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BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

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To:—

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE

I have the honour to present to you the annual report on the police establishment, the state of crime and public order in the jurisdiction of the Force, and other relevant matters, for the year ended December 31, 1978.

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The authorised police establishment at the end of the year was 2,293. The actual strength was 1,907 compared with:—

<u>Year</u>	
1977	1,871
1976	1,939
1975	2,042
1974	2,004
1973	1,962

2. The establishment and strength in the three component parts of the Force at the end of the year was:—

	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
British Railways	1,824	1,487	337
British Transport Docks	317	279	38
London Transport	152	141	11

3. CRIME

Crimes were committed against the various undertakings as shown below. For comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1977 are given in brackets.

	<u>1978</u>	
British Railways	53,800	(51,208)
Rail Catering	3,059	(2,048)
Shipping & International Services	899	(1,004)
BT Hotels Ltd.	415	(285)
BR Engineering Ltd.	910	(245)
Freightliners Ltd.	453	(614)
British Transport Docks Board	5,756	(5,125)
London Transport Executive	12,342	(11,692)
National Freight Corporation	156	(41)
British Waterways Board	1	(-)
	<u>77,791</u>	<u>(72,262)</u>

4. The number of reported indictable offences dealt with by the Force – 77,791 – increased by 5,529 (7.6%) compared with 1977.

A disturbing feature of the crime figures is the increase from 2,848 to 3,426 in offences of endangering the safety of passengers and the placing of obstructions on the track. There have been several serious incidents and it is perhaps fortunate that some of these have not resulted in very serious loss of life. Every effort continues to be made to combat this form of crime by means of mobile patrols and observation at likely trouble spots, and every assistance is given by other police forces, whose attention has been drawn to the problem.

Theft of passengers' property continues to be a cause for concern. Some of the losses of luggage could be avoided if the owners exercised greater care in looking after it.

A special problem arises on London's underground with the increased operation of pickpockets, who select tourists as their chief target. It is now common practice of these pickpockets to operate in gangs of up to six, and they do not hesitate to use violence to avoid arrest. A great effort has been made in close collaboration with the Metropolitan Police to combat this form of crime and, limited success has been achieved. Convictions are, however, very difficult to secure since the offenders quickly rid themselves of all identifiable property.

5. INSPECTION OF SCOTTISH AND LONDON TRANSPORT AREAS

In accordance with the Committee's policy, Mr. J. T. Manuel, C.B.E., Q.P.M., this year inspected the London Transport Area and Scottish Area of the Force, when he visited the major rail centres. Useful discussions were held with London Transport and rail management, and senior officers of other Scottish police forces.

6. PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN SENIOR RANKS

Retirements

C. H. Steed	Chief Superintendent, Northern Area HQ, Manchester.
F. Radcliffe	Superintendent/Commandant, British Transport Police Training School.
L. R. Cockerton	Superintendent, South Wales Division.

Promotions and Appointments

J. Constantine	<i>To Assistant Chief Constable</i> Chief Superintendent, North West Division, to Area Commander, Scottish Area.
P. R. Featherby	<i>To Chief Superintendent</i> Superintendent, North West Division, to Chief Superintendent, North West Division.
D. Harrow	<i>To Superintendent</i> Chief Inspector, North West Division, to Superintendent/Commandant, British Transport Police Training School.
C. R. Ayres	Detective Chief Inspector, Midlands Division to Superintendent, South Wales Division.
H. Hayes	Chief Inspector, Southern Division to Superintendent, North West Division.

7. I should like to express my appreciation to the Committee and the Force for their continued help and support during the year.

E. Haslam,
Chief Constable.

CHAPTER I

ADMINISTRATION

8. The authorised establishment at the end of the year, was 2,293 deployed as follows:—

British Railways Board

Force Headquarters	59	
Northern Area	495	
Scottish Area	218	
South East Area	696	
Western Area	356	
	—	1,824

British Transport Docks Board

King's Lynn	1	
Lowestoft	7	
Wyre Dock	7	
Garston	4	
Hull	78	
Goole	5	
Grimsby	33	
Immingham	17	
Southampton	96	
Plymouth	6	
South Wales Ports	63	
	—	317

<i>London Transport Executive</i>	152	152
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TOTAL POLICE 2,293

The police strength at the end of the year was 1,907 giving a deficiency of 386 officers compared with the deficiency of 418 at the end of 1977.

Details of the police establishment and strength on the undertakings of the British Railways Board, the British Transport Docks Board and the London Transport Executive are given in Appendix 'A'.

Clerical Staff

The strength of civilian clerical staff employed throughout the Force at December 31, 1978 was:—

Management Staff	8
Clerical Officers	153

This represents an increase of 1 Management Staff and 5 Clerical Officers compared with the number of these staff at the end of the previous year.

In addition there is a total of 17 Clerical Officers employed in the police offices in the London Transport Area.

9. PROMOTIONS 1978

To	—	Assistant Chief Constable	1
		Chief Superintendent	1
		Superintendent	3
		Chief Inspector	6
		Inspector	21
		Sergeant	53

10. RECRUITMENT

Advertising campaigns were maintained during the year in an endeavour to attract recruits. Advertisements in trains of the London Transport Executive produced a particularly good response.

