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² The Colonial Prisoners Removal Act 1884 (UK) applies and regulates the transfer of prisoners to and from St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

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AN ORDINANCE for the regulation of prisons and for other connected purposes.

Short title

- 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Prisons Ordinance, 1960.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
“common prison” means any prison commonly used for the confinement of prisoners sentenced by any court in St Helena;
“prison officer” means any person employed in the service of the prison;
“special prison” means any place specially set apart for the confinement of prisoners sent to St Helena under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament.

Appointment of prisons

- 3. The Governor may from time to time appoint any place in St Helena to be a common prison or a special prison.

Officers

- 4.⁴ (1) The Governor may appoint a Superintendent of Prisons and other prison officers to execute duties in connection with any prison.

(2) A prison officer, while on duty and as necessary for the performance of the duties of a prison officer, has the authority and responsibility of a police officer pursuant to section 17 of the Police Service Ordinance, 1975 but is not subject to the disciplinary regulations applicable to a member of the police service and is subject only to rules made in accordance with section 6.

Official visitors

- 5. The Chief Justice, every Justice of the Peace and the Members of the Executive Council are official visitors to all prisons.

Power to make rules

- 6. (1) The Governor in Council may make rules for the regulation and management of prisons, the maintenance of good order in them, the classification, treatment, employment, discipline and control of persons required to be detained in them, and the punishment of offences against such rules.

(2) Rules made under this section must not contain provision for the infliction of corporal punishment.

⁴ Section 4 substituted by Ord. 9 of 2022

Release

7. (1) In any sentence of imprisonment the word “**month**” is, unless the contrary is expressed, to be construed as meaning a calendar month.

(2) A prisoner whose sentence expires on Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday must be discharged on the preceding day.

Death

8. The Superintendent of Prisons must give immediate notice of the death of any prisoner to the Coroner, and the Coroner must hold an inquest on the death.

Sickness

9. If a certificate signed by a government medical officer and by the Sheriff is delivered to the Superintendent of Prisons stating that the removal of a prisoner to hospital is necessary, the prisoner must be so removed.

Escape

10. It is an offence for a prisoner to –

- (a) escape or be unlawfully absent from a prison; or
- (b) escape from or leave any prison officer under whose charge the prisoner is.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Aiding escape

11. It is an offence for a person to –

- (a) aid a prisoner in escaping or attempting to escape from prison;
- (b) with intent to facilitate the escape of any prisoner, convey anything into a prison or to a prisoner;
- (c) place anything outside a prison with a view to its coming into the possession of a prisoner; or
- (d) harbour or conceal or assist in harbouring or concealing any prisoner.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Allowing escape

12. A prison officer who knowingly and wilfully allows a prisoner to escape commits an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 3 years.

Forbidden articles

13. A person who unlawfully conveys or attempts to convey into a prison or to a prisoner any article commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £5 or imprisonment for one month, or both.

Unlawful absence

14. If a person sentenced to imprisonment is unlawfully at large during the period for which he or she is liable to be detained pursuant to a sentence, in calculating the period for which the person is liable to be so detained, no account is to be taken of any time during which the person is so at large.

Violence

15. A person who resists or assaults, or aids or incites any other person to resist or assault any prison officer in the execution of his or her duty, commits an offence.
Penalty: A fine of £20 or imprisonment for 3 months, or both.

Young prisoners

16. The Governor may release on conditional licence any prisoner serving a term of imprisonment who was under 21 years of age at the commencement of the sentence; but –

- (a) such licence does not have effect until the prisoner has become eligible for the remission of the remainder of the sentence on account of good conduct and industry in accordance with rules made under this Ordinance;
- (b) a person so licensed is until the expiration of the sentence under the supervision of another person who must be specified in the licence, and must comply with any requirements stated in the licence;
- (c) the Governor may at any time vary or cancel any requirement stated in the licence;
- (d) if the Governor is satisfied that a person so licensed has failed to comply with any requirement specified in the licence, the person may be recalled and detained in a prison until the expiration of his or her sentence.

