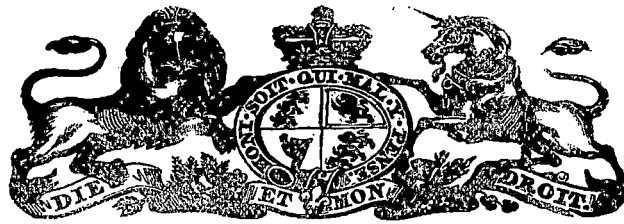


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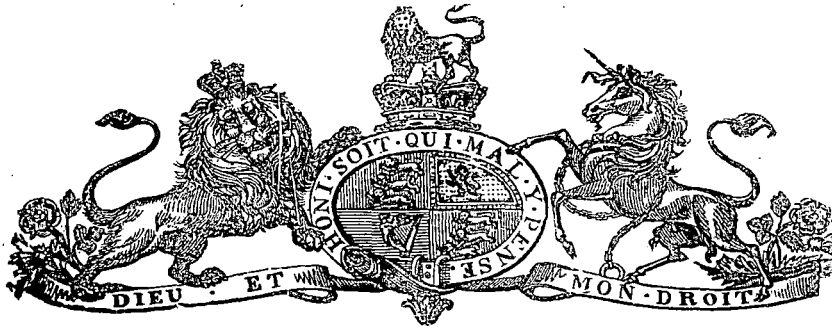
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MUNICIPAL POLICE:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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



TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Constabulary Forces of Municipalities of Tasmania for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

Office of Inspector of Police, 18th August, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to supply my Annual Report on the state of the Municipal Police in the year 1884, for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

Throughout the country districts no change of importance took place; general good order has been maintained, and nothing occurred to disturb the harmonious working of general police business.

In Hobart and Launceston there has been misunderstanding with me on the subject of the position the Inspector should occupy in the matter of police communications with the Government and with the other Colonies.

The Returns disclose a decrease in the number of offences of all kinds, attributable in a great degree to a diminution in the number of homeless vagrants, by whom petty crimes were chiefly committed.

Permanent arrangements have not yet been made for the conveyance of prisoners from the Municipalities by rail.

The offence of sheepstealing, which appears to prevail in some districts, can, I think, be successfully met only by special preventive measures beyond present police resources.

The total strength of the Force on the 31st December was 196, as follows:—

Superintendents.....	21
Sub-Inspectors.....	24
Acting Sub-Inspectors.....	3
Detectives.....	2
Sergeants.....	18
Constables.....	121
Special Constables.....	7
TOTAL.....	196

RETURN of Indictable and other Offences.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	645	410	328	924	501	1546	524
1883.....	685	392	311	974	494	1873	634
1884.....	549	315	242	752	455	1372	433

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 2 Detectives, 7 Sergeants, 5 Constables (1st class), 32 Constables (2nd Class), 1 Clerk, 1 Female Searcher, and 1 Messenger.

Two Sergeants and a Constable died, and one Detective and three Constables resigned during the year.

In ten cases proceedings were instituted against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act, in nine of which convictions were obtained.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	81	73	55	291	170	510	279
1883.....	83	73	53	313	200	603	227
1884.....	91	66	52	306	197	463	176

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

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

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Registrar. The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	9	9	9	3	1	33	—
1883.....	8	5	5	3	2	41	8
1884.....	11	8	6	3	3	21	8

The Constable stationed at New Norfolk Road would be of more service if placed nearer the head quarters; the only difficulty is in the fact that there are no quarters in the part of the district where this Constable would be most useful.

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Acting Sub-Inspector, 4 Sergeants, 10 Constables, (1st Class), 14 Constables (2nd Class), and 1 Special Constable.

The Force has been increased by the appointment of two Constables.

Two men were dismissed, seven resigned, one was superannuated, and another deserted.

Three convictions were obtained against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, and the Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Lodging-houses.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	192	113	93	204	126	281	43
1883.....	295	150	114	209	119	562	220
1884.....	237	116	83	147	83	309	110

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

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

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

No changes occurred in the Force. The books and records very well kept, and the gaol in good order.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	39	9	9	26	21	33	6
1883.....	20	9	8	37	17	23	9
1884.....	23	7	7	31	21	52	8

The quarters at Hagley, which have gone out of repair, are to be abandoned and a new Station built.

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

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

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

No change occurred 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	31	17	14	71	34	7	2
1883.....	31	20	18	88	27	20	3
1884.....	20	16	15	48	31	28	8

Since the adoption of the recommendation for increased pay to the Superintendent I have nothing but approbation to express for the arrangements, which are calculated to place the police in a position of respectability and comfort.

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 3 Constables, 1 Special Constable.

One Constable resigned.

In four cases proceedings were taken against publicans under the provisions of the Licensing Act, in three of which convictions were obtained.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	8	4	—	30	14	21	7
1883.....	11	4	3	21	14	16	6
1884.....	9	2	2	24	16	11	2

The old gaol was never suited to the Municipal requirements of Oatlands. It was far too large, and the expense of keeping the buildings in repair would have outweighed the advantages derived from their possession.

