

BRITISH GUIANA

R E P O R T

ON THE

SUPREME COURT AND DEEDS REGISTRY

For the year

1961

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DEEDS/SUPREME COURT REGISTRY

Georgetown,

14th September, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Departmental Report on the Deeds Registry and the Supreme Court Registry for the year 1961. As ex officio Registrar of the Supreme Court, and ex officio Registrar of the following: Joint Stock Companies, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs, Business Names, Life Assurance Companies, Industrial and Provident Societies and Trade Unions, this Report deals with those matters also. With the coming into force of the Land Registry Ordinance on the 1st January, 1960, the Registrar of Deeds now also functions as Registrar of Lands.

2. The Magistrates are under the control of the Honourable the Chief Justice, but subject to his direction the administration of the Magistrates' Department is the responsibility of the Registrar.

PART I - THE JUDICIARY

3. Mr. Justice Jailal's appointment as a Puisne Judge was confirmed on the 6th January, 1961. It is recorded with regret, however, that he died on the 18th January, 1961.

The Honourable,

The Attorney General.

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4. Mr. Justice Fraser's appointment as a Puisne Judge was confirmed on the 12th January, 1961.
5. The following acting appointments as a Puisne Judge were made during 1961:
  - Mr. G.L.B. Persaud, Senior Crown Counsel, with effect from the 30th January, 1961.
  - Mr. Akbar Khan, Magistrate, with effect from the 8th April, 1961.
  - Mr. B.O. Adams, Q.C. with effect from the 27th April, 1961.
6. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Date were on vacation leave during 1961:
7. During the Chief Justice's absence on leave, Mr. Justice Date acted as Chief Justice.

STAFF

SUPREME COURT REGISTRY

8. Mr. R.S. Persaud, Registrar of Deeds and of the Supreme Court was confirmed in the appointment as Commissioner of Title with effect from the 4th January, 1960.
9. Mr. Aditya T. Singh, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court who was acting as Registrar of Deeds and of the Supreme Court was on vacation leave from the 12th March, 1961 to the 19th August, 1961.
10. Mr. Arthur Chung, Senior Magistrate was appointed to act as Registrar of Deeds and of the Supreme Court with effect from the 12th March, 1961 and he was subsequently confirmed in the appointment.
11. Mr. Hassan Bacchus, M.B.E. Principal Officer, acted as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court for the period 2nd August, 1961 to 20th August, 1961.
12. It is recorded with regret that Mr. J.E.N. Earl, Judicial Officer who acted as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court from the 3rd January, 1961 to the 27th February, 1961

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and as Principal Officer from the 28th February, 1961 died on the 8th June, 1961.

13. Mr. K.W. Barnwell, Clerk to the Chief Justice acted successively as Judicial Officer, Conveyancing Officer and Notarial Officer during the period 1st January 1961 to the 2nd October 1961 when he went on vacation leave.

14. Mr. J.W. Romao, Assistant Conveyancing Officer acted as Judicial Officer from the 18th April, 1961 to the end of the year.

15. The following officers were on vacation leave during the year:

Mr. K.W. Barnwell, Clerk to the Chief Justice  
Mr. G.G.A. Craigan, Class II Clerk  
Mr. J.C.J. Sagar, Class II Clerk  
Mr. D.H. Singh, Class II Clerk  
Mr. D.A. Purch-Smith, Class II Clerk  
Miss T.C. Rodney, Clerical Assistant.

16. The following officers resigned during the year:

Mr. J.C.J. Sagar, Class II Clerk  
Miss L.G. Heath, Senior Clerical Assistant.

#### DEEDS REGISTRY

17. Mr. L.P. Kerry, M.B.E. Conveyancing Officer retired from the Service with effect from the 1st April, 1961.

18. The following appointments were made:

Mr. M.R. Chase, Sub-Registry Officer as Conveyancing Officer with effect from 1st April, 1961.

