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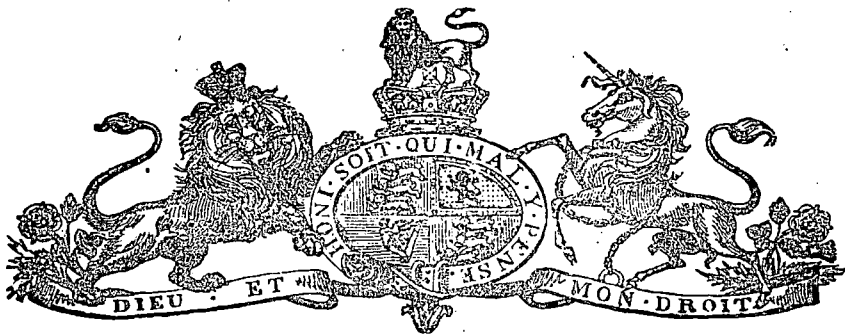
1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

M U N I C I P A L P O L I C E :

I N S P E C T O R ' S R E P O R T .

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Constabulary
Forces of Municipalities of Tasmania for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.*

Office of Inspector of Police, 30th June, 1884.

SIR,
I SUBMIT my Report upon the Municipal Police for the information of His Excellency the Governor, and have the honor to state that the average efficiency has been maintained.

The peace has been generally preserved, and cases of serious crime were infrequent.

The Epping murders were attended by circumstances so sensational and atrocious as to cause general excitement and alarm. These resulted from the chance meeting of two friendless vagabond lads; one, at least, of weak intellect. As it would be difficult to find other outcast boys in Tasmania who had been so neglected from their infancy, these young murderers cannot be regarded as types of an existing class.

The benefit of the Superannuation Fund is withheld from the Rural Municipalities. The apparent difficulty of applying the system to the smaller Forces could be overcome if the contributions were paid into the Government, and the accounts kept with those of the Territorial Police. Security as well as economy in management would be gained if this suggestion were adopted.

No arrangements have yet been made for the repayment of escort expenses by rail. These were paid by the Government during the year, but according to existing law the Municipalities should bear their own escort expenses.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

The total strength of the Force on the 31st December was 192, as follows:—

Superintendents	21
Sub-Inspectors	25
Acting Sub-Inspectors	2
Detectives	3
Sergeants	17
Constables	116
Specials	8
TOTAL	192

RETURN of Indictable and other Offences.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number of Persons apprehended.	Number of Persons Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1881.....	691	458	366	772	466	1527	607
1882.....	645	410	328	924	501	1546	524
1883.....	685	392	311	974	494	1873	634

HOBART.—(*Established 1st February, 1858.*)

Force.—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 2 Detectives, 7 Sergeants, 6 Constables (1st class), 27 Constables (2nd class).

Eight Constables resigned.

Proceedings were taken against seventeen publicans under the Licensing Act. Convictions were obtained in every case.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	115	83	63	Male. 183	Female. 99	Male. 385	Female. 207
1882.....	81	73	55	291	170	510	279
1883.....	83	73	53	313	200	603	227

LAUNCESTON.—(*Established 1st January, 1858.*)

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Detective, 4 Sergeants, 11 Constables (1st class), 10 Constables (2nd class), 2 Specials.

There were three voluntary and four enforced resignations.

In four out of the six cases in which publicans were proceeded against under the Licensing Act convictions were obtained.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures. The Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Lodging-houses. A Special Constable is Town Inspector, and another Police Office Messenger.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	224	185	140	Male. 161	Female. 112	Male. 446	Female. 180
1882.....	192	113	93	204	126	281	43
1883.....	295	150	114	209	119	562	220

GLAMORGAN.—(*Established 29th February, 1860.*)

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Constables, 2 Specials.

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, and the Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	8	1	1	Male 2	Female. —	Male. 10	Female. 1
1882.....	8	4	3	3	—	1	—
1883.....	5	2	2	5	—	—	—

SPRING BAY.—*(Established 19th October, 1860.)*

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Constables, 1 Special.

