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No. 102. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 15th February 1862, No. 66.

In continuation of the Rules for the European Convict Prison, I have the honor to forward 2 drafts which if approved, I shall be obliged by your giving to be printed in continuation of those submitted with my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 43.

2. I have reason to believe that the dietary proposed and sanctioned in the Order of the 23rd November may with advantage be reduced in the case of Convicts in the Cells. I observe that in the Irish Prisons the dietary is far below what obtains in the English Prisons and I have in the Rules now submitted assumed that the rate before sanctioned is a maximum allowance.

GENERAL RULES.

1. All Prisoners on reception will be subjected to the first stage of discipline for a period of not less than three months. During this period the Prisoner will be confined to his cell, except at the times appointed for exercise, and his labor will be in his cell; he will receive such diet, not exceeding that appointed for the Prisoners at labor, as the Inspector General of Jails may direct, subject to change only in case the Surgeon shall pronounce such change necessary to the Prisoner's health. The first stage of discipline shall not in any ordinary cases, exceed nine months, but it shall be at the discretion of the Officer in charge to remand any Prisoner for misconduct, or general negligence, or insubordination, to the first stage of discipline.

2. Prisoners are required to obey with readiness and alacrity all the Rules of the Jail and lawful orders of the Prison Officers, sullenness and dilatoriness in the performance of the duties required will be noted by the Keeper in the character book, and may further be visited by the Officer in charge with any of the minor penalties sanctioned for prisons offences.

3. Prisoners who have passed the first stage of discipline and are considered eligible for employment in association, will be regarded as in the second stage, and will be entitled to the badge of one stripe worn conspicuously on the sleeve of the right arm, the diet of such Prisoners will be raised to the full prisons allowance, and although all whistling, singing, loud laughing, loud talking and jesting are prohibited, they will be permitted to speak in their labor yards, but the use of oaths, abusive, indecent and improper language and all reference to scenes of vice or debauchery, jesting, or quarrelling and immorality of any kind will causethe remand of the offender to discipline in the first stage for a period of not less than one month.

4. In no stage of discipline are Prisoners permitted to carry on conversation inside the prison, or while passing to and from their respective yards, and all conversation between Prisoners in different yards is prohibited, any expressions which may be overheard by others to whom such expressions might not with propriety and in accordance with rule be addressed will be treated as a breach of discipline.

5. Every Prisoner in separate confinement shall be furnished with means of employment and moral and religious instruction, he shall be supplied with suitable books, and have such exercise in the open air as may be directed, he shall attend Divine Service, unless special directions under particular circumstances shall be given.

6. Every Prisoner shall be employed in such work as the Keeper may appoint, but no Prisoner shall be employed in the discipline of the prison, or in the private service of any Officer or servant thereof.

7. Prisoners shall be selected, by the Keeper, under the directions of the Officer in charge, to attend to the cleanliness of the different parts of the prison, but always under the inspection of the Warders or other Officers or servants of the prison.

8. It shall be at the discretion of the Officer in charge to employ any Prisoner in his cell in the work of a clerk or copyist or draughtsman in the public service.

9. On Sundays, Christmas-day and Good Friday the labor of the Prisoners shall be confined to what is strictly necessary for the order of the prison; the Prisoners shall attend Divine Service

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as required and take such exercise in the open air as may be ordered by the Keeper, and they shall read and receive such instruction as may from time to time be directed.

10. The Prisoners shall wash completely or their hands and faces, at such hours and as often daily as may be directed, and shall shave at the appointed hours; they shall wash their feet or bathe as may be directed; they shall have clean linen and towels once a week, and their sheets shall be changed once a month; their hair shall be cut when required, so as to keep it close; they shall be required to keep their cells, wards or rooms and every thing therein constantly clean and neat and all articles in their proper places. The building is to be frequently aired under such regulations as may from time to time be established.

11. Prisoners, during the first stage of discipline, shall not be permitted to see their friends unless by order in writing signed by the Officer in charge who shall record in his diary the reasons for permitting such intrusion. Well conducted Prisoners, having passed the first stage of discipline, may, with the sanction of the Officer in charge, be permitted to see a friend or write a letter once at the expiration of 6 months.

12. The interview between Prisoners and their friends can only take place in the presence of an Officer of the prison and for the space of twenty minutes, and in the rooms appropriated for the purpose, except in special cases to be determined at the discretion of the Keeper.

13. Letters sent by or received for Prisoners will be read by the Officer in charge or Chaplain, who may if the letter contains any improper communication detain it or cause it to be destroyed.

14. Prisoners abusing the privilege, of seeing friends or sending letters may be debarred from the privilege and it is at the discretion of the Officer in charge to refuse permission to any person named as the friend of a Prisoner to visit the prison.

15. Prisoners in the advanced class shall be permitted to receive a visit every three months and to write a letter once a month, and the Officer in charge may at his discretion sanction an additional visit or letter.

16. All letters to and from Prisoners, excepting only, in the case of well conducted prisoners and at the discretion of the Officer in charge, those between husband and wife, shall be read by the Officer in charge or Chaplain before delivery.

17. Events of importance to Prisoners may be communicated to them at any period by the Officer in charge or Chaplain.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER.

1. He shall attend all sick Prisoners and all Officers and Servants of the prison resident at or near the Establishment. He shall have the general care of the health of the Prisoners, and shall report to the Keeper and to the Officer in charge, any circumstances connected with the prison, or the treatment of the Prisoners, which shall at any time appear to him to require consideration on Medical grounds.