Mr. J.C.F. King, Assistant Sub-Registry Officer as Sub-Registry Officer with effect from the 1st April, 1961.

Mr. N.A. Bhulai, Class I Clerk, as Asst. Sub-Registry Officer with effect from 1st April, 1961.

19. The following officers were on vacation leave during the year:

Mr. M.R. Chase, Conveyancing Officer  
Mr. R. Sharma, Class II Clerk

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Mr. N. Chatter Singh, Class II Clerk

Miss S.A. Jansen, Clerical Assistant.

20. The following Officers resigned from the Service:

Mr. G.D. Meerabux, Class II Clerk

Mr. R. Sharma, Class II Clerk

Mr. H.V. Harte, Class II Clerk

Mr. I.L. Wilkinson, Class II Clerk.

## PART II

### DEEDS REGISTRY - CONVEYANCING

21. The figures for 1961 indicate that there was a falling off in conveyancing business in every Department during the year. A comparative statement of the figures for 1960 and 1961 is as follows:-

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Transports passed	4,307	3,316
Mortgages passed	1,927	1,582
Cancelments passed	1,237	1,190
Leases passed	197	132

The value of properties transported however increased by approximately \$5: million over that for 1960. The total amount secured by mortgages passed in 1961 decreased by \$2½: million while the total value of cancelments decreased by \$3: million from the 1960 figures.

22. A return showing the business transacted in the conveyancing Section of the Deeds Registry appears at Appendix "A".

### COMPANIES

23. The Companies Ordinance Chapter 328 of the Laws of British Guiana was amended by the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, No. 11 of 1961. This amendment has brought companies' legislation more nearly into line with that in the United Kingdom. The inadequacy of trained staff to which reference has been made in previous Reports continues to militate against

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the full and proper administration of the Ordinance. The need for United Kingdom training of Officers in this specialised branch of the law cannot be stressed too much.

24. Many companies commit breaches of the law but through lack of staff appropriate action cannot be taken against them.

25. The Companies registered in 1961 are listed at Appendix "B".

LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES

26. There were 16 life assurance companies on the register on 1st January, 1961.

Number on register on 1st January, 1961	16
Number registered in 1961	1
Number taken off register in 1961	-
Number on register at 31st December, 1961	17

27. On the 1st January, 1961, there were 44 Trade unions on the register. During the year 4 trade unions were registered.

28. There has been no apparent improvement in the manner in which the books of accounts of the unions are kept. The Director of Audit has made some very adverse comments in this respect. It is desirable that stricter control of funds should be exercised and that there should be better accounting but as I commented in my last Report the fault is very largely due to the fact that the persons charged with the handling of the funds of unions usually have little or no knowledge of book-keeping. A separate report in pursuance of sections 36 of the Trades Unions Ordinance will be forwarded to the Honourable the Attorney General.

29. Particulars relating to trade union business in 1961 appear in Appendix "C".

TRADE MARKS

30. Arrangements have been made for one of our Senior Officers to take a course in trade marks practice at the Patents Office in England early next year. This will fill



a great need for officers of sufficient technical training in this branch of the law to deal adequately with the many problems that arise in modern trade marks practice. It is to be hoped that these courses of training will be made available to other officers from time to time as long as the need exists.

31. Appendix "D" gives the particulars of trade marks business done in 1961.

#### PATENTS AND DESIGNS

32. The miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Ordinance No. 29 of 1961 by giving the Registrar the power to appoint suitable persons to examine patent specifications, has removed what has hitherto been an obstacle to the quick despatch of patent business. The fee for examination however still remains fixed at \$25; a sum which is not likely to induce suitable persons to accept appointment as examiners.

33. Details of the business transacted in respect of Patents and Designs in 1961 are given at Appendix "E".

#### BUSINESS NAMES

34. Notices were sent out in terms of section 12 (1) of the Business Names (Registration) Ordinance 332, requiring persons to furnish particulars of the business carried on. Unfortunately the Registrar is often not in a position to prosecute defaulters, as the evidence necessary to secure a conviction is seldom made available to him.

