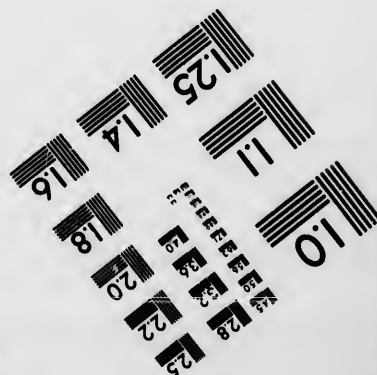
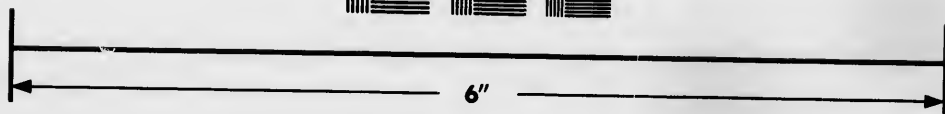
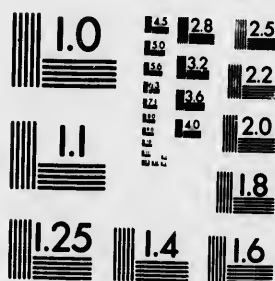


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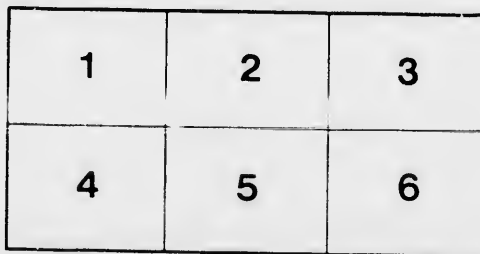
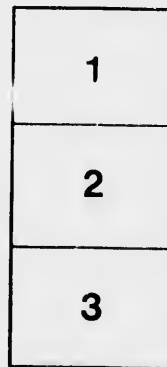
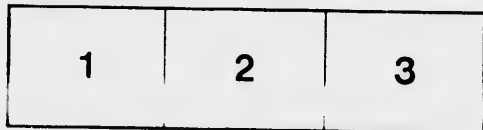
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ESTABLISHMENT and GOVERNMENT
OF A
WATCH AND PATROL
IN THE
TOWN OF HALIFAX.

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WHEREAS by an Act which passed the General Assembly of this Province in the Sessions of 1818, the Magistrates are empowered, under certain enactments, to establish a WATCH and PATROL for the safety of the said Town; and are authorised to make Rules and Regulations for the orderly directing the same.

The said Magistrates, taking the premises into consideration, have made the following RULES and REGULATIONS, and hereby direct that the same shall be observed by all the Inhabitants of this Town who shall from time to time be placed upon the lists of persons to form the said Watch and Patrol.

1. Whenever the Watch and Patrol shall be established agreeably to the manner

prescribed in the Act, the Town shall be divided as follows:—

DIVISIONS.

1. North Suburbs—under a separate Committee of three Persons.
2. North Barrack and Pontack Wards—under one other do. of three persons.
3. Court-House and St. Paul's Wards—under one other do. of three persons.
4. St. Matthew's and S. Barrack Wards—under one other do. of three do.
5. South Suburbs—under one other do. of three persons.

2. The said Committees shall be appointed by the Magistrates, who shall likewise fill up all vacancies, and the said Committees shall within three days after due notice to them given, make an Alphabetical list of such persons resident within their respective Wards from eighteen years of age and upwards (not being House Servants, Daily Laborers, or People of Color) as they may conceive to be proper persons for watching and patrolling or capable by their circumstances to find substitutes. (Clergymen only excepted.)

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3. The Magistrates having considered and confirmed the lists, shall transmit the same to the Chairman of each of the several Committees, who shall cause the same to be entered in a Book to be kept for the purpose, with such Columns as shall constitute a regular Roster. And the several Committees shall adopt one uniform method in keeping the Books.

4. For the purpose of establishing a greater degree of uniformity and regularity, the several Committees are hereby empowered to meet collectively at such times as they may agree upon, and having chosen a Chairman may from time to time make such Rules for their private conduct in carrying the directions of the Magistrates into execution, as the Majority at such Meeting present may see fit.

5. There shall be provided a nightly Watch from

The 1st Division consisting of four persons.

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Total—eighteen.

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6. The said Committees are likewise empowered from time to time to add to their lists the names of such proper persons described in Rule No. 2, as may come to reside within their respective divisions; and further, that in all cases the customary place where each person shall sleep shall be considered to be his place of residence; but whenever such new names shall have been added to any Committee list, the same shall be transmitted to the Magistrates monthly, on the first day thereof, for their approval.

7. The Committees shall each give notice to the persons on the several lists individually to attend the Patrol, by means of printed papers, which shall specify the night, the hour and place of attendance; and which shall be left at each persons residence in the forenoon of the day of the time of meeting: And the several persons being so warned, the Committees shall each send a list of such persons to the Office of the Police on the morning of such day when the persons so warned are required to attend; and the acting Committee-man shall endorse his name upon the same.

