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## PART I.

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### GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

#### I.

1. *Instruction of the Recruit.*—The instructors, to whom this duty is intrusted, must be clear, firm, and concise in their mode of conveying instruction, in order to command perfect attention to their directions. They must allow for the capacity of the Recruit; and be patient, where endeavour and good-will are apparent; for quickness is the result of much practice, and ought not at first to be expected.

2. Recruits must be carried on progressively; they should comprehend one thing before they proceed to another. They should not be kept too long at any particular part of their exercise, so as to fatigue or make them uneasy.

#### II.

*Duration of Drills, &c.*—Short and frequent drills are always to be preferred to long lessons, which exhaust the attention both of the instructor and Recruit; and too much pains cannot be taken by those intrusted with the instruction of the constables to move them on progressively, from squad to squad, according to their merit, so that the quick, intelligent man may not be kept back by those of inferior capacity. To arrive at the first squad should be made an object of emulation to every constable.

#### III.

1. *Words of Command.*—Every command must be loud, and distinctly pronounced as it is written.

2. Every command that consists of one word must be preceded by a caution: the caution or cautionary part of a command must be articulated slowly and distinctly, the last or executive part, which, in general, should consist of only one word or syllable, must be given sharply and quickly, as *Company—Halt: Right Half—Face.*

3. The foregoing rule does not apply to the words and numbers given in the *Extension Motions* and *Balance Step*, where