35. Appendix "F" given particulars of business names registered for the year 1961.

#### INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES

36. Under the provisions of the Industrial and Provident Societies Ordinance, the Registrar continues to keep a register of these societies.

37. Appendix "G" gives the particulars of the societies on the register.



38. A return showing the number of the various deeds registered or deposited in the Deeds Registry in 1961 appears at Appendix "H".

SUPREME COURT

39. The continuous annual increase of business in the Supreme Court so often commented upon in the annual report has to be recorded once again. There was an increase of 220 causes over the number filed during 1960, and when compared with 1956, the figures for 1961 show an increase of over eight hundred matters. A comparative statement showing the figures for the last 6 years is as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
1956	1968
1957	2352
1958	2426
1959	2498
1960	2567
1961	2787

40. To reduce further the arrears of matters for hearing, the Courts continued to sit long hours and it is gratifying to report that the time should not be far distant when the arrears will be down to a minimum.

41. A return of suits, appeals and other causes filed in the Supreme Court Registry in 1961 appears at Appendix "J" to this report.

42. A return of criminal causes instituted during the year appears at Appendix "K".

43. A statement of miscellaneous judicial matters is at Appendix "L".

44. A statement showing the matters dealt with by the Marshals of the Court appears at Appendix "M".

45. Representations were made to Government for the appointment of two more Marshals to meet the great increase.

in work in that section of the office. Owing to the inability of the present marshals' staff to cope with the large number of summonations for the recovery of rates and taxes for the municipalities of Georgetown and New Amsterdam, complaints have been received from those bodies of arrears of revenue which they are unable to collect.

#### JURORS

46. Since my last report there has been no change in the situation to which I then adverted in regard to the remuneration of witnesses and jurors.

47. The law relating to jury service was amended by Ordinance No. 22 of 1961 to provide for the service of women on juries and to come into effect on the 1st January, 1962. Appropriate rest room and toilet facilities were furnished.

#### APPLICATIONS BY POOR PERSONS

48. In 1961 there were 59 applications by poor persons to take proceedings in the Supreme Court, 2 less than in 1960. The great majority of them were for divorce. 8 were granted, 27 refused and 24 were pending at the end of the year.

49. I commented in my last Report on the difficulty usually experienced in obtaining the services of solicitors willing to assist in these matters, and on the long delays which occur in the prosecution of poor person matters. The situation remains the same and will remain so until some other system of legal aid is introduced. I had suggested that we should adopt in this country the same machinery for legal aid that is provided in Britain.

#### LEGAL PRACTITIONERS COMMITTEE

50. In 1961 110 complaints were filed against legal practitioners as against 108 in 1960. The committee held 46 meetings during the year and dealt with 102 applications. This is a considerable improvement on the rate at which these matters were disposed of in 1960. The urgency with which

these complaints are dealt with is important to the legal practitioners and complainant alike.

F E D E R A L S U P R E M E C O U R T

51. There were four sessions of the Federal Supreme Court of the West Indies held in this Colony during the year 1961. The Court sat in the exercise of its civil and criminal jurisdictions on each of those visits, in February, May, August and November.

C I V I L J U R I S D I C T I O N

52. 24 appeals were brought forward from 1960, and 72 were filed during 1961.