A total of 5,293 enquiries were received during the year, compared with 4,938 in 1977, and were dealt with as follows:—

Applications not pursued	3,220
Failed entrance examination	191
Failed medical examination	49
Refused — other reasons	1,450
Accepted as probationers — Male	211
Accepted as probationers — Female	38
Applications pending at end of year	134
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TOTAL	5,293
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The total number of new entrants (250) represents an increase of 48 over 1977, when 202 joined. 36 officers were recruited from other Forces during the year and 19 transferred to other Forces. A comparison with previous years is shown.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Officers from other Forces</i>	<i>Officers to other Forces</i>
1977	41	15
1976	19	12
1975	49	5
1974	33	3
1973	9	13

11. WASTAGE

		1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	
<i>Resignations:</i>	Superintendents	-	-	1	-	-	
	Inspectors	1	2	-	-	-	
	Sergeants	9	6	-	2	1	
	Constables M.	94	81	77	53	58	
	Constables F.	18	15	10	8	7	
	Cadets	-	1	1	3	1	
<i>Dismissals:</i>							
	<i>Discipline</i>	Inspectors	-	1	-	1	-
		Sergeants	-	-	1	-	-
Constables		1	-	2	-	1	
Unlikely to become efficient	Constables	-	6	5	3	5	
	Cadets	-	-	2	-	-	
<i>Retirements:</i>	Age limit	83	137	142	72	96	
	(all ranks) Ill health	5	17	9	5	5	
<i>Deaths:</i>	All ranks	1	5	3	6	9	
<i>Transferred to other Grades/Departments</i>		2	-	1	2	-	
TOTALS		214	271	254	155	183	

12. SICKNESS

The number of days lost through sickness were:-

Inspectors	1,155
Sergeants	3,343
Constables	19,287
TOTAL	23,785

This is 271 days less than in 1977.

13. HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service was awarded to Deputy Chief Constable, Mr R. E. Kerr.

Assistant Chief Constable Palmer, London Transport Area, was admitted as a serving Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Sergeant Yarrow, Middlesbrough, was made an Officer Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

A Royal Humane Society 'Testimonial on Vellum' to Constable J. A. Reace, Lambeth North, for the rescue of a woman from beneath a train at Paddington (Bakerloo Line) Station.

Royal Humane Society 'Testimonials on Vellum' to Constable A. L. Thomson, Sunderland, Constable D. Leybourn, Newcastle, and Constable D. Taylor, Newcastle, for the rescue of a man who was attempting to commit suicide at Newcastle Central Station.

A Royal Humane Society 'Testimonial on Vellum' to W/Constable T. A. Dunkley, LT Area, for the rescue of a man who had fallen beneath a train at Baker Street Station.

Royal Humane Society 'Testimonials on Vellum' to Inspector P. Howard, Waterloo, and Constable C. C. Webb, LT Area, for assisting in the rescue of a man from beneath a train at Waterloo (London Transport) Station.

A Royal Humane Society 'Testimonial on Parchment' to Sergeant L. J. O'Rourke, Paddington, for the rescue of a man who had fallen beneath a train at Paddington (Bakerloo Line) Station.

Royal Humane Society 'Testimonial on Parchment' to Sergeant M. Hyslop, Constable J. J. Jordison and Constable C. J. Bryan, all of Birmingham, for the rescue of a youth who attempted to commit suicide at New Street Station.

Royal Humane Society 'Testimonial on Parchment' to Constable L. C. Hare, Lowestoft, for the rescue of a woman who was attempting to commit suicide from the Harbour Bridge at Lowestoft.

Royal Humane Society 'Testimonials on Parchment' to Constable C. H. Bassom, Park Royal and W/Constable T. A. Dunkley, LT Area, for the rescue of a man from beneath a train at West Kensington Station.

A Certificate of the Society for Protection of Life From Fire to Detective Constable M. Ellerington, Hull Rail, for assisting in the rescue of a man from an attic flat.

48 Officers were awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal during the year.

14. COMMENDATIONS

Meritorious work by many officers was recognised by H.M. Judges, Magistrates, Coroners and the Chief Constable as follows:-

By H.M. Judges, Magistrates and Coroners	24 cases involving 36 officers
By Chief Constable	11 cases involving 22 officers

In addition 231 letters of appreciation in acknowledgment of good police work or relating to services rendered by officers, were received from Chief Constables of other Forces and members of the public.

15. DISCIPLINE

19 officers were dealt with under the Force Disciplinary Regulations as under:-

Dismissed from the Force	1
Reduced in rank	4
Fined	12
Reprimanded	2

9 cases were brought as a result of complaints by members of the public, and the remaining 10 as a result of supervisory action. 6 officers resigned as an alternative to discipline.

16. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

During the year 190 complaints were received against members of the Force. 62 were later withdrawn or not proceeded with and 58 are still under enquiry. The remainder were fully investigated and action taken where necessary.

17. EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION

The Police Duties Examinations were held in February, 1978. 17 candidates passed the examination for Inspector and 55 the examination for Sergeant.

The number of officers now eligible for promotion to higher rank following acceptance by the Promotion Board is:-

To	-	Inspector	36
		Sergeant	36

18. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Police College, Bramshill

A Superintendent attended a Command Course (Part I). 2 Inspectors attended the Inspectors' Course.

Initial Training

The initial training of recruits was carried out during the year at the undermentioned training centres:-

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Home Department Police Training Centres	165	31
Scottish Junior Police College	25	7

Policewomen

2 officers attended specialist courses offered by other Forces during the year.

CID Training Schools

Officers attended specialised courses in criminal investigation at the training establishments of the undermentioned Forces:-

Metropolitan Police	9
West Midlands Police	9
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	5
Merseyside Police	3
Lancashire Constabulary	4
West Yorkshire Constabulary	10
Scottish Police	6

Other Courses

Officers also attended Scenes of Crime (Forensic Science), Crime Prevention, Firearms Training, Drugs, Fingerprinting, Dog Training, Driving and short refresher courses.

Tadworth Training School

During the year a total of 44 courses were held at Tadworth providing Probationer, Continuation and Specialist Training for 540 men and 41 women.

The Police Duties Examination Correspondence Course was continued and 98 officers took advantage of the facility.

19. AMBULANCE

The British Transport Police First Aid Competition, held at York on October 19, 1978, was won by the Leeds Division team. Teams from Glasgow and South Wales were placed second and third in the competition respectively. Sergeant M. Clegg, South Wales Division, was awarded the Jesper Cup for the highest individual score.

During the year members of the Force rendered first aid treatment to members of the public and staff in 2,570 cases.

20. INQUESTS

<i>Area</i>	<i>Servants</i>	<i>Public</i>
Northern	28 (15)	97 (101)
South Eastern	18 (12)	137 (149)
Western	7 (5)	104 (81)
London Transport	4 (1)	51 (47)
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	57 (33)	389 (378)

1977 figures are shown in brackets.

21. PORTS AND SHIPPING

Aliens refused entry into the country were dealt with at B.R. Ports and B.T. Docks during 1978 as follows:- (1977 figures in brackets).

