

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 301.—The following Bills was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 1st October, 1914:—

### A BILL

ENTITLED

#### An Ordinance to provide for the formation of a Special Police Reserve.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

- Short title.      1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Special Police Reserve Ordinance, 1914.
- Power of Governor to establish a Special Police Reserve.      2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to accept the services of any persons desiring to be formed into a Special Police Reserve (hereinafter called the Reserve) and offering their services and on such acceptance being notified in the *Gazette* the Special Police Reserve shall be deemed to be lawfully established.
- Engagement.      3. Every member of the Reserve upon joining shall sign an engagement in the form in Schedule A or to the like effect.
- Oath.      4. Every member of the Reserve shall on his admission take the oath or make the declaration set forth in Schedule B to be administered by a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.
- Command.      5. The Reserve shall be under the control of the Captain Superintendent of Police and such other officers of the Hongkong Police Force as the Governor may appoint in that behalf.
- Instruction.      6. The Captain Superintendent of Police may from time to time appoint fitting persons to be instructors of the Reserve who shall be charged with attending the annual musketry course and with giving instructions in musketry and in squad drill to the members of the Reserve.
- Arms, ammunition and appointments.      7.—(1.)—For every member of the Reserve a carbine and such appointments as the Governor may direct shall be supplied by the Government for the use of such member.  
(2.) There shall be allowed annually for every member of the Reserve 100 rounds of ammunition, and there may also be issued such further supply to members on such terms as to payment or otherwise as the Governor may direct.
- Resignation.      8. Any member may, except when actually enrolled as a Special Constable under the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886, or under section 10 of this Ordinance, quit the Reserve on complying with the following conditions:—  
(a) giving the Captain Superintendent of Police three months notice in writing of his intention;  
(b) delivering up in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, all arms and ammunition, clothing and appointments, being public property, issued to him; and  
(c) paying all money due or becoming due by him under this Ordinance either before or at the time or by reason of his quitting it.

Thereupon he shall be struck off the strength by the Captain Superintendent of Police: Provided that the Governor shall have full power at all times to permit any member to quit the Reserve on complying with conditions (b) and (c) in this section.

9.—(1.) The Captain Superintendent of Police shall have power to make regulations for giving further and better effect to the provisions of this Ordinance, and in particular regarding the training, duties, arms, ammunition, and appointments, of the members of the Reserve. **Regulations.**

(2.) A copy of every such regulation shall be furnished to every member of the Reserve.

10. The Governor may by proclamation, whenever it appears to him advisable to do so, cause all or any members of the Reserve to be enrolled as Special Police Constables, and all the provisions of Part I of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886, shall in so far as they are applicable extend and apply to every such member on being so enrolled to all intents and purposes as if such members had been appointed and enrolled under that Ordinance; and every member so enrolled shall remain and continue subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and shall have all the powers, privileges, protection and immunities conferred on special constables by the said Ordinance, until the Governor shall by proclamation cancel such enrolment, whereupon all members so enrolled shall again become subject to this Ordinance as members of the Reserve. **Enrolment as Special Police Constables.**

11.—(1.) All arms, ammunition, appointments and other stores supplied at the public expense and issued to any member of the Reserve, shall be and remain the property of the Government, and shall be produced, exhibited and delivered to any person authorised by the Governor to inspect or receive the same. **Wrongful detention or disposal of arms, appointments or stores.**

(2.) If any person wilfully makes away with, sells, pawns, wrongfully destroys or damages, or negligently loses anything issued to a member of the Reserve, or refuses or neglects when lawfully required to produce, exhibit, or deliver on demand anything which he is liable under this Ordinance to produce, exhibit, or deliver, the value thereof shall be recoverable from him summarily before a Magistrate by the Captain Superintendent of Police; and he shall also for every such offence be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars,

(3.) Whoever knowingly buys or takes in exchange or in pawn from any member of the Reserve or person acting on his behalf, or solicits or entices any member to sell or pawn, or knowingly assists or acts for any member in selling or pawning, or has in his possession or keeping, without satisfactorily accounting therefor, any arms, ammunition, clothing, appointments, or other articles, being public property, shall be liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for every such offence.

#### Schedule A.

*Engagement to be signed by a Member of the Special Police Reserve.*

I, (insert the name, address and addition of the member), hereby engage myself to serve in the Special Police Reserve subject to the provisions of the Special Police Reserve Ordinance, 1914, and the rules and regulations thereunder in force.

Dated at Hongkong, the            day of            19 .

(Signature)

#### Schedule B.

*1.—Oath to be taken by Members of the Special Police Reserve.*

I, *A.B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King

George V His Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully serve in the Special Police Reserve according to the conditions of my service.

So help me God.

Dated at Hongkong, the            day of            19 .

(Signature)

Before me,

(Signature)

*Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.*

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2.—*Declaration to be made by Members of the Special Police Reserve.*

I, *A.B.*, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V His Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully serve in the Special Police Reserve according to the conditions of my service.

Dated at Hongkong, the            day of            19 .

(Signature)

Before me,

(Signature)

*Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.*

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*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this Bill is to create a Special Police Reserve Force, the members of which could be called out as Special Constables in times of national emergency or local disorder.

The necessity for a large body of Special Constables in times of emergency has been demonstrated recently, and the usefulness of such a body would be considerably increased by preliminary training, while the enrolment of a large body of Special Police at short notice would be much facilitated by the existence of a Reserve consisting of men who had declared their willingness to serve as Special Constables.

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## NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. S. 302.**—List of Copyright Works in respect of which Notice has been given to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under Section 14 (1) of the Copyright Act, 1911.

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CUTSOM HOUSE, LONDON,  
21st August, 1914.

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