53. The Court dealt with 43 (forty-three) appeals during the year 1961, and disposed of them in the manner set out hereunder:

Number of appeals dismissed after hearing	16
Number of appeals allowed	7
Number of appeals in which decisions reserved	5
Number of appeals dismissed for failure to file appeal records	9
Number of Notices of Motion for extension of time in which to appeal was refused	5
Number of appeals dismissed for non-appearance under Order II, Rule 23.	1
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Number of applications for extension of time in which to appeal refused by a Judge in Chambers	3
Number of appeals dismissed for failure to comply with Orders of Court for security for costs under Order II Rule 20(3)	1
Number of appeals withdrawn	12
Number of appeals pending on 31.12.61.	37

54. The following matters were dealt with during the year by a Judge in Chambers:

Application for extension of time to file appeal records	23
Applications for stay of execution	3



Applications for security for costs	3
Applications for leave to appeal in <u>forma pauperis</u>	6

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

55. There were 26 appeals brought forward from 1960, and 70 were filed during 1961.

56. The Court dealt with all the appeals during the year under review, and disposed of them in the manner set forth below:

Appeals allowed	16
Appeals dismissed	42
Appeals abandoned	4
Number of applications in which leave to appeal was refused	33
Number of applications for extension of time to appeal	1
Number of appeals pending at 31.12.61	-

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

57. The total revenue collected by this department for 1961 was \$717,051.92, an increase of \$192,508.44 over that collected for the previous year. The main contributory factor to this increase was the duty and fees collected on transports because of the higher value of property transported.

58. The increase in business in the Supreme Court Registry has been reflected in the increase of fees collected under the heads "Judicial" and "Marshals".

59. A comparative statement of revenue and expenditure for the years 1960 and 1961 appears at Appendix "N".

GENERAL

60. I referred in my last Report to plans which had been approved for the construction of a new eastern wing to the Victoria Law Courts building to provide accommodation for the Commissioner of Title and new quarters for the Depart

ment of Lands and Mines. It is not known that any progress has been made in this matter. Until this or some other alternative scheme is implemented the congestion which exists both in this Office and that of the Department of Lands and Mines will continue.

61. Some consideration has since been given to the possibility of renting certain premises adjacent to the Law Courts compound which were then vacant, to which the office of the Department of Lands and Mines could have been removed but that proposal was not approved by Government.


62. As has been said before the separation of the Deeds and Supreme Court Registries, the need for which has already been recognised by Government, cannot take place until adequate accommodation is secured.

63. I adverted in my last Report to the need for creating inducements for officers in this Department to make their careers here. The resignations which have since occurred make this need more urgent than ever. The resignation of trained personnel in a Department such as this must seriously affect its efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Registrar of Deeds and of  
the Supreme Court.

APPENDIX A

CONVEYANCING

	<u>Demerara and Essequibo</u>	<u>Berbice</u>
<u>1. Transports</u>		
Total number advertised .....	2,156	1,077
Total number passed .....	2,164	1,152
Total value of property transported .....	\$20,753,758	\$1,495,472
Highest value of single transport .....	\$ 7,026,175	\$ 50,000
Applications for copies of lost transports .....	120	47
<u>2. Mortgages</u>		
Total number advertised .....	1,352	301
Total number passed .....	1,336	246
Total amount on mortgages .....	\$ 8,530,190	\$1,149,847
Highest single mortgage .....	\$ 206,400	\$ 100,000
Applications for copies of lost mortgage bonds .....	4	2
<u>3. Cancelments</u>		
Total passed .....	1,047	143
Total amount .....	\$ 1,444,656	\$ 591,675
<u>4. Leases and transfers of Leases</u>		
Total number advertised ...	207	9
Total number passed .....	129	3
<u>5. Oppositions</u>		
Total number entered .....	182	61



APPEN DIX B

C O M P A N I E S

INCORPORATED IN BRITISH GUIANA

On the 1st day of January 1961, there were 336 Companies on the register. Thirty two new companies were incorporated in 1961 and none was struck off the register.

At the 31st December, 1961, there were 368 companies on the register.

