



3. There shall be established in the Colony supplemental bodies of Police, namely:—

Establishment of Supplemental Police.

- (a) a Rural Police;
- (b) an Estate Police.

4. (1) The Rural Police in time of peace shall act as an auxiliary to the Police Force in the performance of its ordinary duties, and in time of internal disturbance or external aggression shall assume the ordinary duties of the Police Force to such extent as may be found requisite by the Commissioner.

Duties.

(2) The Estate Police shall be employed in maintaining order on, and in the protection of estates, warehouses, and other private property.

5. Subject to the general order and direction of the Governor, the Commissioner shall have the command and superintendence of the Supplemental Police, and he shall be responsible to the Governor for their efficient condition and for the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Supreme command.

6. Every officer and non-commissioned officer of the Police Force shall, within the limits of the place in which he exercises authority in matters relating to the Police Force, have such control and command of the Supplemental Police, and perform such duties in relation thereto as may be prescribed by the regulations or directed by the Commissioner.

Powers and duties of officers of Police.

7. (1) Subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, the Rural Police in each division shall consist of such number and grades of non-commissioned officers and of such constables as may from time to time be directed by the Commissioner, with the sanction of the Governor. Their power and authority under this Ordinance shall extend to the whole Colony.

Number, distribution, and powers of Supplemental Police.

(2) The Estate Police shall consist of such non-commissioned officers and constables as employers may require, subject to the approval of the Commissioner. They shall have the power and authority of members of the Police Force in respect of all offences committed on the estate to which they belong and throughout the division in which the estate may be situated.

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(i) *Appointment of constables.*Qualifications  
for appoint-  
ment.

8. Every male person who is—

- (a) over eighteen and under fifty-five years of age,
- (b) able-bodied, and
- (c) of good character,

shall be deemed to be qualified for appointment as a constable; but preference shall be given to such persons as have previously served in a Police Force, but no such person shall be appointed who has not received a good character on discharge.

*In (c) All persons 5 of 6th No. 15/50.*

Appointment.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Commissioner may appoint any qualified person to be a constable; but no estate constable shall be appointed unless provision be made to the satisfaction of the Commissioner by the employer for the remuneration of such constable.

Precept of  
appointment  
and oath of  
office.

10. (1) On appointing any person to be a constable, the Commissioner shall deliver or cause to be delivered to him a precept authorising him to act as a constable.

(2) The precept may be in the form contained in the First Schedule hereto.

(3) When he receives the precept, the person so appointed shall take, before any <sup>sworn</sup> commissioned officer or Justice, if a rural constable, the following oath of office:—

I,            of            do swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a Rural Constable for the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago. So help me God.

and, if an estate constable, the following oath of office:—

I,            of            do swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as an Estate Constable on            Estate situate at            in the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago. So help me God.

(4) On receiving the precept and taking the oath, the person so appointed shall be a rural or estate constable under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Equipment

11. Every constable shall be provided with a short manual describing the powers and duties of a constable, a badge and a

baton; and such badge shall be evidence of the office of any constable and shall in all cases be displayed by every such constable when exercising the duties of his office. The cost of these articles of equipment shall be defrayed, in the case of the Rural Police, from funds which may be provided by the Legislative Council for such purpose, and, in the case of the Estate Police, by the employer.

12. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations relating to all or any of the following matters, that is to say,—

Making of regulations.

(a) the duties to be performed by members of the Rural and Estate Police, and their guidance in the performance of such duties;

(b) the clothing and equipment of the Rural Police;

(c) the training and discipline of the Rural Police; and

(d) generally, the good order and government of the Rural Police. *and Estate Police*

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(2) There may be imposed for the breach of any such regulation such penalty, not exceeding ten dollars, as may seem reasonable.

13. When any fine or penalty is imposed upon any constable under the provisions of this Ordinance or of the regulations made thereunder, the amount shall be satisfied out of the pay or allowance coming to such constable by the deduction of not more than half the amount which may be due on any day of payment until the whole be paid; and any such fine or penalty shall be recoverable on summary conviction.

Recovery of penalties.  
Ord. 14-1939,  
1st Sch.

