

17. No officer or policemen shall communicate, except as directed by his superior in office, any information respecting his instructions, or give to any person any intimation or information which might enable any party to escape from arrest or punishment or facilitate the disposing or secreting of property stolen or embezzled.

18. All property found in the streets or elsewhere by, or which may otherwise come into the possession of a member of the police force, must be safely delivered to the captain at the station-house of the district, with a special report in relation to the same.

19. Members of the police force must not serve any process in civil cases, or render assistance or interfere in any such cases except to prevent an immediate breach of the peace or to quell a disturbance. If a warrant for the arrest of a party on a criminal charge be placed in the hands of a sergeant or policeman by any other authority than by an officer of police of higher rank, he will deliver the same to the officer in command at the station-house, who will designate by whom it shall be executed. But if the sergeant or policeman when such warrant is placed in his hands have an immediate opportunity of making the arrest, or, if it be necessary without delay to arrest the party charged, to prevent his escape from the city, he will at once execute the warrant.

20. No member of the police force shall on any occasion maltreat a prisoner or other person, by using unnecessary violence towards them.

21. Every member of the police force shall be protected in his right to entertain his own political opinions. But they are all required to refrain from attending any primary or other political meeting for the purpose of making nominations or promoting the election of any public officers, or of electing delegates to any political convention; neither can they be permitted to be delegates to any such convention, or members of, or connected with any club or other association, whose objects or other purposes may have reference to the nomination or election of any candidate for office. And it is particularly enjoined upon them carefully to avoid, at all times and in all places, entering into any political discussion of a character which may lead to recrimination and the use of harsh and intemperate language. On the days of any elections held under the ordinances of the city, or the laws of the State, or of the United States, it shall be the duty of every officer of police and policeman, whether specially assigned to attend at the polls or not, to preserve the peace, and repress disorder, and by all lawful means in his power to protect the integrity of the ballot-box, enforce the rights of legal voters, and prevent illegal voting. Every officer and man in command of parties of the police on such days, will give to each separate