The new companies registered are as follows:-

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No. on Register	Name of Company	Share Capital
704	Edward B. Beharry and Company Limited.	\$200,000
705	The Guiana Printing Limited	100,000
706	Robert Narain & Sons Limited	50,000
707	Friendship Marine Limited	80,000
708	B.G. Agfa Color Lab. Limited	10,000
709	Camacho's (1960) Limited	50,000
710	Lyson's Foundation Garments Limited	100,000
711	Barcellos Investments Limited	50,000
712	National Broadcasting Systems Limited	250,000
713	Muslim Education Trust College of British Guiana	(Limited by Guarantee)
714	The Building and Civil Engineering Employees Association Limited	(Limited by Guarantee)
715	Percy Wight Limited	50,000
716	Modern Industries Limited	250,000
717	Radio Guiana Limited	100,000
718	Correia's Enterprises Limited	200,000
719	R.M. Wight Limited	400,000
720	Toucan Head wear Limited	60,000

No. on Register	Name of Company	Share Capital
721	General Blasting Company Limited	\$ 10,000
722	Kiskadee Enterprises Limited	100,000
723	Hari Prashad & Sons Limited	300,000
724	B. Bhaichandeen Limited	250,000
725	Ganga Persaud Limited	100,000
726	The Theatre Guild of British Guiana Limited	(Limited by Guarantee)
727	Kishna & Sons Limited	100,000
728	Guiana Health Insurance Limited	24,000
729	Guiana Trading Associates Limited	2,000
730	Guiana Industries Limited	100,000
731	Ahmadiyya Trust of British Guiana	(Limited by shares)
732	Egbert Li & Son Limited	40,000
733	Waterloo Hotel Limited	30,000
734	Essequibo Islands Education Trust	(Limited by Guarantee)
735	Red Circle Farms Limited	\$ 10,000
Number of Companies on register 1st January, 1961		..... 336
Number of Companies struck off in 1961 under Section 216		..... --
Number of Companies dissolved by Court 1961 under Section 187.		..... -
Number of Companies registered in 1961		32
Number of Companies on register 31st December, 1961		..... 368

INCORPORATED OUTSIDE BRITISH GUIANA

On the 1st January 1961 there were 130 companies on the register Three companies were registered in 1961. At the 31st December 1961 there were 133 companies on the register.

The companies registered in 1961 are as follows:

No. on Register	Name of Company	Country in which Incorporated	Share Capital
212	General Board of the Bible Missionary Church	United States of America	-
213	Taylor Woodrow (over-seas) Limited	England	£10,000:-
214	Metalock (Trinidad) Limited	Trinidad	\$500:-

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APPENDIX C

TRADE UNIONS

The following union was registered in 1961.

No. on register	Name of Trade Union
117	United Guiana Miners Association
118	Guiana Sugar Workers' Union
119	British Guiana General Domestic Union.
120	British Guiana Rural Local Authorities Officer's Association.

TRADE UNIONS

Number on Register 1st January 1961 .....	44
Number registered in 1961 .....	4
Number on register at 31st December, 1961 .....	48

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APPENDIX D

TRADE MARKS.

Part A of the Register.

Number on register 1st January, 1961	- 3,300
Number struck off register in 1961	- 44
Number of applications filed during 1961	- 262
Number on register 31st December, 1961	- 3,518



Part B of the Register

Number on Register 1st January, 1961	-	8
Number of applications filed in 1961	-	1
Number struck off register in 1961	-	-
Number on register 31st December, 1961	-	9

Part C of the Register

Number on register 1st January, 1961	-	704
Number of applications filed during 1961	-	28
Number struck off register in 1961	-	-
Number on register 31st December, 1961.	-	732

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APPENDIX E

PATENTS

Number on register 1st January, 1961	-	162
Number registered in 1961	-	25
Number on register 31st December, 1961	-	187

DESIGNS

Number on register 1st January, 1961	-	19
Number registered in 1961	-	2
Number on register 31st December, 1961	-	21

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APPENDIX F

BUSINESS NAMES

	<u>Demerara and Essequibo</u>	<u>Barbice</u>
Number on Register 31st December, 1960	398	32
Number registered in 1961	110	16
Number lapsed for non-payment of renewal fees in 1961	78	5
Number on register 31st December, 1961	307	37

