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CHAPTER 150.

POLICE.

An Ordinance to make provision for the organisation, discipline, powers and duties of the police.

[1ST JANUARY, 1950.]

PART I.—SHORT TITLE AND INTERPRETATION.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Police Ordinance; it shall come into operation on a date to be notified by the Governor in the *Gazette*, and shall apply to the Colony:

Provided that the Governor may, at any time, by notice in the *Gazette* direct that this Ordinance shall apply to the whole Protectorate, or by similar notice may from time to time direct that it shall apply to any part or parts of the Protectorate.

* Government Notice 968 of 1949.

† Applied to the whole of the Protectorate from the 1st September, 1954 (P.N. 65 of 1954).

3 of 1948.
16 of 1949.
10 of 1952.
27 of 1953.
9 of 1955.
36 of 1959.

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2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.
27 of 1953.
 “Commissioner”, “Deputy Commissioner”, and “Assistant Commissioner” mean respectively the Commissioner of Police, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and an Assistant Commissioner of Police;

“Provincial Commissioner” means any Administrative Officer in charge of a province or acting in that capacity;

“constable” means any police officer of or below the rank of Sergeant-Major;

“Court” means any court established by any law in force in Sierra Leone;

“superior police officer” means any police officer of or above the rank of Assistant Superintendent;

“junior police officer” means a Chief Inspector, an Inspector and a Sub-Inspector of Police; 27 of 1953.

“Police” or “The Police” means a member or members of the Police Force established under this Ordinance;

“The Force” means the Police Force established under this Ordinance;

“police officer” means any member of the Force;

“Superintendent of Police” includes a Senior Superintendent of Police, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, and an Assistant Superintendent of Police; 27 of 1953.

“Non-commissioned Officer” means any police officer of and above the rank of Corporal but not above the rank of Sergeant-Major.

PART II.—CONSTITUTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE FORCE.

3. There shall be established in Sierra Leone a Police Force to be known as the Sierra Leone Police Force. Establish-
ment of
Police Force.

4. The Police shall be employed for the detection of crime, the apprehension of offenders, the preservation of law and order, the protection of property, and the due enforcement of all laws and regulations with which they are directly charged. General
duties of the
Police.

5. The Force shall consist of a Commissioner, a Deputy Commissioner, and such Assistant Commissioners, Senior Superintendents, Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Bandmasters, Chief Inspectors, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Non-commissioned Officers and Constables and Recruits as the Governor may direct. Constitution
of the Force.
27 of 1953.

Appointment
of Commis-
sioner of
Police.

6. The Governor may appoint some fit and proper person to be Commissioner of Police who, subject to the general orders and directions of the Governor, shall have the command and superintendence of the Force, and who shall be responsible to the Governor for the efficient administration and government of the Force, and for the proper expenditure of all public moneys appropriated for the service thereof.

Appointment
of Deputy
Commissioner
of Police.

7. (1) The Governor may appoint some fit and proper person to be Deputy Commissioner of Police who shall act as Principal Assistant to the Commissioner in the performance of his duties in respect of the force, and who shall, until an appointment is made under paragraph (2) of this section, have power during the absence or incapacity of the Commissioner, to do any act or thing which may by law be done by the Commissioner.

Appointment
of Acting
Commis-
sioner.

(2) The Governor, may, in the absence of the Commissioner, appoint some fit and proper person to act as Commissioner.

Delegation
by Com-
missioner.

8. The Commissioner may, with the consent of the Governor, by writing under his hand, delegate any of his powers under this Ordinance (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters specified or defined in the instrument of delegation.

PART III.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Oaths for
officers.

9. Every superior police officer shall on appointment take and subscribe the following oath:—

“I.....do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, in the office of....., without favour or affection, malice or ill-will, and that I will cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept and preserved; and that I will prevent to the utmost of my power all offences against the same; and that while I shall continue to hold the said office, or some other office in the Sierra Leone Police Force, I will to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to Law—So Help me God.”

Such oath shall be taken and signed before the Commissioner. In the case of the Commissioner the oath shall be taken and signed before the Governor.