The limits of this Municipality are so defined that the police is maintained without government subsidy ; this could hardly have been managed if the expense of keeping the buildings in good order had been undertaken. In 1876 I reported that as they decayed I did not anticipate they would be repaired at Municipal expense. The Station at Tunbridge, though recently repaired, is still capable of much improvement.

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

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

The Superintendent is Council Clerk.

No changes occurred 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	22	9	9	9	4	24	8
1883.....	14	2	2	8	1	55	2
1884.....	5	2	2	9	6	80	11

It is to be regretted that the amalgamation of offices should prevent the Superintendent from devoting the whole of his time to police work, for there are complaints of inadequate protection to property which might be lessened in some degree if the Superintendent had less clerical occupation.

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 2 Constables.

One Constable resigned.

Three publicans were proceeded against under the provisions of the Licensing Act ; one conviction was obtained.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	20	16	8	14	2	64	7
1883.....	25	14	9	15	11	47	—
1884.....	15	9	4	2	1	36	5

The old government buildings are in an advanced stage of decay. It would not be of any advantage to restore them, as they would give much more than requisite accommodation. It would be better to remove them entirely, and build a new watch-house.

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Acting Sub-Inspectors, 2 Constables.

The Superintendent is Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. One Sub-Inspector and a Constable are Bailiffs of Court of General Sessions. An Acting Sub-Inspector and two Constables resigned. The Superintendent's services were dispensed with.

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.	
				Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1882.....	7	3	2	4	2	8	3
1883.....	9	9	8	4	0	6	1
1884.....	7	7	5	10	2	12	2

The buildings would be unsuitable for the detention of prisoners, but fortunately offences are not numerous in this district.

Sheepstealing was apparently checked by energetic police action, and the one serious crime that darkens the record of the year could not have been foreseen or prevented.

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

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

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk.

No alteration occurred 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.	
				Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1882.....	5	3	3	6	2	5	1
1883.....	2	—	—	4	2	5	4
1884.....	4	2	2	3	3	2	1

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 1 Acting-Sergeant, and 3 Constables.

The Superintendent is Town Surveyor. No changes occurred in the Force.

Two convictions were obtained against publicans under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

The Station-house and cells were in good order, and the books very carefully and neatly kept.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	58	32	21	66	24	185	67
1883.....	22	12	12	31	21	123	70
1884.....	17	14	14	17	7	100	44

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

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

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk.

No changes occurred 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	2	2	2	6	6	51	—
1883.....	2	2	2	3	4	10	3
1884.....	8	1	1	1	—	14	1

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 5 Constables.

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

A Constable is Council Clerk.

One Constable resigned.

Further improvements were made in the Police quarters, which are now in a very creditable condition.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	17	13	12	2	3	42	6
1883.....	11	6	5	5	6	29	9
1884.....	9	5	3	5	6	17	9

The station at Spring Hill requires slight repairs.

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

Force—1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant, 4 Constables.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Nuisances, and Town Surveyor.

A Constable is Poundkeeper.

No changes occurred in the Force.

Two publicans were 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	16	12	9	7	4	37	10
1883.....	27	16	8	17	7	15	3
1884.....	11	5	1	12	10	22	6

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

Force.—1 Superintendent and 3 Constables.

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

One Constable resigned.

No proceedings were instituted 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	11	7	7	14	5	19	2
1883.....	3	1	1	13	7	42	16
1884.....	3	2	1	10	4	34	11

The watch-house is in a ruinous state, and in an inconvenient position. I am of opinion that it should not be repaired, but that the Municipal Council should be permitted to sell the land upon which it stands, devoting the proceeds to new quarters adjoining the Court House.

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

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

The Superintendent is Council Clerk, and the Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, and a Special Constable is Gaoler at Swansea.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	8	4	3	3	—	1	—
1883.....	5	2	2	5	—	—	—
1884.....	8	8	6	3	—	1	—

Complaints of losses by stockowners have been made, and attributed to theft. The sense of the insecurity of such property will perhaps be modified by the separation of the offices of Superintendent and Council Clerk.

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

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

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown lands, and of Courts of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock and Nuisances, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

No changes occurred in the Force.

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	34	14	13	20	6	54	9
1883.....	36	14	8	16	3	65	10
1884.....	20	9	9	5	1	54	4

The buildings at Falmouth, St. Mary's, and Avoca were all in need of repairs, which, however, were about to be executed.

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

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

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

No change occurred 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	5	4	3	10	1	22	2
1883.....	5	3	3	3	2	—	—
1884.....	2	2	2	7	2	8	—

Main station in good order, and books well and correctly kept. The station occupied by the Special Constable requires immediate repair.