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APPENDIX G

No notice of dissolution was filed by any Trade Union during the year 1961.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES

Number on register 1st January, 1961 .....	7
Number registered in 1961 .....	1
Number on register at 31st December, 1961 .....	4
Number struck off during the year .....	4

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APPENDIX H

MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS

. ATTESTATION AND REGISTRATION OF DEEDS in 1961

	Attested	Attested or re- cistered in the Deeds Registry	Attested out- side and reg- istered in the Deeds Registry	Deposited	Recorded	Filed	TOTAL
Articles of Clerkship	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Bonds	-	88	2	-	-	-	90
Contracts & Leases	-	206	36	54	-	-	296
Deeds of Trust	-	10	4	1	-	-	15
Deeds of Gift	-	6	2	-	-	-	8
Deeds Poll	-	878	-	-	-	-	878
Deeds of Separation	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Discharges	-	1	3	-	-	-	4
Friendly Societies Rules	-	-	-	7	-	-	7
Noting Ships' Protest	-	8	2	-	-	-	10
Plans	-	-	-	256	-	-	256
Powers of Attorney	-	203	164	-	104	-	471
Revocations & Renunciations	-	13	2	-	6	-	21
Substitutions & Assumptions	-	2	4	-	2	-	8
Transfers	-	106	17	-	-	-	123
Surrenders of Leases	-	29	-	-	-	-	29
Miscellaneous	-	56	36	7	1	-	100
Bills of Sale and Charges (includ- ing Renewals and Transfers of Bills Sale).	-	109	-	-	-	-	109



RETURN OF SUITS AND CIVIL CAUSES

INSTITUTED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

CIVIL JURISDICTION

<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>Demerara &amp; Essequibo</u>	<u>Berbice</u>
Assault and battery . . . .	135	12
Money due . . . .	454	7
Detinue . . . .	3	-
Breach of Contract . . . .	26	6
Libel and slander . . . .	48	32
Possession and Mesne Profits . . . .	21	-
Declaration of ownership . . . .	2	-
Trespass to land . . . .	38	40
Specific Performance . . . .	44	15
Foreclosure of Mortgage . . . .	192	15
Opposition to transport and mortgages etc. . . .	38	16
Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes . . . .	217	41
Declaration of partnership . . . .	-	-
Goods sold . . . .	208	24
House Rent . . . .	12	7
<u>OTHER MATTERS</u>		
Income Tax . . . .	20	-
Probate . . . .	4	6
Malicious Prosecution . . . .	5	1
Miscellaneous Actions . . . .	122	79
Matrimonial Causes . . . .	283	-
Vice Admiralty . . . .	1	-
Administration of Estates . . . .	21	13
Other Summonses . . . .	167	12
Applications:		
(i) Under the Companies Ord. Ch. 328 . . . .	3	-
(ii) Under the Adoption of Children Ord. 1955 . . . .	31	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2095</u>	<u>326</u>

APPENDIX J (cont'd)

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Appeals from Magistrates	. . . . .	297
Rent Assessment Appeals	. . . . .	23
Partition Appeals	. . . . .	13
Income Tax Appeals	. . . . .	10
Appeals from Judges, Supreme Court	. . . . .	3
Criminal Appeals		
Rice Assessment Appeals	. . . . .	<u>20</u>
	TOTAL	<u>366</u>

