

*Minute by His Excellency the Governor, on the Police Report of the Burglary in the Caine Road on the night of the 29th of August.*

I should be glad to get from the Captain Superintendent a Report of the Night Duties of the Police Force, specifying the beats, number of men, &c., at the present date, and a Statement showing the similar facts of both this time last year, and this time in 1876.

1st September, 1878.

J. POPE HENNESSY,  
*Governor.*

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*Minute by the Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Forwarded to Mr. DEANE for a report.

2nd September, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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*Report called for by His Excellency the Governor on the Night Duties of the Police.*

I have the honour to forward a Return of the Night Duties of the Police. The time from 6 P.M. of 30th August to 6 A.M. of 31st August has been taken as a sample.

2. I enclose a Comparative Return of the same period for three years for the Central District. The other Districts had similar duties and men in these three years.

3. I enclose the Central District Duty Books for August, 1876, 1877, and a copy of the 12 hours above alluded to in 1878 as the original book is in use.

4. I also forward the rough Returns for 10th August of the men in the Force, together with a fair abstract of the same.

5. The Beat Book enclosed has virtually been unaltered since 1874. It will be observed that large as those beats are, I have rarely enough men to fill them all, in which case one man takes charge of two beats.

3rd September, 1878.

W. M. DEANE,  
*Commandant of Police.*

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Section 9. Beats, 8. Posts, 2.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 2                  | 1     | 1     |
| Indians, .....   | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |
| Chinese, .....   | 1                   | 1     | ...   | 1                  | 1     | 1     |

Also 1877, 2 Indians; 1878, 4 Indians, from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M.

|                | 6 TO 10 P.M. |       |       | 10 P.M. TO 2 A.M. |       |       | 2 TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|----------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|
|                | 1876.        | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.             | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.       | 1877. | 1878. |
| Indians, ..... | 3            | 3     | 3     | 2                 | 3     | 2     | 2           | 2     | 2     |
| Chinese, ..... | 8            | 8     | 9     | 9                 | 8     | 9     | 9           | 9     | 9     |

YAU-MA-TI.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |
| Indians, .....   | 2                   | 2     | 2     | 2                  | 2     | 2     |
| Chinese, .....   | 3                   | 3     | 3     | 3                  | 3     | 3     |

TSIM-SHA-TSUI.

|                | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Indians, ..... | 2                   | 2     | 2     | 2                  | 2     | 2     |

Also each year:—1 European, Night Patrol.; 1 Chinaman, 9 P.M. to 5 A.M.

*Minute by His Excellency the Governor.*

I have read these papers carefully, but would be glad to see the Comparative Returns from the other Districts made in a similar form to the Returns of the Central District.

J. POPE HENNESSY,  
Governor.

9th Septem.

HONGKONG POLICE NIGHT DUTIES.

(Continuation.)

GAP AND PEAK.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |
| Indians, .....   | 2                   | 2     | 2     | 2                  | 2     | 2     |

SHAU-KI-WAN.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       | 9 P.M. TO 5 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.            | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | ...   | 1     | ...              | ...   | ...   |
| Indians, .....   | 3                   | 2     | 2     | 1                  | 2     | 2     | ...              | ...   | ...   |
| Chinese, .....   | ...                 | ...   | ...   | 2                  | 1     | 1     | 1                | 1     | 1     |

Also 1 Indian, Night Patrol, Shek-O as on next page.

STANLEY.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       | 9 P.M. TO 3 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.            | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     | ...              | ...   | ...   |
| Indians, .....   | ...                 | 2     | 1     | 2                  | 2     | 2     | ...              | 1     | ...   |
| Chinese, .....   | ...                 | 1     | 1     | ...                | ...   | 2     | ...              | ...   | ...   |

POK-FU-LAM.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |
| Indians, .....   | 2                   | 2     | 2     | 2                  | 2     | 2     |
| Chinese, .....   | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |

... on special duty on Pok-fu-lam Road.

HUNG-HÒM.

|                  | GENERAL PATROL. |       |       | 10 P.M. TO 4 A.M. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.           | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.             | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1               | 1     | 1     | ...               | ...   | ...   | ...                | ...   | ...   |
| Indians, .....   | ...             | ...   | ...   | 3                 | 3     | 3     | 1                  | 1     | 1     |

1877 and 1878—6 P.M. to Midnight, 1 Chinese; Midnight to 6 A.M., 1 Chinese.

SHEK-O.

Indian, ..... 1 on Night Patrol.

ABERDEEN.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       | 10 P.M. TO 4 A.M. |       |       | 9 P.M. TO 3 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.             | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.            | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 1                   | 1     | 1     | 1                  | 1     | ...   | ...               | ...   | ...   | ...              | ...   | ...   |
| Indians, .....   | 2                   | 2     | ...   | 2                  | 2     | ...   | 2                 | 2     | ...   | ...              | ...   | ...   |
| Chinese, .....   | ...                 | ...   | 2     | ...                | ...   | 2     | ...               | ...   | 3     | 1                | 1     | 1     |

  

|                    | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| TOTAL, .....       |       |       |       |
| { Europeans, ..... | 41    | 31    | 42    |
| { Indians, .....   | 107   | 115   | 106   |
| { Chinese, .....   | 146   | 144   | 146   |

WATER POLICE.

|                  | 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. |       |       | MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. |       |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 1876.               | 1877. | 1878. | 1876.              | 1877. | 1878. |
| Europeans, ..... | 6                   | 6     | 6     | 6                  | 6     | 6     |
| Chinese, .....   | 43                  | 44    | 44    | 43                 | 44    | 43    |

Also each year 2 Europeans and 8 Chinese at Aberdeen and Shau-ki-Wan between 10 P.M. to 4 A.M.

W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

11th September, 1878.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

1. I return the Police Books—Volumes eleven and twelve, showing the duties for 1876 and 1877—which I have perused, together with the Report of Mr. DEANE and the Returns he was good enough to prepare at my request on the night duties of the Police Force.

2. Those documents confirm the suspicions I entertained that the r... is Colony are

3. They also show that in the most important District th... on regular beats between midnight and six o'clock in the morning has been reduced... in the case of the European Force, from 14 to 8, and in the case of the Chinese Force from about 20 to 15.

4. The Captain Superintendent also says that he has rarely enough men to fill all the beats, and that in such cases he has to order one man to take charge of two beats.

5. Let the night beats and patrols in the Victoria District be at once restored to the maximum strength of 1876; and let the Captain Superintendent prepare for my consideration a revised scheme of night beats and patrols of about thirty-three per cent. greater strength than the maximum I refer to.

6. In future I should like to see weekly returns of the night duties, and to receive a special report before the numbers are altered in any particular district.

J. POPE HENNESSY,  
Governor.

27th September, 1878.

No. 188.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, Tuesday, the 5th of November next, is fixed for a special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace, to be held at the Police Magistrates' Office, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of considering applications for Licences for the Sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors, during the year commencing on 1st December next. It is possible, however, that some alterations may be made in the licensing laws before then, of which due notice will be given.

Applications for such Licences must be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Office, at least Ten days before the Sessions, in the form prescribed in the said Ordinance, and no application will, after that period, be received for submission to the Sessions.

Printed Forms of Application may be obtained by intending applicants at the Police Magistrates' Office, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th Sep