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Juvenile</i>
<i>B.R.B. Ports</i>			
Dover	2410 (2268)	429 (366)	23 (32)
Folkestone	1295 (1313)	316 (263)	17 (14)
Newhaven	114 (117)	27 (17)	- (-)
Parkeston Quay	622 (620)	99 (77)	16 (17)
Fishguard	5 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Weymouth	4 (5)	- (-)	- (-)
<i>B.T. Docks</i>			
Plymouth	29 (8)	- (-)	- (-)
Barry	15 (15)	- (-)	- (-)
Swansea	32 (31)	- (-)	- (-)
Newport	4 (2)	- (-)	- (-)
Southampton	- (22)	- (-)	- (-)
Humber Ports	166 (210)	52 (-)	2 (-)

22. ACCOMMODATION

Further progress was made during the year in eliminating sub-standard accommodation, and the provision of alternative premises where improvement was not possible. New divisional and sub-divisional Headquarters were constructed for the Victoria Division at London (Victoria), and the divisional and sub-divisional Headquarters of the King's Cross Division moved into refurbished accommodation at Great Northern House.

Improved office accommodation was provided at Shrewsbury, Stoke, London Bridge, Irvine and Chester. Authorisation was given for similar work to be put in hand at Preston and Paddington.

A scheme was approved to build a new 42 study/bedroom block at the Force Training Centre, Tadworth, and it is hoped that this will be completed by the end of 1979.

CHAPTER II

CRIME

23. In 1978 77,791 crimes were reported to the Force compared with 72,262 in 1977. The additional 5,529 crimes reported represent a 7.6% increase over the previous year, 33.43% of these crimes were detected in 1978, compared with 35.74% in 1977.

The number of crimes relating to the various undertakings served by the Force were:-

<u>Undertakings</u>	<u>Crimes Reported</u>	<u>Crimes Detected</u>
British Railways	53,800	17,441
Rail Catering	3,059	894
B.T. Hotels Ltd.	415	122
B.R. Engineering Ltd.	910	647
Shipping and International Services Division	899	258
B.T. Docks Board	5,756	3,040
Freightliners Ltd.	453	64
National Freight Corporation	156	140
London Transport Executive	12,342	3,400
British Waterways Board	1	-
	<hr/> 77,791	<hr/> 26,006

The increase in crime proved to be one of a general nature with the following classifications showing an above average increase:-

Crimes of violence including assaults on staff and police increased by 10.6%.

Thefts of cash and monies of the Board by 8.4%.

Property of passengers by 21.1%.

The total of property stolen amounted to over £4 million.

Crimes concerning the safety of persons travelling on the railways increased by some 20.3%. The value of property damaged was £1.25m.

In addition to the recorded crimes, a further 2,192 incidents reported as crimes were dealt with by the British Transport Police and recorded as 'No crimes'.

Summary Offences

Summary offences reported during 1978 numbered 86,611 representing a 3.56% increase over 1977, (83,634).

24. CRIMES

The following table shows a breakdown of the general crime figure on a Divisional basis:-

	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Detected</u>	<u>Detected</u> %
NORTHERN AREA			
North West	8,994	3,925	43.64
North East	6,582	1,546	23.49
Humber Ports	3,180	1,314	41.32
SOUTH EASTERN			
Euston	5,050	1,438	28.48
Anglia	9,062	5,731	63.24
Southern	9,674	2,455	25.38
WESTERN AREA			
Southampton	2,523	813	32.22
Bristol	2,666	494	18.53
South Wales	2,720	745	27.39
Midland	6,738	1,590	23.60
SCOTTISH AREA			
	8,260	2,555	30.93
LONDON TRANSPORT			
	12,342	3,400	27.55
TOTALS	77,791	26,006	33.43

25. VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN OR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED

The reported value of property, which was subject to either theft or fraud was as follows:-

	<u>Stolen</u> £	<u>Recovered</u> £
British Railways	2,367,536	325,468
Rail Catering	96,458	6,310
B.T. Hotels Ltd.	46,541	21,708
B.R. Engineering Ltd.	61,830	6,199
Shipping & I.S. Division	127,107	21,099
B.T. Docks Board	574,726	116,784
Freightliners Ltd.	132,567	20,994
National Freight Corporation	5,662	3,883
London Transport Executive	613,198	10,116
British Waterways Board	450	-
TOTALS	4,026,075	532,561

The value of property stolen increased by £655,324 compared with 1977.

(The comparative values given here and in later paragraphs make no allowance for inflation in values of approximately 8% compared with 1977 prices).

The above table relates only to located crime. Other losses which could possibly be attributed to theft, but location of which has not been established would be additional to these figures.

The principal offences involving theft or fraud and which account for the above figure are:-

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Property Stolen</u>		<u>Property Recovered</u>	
	1978	1977	1978	1977
	£	£	£	£
Burglary	364,809	277,484	54,385	43,341
Theft of cash by staff	15,315	4,963	2,783	680
False Accounting	996	160	2	29
Obtaining property and Pecuniary advantage by deception	153,335	83,521	4,078	1,094
Robbery	147,546	172,516	11,130	1,795
Theft from the person	386,595	218,396	6,306	2,616
Theft from vehicles in street	26,819	23,430	4,181	8,595
Theft from mailbags	37,924	37,250	16,544	15,471
Theft of complete pieces of luggage	323,540	233,209	20,239	18,340
Theft of personal property other than luggage	466,432	304,107	38,550	18,546
Theft of bullion and monies	43,170	34,070	5,446	1,366
Theft of loaded vehicles	111,000	68,591	105,717	16,885
Theft of goods in transit	622,140	954,632	120,193	135,738
Theft of stores and equipment	468,797	385,824	48,616	45,711
Theft of all other property	477,415	319,878	58,976	45,413
Theft from automatic machines	4,280	4,883	283	173
Theft of motor vehicles, motor cycles and pedal cycles	375,962	247,837	22,233	39,182
Handling of stolen goods	-	-	12,899	63,915
TOTALS	4,026,075	3,370,751	532,561	458,890

