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A005 -- THE ORIGINS OF SCOTLAND YARD -- FEBRUARY, 2022





WELCOME TO TOPIC # 005... TODAY, MASTER WATSON AND I WILL LOOK AT THE ORIGINS OF SCOTLAND YARD.





FROM THE FIRST SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE, A
STUDY IN SCARLET, SCOTLAND YARD PLAYED A
PROMINENT ROLE.





BY THE TIME YOU TOOK UP RESIDENCE WITH ME, I WAS ALREADY KNOWN TO THE INSPECTORS AND WAS SHORTLY CALLED OUT ON A MURDER CASE BECAUSE...





... AS INSPECTOR GREGSON ADMITTED, 'IT'S A QUEER CASE...', AND I KNEW YOUR TASTE FOR SUCH THINGS.'



RIGHT YOU ARE, SHERLOCK... FOR MANY AROUND THE WORLD, THE NAME 'SCOTLAND YARD' WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE WHOLE OF BRITISH LAW ENFORCEMENT.





IN 1748 HENRY FIELDING, A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN BOW STREET, HIRED SIX HONEST, RETIRED PARISH CONSTABLES AND CREATED THE 'BOW STREET RUNNERS' TO INVESTIGATE CRIMES AND ARREST SUSPECTS.



THIS SALARIED DETECTIVE FORCE WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND REMAINED AS ONE OF HIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS... THE BOW STREET RUNNERS WERE CONSIDERED SO EFFECTIVE, PARLIAMENT ESTABLISHED SEVEN ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICES BASED ON FIELDING'S MODEL IN 1792.



THE POLICE SYSTEM, HOWEVER, REMAINED QUITE FRAGMENTED UNTIL THE ACT OF 1829 CONSOLIDATED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PATROLS AND FORCES INTO A SINGLE METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE FOR THE LONDON AREA OUTSIDE THE CITY ITSELF.



ROBERT PEEL OVERSAW THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW ENTITY ALONG WITH TWO OTHER COMMISSIONERS.



**THE OFFICERS CAME TO BE KNOWN AS 'BOBBIES'
OR 'PEELERS' (FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S NAME),
AND THEIR OFFICES WERE HOUSED AT 4
WHITEHALL PLACE.**



**THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE FOR THE STATION WAS
ACTUALLY IN THE BACK AND OPENED ONTO AN
AREA CALLED THE 'GREAT SCOTLAND YARD.'**



OVER TIME, THE AREA AND THE DETECTIVE FORCE BECAME SYNONYMOUS, AND EVEN WHEN THE FORCE MOVED OUT OF THE BUILDING, THE NAME FOLLOWED THEM TO 'NEW SCOTLAND YARD'.



METROPOLITAN POLICE

RECRUITS WANTED

THERE ARE VACANCIES FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED WELL-BUILT YOUNG MEN of good health, character and education, who have served in His Majesty's Forces.

AGE: between 20 and 27 years (in exceptional cases, ex-service men are accepted slightly over the age limit).

HEIGHT: 5 feet 9 inches, and over.

PAY

Constable	£100 0 0
Police Constable	£110 0 0
Police Sergeant	£120 0 0
Police Inspector	£130 0 0
Police Superintendent	£140 0 0
Police Chief Superintendent	£150 0 0
Police Commissioner	£160 0 0

PENSIONS

Police Constable	£100 0 0
Police Constable	£110 0 0
Police Sergeant	£120 0 0
Police Inspector	£130 0 0
Police Superintendent	£140 0 0
Police Chief Superintendent	£150 0 0
Police Commissioner	£160 0 0



