.

21. **Magistrates' Courts.**—In the courts of the District Magistrates, 163 applications were decided during the year. The number of persons concerned in these cases was 496. The orders of the lower courts were affirmed in the cases of 358 persons, altered in those of 2 and reversed in those of 9 persons. The cases of 127 persons were otherwise disposed of.

22. **Receipts and charges.**—The charges in the criminal courts amounted to Rs. 6,53,980 and the receipts to Rs. 2,81,941. Compared with the figures of 1940, the charges show an increase of Rs. 32,824 and the receipts a decrease of Rs. 7,302.

The increase in expenditure was principally under the head "Other contingencies and refunds". The decrease in receipts occurred chiefly under the head "Other fees".

23. **General.**—(a) The number of offences reported during 1941 stood at 60,114 which is 879 less than in 1940 and 2,992 more than in 1939. The number of cases disposed of in the courts of Magistrates rose from 30,072 in 1939 and 30,100 in 1940 to 30,724 in 1941. The percentage of convictions of persons actually tried, which fell from 40·1 in 1939 to 38·5 in 1940, rose to 39·4 in 1941. The cases of 13,422 persons were compounded, withdrawn or dismissed for default in 1941; the figures for 1939 and 1940 were 12,593 and 13,632, respectively.

(b) The total amount of fines realised fell by about Rs. 1,300 as compared with the figure for 1940 and was more by about Rs. 2,300, when compared with that for 1939.

(c) The number of cases disposed of in the courts of session during 1941 was 331 which is 40 less than in 1940 and 13 more than in 1939. There was a gradual fall in the percentage of convictions during the last three years, the figures being 58·4 in 1939, 53·9 in 1940 and 47·8 in 1941.

(d) The number of appeals disposed of in the courts of session which rose from 1,068 in 1939 to 1,333 in 1940, fell to 1,147 in 1941. About 65 per cent., as against 66 in 1940, of the appeals resulted in confirmation of the original sentences and the sentences of the rest were either modified, reversed or otherwise disposed of. Compared with the figures for 1940, appeals to Magistrates show a higher percentage of sentences being upheld and a lower percentage of sentences reversed.

(e) The number of applications for revision disposed of in the courts of session rose from 423 in 1939 and 402 in 1940 to 457 in 1941, while those heard by Magistrates rose from 147 in 1939 to 220 in 1940, but fell to 163 in 1941.

(f) The total number of witnesses examined in the Magistrates' and sessions courts during the year under report fell by 9,339 and 5,857 as compared with the figures for 1939 and 1940, respectively. There was a gradual fall in the number of witnesses detained over three days during the last three years, the figures being 1,085 in 1939, 897 in 1940 and 766 in 1941.

(g) Charges rose by about Rs. 33,000 as compared with the charges for 1940 and by about Rs. 34,000 as compared with those for 1939. Receipts decreased by about Rs. 7,300 as compared with the figure for 1940 and by nearly Rs. 21,600 when compared with that for 1939.

Shillong Division.

24. The number of offences reported during the year, combined with the number pending from the previous year, was 697 as against 709 in 1940. Of this number, 421 were under the Indian Penal Code and 276 under Special and Local Laws. Of the total number of cases under enquiry, 610 were found to be true, and of these 474 were brought to trial. During the year 437 cases were decided in the Magistrates' courts and 30 remained pending at its close. Six cases were decided in the sessions court and one remained undecided at the end of the year. The number of witnesses examined was 1,027 and none was detained for more than three days.

There were 601 persons under trial in the Magistrates' courts. The cases of 589 persons were decided and 12 remained under trial at the close of the year. Of the persons tried, 181 were acquitted or discharged and 408 were convicted. The cases of 10 persons in the sessions court ended in their conviction, while that of one remained pending at the close of the year. All the appeals and motions filed during the year have been disposed of.

The total amount of fines imposed was Rs. 8,310. Rs. 2,301-3 was realised, of which Rs. 25 was paid as compensation to complainants. The charges in the criminal courts amounted to Rs. 535-4 and the receipts to Rs. 2,924-2.

By order of the High Court,

T. H. ELLIS,

Registrar, Appellate Side.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT 1—(Criminal).

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Number of Judicial Divisions, and number of officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction, in the Province of Assam, on 31st December, 1941, and number of cases decided in, and receipts and charges of, the Criminal Courts during that year.