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, and the Sub-Inspector Bailiff of Crown Lands and Court of General Sessions. A Sub-Inspector resigned on being promoted to the office of Superintendent of Police, Sorell.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	5	5	5	Male. —	Female. 1	Male. 8	Female. —
1882.....	5	4	3	10	1	22	2
1883.....	5	3	3	3	2	—	—

CLARENCE.—*(Established 13th November, 1860.)*

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Constables, 2 Specials.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk.

Two convictions were obtained against a publican for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	4	—	—	Male. 2	Female. 1	Male. 17	Female. 1
1882.....	2	2	2	6	6	51	...
1883.....	2	2	2	3	4	10	3

Some repairs are required at the head station.

GREEN PONDS.—*(Established 15th April, 1862.)*

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 5 Constables.

Two Constables resigned. The Superintendent is Town Surveyor, Poundkeeper, Bailiff Court of General Sessions and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

A Constable is Gaoler and Council Clerk.

One conviction was obtained under the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	21	14	9	Male. 14	Female. 7	Male. 35	Female. 7
1882.....	17	13	12	2	3	42	6
1883.....	11	6	5	5	6	29	9

The head quarters have been put into a very satisfactory state of repair. Books and records are very well kept, and the general Police management deserves high commendation.

BOTHWELL.—(*Established 31st January, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 3 Constables.

The Force has been reduced by one Constable since my last report. Four Constables have resigned.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, and Town Surveyor.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	5	4	4	Male. 26	Female. 12	Male. 11	Female. 10
1882.....	11	7	7	14	5	19	2
1883.....	3	1	1	13	7	42	16

ROSS.—(*Established 17th February, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Constable.

One publican was convicted under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

There was no alteration in the Force during the year.

The Superintendent is Council Clerk.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	6	5	5	Male. 10	Female. 5	Male. 6	Female. 4
1882.....	5	3	3	6	2	5	1
1883.....	2	4	2	5	4

FINGAL.—(*Established 27th February, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 5 Constables.

Three convictions were obtained against publicans under the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent holds the offices of Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Town Surveyor.

Two Constables resigned.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	24	10	8	Male. 8	Female. 4	Male. 29	Female. 7
1882.....	34	14	13	20	6	54	9
1883.....	36	14	8	16	3	65	10

NEW NORFOLK.—(*Established 17th March, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 4 Constables.

The Superintendent is Town Surveyor.

One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

No changes took place in the Force during the year.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	28	13	13	Male. 63	Female. 42	Male. 116	Female. 39
1882.....	58	32	21	66	24	185	67
1883.....	22	12	12	31	21	123	70

The comparatively large number of offences in this District are due to the annual visit of a disorderly element at the season of hop-picking.

HAMILTON.—(*Established 13th September, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 2 Acting Sub-Inspectors, 1 Constable.

One publican was convicted for breach of the Licensing Act.

No changes have taken place in the Force.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	12	8	7	Male. 8	Female. 6	Male. 6	Female. 2
1882.....	7	3	2	4	2	8	3
1883.....	9	9	8	4	0	6	1

BRIGHTON.—(*Established 19th November, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 3 Constables.

No changes have occurred in the Force.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Town Surveyor, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, and Bailiff of Crown Lands.

One publican was fined for breach of Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	21	13	13	Male. 12	Female. 13	Male. 97	Female. 4
1882.....	20	16	8	14	2	64	7
1883.....	25	14	9	15	11	47	—

The old station is not in a fit state for the confinement of prisoners; it is unnecessarily large, and quite unsuited to the present requirements. I am of opinion that it should be removed altogether. It would be too expensive an undertaking to restore it, and decay will soon make it unsafe for occupation.

DELORAINÉ.—(*Established 18th December, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Constables.

There were no changes in the Force during the year.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Court of General Sessions, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	17	13	13	Male. 80	Female. 20	Male. 48	Female. 12
1882.....	17	13	12	110	42	53	26
1883.....	21	20	17	129	38	93	28

The strength of this Force is scarcely sufficient to preserve order. I am of opinion that another Constable should be appointed.

EVANDALE.—(*Established 29th December, 1865.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 Constables.

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

One Constable resigned during the year.