#### *Powers and duties of constables.*

14. (1) Every rural constable throughout the Colony, and every estate constable throughout the division in which the estate to which he belongs is situated, shall have all the powers and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities conferred by any law or Ordinance for the time being in force upon any constable of the Police Force.

General powers of constables.

(2) Every rural or estate constable may serve and execute any summons, warrant, or other process in any cause

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or matter, whether civil, quasi-criminal, or criminal, issued by any Magistrate.

(3) Every rural and estate constable shall obey all orders lawfully given to him by a Magistrate or by his superior officer.

Calling out rural constables for active service.

15. (1) The Commissioner may, with the sanction of the Governor, at any time call out the Rural Police or any portion thereof for active service.

(2) In any case of great emergency, any officer of the Police Force may call out for active service the portion of the Rural Police subject to his orders.

(3) Except in case of great urgency, a rural constable shall not be required to serve beyond the limits of the division in which he resides.

(4) When any such call is made, every rural constable who is so called out shall forthwith or at the appointed time, unless he is specially excused by the Commissioner or his superior officer, repair to the appointed place of muster, and shall there place himself under the orders of the officer in command for such service as may be required of him, and during such period as may be necessary, and while so called out shall serve under the Police Ordinance, and all regulations made thereunder.

(5) If any rural constable refuses or neglects to comply with the requirements of this section, he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for two months.

(6) In any proceeding against a rural constable under this section, proof that a notice calling out rural constables for active service was posted at a Police Station in the division in which the rural constable resides shall be conclusive proof that the call came to the knowledge of the rural constable.

Remuneration of rural constable.

2nd Schedule.

16. Whenever any rural constable is called out or employed on active service, or serves or executes any process mentioned in section 14, he shall be paid for his services from such moneys as may be provided by the Legislative Council for that purpose, at and after the rates specified in the Second Schedule hereto, or

at and after such other rates as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Legislative Council.

17. If any constable—

Offences by  
constable.

(a) refuses or neglects to obey any order lawfully given to him, or

(b) refuses or neglects to serve or execute any summons, warrant, or other process as hereinbefore mentioned, or

(c) is guilty of any violation or neglect of duty not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance,

he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for two months.

*Resignation, etc., of constable.*

18. (1) A constable shall be at liberty to resign his appointment on giving one month's notice in writing of his intention so to resign—

Resignation  
of constable.

(a) if a rural constable, to the Superintendent of the division in which he resides; or

(b) if an estate constable, to the employer:

Provided, however, that the Commissioner may, in the case of a rural constable, if he thinks fit, refuse to accept such resignation for such period as he may deem necessary.

(2) If in any case he thinks fit to do so, the Commissioner may allow a constable to resign his appointment without giving notice.

19. (1) The Commissioner may at any time dismiss any constable from his office or dispense with the services of any constable.

Dismissal of  
constable.

(2) The employer of any estate constable may at any time dispense with the services of such constable.

20. (1) A Magistrate may interdict any constable of his district from the performance of his duties.

Recommen-  
dation for  
suspension or  
dismissal.

(2) In such case the Magistrate shall forthwith report such interdiction and the grounds thereof to the Commissioner.

(3) A Magistrate may, whether after or without such interdiction, and a Justice may, recommend to the Commissioner that a constable be suspended or dismissed from his office.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to take such interdiction or recommendation, or both, into his consideration, and, after allowing the constable an opportunity of making his defence, to communicate his decision to the Magistrate or Justice and to the constable.

Publication  
of notice of  
appointment  
and dismissal.

21. The Commissioner shall give due notice in the *Royal Gazette* and in one daily newspaper published in the Colony of all appointments and dismissals of constables under this Ordinance, and shall, in the month of January in each year, publish in the *Royal Gazette* and in such newspaper a list of all the rural and estate constables appointed and acting, specifying the residences of such constables and the districts in which they reside, and specifying the <sup>subordinate</sup> non-commissioned officers.

Determina-  
tion of  
employment  
of estate  
constable.