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PART I PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prisons Rules, 1999.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules—

“**adjudged term**” means the length of imprisonment by a court on passing sentence, and if it passes 2 or more sentences of imprisonment to be served consecutively by a prisoner, means the aggregate length of all those sentences;

“**Committee**” means the Visiting Committee established under Part V;

“**medical officer**”, in relation to prisons, means the Senior Medical Officer of the Government or any other medical practitioner appointed by the Governor for the purposes of these Rules;

“**sentence**” means the sentence of imprisonment being served by a prisoner pursuant to an order of a court made upon his or her conviction for a criminal offence, and includes any such sentence being served in default of payment of a fine or other monetary penalty imposed by the court upon his or her conviction;

“**Superintendent**” means the Superintendent of Prisons appointed in accordance with section 4 of the Ordinance;

“**unconvicted prisoner**” means a prisoner awaiting a trial, a prisoner on remand, a prisoner committed for contempt of court, a prisoner convicted but not sentenced, or a prisoner under lawful temporary detention without charge, but does not include a prisoner detained for an indeterminate term at the pleasure of the Governor, and “**convicted prisoner**” is to be construed accordingly.

PART II GENERAL

Admission, search and briefing of prisoners

3. (1) Immediately upon the admission of a prisoner into prison the

Superintendent must cause to be entered—

- (a) in the Prisoners Admission Book the name of the prisoner, whether he or she is convicted, and, if so, the date of commencement and expiration of the sentence, the prisoner's age, height, weight and other details relevant to his or her identification;
- (b) in the Reconviction Book the name of every prisoner admitted into prison on a second or subsequent conviction; and
- (c) in the Prisoners Property Book any property found upon the prisoner at the time of his or her admission into prison.

(2) Subject to Rule 16, immediately upon the admission of a prisoner into prison the prisoner must be searched by a prison officer of the same sex as the prisoner concerned, in as seemly a manner (out of sight of other prisoners) as is consistent for the discovery of anything concealed.

(3) Every prisoner must be provided, within 24 hours of his or her admission into prison, with sufficient information about these Rules and any other matters which it is necessary for the prisoner to know, including the proper method of making requests and complaints.

(4) The Superintendent may require that any prisoner admitted into prison be photographed and fingerprinted.

(5) A copy of these Rules must be made available to any prisoner who requests it.

Classification and separation of prisoners

4. (1) Subject to Rule 5 the Superintendent must, at intervals of not more than 3 months, classify prisoners according to their age, temperament and record, with a view to categorising them in accordance with the security categorisation set out in the Schedule.

(2) Pursuant to sub-rule (1), the Superintendent must keep, maintain and make available for inspection by the Governor or the Committee at their request a Prisoner's Categorisation Book.

(3) As far as reasonably possible, unconvicted prisoners must be kept apart from convicted prisoners, unless any unconvicted prisoner is willing to associate with convicted prisoners.

Female prisoners

5. (1) Female prisoners must be kept entirely separate from male prisoners.

(2) The Superintendent may, subject to any conditions he or she thinks fit, permit a female prisoner to nurse or tend her child in prison, in which case everything necessary for the child's maintenance and care must be provided there.

Privileges

6. (1) For the encouragement of the good conduct, industry and rehabilitation of prisoners the Superintendent must, subject to the approval of the Governor, establish a system of privileges for the prison, including schemes for the employment of prisoners.

(2) The Governor must determine how money earned under any approved scheme for the employment of prisoners is to be utilised, including what percentage may be paid to any prisoner who participates in any such scheme.

Remission of sentence

7. (1) Subject to this rule the Superintendent may, on account of a prisoner's good conduct and industry while in prison, grant him or her a remission of portion of his or her sentence not exceeding one third of the prisoner's adjudged term, if his sentence is 30 days or more.

(1A) The Superintendent may, on granting remission under sub-rule (1), impose any conditions that appear to him or her to be desirable either generally or in a particular case, and any such conditions may be varied from time to time or cancelled.

(2) A prisoner referred to in sub-rule (1) must be discharged when that part of the adjudged term of his or her sentence less the period of remission has been served.