The following tables gives the figures by Police Divisions:-

	<i>Property Stolen</i>	<i>Property Recovered</i>
	£	£
NORTHERN AREA		
North West	549,852	142,659
North East	362,713	62,646
Humber Ports	155,960	25,015
	1,068,525	230,320
SOUTH EASTERN AREA		
Euston	340,943	30,019
Anglia	374,237	76,718
Southern	629,088	42,488
	1,344,268	149,225
WESTERN AREA		
Bristol	100,890	10,966
South Wales	223,426	18,739
Midland	167,669	22,390
Southampton	137,039	12,724
	629,024	64,819
SCOTTISH AREA	371,060	78,081
LONDON TRANSPORT	613,198	10,116
TOTALS	4,026,075	532,561

26. PROSECUTIONS

During the year prosecutions for indictable offences totalled 12,088, of which 2,649 concerned juveniles, compared with 14,003 and 3,422 respectively in 1977.

Prosecutions for summary offences totalled 28,869, of which 3,720 concerned juveniles against 28,597 and 3,269 in 1977.

Fines imposed totalled £594,062 and costs amounting to £212,720 were awarded. These figures included fines totalling £97,780 and costs totalling £41,032 in respect of prosecutions in the L.T. area.

The total figure for all prosecutions was 40,957 and comparable figures for previous years are:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
1977	42,600
1976	40,721
1975	43,297
1974	42,342
1973	36,151

Prosecutions relating to the various undertakings for the year were:—

	<u>Indictable Offences</u>		<u>Summary Offences</u>	
	<u>Persons Prosecuted</u>	<u>Including Juveniles</u>	<u>Persons Prosecuted</u>	<u>Including Juveniles</u>
British Railways	8,344	2,083	20,787	3,315
Rail Catering	552	108	45	3
B.T. Hotels Ltd.	92	3	7	—
B.R. Engineering Ltd.	60	7	—	—
Shipping & I.S. Division	201	31	71	—
B.T. Docks Board	1,055	181	1,948	190
Freightliners Ltd.	129	43	—	—
National Freight Corporation	52	—	—	—
London Transport Executive	1,603	193	6,011	212
TOTALS	12,088	2,649	28,869	3,720

27. CASES REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the Prosecution of Offences Regulations and relevant statutes, 84 cases, involving 123 persons were referred to the Director during the year for various offences.

In 1977, 47 cases, involving 69 persons, were referred to the Director.

28. OFFENCES COMMITTED BY EMPLOYEES

The number of employees of the various undertakings prosecuted for criminal activities increased to 1,314 compared with 1,215 in 1977.

Prosecutions for theft and kindred offences accounted for 1,062 of the total compared with 1,046 in 1977.

The trend of prosecutions for theft in relation to the labour force is indicated by the following figures:—

		<i>Staff</i>	<i>Prosecutions for theft and related offences</i>
British Railways Board	1978	243,264	925
	1977	240,073	926
	1976	243,476	1,058
	1975	251,627	1,168
	1974	255,902	1,281
London Transport Executive	1978	59,890	40
	1977	59,694	76
	1976	59,943	97
	1975	59,353	75
	1974	53,681	122
B.T. Docks Board	1978	11,609	49
	1977	11,554	36
	1976	11,483	8
	1975	11,353	33
	1974	11,941	26

A further statistical breakdown of these offences shows the degree to which each of the undertakings was affected:—

	<i>Prosecutions for theft and related offences</i>	
	<i>1978</i>	<i>1977</i>
British Railways	708	704
Rail Catering	127	160
B.T. Hotels Ltd.	26	13
B.R. Engineering Ltd	25	17
Shipping & I.S. Division	39	32
B.T. Docks Board	49	36
Freightliners Ltd.	33	6
National Freight Corporation	15	2
London Transport Executive	40	76
TOTALS	1,062	1,046

In addition to the above table a further 32 N.C.L. road motor drivers were prosecuted for theft of British Rail parcel traffic during 1978.

29. ASSAULTS ON MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
British Railways Board Staff	254	236
London Transport Executive Staff	1,044	890

30. BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND THREATS

During 1978 the following incidents were dealt with in the jurisdiction of the Force and reported to the Information Room at Force Headquarters:—

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
Devices detonated	—	—
Devices defused	—	2
Anonymous calls	329	502
Suspect Packages	218	305
Suspect Cars	6	4
Suspect Letters	4	3
Other Incidents	6	7
TOTALS	563	823

31. ROBBERY AND ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO ROB

Cases under these classifications increased to 419 in 1978 from 361 in 1977.

32. ENDANGERING THE SAFETY OF RAILWAY PASSENGERS—
OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE TRACK

The number of incidents of placing obstructions on the lines of railway and related offences increased to 3,426 in 1978 from 2,848 in 1977.

Persons Injured whilst travelling on railways

Incidents of stonethrowing during 1978 resulted in 157 passengers, 16 guards and 27 drivers suffering injury; compared with 181 passengers, 20 guards and 16 drivers in 1977.

33. ARSON

The number of cases of arson during 1978 was 285, compared with 217 in 1977. Of the 70 persons prosecuted (55 in 1977) 42 were juveniles (44 in 1977).

34. STORES AND EQUIPMENT

The number of thefts under this heading increased this year with 8,631 thefts compared with 8,071 in 1977. The value of the property stolen was £468,797 compared with £385,824 in 1977. Prosecutions showed a decrease of 526 (1,464 in 1978 against 1,990 in 1977).

The following table shows how the various undertakings were affected:—

	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>No. of persons prosecuted</i>
British Railways	5,230	1,026
Rail Catering	1,871	269
B.T. Hotels Ltd.	84	27
B.R. Engineering Ltd.	689	29
Shipping & I.S. Division	63	14
B.T. Docks Board	198	48
Freightliners Ltd.	14	—
National Freight Corporation	1	1
London Transport Executive	480	50
British Waterways Board	1	—
TOTALS	8,631	1,464

The protection of signal and telegraph wire, wagon bearings, and plant and machinery in isolated areas continues to be a difficult task for officers of this force.