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

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

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

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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882	8	4	4	30	14	21	7
1883	32	11	7	36	9	83	13
1884	16	7	4	15	8	30	14

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

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

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk. One Sub-Inspector is Examiner of Weights and Measures. No change occurred 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	44	40	33	12	23	56	31
1883.....	23	19	16	14	4	35	2
1884.....	14	12	8	5	11	42	2

At the chief station the portions of the old gaol buildings still tenatable are unsuitable for their purpose, and those at Cleveland are in very bad repair.

I do not consider this Force quite of adequate strength, and it is weakened by the combination of the duties of Superintendent with those of Council Clerk.

A Constable should be stationed at Epping permanently; and if there were another on the eastern side of the district to guard the locality of Kearney's Bogs, Windfalls Black Snake, Marshes, &c., it would be a great protection to the interests of many residents near Campbell Town, as well as to those of the inhabitants of Glamorgan.

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

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

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of Crown Land and of Court of Requests.

No proceedings were taken against publicans 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.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	17	13	12	110	42	53	26
1883.....	21	20	17	129	38	93	28
1884.....	19	15	15	89	36	42	12

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TASMANIA ON DECEMBER 31, 1884.

MUNICIPALITIES.	Establishment.	Detail of Rank.							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	49	1	2	—	—	9	37	—	£ 350	£ 200	—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Launceston ^b	32	1	1	1	—	4	24	1	375	175	—	7 9	7 9	7 9	7 9	6 6	6 3	7 6
Glamorgan ^c	6	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	150	—	25	7 0	—	—	—	6 6	5 6	5 0
Spring Bay ^d	5	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	165	—	10	5 9	—	—	—	5 6	5 0	—
Clarence ^e	7	1	1	—	—	—	3	2	165	—	10	6 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
Green Ponds ^f	7	1	—	—	—	1	5	—	185	—	—	6 8	—	—	6 3	6 0	5 0	—
Sorell ^g	6	1	—	—	—	1	4	—	170	—	—	—	—	—	6 7	6 0	—	—
Bothwell ^h	4	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
Ross ⁱ	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	125	—	—	5 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
Fingal ^j	8	1	2	—	—	—	5	—	200	—	—	6 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
New Norfolk ^k	7	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	155	—	—	5 9	—	—	5 6	5 0	—	—
Hamilton ^l	6	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	160	—	—	5 3	5 0	—	—	5 0	—	—
Brighton ^m	4	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	135	—	—	6 6	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
Deloraine ⁿ	4	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	150	—	—	7 0	—	—	—	5 6	—	—
Evandale ^o	6	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	100	—	—	7 6	—	—	—	6 0	—	—
Campbell Town ^p	7	1	2	—	—	—	4	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 6	—	—
Glenorchy ^q	5	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	165	105	—	6 6	—	—	5 6	5 0	—	—
Oatlands ^r	7	1	2	—	—	—	3	1	180	—	5	—	—	—	—	6 0	—	—
Richmond ^s	8	1	2	—	—	—	5	—	182	150	—	5 3	—	—	—	5 4	—	—
Longford ^t	7	1	1	—	—	—	5	—	150	—	—	5 3	—	—	—	5 3	—	—
Westbury ^u	8	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—	—

^a With uniform. No quarters. All salaries are subject to five per cent. deduction for Provident Fund.

^b With uniform. 1s. to 1s. 5d. in the pound is deducted from pay for Superannuation Fund. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have quarters.

^c Without uniform. Two Constables and a Special have quarters.

^d With uniform, and, except in case of Superintendent, quarters in addition to pay. Forage allowance to Superintendent, £25; to Sub-Inspector, £15; and Constables, £10 a year is given.

^e With quarters and uniform in addition. The Superintendent has £25, and a Constable £10 a year forage.

^f With uniform. The Watch-house Keeper receives £60 a year as Council Clerk. Except two Constables, the force have quarters.

^g All except the Superintendent, who has £25 forage, have quarters and uniform in addition.

^h Without uniform. All except the Superintendent have quarters.

ⁱ Without uniform. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have quarters.

^j With uniform and quarters in addition. All the Force have forage allowance.

^k Allowance in lieu of uniform and quarters in addition. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have £25 per annum forage each, a Constable, £10.

^l With uniform and quarters in addition. The Superintendent has £25, and the remainder, except one Constable, £10 a year each forage allowance.

^m Without uniform. Except the Superintendent, the Force have quarters.

ⁿ With uniform and quarters. The Superintendent has £37 7s. 6d., and two Constables £7 10s. a year each forage allowance.

^o Without uniform. All have quarters. The Superintendent has £25 forage allowance.

^p The Superintendent has £230 per annum as Council Clerk. With uniform. Without quarters. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have respectively £25 and £15 per annum forage allowance.

^q With uniform in addition. Also quarters.

^r Without uniform, with quarters.

^s With uniform and, except in case of Superintendent, quarters in addition.

^t With uniform and, except in case of one Constable, quarters in addition.

^u With uniform and, except in case of Superintendent, quarters in addition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.