(3) In calculating for the purposes of this rule how much of the adjudged term of a sentence of a prisoner remains to be served, account must be taken of the period during which that prisoner was, in respect of the offence for which he or she was convicted, remanded in custody by any court or by a Justice of the Peace either before conviction or subsequent to conviction and before the passing of the sentence, unless in passing sentence a court has specially directed that any such period is not to be taken into account.

(4) A prisoner eligible for remission of sentence under this rule who commits any offence against prison discipline may suffer total or partial loss of remission of sentence as provided for in rules 33 and 34, unless on account of his or her subsequent good conduct and industry the Superintendent directs otherwise.

(5) If a prisoner who has been granted remission under paragraph (1), after release fails to comply with any condition imposed under that sub-rule, the Superintendent may, on the recommendation of, or after consultation with the Committee, withdraw such remission and recall the prisoner to prison to continue to serve his or her sentence.

(6) The Superintendent may withdraw remission and recall a prisoner to prison without consulting the Committee, in any case in which it appears to him that it is expedient in the public interest so to do before such consultation is practical.

(7) A person recalled to prison under this rule may make representations in writing to the Governor with respect to the recall and must, on his or her return to prison, be informed in writing of the reasons for the recall and his or her right to make such representations.

(8) The Governor must refer to the Committee the case of a person recalled to prison who—

- (a) makes representations under sub-rule (7); or
- (b) is recalled under sub-rule (6) regardless whether or not the person makes representations under sub-rule (7).

(9) If upon a reference made under sub-rule (8) the Committee recommends the immediate release on remission of the prisoner, the Superintendent may give effect to that recommendation, but without prejudice to the power again to withdraw that remission and recall that person, under this rule, if new circumstances appear to require it.

(10) On withdrawal of remission of any person under this rule, the person is liable to be detained pursuant to his or her sentence, and, if at large, is deemed to be unlawfully at large and may be arrested by any police officer or prison officer.

(11) This rule does not apply to any prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment for life or ordered to be detained in prison for an indefinite term during the pleasure of the Governor.

Temporary release

8. (1) The Superintendent may, subject to any conditions he or she sees fit to impose, authorise the temporary unsupervised release of a convicted prisoner, to enable the prisoner to engage in employment, to receive training, or to participate in any special activity, which would be of assistance to the prisoner in his or hers transition to freedom.

(2) Sub-rule (1) applies to any prisoner serving a sentence of 9 months or more before remission is taken into account if the prisoner—

- (a) has served at least 50% of his or her remitted sentence and has demonstrated satisfactory behaviour as a prisoner;
- (b) has for himself or herself, obtained or arranged, as the case may be, paid employment, self employment, training, or a special activity, which is consistent with the prisoner being required to spend his or her evenings and nights at the prison;
- (c) has demonstrated that such employment, training or special activity would assist in his or her rehabilitation.

(3) Any unauthorised absence by any prisoner from any employment, training or special activity permitted under this rule, may lead to the immediate withdrawal of such prisoner's temporary release privileges.

(4) During any period of temporary release under sub-rule (1), a prisoner must return to prison immediately at the conclusion of his or her session of work, training or special activity, for which such release is authorised under this rule.

(5) The Governor must determine how any money earned by a prisoner under this rule is to be disposed of, including what proportions are to be applied towards the prisoner's upkeep, retained to be available for his or her benefit upon release, and available for his or her personal use.

(6) A prisoner temporarily released under sub-rule (1) may be recalled to prison at any time, whether the conditions of his or her release have been broken or not.

Requests by prisoners to see certain authorities

9. (1) Every request by a prisoner to see the Superintendent or the Committee must be recorded in the Application Book by the prison officer to whom it is made and promptly communicated to the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent, as soon as practicable after being informed of a request under sub-rule (1) must—

- (a) if the request is addressed to the Superintendent - make himself or herself available to hear it on every day other than Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday;
- (b) if the request is addressed to the Committee - inform a member of the Committee of the request.

