

In the reply to this Letter you are requested
to quote the following Number.

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Whitehall

June 1881.



Sir,

I am directed by
Secretary Sir William
Kermon Harcourt to
acquaint you that he
approves of the amended
Police Order on the subject
of the use of revolvers
by the Police as submitted
with your Memorandum
of the 19th instant.

The Commissioner of Police
Your obedient Servant,
Jenny
Godfrey Lushington



Police Orders, June 30th 1884.

FIREARMS.—

The following regulations relating to the issue to, and use by Police of revolvers, having been approved, the Superintendents are to see that they are strictly adhered to:—

1. Revolvers are only to be issued to men who desire to have them when employed on night duty, and who can, in the opinion of the Divisional officer, be trusted to use them with discretion.

2. The revolvers are to be kept at the stations to which men who are to use them are attached, the Officers on duty thereat being held responsible for their safe custody and efficient condition.

3. A revolver is to be issued to a Constable on parading for duty, on his own application only, at the time of parading. It is to be loaded by the Officer parading the relief, and placed in the holster. An entry is then to be made in the Occurrence Book, showing the number and name of the constable to whom a revolver has been issued, and also the number of the revolver.

4. The revolver is to be carried in the holster on the belt on the right side in front of the truncheon, and is not to be taken out of the holster for any purpose whatsoever, except for self defence.

5. Officers carrying revolvers are to be strictly enjoined that they are only to be used in self defence where there is necessity for resorting to their use, as when the Constable is attacked by a person with firearms or other deadly weapon and cannot otherwise reasonably protect himself, a Constable (as a private person also) may resort to a revolver as a means of defence.

6. On going off duty the Officer in charge of the Station is to receive the revolvers from the Police, and in their presence extract the cartridges, carefully examine both weapon and cartridges and make an entry in the Occurrence Book of the condition in which they are delivered to him.

7. The Officer having the use of a revolver is to report, on going off duty, every instance in which he has had occasion to remove it from the holster during his tour of duty, whether it has been used or not. Such reports are to be dealt with as "Urgent," and submitted at once to Commissioner through District Superintendent.

8. Before a revolver is issued to an Officer, he is to be properly instructed in its use, and a report of his competency submitted, through the District Superintendent, to Commissioner for his approval.

E. Y. W. HENDERSON.