In two cases proceedings were instituted against publicans, one of whom was convicted.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	7	3	2	Male. 7	Female. 7	Male. 20	Female. 10
1882.....	22	9	9	9	4	24	8
1883.....	14	2	2	8	1	55	2

CAMPBELL TOWN.—(*Established 18th September, 1866.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Constables.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk.

One Constable was murdered during the year while on duty.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	18	10	8	Male. 10	Female. 16	Male. 51	Female. 34
1882.....	44	40	33	12	23	56	31
1883.....	23	19	16	14	4	35	2

I expressed the opinion last year that the Force was insufficient in strength, recommending that more than one Constable should be stationed on the Launceston side of Campbell Town. The necessity was painfully manifested during the year, and a Constable has been appointed for the Epping Station.

The new station at Barton has been badly built, and already is in urgent need of repair.

The head station reflects no credit on a rich and important district.

GLENORCHY.—(*Established 30th June, 1864.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 1 Constable.

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Registrar of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. The Sub-Inspector is the Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions; and a Sergeant is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Poundkeeper.

No changes occurred in this Force during the year.

One publican was convicted under the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	9	4	1	Male 6	Female. 6	Male. 23	Female. 6
1882.....	9	9	9	3	1	33	—
1883.....	8	5	5	3	2	41	8

OATLANDS.—(*Established 9th January, 1862.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 Constables, 1 Special.

The Force has been increased by the appointment of a Special Constable.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	16	9	8	Male. 19	Female. 15	Male. 76	Female. 25
1882.....	8	4	4	30	14	21	7
1883.....	11	4	3	21	14	16	6

The old gaol, of which I have before written in terms of condemnation, has undergone no improvement, nor is it likely to be kept in repair at the Municipal expense. It can never be applied to any useful purpose, and is unfit in its present state for the confinement of prisoners, or, indeed, for human habitation.

RICHMOND.

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 5 Constables.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock and of Weights and Measures, and is Town Surveyor. One Sub-Inspector is Council Clerk, Registrar of Court of Requests, and Gaoler; another is Inspector of Stock, and Gaoler.

The Force has been increased by the addition of one Constable.

One Sub-Inspector resigned.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	16	9	8	Male. 19	Female. 15	Male. 76	Female. 25
1882.....	8	4	4	30	14	21	7
1883.....	32	11	7	36	9	83	13

SORELL.—(*Established 30th June, 1862.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 3 Constables.

The Superintendent and one Constable resigned. One Constable died.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock and Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Town Surveyor.

One publican was convicted for a breach of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	30	22	18	Male. 5	Female. 6	Male. 5	Female. 1
1882.....	16	12	9	7	4	37	10
1883.....	27	16	8	17	7	15	3

LONGFORD.—(*Established 28th February, 1862.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 5 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	45	28	21	Male. 82	Female. 43	Male. 30	Female. 7
1882.....	31	17	14	71	34	7	2
1883.....	31	20	18	88	27	20	3

WESTBURY.—(*Established 15th December, 1863.*)

Force—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Poundkeeper, and Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Two Constables left the Force, one on account of old age.

One publican was fined under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	48	11	10	Male. 44	Female. 23	Male. 78	Female. 14
1882.....	39	9	9	26	21	33	6
1883.....	20	9	8	37	17	23	9

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TASMANIA ON DECEMBER 31, 1883.