Religious ministration

10. (1) A prisoner must be treated as being of the religious denomination stated on his or her record upon admission into prison or otherwise disclosed by the prisoner to a prison officer.

(2) The Superintendent must approve the choice by any recognised religious denomination of a chaplain to a prison or any minister of religion, and must also approve the nomination of any substitute for the chaplain or a minister during the absence of the chaplain or minister.

(3) A chaplain or minister of religion must—

- (a) interview every prisoner individually as soon as practicable after the prisoner's admission into and release from prison;
- (b) unless other arrangements are made, read the burial service at the funeral of any prisoner of his or her denomination who dies in prison;
- (c) visit prisoners of his or her denomination as regularly as practicable; and
- (d) conduct divine service for the prisoners of his or her denomination at intervals approved by the Superintendent and on the special days of religious observance pertaining to that denomination.

(4) If a prisoner belongs to a denomination for which no minister has been approved under sub-rule (2), the Superintendent must do what he or she reasonably can, if so requested by the prisoner, to arrange for the prisoner to be visited by a minister or other member of that denomination.

(5) The Superintendent must not require prisoners to do unnecessary work on any day that is their particular sabbath day.

(6) So far as is reasonably practicable, there must be available for the personal use of every prisoner such religious books as are approved by the Superintendent for use in prisons.

Illness and death of prisoners

11. (1) The medical officer is to have the care of the mental and physical health of the prisoners.

(2) Every request by a prisoner to see the medical officer must be recorded in the Medical Book by the prison officer to whom it is made and promptly communicated to the medical officer.

(3) The medical officer may call another medical practitioner into consultation, and

must do so, if time permits, before performing any serious operation.

(4) If an unconvicted prisoner desires the attendance of a registered medical practitioner or dentist, and will pay any expense incurred, the Superintendent must, if satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the request, allow the prisoner to be attended by that practitioner or dentist, with or without the consultation of the medical officer.

(5) The medical officer must report in writing immediately to the Superintendent on the case of any prisoner—

- (a) suffering from a contagious disease; or
- (b) whose health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued imprisonment or any conditions of imprisonment;

and the Superintendent must thereupon without delay send a copy of the report to the Governor with his or her recommendation as to what requires to be done.

(5A)² Upon receipt of a report under rule 11(5) the Governor may take any action as appears to the Governor to be appropriate to the circumstances set out in the report. Such actions may include, but are not limited to—

- (a) requesting further information relating to the subject of the report;
- (b) directing that the Superintendent comply with any or all recommendations in the report, whether wholly or in part;
- (c) directing that the prison make any other arrangements as the Governor considers appropriate;
- (d) releasing the prisoner on compassionate grounds in accordance with Rule 11A.

(6) The medical officer must report in writing to the Superintendent on the case of any prisoner whose mental condition appears to require that special arrangements be made for the prisoner's supervision or care, and the Superintendent may approve any such arrangements.

(7) The medical officer must inform the Superintendent if he or she suspects any prisoner of having suicidal intentions, and such prisoner must thereupon be placed under special observation.

(8) If a prisoner dies, becomes seriously ill, sustains any severe injury or is removed to a hospital on account of mental or physical disorder, the Superintendent must, if the address concerned is known to him or her, inform the prisoner's spouse or next of kin, and also any person whom the prisoner may reasonably have asked should be informed.

(9) If a prisoner dies, the Superintendent must immediately notify the Coroner, the Committee, and the Governor.

Power to release prisoners on compassionate grounds etc.³

11A. (1) *The Governor may at any time release a prisoner on licence if he is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist which justify such a step on compassionate grounds.*

(2) *Any person released on licence under this rule must comply with any conditions from time to time specified in the licence.*

(3) *A licence granted to a prisoner under this rule may be made subject to any conditions that appear to the Governor to be desirable either generally or in any particular case, and any*

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such conditions may be varied from time to time or cancelled.

(4) Before imposing, varying or cancelling any conditions, unless doing so upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Governor must consult the Committee.

