

## ACT ONE

### Scene 10 : Training the signalmen at Wolverton

BEDFORD: Captain Bruyeres has forwarded to me the following complaint: the police are falling off very much in their general appearance: there is a want of neatness when standing to salute passing trains: their hair is too long, their collar numbers and buttons not clean as they ought to be. (DURING THE FOLLOWING, UNIFORMS ARE ISSUED AND PUT ON) Now in future all the servants at Wolverton Station will come on duty clean in their persons and clothes, shaved and with their shoes brushed. Constables will wear a green uniform and be placed along the whole distance of the line within hail of each other so that the slightest obstruction on the rails is immediately detected. (FLAGS ARE ISSUED) Should accident or interruption occur to the train passing up or down, the intelligence can be conveyed to the next station with the rapidity even outstripping the powers of steam. Men, I expect at all times to see both flags on the left shoulder and heels together. I hope you will feel more pride in yourselves than to give me reason to report you. Let me see what you remember. Line clear...