

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 282.

The following Leave Regulations of the Police Force are published under the provisions of Section 19 of Ordinance 14 of 1887.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888.

LEAVE REGULATIONS

Made by the Captain Superintendent of Police, pursuant to Section 19 of the Police Consolidation Ordinance, 1887, (No. 14 of 1887).

I.—EUROPEANS.

Leave at the expiration of Five Years' Service.

1. Any European Member of the Police Force may, after each period of five years' service, on claiming his return passage, under §16 of Ordinance 14 of 1887, apply through the Captain Superintendent of Police to His Excellency the Governor for permission to return to the service within a period not exceeding nine months.
2. Should this application be approved, the Applicant will receive half pay, during his absence, and a certificate entitling him to a return passage to the Colony within the period specified; subject to his passing a satisfactory Medical Examination about three months before the expiration of his leave as to his fitness to return to a tropical climate.
3. The Applicant shall enter into a bond for the refund of the half pay, or the difference between his pension and half pay as the case may be, drawn after his leaving the Colony, in case he does not return at the period specified.
4. This period may nevertheless be extended by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on such ground as may to him be satisfactory, and such extension shall be deemed to be leave originally granted within the meaning of the above Sections I, II, and III, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.
5. Such leave shall enable the Applicant to count his previous service as regards the time of service required before a pension is granted, and each period of two months on leave shall count as one month's service towards the computation of a pension.
6. On the Applicant's return to the Colony, he shall be reinstated in his relative position in the Force, and he will be sworn in for a further period of five years' service under §§8 and 13 of Ordinance 14 of 1887.

II.—INDIANS.

1. Leave of absence will be granted to Indians, after each period of five years' service, subject to the following conditions:—
 - a. That the Applicant's previous character has been good.
 - b. That the leave does not exceed six months, except on special authority.
 - c. That the period on leave counts towards the time of service necessary for pension, in the proportion of two months' leave counting as one month's service, and will enable him to count his previous service towards the period of service required before a pension is granted.
 - d. That half pay is granted for the period on leave, and the return passage of the Applicant defrayed. These amounts will be paid on the Applicant's return to the Colony and re-enlistment.
 - e. The number of men on leave will be limited at the discretion of His Excellency the Governor.
 - f. On the Applicant's return he will be sworn in under §§ 8 and 13 of Ordinance 14 of 1887, for a further period of five years' service, and re-instated in his relative position.

III.—Members of the Force who are drawing allowance for knowledge of Chinese will be allowed to draw half the allowance when on half pay leave.

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Police Barracks, Hongkong, 9th May, 1888.

Approved by the Governor in Council on the 31st May, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 31st May, 1888.