

"METROPOLITAN PUBLIC CARRIAGE ACT, 1869."

THE following Order has been approved of by the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and will be made by him and be in force on and after the First day of January, 1870.

ORDER as to Licensing Hackney and Stage Carriages, as to Licensing Drivers of Hackney and Stage Carriages, and as to certain Regulations relating to Hackney and Stage Carriages, made in pursuance of "The Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869," 32 and 33 Vic. cap. 115, secs. 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, by the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

I do order, prescribe, and direct as follows (that is to say):—

*As to Licensing Hackney and Stage Carriages.*

1. Licences to be granted for Hackney Carriages under the said Act shall be in the Form A contained in the Schedule to this Order, and Licences granted under the said Act for Stage Carriages shall be in the Form B contained in the same Schedule.

2. Licences to be granted under the said Act shall be granted by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, who has been appointed by me for that purpose; but no Licence shall be granted to any person under the age of 21 years, or to any person who shall have been previously convicted of felony.

3. Before any such Licence shall be granted, the person applying for the same shall pay to the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, or to some person appointed by the said Receiver to receive the same, the sum of £2, which I hereby prescribe to be the sum and price to be paid in respect thereof. The application for a Hackney Carriage Licence shall be made in the Form C, and for a Stage Carriage Licence in the Form D, in the Schedules hereto.

4. Before any such Licence shall be granted, a Certificate is to be signed by an Inspector of Public Carriages, stating that the Hackney or Stage Carriage in respect of which the application is made has been examined by him, and that it is fit for public use, and specifying the number of persons which the carriage may be licensed to carry, and the number so specified shall be stated in the Licence.

5. Any Licence granted on the application of any Copartnership or Company shall be issued to the senior partner, or to the Secretary or Manager of the Company, as the case may be; and the senior partner, or the Secretary or Manager, to whom the Licence shall be issued, shall be responsible for the observance of the regulations hereby made, and of the conditions under which the Licence is granted, and shall be liable to all penalties for breaches of these regulations and the provisions of this Order as if they were the persons solely interested in the Carriage and in the Licence.

6. So soon as may be after the signing of the Certificate as to the fitness of any Carriage for public use, the Carriage shall be brought to the Police Station of the District, where a metal plate bearing the distinguishing number of such Carriage will be fixed, in the presence of an Inspector of Public Carriages, in the case of a four-wheeled Hackney Carriage, on the back panel thereof; in the case of a Hansom Carriage, on the off-side panel; and in the case of a Metropolitan Stage carriage, on the back thereof. And I hereby prescribe that each Carriage licensed shall be distinguished by such plate, and such plate shall not be removed from the place where it shall have been so fixed without the authority of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

7. A Licence will afterwards be prepared bearing the distinguishing number of the Carriage, and will be sent to the Proprietor.

8. Each Licence shall be issued in respect of one Carriage only, and shall distinguish the Carriage licensed by a Number.

9. Every Licence to be granted in pursuance of the said Act and this Order shall continue in force for one year from the date of such Licence, unless suspended or revoked; and the Licence shall be subject to revision or suspension for any period in any events in which any Hackney or Stage Carriage Licence might have been suspended or revoked at the time of the passing of the said Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869; and in the event of any breach of the provisions of the said Act, or of this Order, or of any regulations made thereby, which provisions and regulations relate to Hackney or Stage Carriages and the Proprietors thereof; and also in the event of the Proprietor being convicted of any felony or misdemeanour. And I hereby order and prescribe it to be an express condition of the granting of any Hackney or Stage Carriage Licence under this Order, that any such Licence shall be subject to revision and suspension for any period by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if at any time any Proprietor shall be convicted of any offence against the provisions of this Order, or of any Act for the time being in force relating to Hackney or Stage Carriages, or of any felony or misdemeanour.

10. The Proprietor of any Licensed Carriage shall, within three days after a notice shall have been delivered to him, either personally or left at the address mentioned in his Licence, or on the expiration of the period for which his Licence shall have been granted, within three days from such