Districts.	Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Districts.	Sessions Judges.	Other Judges.	District Magistrates.	Other Magistrates.		Number of criminal cases decided.				Total receipts of courts.	Total charges of courts.	
							Stipendiary.	Honorary.	Original.		Appellate.				
									Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Assam Valley—														Rs.	Rs.
Darrang	}	1	1	2*	2*	1	5	5	2,851	119	115	27	19,269	38,663
Goalpara						1	7	2	2,052	141	82	23	17,463	71,647
Kamrup						1	10	1	2,483	196	109	47	29,329	66,253
Lakhimpur						1	9	6	4,375	137	212	41	34,610	54,528
Newgong						1	2	3	2,384	359	75	47	17,856	36,870
Sibsagar						1	12	7	4,688	151	171	38	22,397	92,022
Total	1	1	2	2	6	45	24	18,833	1,103	764	223	1,40,924	3,59,983	
Surma Valley—															
Cachar	}	1	1	2*	2*	1	6	..	1,791	155	122	47	19,903	64,049
Sylhet						2	23	10	10,431	656	456	350	1,21,114	2,29,948
Total	1	1	2	2	3	29	10	12,222	811	578	397	1,41,017	2,93,997	
High Court	13	..	90	153	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	2	2	4	4	9	74	34	31,068	1,914	1,432	773	2,81,941	6,53,980	

*Do both Civil and Criminal work.

ANNUAL STATEMENT 2—(Criminal).

Nature of offences reported and number of persons tried, convicted and acquitted in the Province of Assam in the year 1941.

Description of offences.	Number of cases.			Number of persons.				
	Offences reported.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial.	Under trial, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Remaining under trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Against the State .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relating to Army and Navy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Against public tranquillity	1,546	974	803	5,898	3,110	1,591	1	1,196
By or relating to public servants	13	9	6	10	5	5	..	..
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants	778	613	540	1,239	415	663	1	160
False evidence and offences against public justice	263	191	170	292	106	115	1	70
Relating to coin	23	16	12	27	7	13	..	7
Relating to Government stamps	2	2	2	2	..	2	..	..
Relating to weights and measures	42	39	37	43	16	24	..	3
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals	236	182	152	290	145	113	..	32
Relating to religion	14	8	8	31	11	13	..	7
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>								
Affecting life	432	341	256	672	232	196	7	237
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and concealment of birth	7	4	4	6	5	1	..	..
Hurt	5,606	4,023	3,465	7,956	5,661	1,027	..	1,268
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	1,618	879	635	1,833	1,349	218	..	266
Criminal force or assault	3,263	2,280	1,910	3,834	3,173	396	..	285
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour	633	314	254	672	487	86	..	99
Rape	47	32	22	35	7	19	1	8
Unnatural offence	11	7	5	8	3	..	..	5
<i>Against property.</i>								
Theft	8,817	5,716	3,655	9,806	6,036	1,676	4	2,090
Extortion	90	47	40	127	88	12	..	27
Robbery and dacoity	145	89	47	199	103	41	1	54
Criminal misappropriation	247	159	149	210	149	36	..	25
Criminal breach of trust	815	503	429	639	451	72	1	115
Receiving stolen property	646	537	437	827	345	327	3	152
Cheating	715	418	353	560	430	49	..	81
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	40	21	24	56	36	7	..	13
Mischief	2,974	2,005	1,567	3,667	2,827	331	3	506
Criminal trespass	8,828	6,471	3,212	7,594	5,115	1,106	6	1,367
Relating to documents and to trade or property marks	82	59	38	85	56	18	..	11
Criminal breach of contracts of service .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relating to marriage	1,049	469	426	867	729	36	1	101
Defamation	230	122	121	236	180	15	..	41
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance	285	174	170	269	188	47	..	34
Under special and local laws	20,617	15,282	12,461	19,659	8,945	9,424	8	1,282
Total	60,114	41,995	31,410	67,649	40,410	17,679	38	9,522

ANNUAL STATEMENT 3—(Criminal).

General Results of Trials of Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam in the year 1941.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of offences reported.	Number of persons under trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of—				Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.
			Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—MAGISTRATES.							
Special Magistrates under section 14		409	187	213	1	..	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly—							
Second and Third Class		2,977	1,662	897	..	1	417
First Class		2,567	1,255	830	48	4	430
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly—							
Second and Third Class		6,259	4,083	937	..	..	1,239
First Class—							
Under ordinary powers	60,114	54,552	32,363	14,188	866	27	7,108
Under special powers under section 34 .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Benches of Magistrates		577	337	96	..	..	144
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under sections 347 and 349 .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Chief Magistrates of districts—							
Under ordinary powers		193	83	107	..	1	2
Under special powers under section 34 .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	60,114	67,534	39,970	17,268	915	33	9,348
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.							
Assistant Judges		237	115	81	..	1	40
Judges and Additional Judges		788	319	316	15	4	134
Total		1,025	434	397	15	5	174
III.—HIGH COURT GENERAL JURISDICTION.							
HIGH COURT.							
Cases coming before the Court under section 526, Cr. P. C. .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases committed under Act XIV of 1908 .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases committed under section 447, sub-section (2), Cr. P. C. .. .. .		..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under section 307, Cr. P. C.		16	6	10	..	..	..
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under section 374, Cr. P. C.		4	..	4	..	..	..
Total		20	6	14	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	60,114	68,579	40,410	17,679	930	38	9,522

ANNUAL STATEMENT 4—(Criminal).