8. Any person may be allowed to send

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a Substitute : but the person so sent shall have been previously enrolled upon some one of the Committee lists approved by the Magistrates. And whereas it may be an accommodation to many persons that the Committees should furnish Substitutes, the several Committees are hereby empowered to arrange such accommodation with Members of His Majesty's Council, sick or infirm persons, persons above the age of fifty years, and medical practitioners, liable to serve, upon their engaging to pay to the said Committees a sum not less than one Dollar for each and every night on which such person shall be liable to serve.

9. That the said Committees, either collectively or separately, or the Chairmen separately or collectively, shall attend the Magistrates when so requested.

10. The Watch and Patrol of all the divisions shall assemble at their several guard rooms as follows :—

Those for the North Suburbs, from 1st October to the 31st March at half-past nine o'clock,—from 1st April to 30th September at ten o'clock.

The Three centre divisions from 1st of October to 31st March at ten o'clock,— from 1st April to 30th September at half past ten.

The South Suburbs from the 1st of October to 31st March at half past ten,— from the 1st April to 30th September at eleven o'clock. And shall quit at Gun-fire in the morning all the year round.

11. The several Committees or any collective number of Committees shall appoint some fit and proper Room for the Watch and Patrol of their several divisions to assemble in, and shall submit to the Magistrates the terms upon which the same can be procured.

12. And such Watch Rooms shall each be furnished with Printed Rules to be closely pasted upon a board and hung up in the Watch Room as the Magistrates shall consider to be necessary: and a Constable's Staff and a Rattle shall be furnished by each Committee for its Division: and in order that the several Military Guard Houses may know that such parties of the Patrol have authority to deliver to them the persons

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they may have occasion to commit, the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers have orders to receive persons from the Patrol carrying such badges AND NOT OTHERWISE. The said Staff shall be every night delivered to the Person whom the Committee in their list may mark No. 1, and the Rattle to the person marked in the list No. 2, and such person or persons shall be answerable for the same and shall on the morning on which he or they quit the Watch deliver back the Staff or Rattle to the High Constable of the Watch ; and from whom he shall have received it at night ; and if any person shall wantonly deface the said Rules, or shall injure, or fail to deliver back the said Staff or Rattle to the High Constable from whom he shall have received the same, he shall forfeit and pay five shillings and six-pence for every set of Rules so defaced ; and for every Staff or Rattle lost or defaced, shall replace the same, and shall pay a fine of two shillings and six-pence.

13. No division Patrol, after having committed any person to either of the Guard Houses, shall have power to discharge. And the persons marked No. 1, in the list

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returned by the Committees, shall for the night be considered the person commanding the divisions, and shall report the names of the persons so confined in the Guard Houses to the High Constables hereafter appointed.

14. No person on Patrol shall absent himself from his duty after the Watch is set, under a penalty of ten shillings, and the persons marked in the Committee list as No. 1, in reporting to the High Constables the proceedings of the divisions, shall likewise state any misbehaviour of individuals of the Patrol during the night; and particularly all absentees after the Patrol is set; and all houses licensed to sell liquor open after twelve o'clock.

15. The Committees are directed to select a sufficient number of discreet householders, a list of whom shall be submitted to the Magistrates, three of whom shall by them be put on guard every night, and they shall be considered as High Constables for the night; shall have the superintendance of all the three guard houses, one to each for the night and shall make their report to the Office of Police in the morning at ten o'clock, and the

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said High Constables shall remain in their several Watch Rooms during the night.

16. The Clerk of the Police having received from the several Committees their lists of persons upon duty, shall transmit the said lists to the Magistrate for the night, giving him notice of his or their tour of duty ; and the said Magistrate shall attend the Patrols at their several Guard Houses at the hour directed in the Rule No. 10, in rotation, and he shall insert the said lists in Books to be provided at each Watch Room, and shall therein particularly mark all absentees at the hour at which he shall set the patrol : and as the said Books will be considered the principal means of guiding the Police Magistrates in inflicting fines, &c. they must be carefully kept and delivered by him to the High Constables who shall deliver the same to the Police Office on the following morning together with their Reports, to be inserted under the Magistrates returns.

17. The Magistrates shall appoint a Treasurer, and all fines and dues shall be paid into his hands by the Clerk of the Police WEEKLY, together with a list of all such

monies ; which weekly list shall form a single line in the Treasurer's Books, and being numbered, shall by reference become a voucher to his accounts on the Dr. side, and in like manner an order for, and thereon a receipt of payment, shall, by reference of number become a voucher for the Cr. side of the Account.

18. The several Committees shall appoint one of their number in rotation to take the general management of the division, and to report all circumstances which can or may affect the regularity of the Patrol establishment, and in consideration of that and the other duties by the Committees performed, the several Members thereof shall not be considered liable to perform the duty of Patrol and Watch at night ; neither shall the Clerk of the Police or the Magistrates WHO ACTUALLY PERFORM the duty of visiting the Patrol Guard Rooms in rotation, and of taking the General management of the Patrol establishment, be placed upon the lists ; that duty and their liability to be called on during the night and the day being considered to be a sufficient compensation to the Public for their exemption.