22. When any estate constable ceases to be employed, the employer shall, within one week next after the determination of the employment of such constable, inform the Commissioner either directly or through the Superintendent of the division, and should the services of such constable have been dispensed with he shall inform the Commissioner of the reason for such action. Any employer who shall fail to report such determination of employment or reason for dispensing with the services of an estate constable shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars.

Delivery up  
of appoint-  
ments by  
constable  
resigning,  
etc.

23. (1) When any constable resigns or is dismissed from, or ceases to hold and exercise, his office, all powers and authorities vested in him as a constable shall immediately cease and determine, and he shall, within seven days thereafter, deliver over all articles or appointments which may have been supplied to him for the execution of his office to the <sup>subordinate</sup> non-commissioned officer in charge of the Police Station nearest to which he resides.

(2) Every constable who contravenes this section shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for two months; and it shall be lawful for any Justice to issue his warrant to search for and seize all such

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articles or appointments which are not so delivered over, wherever the same may be found, and to arrest the person in whose possession the same may be found.

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 24. (1) When any constable dies, any person in possession of any articles or appointments which have been supplied to such constable for the execution of his office, shall be bound, within fourteen days after such death, to deliver up to the ~~non-commissioned~~ <sup>subordinate</sup> officer in charge of the Police Station nearest to which such constable resided all articles or appointments which may have been supplied to and been in the possession of such constable for the execution of his office at the time of his death.

Delivery up of appointments of deceased constable.

(2) Every person who contravenes this section shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for two months; and it shall be lawful for any Justice to issue his warrant to search for and seize all such articles or appointments which are not so delivered up wherever the same may be found, and to arrest the person in whose possession the same may be found.

25. When any constable sustains bodily injury while in the actual discharge of his duty, he shall be provided with medicines, medical comforts, and medical attendance—

Bodily injury to constable.

(a) if a rural constable, at the public expense on the written authority of any officer of Police;

(b) if an estate constable, at the expense of the employer.

26. If, on the trial of any case in the Supreme Court in its criminal jurisdiction, the Judge before whom the case is tried is of opinion that any constable has distinguished himself in apprehending or detecting and bringing to justice the perpetrator or abettor of any crime, the Judge shall have authority to grant a reward, not exceeding nine dollars and sixty cents, to such constable; and such reward shall be paid by the Treasurer, on the certificate of the Judge, out of any moneys which may be provided by the Legislative Council for the purpose.

Reward for apprehension of criminal.

27. The Governor may grant rewards or gratuities to such constables as he may think deserving of reward or gratuity; and the sums so granted shall be paid out of any moneys which may be provided by the Legislative Council for the purpose.

Rewards to constables.

Unlawful possession of badge, etc., and personation of constable.

28. If any person shall have in his possession any badge, or baton, or other article furnished for the use of a constable, and shall not satisfactorily account for his possession thereof; or if any person shall falsely answer the name of, or act as, or personate, a constable, he shall be liable, on summary conviction, in addition to any other punishment to which he shall have subjected himself, to a fine of forty-eight dollars, or to imprisonment for six months.

*Special constables.*

Appointment and powers of special constables.

29. (1) In all cases where it appears to any Justice that any tumult, riot, or unlawful assembly has taken place or may be reasonably apprehended within his county or district, such Justice is hereby authorised to appoint, by precept under his hand, so many as he thinks fit of the persons under sixty years of age residing in such county or district to act as special constables for the preservation of the public peace and the protection of property, and notice of such appointment and of the circumstances which have rendered such appointment expedient shall be forthwith transmitted by such Justice to the Colonial Secretary and to the Superintendent of the division.

Oath of special constable.

(2) On such appointment, every special constable shall take, before a Justice, who is hereby authorised to administer it, the following oath of office:—

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the office of special constable without favour or affection, malice or ill-will; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of His Majesty's subjects; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law. So help me God.

(3) After their appointment, such special constables shall have all the powers, authorities, privileges, and immunities of members of the Police Force, and every act done by or to a special constable in the execution of his duty as such shall have the same effect and be attended with the same liabilities and other consequences as if done by or to a member of the Police Force in the execution of his duty as such.

Special constables to deliver up weapons, etc.