2. He shall make arrangements with the Officer in charge for carefully inspecting all Prisoners recently admitted into the prison and shall examine into their state of health, and shall enter an account of the same in the "Medical Character Book." He shall also insert therein such information, respecting their health previously to admission, and their liability to be effected by any constitutional disorder, bodily or mental, as may be received with the Prisoners, or as he may be able to obtain from the Prisoners themselves.

3. In the event of a Prisoner's being found on admission to have been in an unfit state to be sent to the prison, or to be seriously ill, or otherwise than as described in the papers received with him, the Medical Officer will immediately report the case in writing to the Officer in charge and take such measures as he may deem advisable, until farther instructions can be received.

4. He shall see the "complaining sick" every morning, reporting to the Keeper in writing, those who are fit for work, and giving directions, in writing, respecting those who are not so.

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He shall visit the sick at such times as may be necessary and convenient; and he shall attend at all times, on receiving information of the serious illness of any Prisoners or Officer. He shall also be in attendance, when required, to meet the superior authorities of the prison.

5. The Medical Officer shall insert, in his own hand-writing, in the "Prescription Book," all orders for administering medicines to the Prisoners.

6. He shall give all necessary directions, in writing, respecting the diet, clothing, work, and exercise of any sick Prisoner, which directions he shall cause to be laid before the Keeper who shall thereupon act upon the same, unless they shall seem objectionable in point of discipline.

7. Whenever the Medical Officer shall have reason to believe that either the mind or the body of a Prisoner is likely to be injuriously affected by the discipline or treatment observed in the prison, he shall report the case, in writing, to the Officer in charge accompanied by such suggestions as he may think the case requires. The Officer in charge shall thereupon alter or suspend the discipline, and regulate the work, as regards such Prisoner accordingly, and report the same, as directed.

8. He shall give directions, in writing, for immediately separating from the other Prisoners any Prisoner having, or suspected of having infections, contagions, or mental diseases; and for cleansing, disinfecting, and white-washing any places occupied by such Prisoners, as well as for cleansing, disinfecting or destroying any infected bedding or clothing.

9. He shall keep a "Medical Register," in which he shall enter, or cause to be entered, the names of all sick Prisoners, and of all those who are receiving medicines, or other articles appropriated to the use of the sick in the wards or cells; and he shall also enter, or cause to be entered in such Register, in the English language, day by day, an account of the state of every sick Prisoner, the name of his disease, and a description of the medicine, diet, and any other treatment which he may order for such Prisoner; also the date of every removal to the sick list, and of every discharge therefrom.

10. He shall keep a "Journal," in which he shall enter all matters of importance in regard to the health of the Prisoners; and also make out such a monthly summary of the numbers of sick treated in the prison as may be required by the Inspector General.

11. His Register and Journal shall be submitted when required.

12. He shall furnish to the Officer in charge daily, a Morning Report, in the prescribed form, of sick Prisoners admitted, discharged, and remaining in the sick list.

13. He shall make a weekly inspection of all the Prisoners, so as to ascertain their general state of health, that they are clean in their persons, and free from disease.

14. He shall attend all corporal punishments within the prison; and his instructions thereon for preventing injury to health shall be obeyed.

15. When he shall observe, or be called on to attend, any Subordinate Officer or Servant of the Establishment who may be incapacitated by illness for the performance of his duties, he shall report upon the nature of such illness to the Officer in charge and shall afterwards report from time to time on the state of such Officer's or Servant's health and ability to return to duty.

16. He shall give notice to the Chaplain when any case of sickness appears to him to assume an aspect of danger.

17. If any case of peculiar difficulty or danger should occur, he shall have power to call in additional aid, referring previously to the Officer in charge for approbation, in every case which will reasonably admit of such reference. No capital operation shall be performed without a previous consultation with another Medical practitioner, except under very urgent circumstances not addmitting of delay, such circumstances to be recorded in his Journal.

18. He shall, after the death of any Prisoner, enter in his Journal a written report containing the following particulars, viz:—at what time the deceased was taken ill; when the circumstance was first communicated to him; when the complaint assumed a dangerous aspect; whether there were any special circumstances connected with his decease which required observation; what opinion he formed of the case; when the Prisoner died.

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19. Orders for diet, and all other articles required in the Medical Department, shall be signed by him.

20. He shall report to the Officer in charge any irregularity which may come to his knowledge, or any difficulty or obstruction which he may meet with in the performance of his duty, and he shall consult with the Officer in charge, and arrange his general visits and duties so as not to disturb the routine of discipline, or interfere with the regular hours of labor.

21. He is to examine all Subordinate Officers appointed to the Establishment, before they commence their duties, and, when required, all candidates for employment as Subordinate Officers or Servants of the prison, who may be sent to him for that purpose, and report whether they possess the necessary qualifications as to health and strength, and shall make an annual report, on or before the 10th of January, on the state of health of all the Subordinate Officers and Servants, and their capability to perform their respective duties.

22. If prevented from attending to his duties by illness, or other unavoidable cause, he shall communicate the circumstance without delay to the Officer in charge and shall submit to him the name of a substitute.

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No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1862, No. 416.

Resolved that the further Rules transmitted with the above letter be sanctioned and printed, and fifty copies furnished to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The interview between prisoners

Judicial Department.

No. 375

From The Inspector General of Jails. Ootacamund

Dated 15th February 1862.

For Orders.

The rules could be printed. It would however be better if the Rules were a Statement. It not as now, a General Order but Rules to be put up in the Jail where it is to be known

Order — 13th March 1860.

Resolved that the printer only
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