

It is now possible from the monthly Returns to supply periodical bulletins as to the work being performed by the Courts, and the Chief Justice has directed that I should issue a quarterly bulletin in the forms now annexed relating to the Criminal Courts and to Revenue derived generally from 1st January to 31st March.

1. Criminal work.

It will be seen that the work in the Supreme Court has shown an increase, the monthly average of cases tried having been 49 as against an average of just over 40 per month for the period of 8 months during which the Supreme Court functioned in 1946. This increase is no doubt due to the number of serious cases now coming forward from committals made in 1946. The greater number of charges was for "Offences against Property" followed by "Offences against the person".

The work performed by the District Courts has diminished, the monthly average of cases tried for the quarter having been 384 while the average monthly figure for the 8 months of 1946 was approximately 1152. In the Magistrates Courts the work increased considerably, the monthly average rising from 4340 in 1946 to 5169 in the past quarter.

The decrease in the District Courts was principally in respect of "Offences against Property", "Public Health and Public Order", and "Miscellaneous" while there was a slight increase in cases tried for "Offences against the Person" and a considerable increase of cases under the Customs and Excise laws - the greater number of offences under the latter heading having occurred in Perak and Penang.

The figures in respect of Magistrates Courts show that there was an all-round increase of offences under all headings.

2. Revenue.

The total revenue collected by all Courts from 1st April, to 31st December 1946 was \$1,398,418 an average of \$155,380 per month while the revenue for the past quarter of \$586,622 as shown in the subjoined table represents a monthly average of \$195,540 per month.

The Registry,
Supreme Court,
Malayan Union,

Kuala Lumpur, 1st May, 1947.

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Revenue Collected - January to March, 1947.

	<u>Supreme Court.</u>	<u>District Courts.</u>	<u>Magistrates Courts.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	\$ 7,166.95	\$ 80,643.11	\$ 90,610.80	\$178,420.86
February	7,703.90	75,145.09	104,197.84	187,046.83
March	13,850.30	108,818.86	98,485.25	221,154.41
TOTAL	28,721.15	264,607.06	293,293.89	586,622.10