MUNICIPALITIES.	Establishment.	Detail of Ranks.							Rates of Annual Pay.			Rates of Daily Pay.								
		Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Specials.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables, 1st Class.	Constables, 2nd Class.	Special Constables when on duty.		
Hobart ^a	45	1	2	—	2	7	33	—	£ 350	£ 180	—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
Launceston ^b	30	1	1	—	1	4	21	2	375	190	—	—	—	7 9	7 9	6 9	6 3	—		
Glamorgan ^c	6	1*	1	—	—	—	2	2	150	—	25	7 0	—	—	—	6 6	5 6	5 0		
Spring Bay ^d	5	1*	1	—	—	—	2	1	165	—	10	5 9	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Clarence ^e	7	1*	1	—	—	—	3	2	165	—	10	6 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	5 0		
Green Ponds ^f	7	1	—	—	—	1	5	—	185	—	—	—	—	—	5 6	6 8	—	—		
Sorell ^g	5	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	170	—	—	—	—	—	6 7	5 3	—	—		
Bothwell ^h	4	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Ross ⁱ	3	1*	1	—	—	—	1	—	125	—	—	5 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Fingal ^j	9	1	3	—	—	—	5	—	150	—	—	5 9	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
New Norfolk ^k ..	7	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	155	—	—	5 9	—	—	5 6	5 0	—	—		
Hamilton ^l	6	1	2	2	—	—	1	—	160	—	—	5 3	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Brighton ^m	5	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	160	—	—	—	—	—	5 6	5 3	—	—		
Deloraine ⁿ	5	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	150	—	—	6 6	—	—	—	5 6	—	—		
Evandale ^o	6	1*	1	—	—	—	4	—	100	—	—	6 0	—	—	—	5 6	—	—		
Campbell Town ^p ..	7	1*	2	—	—	—	4	—	20	—	—	7 6	—	—	—	5 6	—	—		
Glenorchy ^q	5	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	165	105	5	5 4	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Oatlands ^r	7	1	1	—	—	—	4	1	130	—	—	5 4	—	—	—	5 1	—	5 0		
Richmond ^s	8	1	2	—	—	—	5	—	182	—	—	6 10	—	—	—	5 2	—	—		
Longford ^t	7	1	1	—	—	—	5	—	150	—	—	5 3	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		
Westbury ^u	8	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	200	—	—	5 3	—	—	—	5 0	—	—		

* Also Council Clerk.

^a With uniform in addition to pay. No quarters. Five per cent. deducted from salaries and pay for Superannuation Fund.^b With uniform in addition to pay. The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, and a Sergeant have quarters. 1s. to 1s. 5d. in the pound deducted for Superannuation Fund.^c Without uniform. Two Constables and a Special have quarters.^d With uniform in addition. The Sub-Inspector and Constables have quarters. The Superintendent receives £25, and the other members £10 forage allowance each.^e With uniform in addition. The Superintendent receives £25 and a Constable £10 forage allowance. The Constables have quarters.^f With uniform in addition. The Constable, who is Watch-house Keeper, receives £60 a year as Council Clerk. Two Constables receive £15 forage allowance. All but two Constables have quarters.^g Except the Superintendent, all have uniform. The Superintendent and one Constable have no quarters. The Superintendent has £25 a year forage allowance.^h Without uniform. Except the Superintendent, all the Force have quarters.ⁱ Without uniform. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have quarters. The Superintendent has £25 a year forage allowance.^j With uniform in addition. Except the Superintendent, all the Force have quarters. The Superintendent has £25, and the Sub-Inspector and Constables £12 10s. a year each forage allowance.^k With allowance in lieu of uniform. All the Force have quarters. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have £25 a year each forage allowance.^l With uniform and quarters. The Superintendent has £25, and the Sub-Inspector and Constables have £10 a year each forage allowance.^m Without uniform. All except the Superintendent have quarters. One Constable has £25 forage allowance.ⁿ With uniform. Except one Constable all have quarters. The Superintendent has £37 forage allowance, two Constables £7 10s. each.^o Without uniform. The Sub-Inspector and Constables have quarters. The Superintendent has £15 forage allowance.^p Without uniform. All the Force have quarters. The Superintendent has £25 a year forage allowance; one Sub-Inspector, £15.^q With uniform in addition. The Sub-Inspector and one Constables have quarters. One Sergeant has £26 a year forage allowance.^r Without uniform, with quarters. The Superintendent has £20 a year, and the Sub-Inspector £12 10s. forage allowance. One Constable also has £12 10s., and another £6 5s. forage allowance.^s Except one Sub-Inspector, without uniform. All the Force have quarters.^t Uniform in addition. All the Force except one Constable have quarters. One Constable, who acts as Watch-house Keeper, receives £60 per annum. The Superintendent has £25, the Sub-Inspector £22 10s., and one Constable £20 a year forage allowance.^u With uniform in addition. Excepting the Superintendent and one Constable, all the Force have quarters.JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*