Regulations Proposed for the formation of
an Aboriginal Police Corps.

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Per forming a body of Aboriginal
Blacks, under European Superintendents, in
order to combine the desirable objects of
removing them from the perils of gradually
becoming alien from their nature, habits and
practices, of habituating them to civilized
customs, and from thence as far as possible to
raise them above the lower grades of temporal
and religious knowledge – it would be
inexpedient to accomplish these objects by
any abrupt means or sudden change from
their present condition and circumstances.

Though the most effective mode would be
to form some of the Nations into a Police
Corps, as in that situation they will not
be liable to any definite labours or sudden
change of employment, yet it is hoped
before they are enjoying change of scene,
and occupation, and the occasional occu-
pation of hunting, be under proper manage-
ment, imperceptibly to themselves, acquiring
the change which is desirable – some definite
number of nations shall be with this new
existence.
and placed under the immediate guidance of a select officer who receives all instructions from the Police Magistrate at Melbourne, to whom he is required to make periodical reports, and also immediate reports of any unusual occurrence. The men shall be selected from one tribe and a portion of the other chosen in their own country to be of proved loyalty, but which must not exceed a few miles from the town, the place where is their head quarters where they will be instructed to build themselves comfortable huts, having in the first instance the assistance of some European workmen; each man with a family shall have a separate hut, and the single men that he together in one hut, move but those men that belong to the Corps with their wives and children, that be allowed to inhabit the Station, but merely be permitted to make occasional visits, when they are established in the village, they may employ some of his time in making gardens or other improvements, but nothing in the shape of labour is to be forced upon them, and only encouraged.
as it by convincing them of the advantage that would arise to themselves when instead of
for any Police Duty, the main body of the
Cops would remain at the Station, where
they would be away from any improper
interference, or from contracting habits
of intemperance.

Two of the men will be always
with the Police Armistate, they shall
have a look close to his presence, and
attend upon him to execute any duty
he may require of them. They will be
changed in rotation once every month,
or oftener if found necessary. When the
service of the corps are required by the
Police Armistate, he will communicate
with the

By means of one of the
two constables, the Corps must therefore move
as far away from the Station, and there
must always be a sufficient number left
at the Station, and also to decide
when the others are to be found of requisite

The service of the corps may in a
short time be made available in many
profitable ways, in preserving the Peace and
good order of the District, in apprehending
runaways, and preventing the above
committing
committing any depredations on the white population, or if such should be the case, to discovering and apprehending the offenders. The officers must teach them how they are to conduct themselves on these occasions by previous training, and when upon actual duty to encourage them to emulate each other in activity and intelligence, they will occasionally be sent to perambulate the districts to gain information or any points that may be required, to preserve the peace and check irregularities.

The men forming the Corps, must by judicious means be taught to give up their native habits, they should be led to believe that belonging to the Police places them in every superior situation and that all the inconvenience practices of their country, are unworthy of their participation in, and probably by some time before their habits are entirely given up, but the attempt must be made gradually, the most likely means is perhaps to keep the men of the Corps distinctly from all others, one of the
He first mentions which should be attempted to be brought through is that of forming in the quarters of one tribe against another. Of course not intending they should dissentence these customs which are useful as that of tracing footsteps. We — We -

In order to make up for the loss of their native occupations, they must be taught others when not otherwise employed as acts of fun recreation as to prevent their being much idle time, which might induce them to return to their habits desired to break up, and it should be endeavored to select such amusement, as may, whilst they please, be turned to, as shooting at a mark, riding, performing some military exercise, may also render the continued after be allowed to hunt or fish. At the same time that the men of the corps are taught to consider themselves inferior to the white blacks, beyond be made to discriminate between the different classes of white people having respect to the color and conduct one preventer of associating with them.
These suits must always be kept alive, and they must always be attended to clearly in their persons. 
An appointment must be appointed for the Corps, and if the men can be made to feel a pride in it, it will not only cause them to take care of it but also be another instrument to attach them to the service. Should any officer ever ask how they must be sent to the Police Magistrate, who will have them placed in the guard near the house, I will acquaint the Police Magistrate, but they may attend there.

If any of these men after some time should become settled and attached to European habits, they may be removed to the SHIPPING stations where they may be instructed in the higher classics and requirements of Civility. 

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Police Magistrate