PROMOTION

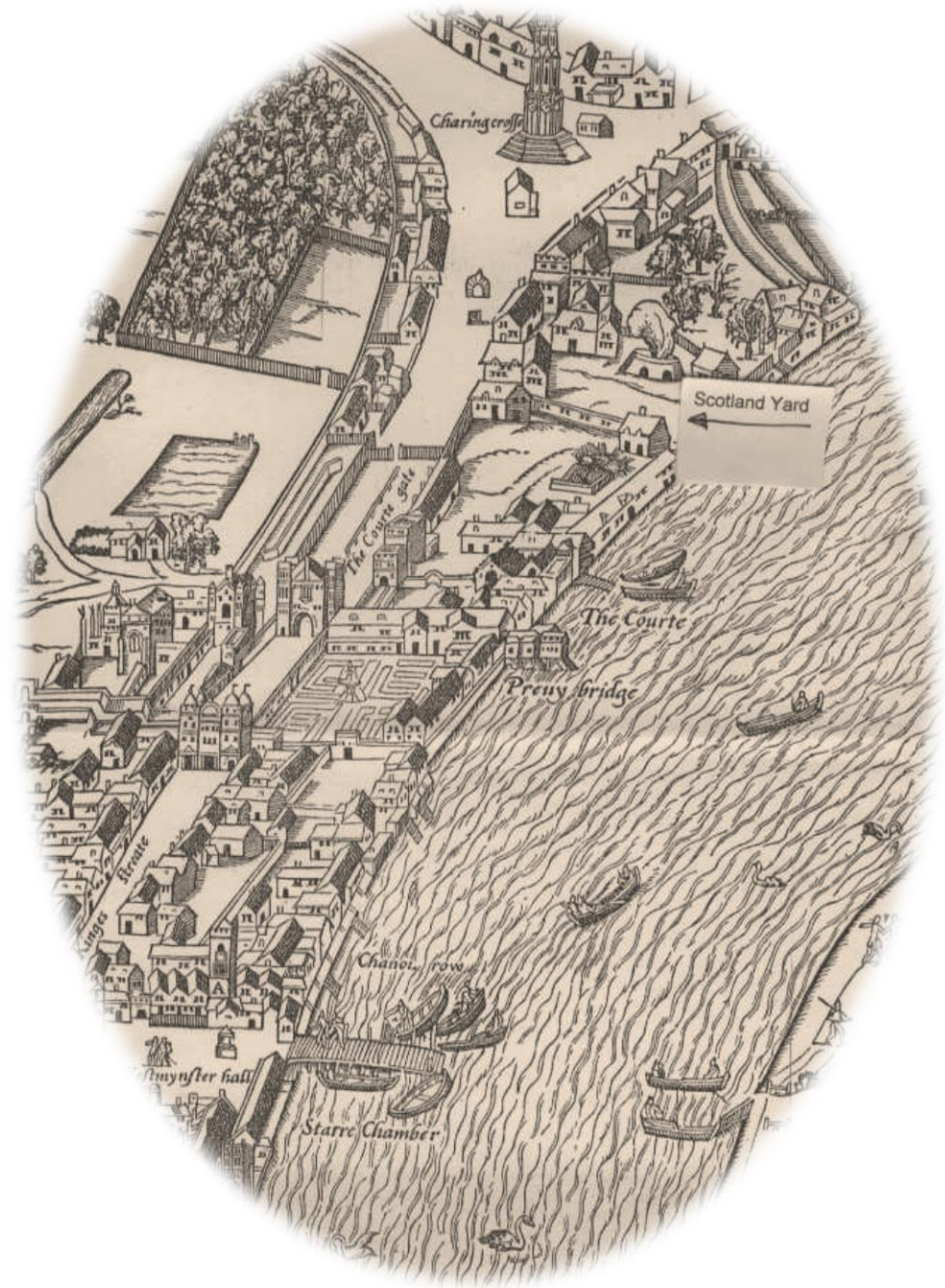
Officers of the Force may be promoted to Superintendent on retirement without exception from consideration. These appointments are subject to the usual conditions as to fitness, character, and general conduct, and are made through the various grades of Sergeant, Ward, Inspector, and Superintendent, and are given to those who show exceptional ability and merit.

It is desirable every intelligent man who is serious and willing to get on in the world should consider the possibility of becoming a member of the Metropolitan Police Force. The position and service are very good, and the responsibility is great. In addition to this is given a liberal pension at the end of a career, which will enable the recipient to lead a comfortable life. The Metropolitan Police Force is a distinguished force, and one which is well known throughout the world. It is a source of pride to be a member of this force, and it is a source of pride to be a member of this force.

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THE 'SCOTLAND' OF 'SCOTLAND YARD' APPEARS TO HAVE ITS ORIGINS PRIOR TO THE 1500s WHEN AN ENGLISH KING PROVIDED LAND TO A SCOTTISH KING TO BUILD LODGINGS FOR USE WHEN VISITING LONDON.



'HOSTILITIES' BETWEEN THE TWO PREVENTED ANY CONSTRUCTION, BUT THE LAND WAS USED AS AN ENCAMPMENT BY SCOTTISH CONTINGENCIES UNTIL THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE UNITED UNDER THE BRITISH MONARCHY.



THE STREET RUNNING TO THE SIDE OF THIS YARD
CAME TO BE KNOWN AS 'GREAT SCOTLAND YARD,'
AND WAS ATTACHED TO THE POLICE FORCE THREE
HUNDRED YEARS LATER.



Bomb Attack on Scotland Yard



WHILE 'SCOTLAND YARD' ELICITED ANY NUMBER OF IMAGES, FROM THE SOMETIMES CONTENTIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ITS DETECTIVES...



...AND MYSELF TO A MODERN AND EFFICIENT POLICE FORCE, IT PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN BRITISH EFFORTS TO PROTECT ITS BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS.



INSPECTORS GREGSON AND LESTRADE, AND ANOTHER NINETEEN DETECTIVES WHO APPEARED IN THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SERIES, CAN ALL BE PROUD OF THAT HERITAGE.

**INSPECTOR GREGSON: 3 DEPICTIONS BY
3 ILLUSTRATORS**



W. P. Weston



G. Hutchinson
1891



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SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 005 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 006, WE WILL LOOK AT THE THAMES RIVER.



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