30. Every special constable shall, when called upon so to do, deliver over to such person and at such time and place as may

be directed by any Superintendent of Police every badge, staff, weapon, and other article provided for such special constable; and any special constable omitting or refusing so to do shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for fourteen days; and it shall be lawful for any Justice to issue his warrant to search for and seize all such articles or appointments which are not so delivered over, wherever the same may be found, and to arrest the person in whose possession the same may be found.

31. Special constables shall be under the orders of such officers as may be appointed to command them by the Governor, and in the absence of any such appointment, under the orders of the senior officer of Police present. Command of special constables.

32. Any person appointed a special constable who, without reasonable cause, neglects or refuses to take the necessary oath and serve as such special constable when called upon so to do by the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner or officer of Police, or any Justice, or who neglects or refuses to obey any lawful command, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of twenty-four dollars, or to imprisonment for fourteen days. Penalty on special constable refusing to act.

33. The Governor may, by warrant under his hand, direct the Treasurer to pay out of the general revenue of the Colony, in respect of the services, equipment, and other expenses of special constables and the expenses incident to their employment, such sum or sums as he considers necessary. Payment of special constables.

34. The Commissioner may require any special constable to wear and use while on duty such distinctive badge and appointments as such Commissioner, under the direction of the Governor, from time to time supplies for this purpose. Any special constable who retires or is removed from his office shall forthwith return to the Commissioner or any Superintendent or non-commissioned officer of Police appointed by the Commissioner any badge or appointments supplied to him in accordance with this section. In case of any default the defaulter shall be liable, on summary conviction, on complaint by the Commissioner or any officer of Police, to be ordered to pay to Badge, etc., of special constables.

the complainant the value of any article as to which default has been made, and shall further be liable to a fine of ten dollars, and also, if the Magistrate thinks fit, to imprisonment for fourteen days.

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See Ord. No. 15750.*

### SCHEDULES.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 10.)

#### Form of Precept to Constable.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE ORDINANCE.

To \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, Commissioner of Police, do, under and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supplemental Police Ordinance, hereby appoint you to be a (Rural or Estate) Constable, and I do issue to you this Precept authorising you to act as a (Rural or Estate) Constable.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

(Signed)

Commissioner of Police.

NOTE.—On the precept of Estate Constables the estate will be specified on the reverse.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 16.)

#### Table of Fees, etc., payable to Rural Constables.

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
	\$ c.	\$ c.
1. For making any arrest where a warrant has been issued, and attending at Court ... ..	1 20	2 40
2. For making any arrest where a warrant has not been issued, and attending at Court, if the Magistrate considers the arrest was properly made ... ..	0 60	1 20
3. For making out a summons and attending at Court, if the summons has been initialled by an officer or non-commissioned officer of Police ... ..	2 40	
4. For executing in the prescribed manner any warrant of distress or levy, or warrant of ejection, or other process issued by a Magistrate or Justice ... ..	1 20	
5. For attendance at any muster, for a non-commissioned officer, per diem ... ..	0 60	
For attendance at any muster, for a private constable, per diem ... ..	1 20	
6. For performance of Police duties when required to assist the Police, for every 12 hours or part of 12 hours ... ..	0 60	
7. In special cases, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the division ... ..	1 20	
8. Travelling allowance to a constable when engaged in the execution of his duty may be awarded on the scale for the time being sanctioned for the Police Force.		

- NOTE.—(1) The fees and allowances specified in Nos. 1—4 and 8 shall, as regards the amount where such amount is within specified limits, be in the discretion of the Magistrate; and such fees and allowances shall be certified by the said Magistrate at the conclusion of the case or the completion of the service. The account shall be made out by the Clerk of the Peace and when certified shall be forwarded to the Commissioner.
- (2) The fees specified in No. 5 shall be paid by the officer in command at the close of the muster.
- (3) In any case under No. 1 the Governor may, on the recommendation of the Magistrate, award special remuneration, not exceeding \$4.80.
- (4) Where more than two services are performed on the same day, not more than \$2.40 shall be awarded altogether for such services.

*Third schedule added.  
See Section 12 of Act No. 15/50.*