Punishments inflicted in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam in the year 1941.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of persons executed.	Number of persons sentenced to—							Total amount of fines—			Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of—					
		Death.	Transportation or penal servitude.	Imprisonment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.	Fine of—		Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.	Fifteen days and under.	Above fifteen days to six months.	Above six months to two years.	Above two years.	
								Rupees 10 and under.	Over Rs. 10.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
I.—MAGISTRATES.											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
Special Magistrates under section 14	23	192	..	3	151	41	1,418	822	52	9	14	..	..
Subordinate Magistrates—																	
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly—																	
Second and Third Class	4	864	..	..	720	144	4,071	3,077	127	..	4	..	..
First Class	76	715	3	1	609	106	4,216	2,614	434	8	51	17	..	
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly—																	
Second and Third Class	68	848	..	..	644	204	7,822	4,374	495	11	57	..	..
First Class—																	
Under ordinary powers	3,391	9,686	104	627	5,598	4,088	1,89,510	1,25,073	12,605	373	2,207	811	..	
Under special powers under section 34	
Benches of Magistrates	96	..	..	69	27	596	492	20	..	..	..	..
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under sections 347, 349	
Chief Magistrates of districts—																	
Under ordinary powers	40	60	..	11	34	26	3,097	1,198	..	9	16	15	..	
Under special powers under section 34	
Total	3,602	12,461	107	642	7,825	4,636	2,10,730	1,37,650	13,733	410	2,349	843	..	
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	73	1	..	1	..	1	500	..	..	..	13	6	54	
Judges and Additional Judges	27	262	41	4	6	..	41	2,160	400	..	3	48	54	157	
Total	27	335	42	4	7	..	42	2,660	400	..	3	61	60	211	
III.—HIGH COURT GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
HIGH COURT.																	
Cases coming before the Court under section 526, Cr. P. C.	
Cases committed under Act XIV of 1908	
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	
Cases committed under section 447, sub-section (2), Cr. P. C.	
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under section 307, Cr. P. C.	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under section 374, Cr. P. C.	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	
GRAND TOTAL	3	35	3,940	12,503	111	649	7,825	4,678	2,13,390	1,38,050	13,733	413	2,410	904	213	

ANNUAL STATEMENT 5—(Criminal).

General Results of Appeals and Revisions in the Province of Assam during the year 1941.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of persons.							
	Number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence altered.	Sentence reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Pending trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPEALS.								
To District Magistrates from Subordinate Magistrates	543	129	121	40	128	19	..	106
To Courts of Session from—								
Magistrates	2,018	553	724	239	417	23	..	62
Assistant Judges	17	7	6	4	..	..	..	..
To Superior Courts—								
By persons convicted—								
Magistrates acting under section 34, Cr. P. C. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sessions Judges	163	107	7	6	9	..	..	34
By Government from judgments of acquittal, section 417 from all courts..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2,741	796	858	289	554	42	..	202
REVISION.								
By District Magistrates of order of Subordinate Magistrates	531	236	122	2	9	127	..	35
By Courts of Session of order of Magistrates ..	1,776	379	773	3	4	404	..	213
By High Court (cases referred for orders under sections 432, 438) of order of Magistrates ..	207	..	51	8	38	29	..	81
By High Court (cases dealt with under section 435) of order of—								
Magistrates	44	17	12	..	1	1	..	13
Courts of Session	387	194	72	14	22	12	..	73
Total	2,945	826	1,030	27	74	573	..	415
GRAND TOTAL	5,686	1,622	1,888	316	628	615	..	617

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1941.

