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REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND GUIDANCE OF THE POLICE FORCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Regulations and Instructions contained herein have been framed for the information and guidance of Members of the Police Force of Western Australia in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Police Act, 1892, and shall come into force on Thursday, March 16, 1944.

All former rules and regulations of the Force are hereby repealed.

Any amendments or additions to these Regulations or Instructions which may from time to time become necessary will be published in the *Police Gazette*.

Disobedience of any of the rules herein laid down for the guidance of the Police will at all times make the offender liable to punishment; and the plea of ignorance will not be accepted.

Where the words "See Code" are mentioned they are to be taken as referring to the Police Code.

D. HUNTER,
Commissioner of Police.

1. ABORIGINES.

The police generally are required to render all the aid in their power to ameliorate the condition of the aborigines, and to enforce the law against persons committing breaches of the Native Administration Act, 1936, and its amendments.

(a) No member of the Force must witness any agreement under the provisions of the Act until he has satisfied himself that the aborigine is acting in a perfectly free and voluntary manner in the matter, and is not under any sort of fear, coercion, or restraint, and that he thoroughly understands the agreement he is entering into.

(b) In cases where the constable himself is unable to understand the aborigine, he is not to indorse any such agreement without obtaining the assistance of an independent and trustworthy interpreter.