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APPENDIX K

PERSONS DEALT WITH BY THE SUPREME COURT in 1961

OFFENCES	Total arrested or summoned to Court	Acquitted	Found insane before trial	Nolle Prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.61	CONVICTED
<u>AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY</u>						
Against Public Order	8	3	-	1	1	3
Perjury	2	1	-	-	-	1
Escape and Rescue	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY</u>						
Rape and Indecent Assault	15	2	-	2	-	11
Unnatural offences	2	-	-	-	2	-
Other	6	1	-	-	1	4
<u>AGAINST THE PERSON</u>						
Murder and Manslaughter	35	11	1	1	5	17
Attempted Murder and suicide	5	2	-	-	1	2
Grievous harm, wounding etc.	41	8	-	3	9	21
Assaults	13	5	-	3	-	5
Other	34	4	-	5	16	9
<u>AGAINST PROPERTY</u>						
Thefts and other stealings	25	8	-	-	3	14
Robbery and extortion	3	1	-	2	-	-
Burglary, house and store breaking	43	13	-	6	2	22
False Pretences, cheating Fraud etc.	18	4	-	2	7	5
Receiving stolen property	5	-	-	-	-	5
Arson	3	3	-	-	-	-
Prædial Larceny	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	13	2	-	1	1	9
<u>AGAINST PENAL CODE</u>						
Forgery and Coinage	19	2	-	5	-	12
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>AGAINST LOCAL LAWS</u>						
Against Traffic Ordinance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Against Township Ord.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Against Liquor Ord.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	290	70	1	31	48	140



MISCELLANEOUS JUDICIAL MATTERS

INSOLVENCY

I.	Petitions for Receiving Orders:-		
	(a) By Creditors	. . .	8
	(b) By Debtors	. . .	7
	Insolvency notices filed	. . .	21
	Petitions dismissed or withdrawn	. . .	3
	<u>Receiving Orders made:-</u>		
	(a) Petitions filed in 1960	. . .	1
	(b) Petitions filed in 1961	. . .	13
	Receiving orders rescinded		
	<u>Public examinations held:-</u>		
	(a) Petitions filed in 1959	. . .	--
	(b) Petitions filed in 1960	. . .	3
	(c) Petitions filed in 1961	. . .	6
	<u>Orders of Adjudication</u>		
	(a) Petitions filed in 1959	. . .	1
	(b) Petitions filed in 1960	. . .	2
	(c) Petitions filed in 1961	. . .	5
	Applications for discharge		
	(a) Applied for	. . .	--
	(b) Granted	. . .	--
	(c) Refused	. . .	--
	Applications by assignees for release		
II.	Petitions or applications to administer estates in insolvency	. . .	3
III.	<u>Administration Orders</u>		
	Made	. . .	3
	Refused or application withdrawn	. . .	--
	Rescinded	. . .	--
IV.	Judgment summonses issued -		
	(a) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	82
	(b) Berbice	. . .	11

COMPANIES WINDING UP

	Petitions for Order made	. . .	
	Application by liquidators for release	. . .	

PARATE EXECUTION

	Fiats granted for recovery of:-		
	(a) Town Taxes	. . .	668
	(b) Village Rates	. . .	649
	(c) Rates and Taxes other than the foregoing granted	. . .	--
	Applications for substituted service granted		604

PETITIONS (other than those filed in Matrimonial Causes)

	Number filed -		
	(a) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	78
	(b) Berbice	. . .	27
	made up as follows:-		
	(i) For leave to levy on immovable property in pursuance of a judgment of Magistrate's Court	. . .	36
	(ii) For admission by Barristers to practice	. . .	14

APPENDIX L (CONT'D)

(iii) For admission by solicitors to practise	. . .	-
(iv) For leave to marry	. . .	15
(v) For declaration of title	. . .	28
(vi) Others	. . .	12

PROBATE

Application for probate of wills		
(a) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	221
(b) Berbice	. . .	104
Application for Letters of Administration		
(a) To the Court -	. . .	
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	257
(ii) Berbice	. . .	85
(b) To the Registrar		
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	26
(ii) Berbice	. . .	13

DECEASED PERSONS' ESTATES ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 46

Accounts filed by executors and administrators (section 46):-

(a) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	34
(b) Berbice	. . .	2

Applications to Registrar

(a) For leave to sell (section 42)	. . .	
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	16
(ii) Berbice	. . .	Nil
(b) For leave to sub-divide sec. 42(2)		
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	Nil
(ii) Berbice	. . .	4
(c) For assessment of remuneration of executors and administrators (sec. 48)		
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	5
(ii) Berbice		