Description of cases.	Remaining from 1940.	Filed in 1941.	Disposed of in 1941.	Remaining at the close of 1941.
1	2	3	4	5
ORIGINAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.				
<i>Sessions Cases.</i>				
Cases under section 526, Criminal Procedure Code ..	..	..	..	..
Cases committed under section 447, sub-section (2), Criminal Procedure Code .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Cases committed under Act XIV of 1908 .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..
APPELLATE JURISDICTION.				
<i>Appeals.</i>				
By persons convicted—				
Magistrates acting under section 34, Criminal Procedure Code ..	..	..	..	..
Sessions Judges	13	93	90	16
By the Provincial Government—				
From judgments of acquittal of all Courts .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total ..	13	93	90	16
<i>References.</i>				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury and referred under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code ..	3	6	9	..
Cases in which sentences of death passed by the Sessions Judge were referred for confirmation under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code, and section 4 of Act XXII of 1860 ..	1	3	4	..
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them were referred for orders under section 341, Criminal Procedure Code .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	9	13	..
<i>Revisions.</i>				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under section 438, Criminal Procedure Code ..	5	53	45	13
Cases dealt with by the Court under section 435, Criminal Procedure Code, and under section 15 of the Charter Act—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	2	17	13	6
(2) Cases decided by Sessions Judges	13	103	95	21
Cases under sections 195 and 476, Criminal Procedure Code ..	..	..	..	..
Cases dealt with under section 526, Criminal Procedure Code ..	2	15	16	1
Total ..	22	188	169	41
Full Bench Reference
Miscellaneous orders in Court	3	3	..
Total	3	3	..

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Results by districts of all cases reported to the Courts in 1941.

Divisions.	Districts.		Offences reported to the Courts.	Cases in which complaint was dismissed under section 203, Cr.P.Code.	Other cases struck off as false.	Cases accepted as true.	Cases brought to trial.	Persons—	
								Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.
1	2		3	4	5	6.	7	8	9
Assam Valley	..	Darrang	4,466	531	148	3,264	2,931	2,754	1,696
		Goalpara	5,566	421	48	3,672	2,063	2,602	1,334
		Kamrup	8,763	394	85	6,077	2,520	3,168	1,787
		Lakhimpur	6,335	532	1,184	4,408	4,399	2,422	3,405
		Nowgong	4,787	790	154	3,442	2,573	3,708	826
		Sibsagar	8,230	1,559	74	5,529	4,660	5,226	2,571
		Total	38,147	4,227	1,693	26,392	19,155	19,880	11,619
Surma Valley	..	Cachar	3,312	490	43	2,415	1,765	2,792	914
		Sylhet	18,655	2,673	152	13,188	10,490	17,738	5,146
		Total	21,967	3,163	195	15,603	12,255	20,530	6,060
		GRAND TOTAL	60,114	7,390	1,888	41,995	31,410	40,410	17,679
		GRAND TOTAL FOR 1940	60,993	8,659	1,746	43,536	30,856	40,126	16,813

Statement showing the number of witnesses in attendance, the time for which they attended, the number examined, and the amount paid as expenses of witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1941.

Divisions.	Districts.	Courts of Session.							Courts of Magistrates.						
		Number of witnesses discharged—				Total in attendance.	Number examined.	Amount paid as expenses.	Number of witnesses discharged—				Total in attendance.	Number examined.	Amount paid as expenses.
		On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.				On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
								Rs.							Rs.
Assam Valley.	Darrang	364	18	2	..	384	223	1,102	4,333	1,353	222	24	5,932	5,246	8,286
	Goalpara	396	108	44	..	548	344	1,613	4,365	1,453	432	59	6,309	5,158	10,019
	Kamrup	561	99	41	..	701	384	1,788	6,112	1,906	582	234	8,834	6,976	8,964
	Lakhimpur	801	116	1	..	918	617	3,231	6,915	2,417	274	18	9,624	8,063	16,005
	Nowgong	391	67	11	..	469	247	498	3,768	1,343	734	227	6,072	4,617	6,912
	Sibsagar	417	133	16	..	566	360	1,196	7,856	3,006	1,177	124	12,163	8,526	9,918
	Total	2,930	541	115	..	3,586	2,175	9,428	33,349	11,478	3,421	686	48,934	38,586	60,104
Surma Valley.	Cachar	264	42	1	..	307	229	605	6,333	1,698	267	..	8,298	6,008	2,416
	Sylhet	1,111	274	16	1	1,402	847	5,081	24,496	9,205	3,167	79	36,947	27,058	22,697
	Total	1,375	316	17	1	1,709	1,076	5,686	30,829	10,903	3,434	79	45,245	33,066	25,113
	GRAND TOTAL ..	4,305	857	132	1	5,295	3,251	15,114	64,178	22,381	6,855	765	94,179	71,652	85,217
	GRAND TOTAL FOR 1940 ..	4,488	827	124	12	5,451	3,325	15,868	72,826	23,732	6,767	885	104,210	77,435	84,660