35. MAILS

There was an increase in the number of cases of interference with, or, the theft from mails during the year. 819 cases were reported compared with 812 in 1977. Prosecutions followed in 109 cases compared with 159 in 1977.

Officers of the Force collaborated with and received the closest co-operation from officers of the Post Office Investigation Division.

36. HOTEL AND CATERING SERVICES

During the year 3,474 offences of concern to these undertakings were reported to Police. Included in these offences was the theft of property and cash to the value of £142,999, of which £28,018 was recovered. A total of 644 persons, which includes 157 staff, were prosecuted.

37. LUGGAGE THEFTS

The number of thefts of luggage increased during the year to 1,412 compared with 1,212 in 1977. There were 69 arrests compared with 117 in 1977.

London Divisions as usual figured prominently as shown by the following table:—

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
EUSTON including Paddington St. Pancras, Marylebone	177	175
SOUTHERN including Waterloo Charing Cross & London Bridge	380	327
ANGLIA including Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street	142	127
TOTALS	699	629

38. BOOKING OFFICE BURGLARIES

Booking office burglaries at 630 showed a decrease of 50 on the 1977 figure.

The value of property stolen totalled £42,430 compared with £29,109 in 1977.

Persons arrested and charged numbered 79 against 96 in 1977.

The situation by police areas was:—

<u>Area</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Property Stolen</u>	<u>Property Recovered</u>	<u>Persons Prosecuted</u>
Northern	165	4,630	1,376	19
Scottish	138	4,544	2,023	20
South Eastern	223	13,295	497	26
Western	61	3,363	661	6
London Transport	43	16,598	—	8
TOTALS	630	42,430	4,557	79

Cash security arrangements continue to be such as to ensure that large amounts of cash are not left in booking offices overnight.

39. TRAFFIC IN TRANSIT

10,573 thefts of traffic in transit valued at £622,140 were reported during 1978 and a further 6,785 losses, valued at £965,788, were investigated but not made a subject of criminal statistics because of lack of evidence of any criminal offence in respect of these losses.

40. RAIDS ON VANS, PARCELS OFFICES ETC.

Freight Traffic

<u>Raids On-</u>	<u>Number of Vans, Wagons, Containers Involved</u>			<u>Value of property stolen to nearest £</u>	<u>Value of property recovered to nearest £</u>
	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Sealed</u>	<u>Unsealed</u>		
Open wagons	-	-	29	5,116	3,392
Car trains	-	-	283	19,720	385
Sheeted wagons	-	4	3	23	10
Box vans	9	91	79	16,306	4,017
Containers (other than liner train)	-	27	5	5,546	261
Trains in transit	-	5	40	4,560	326
Liner train containers	12	360	64	107,770	23,688
TOTALS	21	487	503	159,041	32,079

Freight Traffic (Premises)

<u>Forcible Entry to</u>	<u>No. of instances</u>	<u>Value of property stolen to nearest £</u>	<u>Value of property recovered to nearest £</u>
Goods sheds & warehouses	249	20,188	8,334
'Lock ups' and security Cages at freight depots	6	266	37
TOTALS	255	20,454	8,371

Passenger/Parcel Traffic (Premises)

<u>Forcible Entry to</u>	<u>No. of instances</u>	<u>Value of property stolen to nearest £</u>	<u>Value of property recovered to nearest £</u>
Parcels offices	174	17,791	6,776
'Lock ups' and security cages	86	8,404	2,603
Parcel vans on hand in P.C.D.	3	220	155
Road vans/trailers under load	285	43,811	2,264
TOTALS	548	70,226	11,798

The number of raids on vans and containers showed a decrease of 40 at 1,011 compared with 1,051 in 1977. The value of property stolen was £159,041.

The number of instances of raids on parcels traffic was 548 compared with 595 in 1977. The value of property stolen was £70,226.

41. TICKET FRAUDS

The following offences of 'ticket fraud' were dealt with:-

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
British Railways	20,780	24,213
London Transport	7,487	8,280

Prosecutions in the two jurisdictions were 8,362 and 5,211 respectively, against 9,438 and 5,589 in 1977.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Offences Reported</u>	<u>No. of Prosecutions</u>
Northern	3,190	1,467
Scottish	898	588
South Eastern	13,330	5,045
Western	3,362	1,262
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TOTALS	20,780	8,362
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London Transport	7,487	5,211

In addition to the above table, a further 7,131 cases of the more serious types of travel fraud were dealt with under Section 16 of the Theft Act 1968, as shown below:-

British Railways	5,389
London Transport	1,742
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	7,131
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for which a total of 916 persons were prosecuted.

42. ARRESTS FOR OTHER FORCES

Arrests for other Forces totalled 1,136 during the year compared with 1,142 in 1977. The arrests were for a wide variety of offences and many letters of appreciation were received from Chief Officers of other Forces concerned.

Number of arrests by Police Area and Division were:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Number</u>
Northern	North West	124
	North East	165
	Humber Ports	57
South Eastern	Southern	136
	Euston	68
	Anglia	58
Western	Bristol	57
	Midlands	138
	South Wales	87
	Southampton Docks	55
Scottish		124
London Transport		67
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		1,136
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In addition to the above, a further 1,426 juvenile abscondee were detained by officers of this force.

43. FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM

The improvement in the behaviour of football supporters on trains and at railway stations continued during 1978. This may have been due to the increased number of police escorted supporters' trains following the publication by British Railways of a booklet sent to all supporters' clubs setting out the facilities available for organised travel to football fixtures.

Police escorts varying from 2 to 8 officers were provided on 1,632 trains during the year.

478 persons were prosecuted for breaches of the Public Order Act 1936 in connection with football travel.

44. POLICE DOGS

The arrests, for which handlers and their dogs were responsible during the year were 214 compared with 231 in 1977. The number of offenders detected and dealt with by summons was 187, compared with 207 in 1977.

45. CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD

During 1978 requests were received from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for police reports in 230 cases involving applicants for ex gratia payments of compensation for injuries from crimes committed on premises of the Boards:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Servants</u>		<u>Public</u>	
	1978	1977	1978	1977
Northern	17	17	14	14
Scottish	3	4	12	10
South Eastern	35	42	14	18
Western	12	7	9	1
London Transport	82	137	32	24
TOTALS	149	207	81	67

46. SCIENTIFIC AIDS

The Force is indebted to the Home Office Forensic Science Laboratories and the British Railways Board Research Laboratories for the assistance given in 247 cases.

47. CONCLUSION

The number of crimes reported in 1978, was the largest ever recorded by the Force.

The proportion of solved crime is disappointingly low at 33.4%, against the national average for other Forces of 42%.

It must, however, be borne in mind that large numbers of thefts of goods in transit are not discovered until they fail to arrive at their destination, and there is often a considerable lapse of time before their loss is reported to the police. This obviously reduces the possibility of tracing the offenders.

APPENDIX 'A'

BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD

ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE FORCE AS AT 31.12.78

<u>Uniform Branch</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
Chief Constable	1	1	—
Deputy Chief Constable	1	1	—
Assistant Chief Constable	3	3	—
Chief Superintendent	10	8	2
Superintendent	9	9	—
Chief Inspector	19	19	—
Inspector	77	74	3
Sergeant	205	180	25
Constable	1,164	885	279
TOTAL	1,489	1,180	309

*Criminal Investigation
Department*

Assistant Chief Constable	1	1	—
Chief Superintendent	1	1	—
Superintendent	1	1	—
Chief Inspector	9	9	—
Inspector	20	20	—
Sergeant	95	81	14
Constable	208	194	14
TOTAL	335	307	28
TOTAL POLICE	1,824	1,487	337

BRITISH TRANSPORT DOCKS BOARD

ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE FORCE AS AT 31.12.78

<u>Uniform Branch</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
Assistant Chief Constable	-	-	-
Chief Superintendent	-	-	-
Superintendent	3	3	-
Chief Inspector	3	3	-
Inspector	9	8	1
Sergeant	33	30	3
Constable	239	207	32
TOTAL	287	251	36

*Criminal Investigation
Department*

Assistant Chief Constable	-	-	-
Chief Superintendent	-	-	-
Superintendent	-	-	-
Chief Inspector	-	-	-
Inspector	2	2	-
Sergeant	5	3	2
Constable	23	23	-
TOTAL	30	28	2
TOTAL POLICE	317	279	38

LONDON TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE FORCE AS AT 31.12.78

<u>Uniform Branch</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
Assistant Chief Constable	1	1	-
Chief Superintendent	-	-	-
Superintendent	1	1	-
Chief Inspector	1	1	-
Inspector	6	6	-
Sergeant	15	12	3
Constable	93	87	6
TOTAL	117	108	9
<i>Criminal Investigation Department</i>			
Assistant Chief Constable	-	-	-
Chief Superintendent	-	-	-
Superintendent	-	-	-
Chief Inspector	1	1	-
Inspector	2	2	-
Sergeant	10	9	1
Constable	22	21	1
TOTAL	35	33	2
TOTAL POLICE	152	141	11

APPENDIX 'B'

**PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED ON UNDERTAKINGS
IN JURISDICTION OF THE FORCE**

<i>OFFENCES</i>	<i>Offences Recorded in 1978</i>	<i>Offences Cleared in 1978</i>
OFFENCES AGAINST PERSON		
Murder	3	3
Attempted Murder	13	10
Manslaughter	—	—
Grievous Bodily Harm (Sec. 18 O.A.P. Act 1861)	60	33
Malicious Wounding (Sec. 20 O.A.P. Act 1861)	89	50
Assault, occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (Sec. 47 O.A.P. Act 1861)	1,116	539
Assault on Police	341	260
Using Firearms with intent to resist arrest	2	2
Possession of offensive weapon at time of commission of, or arrest for, another offence	29	24
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	210	179
SEXUAL OFFENCES		
Unnatural Offences	4	3
Attempts to commit unnatural offences	38	29
Indecency between men	90	89
Rape	19	12
Indecent Assault	215	80
Indecency with/towards children	86	71
Unlawful sexual intercourse	6	4
Indecent Exposure	370	121
BURGLARY		
Aggravated Burglary (Sec. 10 Theft Act 1968)	—	—
Burglary —House (Sec. 9 Theft Act 1968)	14	3
—Booking Offices	630	54
—Parcels Offices	64	15
—General Offices	443	26
—Warehouses	69	17
—Goods Sheds	34	4
—Workshops	142	19
—Stores	253	27
—Kiosks and Shops	83	10
—Other premises, inhabited vehicles or vessels	901	76
—Cabins	882	60

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED ON UNDERTAKINGS
IN JURISDICTION OF THE FORCE (Continued)

<i>OFFENCES</i>	<i>Offences Recorded in 1978</i>	<i>Offences Cleared in 1978</i>
-Tenant's Premises	450	81
-Hotels	59	11
-Refreshment Rooms	80	15
-Garages	25	2
Attempted Burglary		
-House	-	-
-Booking Offices	71	4
-Parcels Offices	3	-
-Warehouses	9	1
-General Offices	16	-
-Goods Sheds	3	-
-Workshops	2	1
-Stores	9	1
-Kiosks and Shops	10	2
-Cabins	12	-
-Tenants premises	29	-
-Refreshments Rooms	8	2
-Garages	1	-
-Other premises	22	2
-Hotels	2	-

**THEFT & OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST
PROPERTY**

Robbery (Sec. 8 Theft Act 1968)	384	67
Assault with intent to Rob (Sec. 8 Theft Act 1968)	35	11
Going equipped for stealing (Sec. 25 Theft Act 1968)	118	110
Loitering with intent to steal	143	136
Theft of Postal Packets and Mailbags	819	116
Theft of merchandise in transit	10,573	1,652
Theft of complete pieces of luggage from trains, stations, cloakrooms	1,412	62
Theft of personal property other than luggage	5,789	410
Theft from the person	5,877	171
Theft of cash by staff	620	505
Theft of bullion and monies of the Board	1,003	483
Theft of cash from automatic machines	222	80
Theft of Stores and equipment	8,631	2,189
Theft of loaded vehicles	3	1
Theft from vehicles in the street	276	136
Theft of vehicles, motor cycles, pedal cycles	1,100	86
Theft of all other property	5,345	2,954
Theft of bullion in transit	1	-