COMPLAINTS AGAINST LEGAL PRACTITIONERS 110

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MISCELLANEOUS JUDICIAL MATTERS

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(a) Safe custody with Registrar (sec. 5)		
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	214
(ii) Berbice	. . .	32
(b) Lodged (sec. 6)		
(i) Demerara and Essequibo	. . .	23
(ii) Berbice	. . .	Nil

APPENDIX L (Cont'd)

CAVEATS ENTERED

(i)	Demerara and Essequibo	15
(ii)	Berbice	14

WRITS OF EXECUTION

Issued against movable and immovable property -

(i)	Demerara and Essequibo	272
(ii)	Berbice	52

PUBLIC TRUSTEE undertaking to administer estates of Deceased Persons	33
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DIVORCE Citations issued	306
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APPENDIX M

MARSHALS' BRANCH

Number of Writs of Summonses:

Served by:		
Marshals	. . . . .	1,538
Bailiffs	. . . . .	725
Other than Marshal or Bailiff, person authorised by Registrar under Sec. 54 of the Supreme Court Ord. Ch. 7	. . . . .	47

Number of Witness Subpoenas served in Civil Matters

Served by:		
Marshals	. . . . .	814
Bailiffs	. . . . .	250
Other than Marshal or Bailiff, person authorised by Registrar under Sec. 54 of the Supreme Court Ord. Ch. 7	. . . . .	25

Number of Summations

Served by:		
Marshals	. . . . .	1,823
Bailiffs	. . . . .	70
Other than Marshal or Bailiff, person authorised by Registrar under Sec. 54 of the Supreme Court Ord. Ch. 7	. . . . .	Nil

<u>Withdrawn</u>	. . . . .	978
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Number of Judgment Summonses

Served by:		
Marshals	. . . . .	55
Bailiffs	. . . . .	24

Number of Divorce Citations

Served by:		
Marshals	. . . . .	18
Bailiffs	. . . . .	13

<u>Miscellaneous</u>	. . . . .	257
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Number of Levies

Made by:

Marshals	. . .	1489
Bailiffs	. . .	29

Other than Marshals or Bailiffs, persons authorised by Registrar, under Sec. 54 of the Supreme Court Ord. Ch. 7

. . . Nil

Withdrawn

. . . 217

Number of Attendances in Court

Civil Jurisdiction	. . .	1111
Criminal Jurisdiction	. . .	488
Appeal Courts	. . .	260
Transport Court	. . .	115

Number of absent days from Court on duty:

1104 part days and 296 whole days

Number of Execution Sales	. . .	443
Opposition to Execution Sales	. . .	9
Amount received under Execution Sales	. . .	\$39,167.30
Unclaimed balance paid into Treasury	.....	1,867.85
Witness Money lodged	. . .	5,497.36
Balance in Bank unpaid	. . .	7,761.40

APPENDIX N

REVENUE

Comparative statement of revenue  
collected for 1960 and 1961 under  
various heads.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Estate Duty	\$ 16,126.18	\$ 16,862.73
Duty on Transports, etc.	219,851.00	374,864.56
<u>Fees-</u>		
Notarial	25,986.92	24,264.88
Judicial	87,476.88	101,155.83
Conveyancing	132,812.73	142,059.14
Marshal	41,304.69	56,502.34
Affidavits	985.08	704.44
Land Registration	----	638.00
 TOTAL FEES	 \$288,566.30	 \$ 325,324.63

EXPENDITURE

Comparative statement of expenditure  
for 1960 and 1961.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Personal Emoluments	\$ 277,182.40	\$ 295,481.64
Other Charges	124,531.72	96,520.89
	<u>\$ 401,714.12</u>	<u>\$ 392,002.53</u>