

## SOURCE 3

**Letter from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner relating to the prosecution of motorists for disobeying regulations on lighting, 4 March 1915  
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### HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Defence of the Realm Act affected people or how they reacted to DORA. You should consider:

### ASK YOURSELF:

- What has happened to a number of drivers?
- Why did the government introduce this restriction?
- What is the question about the licenses of the drivers?
- What evidence is there about the types of drivers and vehicles stopped?
- What is the most important information for the historian contained in this source?

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Sir,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that numerous convictions have recently been obtained against the drivers of motor cars for using powerful lamps, contrary to the Order made under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. There is, however, a divergence of opinion amongst Magistrates and Justices in the Metropolitan Police District as to whether such convictions should be endorsed upon the driver's licence.

In the circumstances, I have deemed it advisable to bring the matter to the notice of the Secretary of State

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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