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED ON UNDERTAKINGS
IN JURISDICTION OF THE FORCE (Continued)

<i>OFFENCES</i>	<i>Offences Recorded in 1978</i>	<i>Offences Cleared in 1978</i>
Taking motor vehicles or other conveyances without authority	1,275	235
Handling stolen postal packets and mailbags	4	4
Handling merchandise stolen in transit	240	237
Handling stolen complete pieces of luggage from trains, stations, cloakrooms	1	1
Handling cash stolen by staff	3	3
Handling stolen bullion and monies of the Board	5	5
Handling of personal property other than luggage	32	32
Handling from person	1	1
Handling cash stolen from automatic machines	—	—
Handling stolen Stores and Equipment	244	243
Handling goods stolen from loaded vehicles	—	—
Handling stolen goods from vehicles in street	1	1
Handling stolen vehicles, motor cycles, pedal cycles	2	2
Handling all other stolen goods	122	120
Handling stolen bullion	—	—
Blackmail (Sec. 21 Theft Act 1968)	1	—
Obtaining property by deception (Sec. 15 Theft Act 1968)	1,525	1,225
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception, (Other), (Sec. 16 Theft Act 1968)	353	301
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception (Travel fraud)	7,137	7,077
False Accounting (Sec. 17 Theft Act 1968)	1,688	1,688
Endangering safety of persons on railway (Sec. 32, 33 and 34 O.A.P. Act 1861)	795	84
Destroying or damaging property to endanger life	13	—
Maliciously obstructing railways (Sec. 35 and 36 M.D. Act 1861)	2,618	202
Threat to destroy or damage property	127	2
Possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property	32	28
Arson	285	55
Criminal Damage over £20	2,837	422
Criminal Damage under £20	6,860	769
OTHER INDICTABLE OFFENCES		
Forgery	947	881
Coinage offences	8	1

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED ON UNDERTAKINGS
IN JURISDICTION OF THE FORCE (*Continued*)

<i>OFFENCES</i>	<i>Offences Recorded in 1978</i>	<i>Offences Cleared in 1978</i>
Bribery and Corruption	13	12
Perjury	—	—
Indictable offences under Road Traffic Act	88	88
Landing of uncustomed goods	92	92
Dangerous Drug Offences	137	137
Breach of Peace (Public Order Act 1936)	460	446
Miscellaneous Offences	477	401
TOTALS	77,791	26,006

COMPARISON - % CRIMES (INDICTABLE OFFENCES) CLEARED UP

	<i>1978</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1974</i>
British Railways Board	32.77	35.45	36.3	31.7	34.0
British Transport Docks	52.81	41.03	40.0	39.7	52.1
London Transport Executive	27.55	35.12	38.4	22.1	24.5
Others	33.50	30.53	30.7	—	—

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>	
	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>
OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON								
Murder	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attempted Murder	9	6	-	-	4	4	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grievous bodily harm with intent (Sec. 18 O.A.P. Act 1861)	35	20	2	2	22	11	1	-
Malicious Wounding (Sec. 20 O.A.P. Act 1861)	66	38	6	5	17	7	-	-
Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (Sec. 47 O.A.P. Act 1861)	587	321	34	26	494	192	1	-
Assault on Police	273	202	7	6	61	52	-	-
Using Firearms with intent to resist arrest	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Possession of offensive weapon at time of commission of, or arrest for, another offence	16	14	-	-	13	10	-	-
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	143	132	4	4	63	43	-	-
SEXUAL OFFENCES								
Unnatural Offences	2	1	-	-	2	2	-	-
Attempts to commit unnatural offences	23	18	-	-	15	11	-	-
Indecent Exposure	239	98	-	-	131	23	-	-
Indecency between men	90	89	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	17	10	1	1	1	1	-	-
Indecent Assault	147	62	6	6	62	12	-	-
Indecency with/towards children	82	69	-	-	4	2	-	-
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	5	3	-	-	1	1	-	-

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED (Continued)

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>	
	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>
BURGLARY								
Aggravated Burglary (Sec. 10 Theft Act 1968)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burglary – House (Sec. 9 Theft Act 1968)	12	3	2	—	—	—	—	—
Burglary – Booking Offices	587	45	—	—	43	9	—	—
– Parcels Offices	64	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
– General Offices	354	20	40	4	34	2	15	—
– Warehouses	39	10	28	7	—	—	2	—
– Goods Sheds	26	2	8	2	—	—	—	—
– Workshops	111	17	20	2	9	—	2	—
– Stores	223	25	16	2	13	—	1	—
– Kiosks and Shops	59	8	3	—	21	2	—	—
– Cabins	826	53	20	3	35	3	1	1
– Tenants Premises	223	27	203	51	24	3	—	—
– Hotels	59	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
– Refreshment Rooms	62	14	—	—	18	1	—	—
– Garages	16	2	1	—	7	—	1	—
– Other premises								
– inhabited vehicles	645	45	160	28	93	3	3	—
– or vessels								
Attempted Burglary House	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
– Hotels	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
– Garages	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
– Booking Offices	68	2	—	—	3	2	—	—
– Parcels Offices	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
– Warehouses	5	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
– General Offices	15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED (Continued)

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>	
	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>
-Goods Sheds	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-Stores	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
-Kiosks and Shops	9	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
-Cabins	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-Refreshment Rooms	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-Tenant's Premises	13	-	14	-	2	-	-	-
-Other Premises	20	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
-Workshops	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
THEFT AND OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY								
Robbery (Sec. 8 Theft Act 1968)	185	47	5	1	194	19	-	-
Assault with intent to Rob (Sec. 8 Theft Act 1968)	22	6	-	-	13	5	-	-
Going equipped for stealing (Sec. 25 Theft Act 1968)	100	94	7	7	9	8	2	1
Loitering with intent to steal	54	48	8	8	81	80	-	-
Theft of Postal Packets and Mailbags	812	116	6	-	1	-	-	-
Theft of goods in transit	9,558	1,404	560	110	-	-	455	138
Theft of complete pieces of luggage from trains, stations and cloakrooms	1,290	53	12	8	110	1	-	-
Theft of personal property other than luggage	4,915	364	249	20	619	26	6	-
Theft from the person	600	47	1	-	5,276	124	-	-
Theft of cash by staff	571	559	11	11	38	35	-	-
Theft of bullion and monies of the Board	858	471	1	-	144	12	-	-
Theft of cash from automatic machines	180	75	6	-	36	5	-	-
Theft of stores and equipment	7,938	2,064	198	70	480	52	15	3

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED (Continued)

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>	
	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>
Theft of loaded vehicles	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
Theft from vehicles in street	276	136	—	—	—	—	—	—
Theft of car, motor cycle, pedal cycle	903	78	48	5	149	3	—	—
Theft of all other property	3,470	2,185	1,683	746	181	21	11	2
Theft of bullion in transit	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Theft of motor vehicle or other conveyance without authority	794	172	133	45	345	17	3	1
Handling stolen postal packets and mailbags	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling goods stolen in transit	171	168	20	20	—	—	49	49
Handling stolen complete pieces of luggage from trains, stations and cloakrooms	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling from the person	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling stolen bullion and monies of the Board	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling stolen stores and equipment	231	230	8	8	5	5	—	—
Handling cash from automatic machines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling stolen cars, motor cycles and pedal cycles	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling other property	38	38	77	75	6	6	1	1
Handling personal property other than luggage	21	21	5	5	6	6	—	—
Handling goods from vehicles in street	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling stolen cash by staff	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handling stolen loaded vehicle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blackmail (Sec. 21 Theft Act 1968)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Obtaining property by deception (Sec. 15 Theft Act 1968)	798	523	698	683	27	18	2	1

PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES REPORTED (Continued)

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>	
	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>	<i>Offences Reported</i>	<i>Offences Cleared</i>
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception, Other, (Sec. 16 Theft Act 1968)	278	229	20	18	55	54	-	-
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception (Travel Fraud)	5,395	5,346	-	-	1,742	1,731	-	-
False Accounting (Sec. 17 Theft Act 1968)	917	917	751	751	20	20	-	-
Endangering Safety of persons on railway (Sec. 32, 33 and 34 O.A.P. Act 1861)	780	83	-	-	15	1	-	-
Destroying or damaging property to endanger life	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maliciously obstructing railways (Sec. 35 and 36 M.D. Act 1961)	2,549	199	3	1	66	2	-	-
Criminal damage over £20	2,392	346	162	21	266	54	17	1
Criminal damage under £20	5,967	603	205	35	672	127	16	4
Threat to destroy or damage property	117	2	2	-	8	-	-	-
Possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property	29	25	1	1	2	2	-	-
Arson	258	48	17	6	8	1	2	-
Forgery	466	405	5	3	476	473	-	-
Indictable offences under the Road Traffic Act	53	53	35	35	-	-	-	-
Landing of uncustomed goods	9	9	83	83	-	-	-	-
Dangerous drugs offences	84	84	18	18	35	35	-	-
Coinage offences	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bribery and corruption	11	10	2	2	-	-	-	-
Breach of the Peace (Public Order Act 1936)	416	405	10	9	34	32	-	-
Miscellaneous Offences	326	287	119	84	29	28	3	2
TOTALS	59,084	19,362	5,756	3,040	12,342	3,400	609	204

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF SOME PRINCIPAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
BURGLARY					
Booking Offices	630	680	583	574	562
Parcels Offices	64	64	49	42	41
General Offices	443	417	365	379	295
Warehouses	69	66	34	61	46
Goods Sheds	34	22	18	28	38
Workshops	142	116	101	71	70
Stores	253	216	227	188	257
Kiosks and Shops	83	156	107	97	68
THEFT					
Robbery	384	344	254	270	219
Theft - from the person	5,877	5,114	3,722	5,472	6,081
-vehicles in street	276	268	247	143	184
-mails	819	812	743	1,003	1,229
-luggage	1,412	1,212	953	1,244	1,229
-personal property	5,789	4,467	4,111	4,470	3,974
-bullion and monies of the Board	1,003	900	776	1,078	858
-full loads (Road Vehicles)	3	15	15	10	16
-Merchandise in Transit	10,573	10,807	4,516	1,615	1,572
-stores and equipment	8,631	8,071	6,433	6,511	6,908
ENDANGERING SAFETY AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE					
Endangering safety of railway passengers	795	441	411	368	426
Maliciously Obstructing Railways	2,618	2,400	2,092	1,885	2,212
Arson	285	217	216	255	244
Destroying or damaging property to endanger life	13	7	29	8	6
Criminal Damage over £20	2,837	2,201	1,689	1,324	1,059
TOTALS	43,033	39,013	27,691	27,096	27,594

PRINCIPAL SUMMARY OFFENCES

	<i>British Railways Board</i>		<i>British Transport Docks Board</i>		<i>London Transport Executive</i>		<i>Other Undertakings</i>		<i>Totals</i>	
	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Cleared</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Cleared</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Cleared</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Cleared</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Cleared</i>
Assault	325	178	—	—	1,299	348	—	—	1,624	526
Bye-Laws	17,072	11,032	2,479	2,240	1,391	312	—	—	20,942	13,584
Communication Cord	424	87	—	—	3	1	—	—	427	88
Drunkenness	2,078	1,978	15	15	622	274	—	—	2,715	2,267
Road Traffic	2,733	1,573	724	636	331	167	—	—	3,788	2,376
Stone Throwing	5,241	584	—	—	166	36	—	—	5,407	620
Ticket Fraud	20,783	14,317	—	—	7,487	6,168	—	—	28,270	20,485
Trespass	21,223	9,042	157	139	328	134	—	—	21,708	9,315
Vagrancy	53	44	—	—	14	6	—	—	67	50
Other Offences	1,131	702	412	351	120	92	—	—	1,663	1,145
TOTALS	71,063	39,537	3,787	3,381	11,761	7,538	—	—	86,611	50,456

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