(5) In considering the conditions that are to be included in the licence, the Governor must have particular regard to—

- (a) the nature of the offence for which the sentence is being served,*
- (b) the total length of the sentence,*
- (c) the length of the sentence that will have been served in prison,*
- (d) any potential risk posed by the prisoner, and*
- (e) the specific circumstances of the compassionate grounds.*

Clothing of prisoners

12. (1) An unconvicted prisoner may wear his or her own clothing and arrange for it to be supplied to him or her from outside the prison, insofar as such clothing is adequate, clean and tidy, but this rule otherwise applies to him or her as to a convicted prisoner.

(2) A convicted prisoner must be provided with the clothing adequate for the climate and consistent with good health in accordance with a scale approved by the Superintendent.

(3) The clothing referred to in sub-rule (2) includes protective clothing for use at work where it is needed.

(4) Subject to sub-rule (5), a convicted prisoner must only wear the clothing provided for him or her under this rule unless the Superintendent directs otherwise.

(5) A prisoner required to be taken in custody to any court must wear his or her own clothing or clothing different from that worn in prison.

Food

13. (1) Subject to any directions of the Governor, an unconvicted prisoner may arrange at his or her own expense for food to be supplied to him or her from outside the prison.

(2) Subject to any directions of the Governor, or as advised by the medical officer, no convicted prisoner may be—

- (a) allowed to have any food other than that ordinarily provided;*
- (b) given less food than is ordinarily provided:*

but the Superintendent in his or her discretion may permit a prisoner to receive prepared food.

(3) The food provided must be wholesome, nutritious, well prepared and served, reasonably varied and sufficient in quantity.

(4) The Environmental Health Officer must regularly inspect the food both before and after it is cooked, and must report any deficiency or defect to the Superintendent.

Alcohol and tobacco

14. (1) A prisoner must not be allowed to have any intoxicating liquor except under a written order of the medical officer specifying the quantity and the name of the prisoner.

(2) A prisoner must not be allowed to smoke or have any tobacco except as a privilege under rule 6 and in accordance with any directions of the Superintendent.

Accommodation and hygiene

15. (1) A room or cell must not be used as sleeping accommodation unless certified by the Governor as being—

- (a) capable of accommodating a specified maximum number of prisoners who may sleep or be confined at one time in the room or cell, which number must not be exceeded without the authority of the Governor; and
- (b) otherwise suitable for the confinement of any prisoner.

(2) Each prisoner must be provided with a separate bed and with separate bedding adequate for warmth and health.

(3) Every prisoner must be provided with toilet articles necessary for his or her health and cleanliness, and the articles must be replaced as necessary.

(4) Every prisoner is required to wash at proper times, have a shower on admission into prison and thereafter at least once per day and to have his or her hair cut as may be necessary for neatness; but a prisoner is not required to have his or her hair cut if he or she keeps his hair tidy, unless the medical officer directs this to be done for the sake of health or cleanliness.

(4A) Every male prisoner not excepted by the Superintendent must shave or be shaved daily, but need not have any beard or moustache usually worn by him shaved off if he keeps it tidy, unless the medical officer directs this to be done for the sake of health or cleanliness.

(5) A female prisoner's hair must not be cut without her consent unless the medical officer certifies in writing that this is necessary for the sake of health or cleanliness.

Power of search

16. (1) A prison officer may search any—

- (a) prisoner; or
- (b) cell occupied by a prisoner,

for the purpose of ascertaining whether a prisoner has any prohibited or unauthorised article on his or her person or in his or her cell.

(2) A prison officer searching a prisoner or cell by virtue of this rule—

- (a) must have every regard for decency and if conducting a strip search must do so out of sight of other prisoners;
- (b) may use reasonable force where necessary; and
- (c) may seize and detain any prohibited or unauthorised article found on the prisoner or in his or her cell during the course of the search.

(3) In this rule “**prohibited or unauthorised article**”, in relation to a prison, means any article which the prisoner is not authorised by these Rules or by the Superintendent to have in his or her possession or, as the case may be, in his or her possession in any particular part of the prison.

(4) The Superintendent may authorise the medical officer to—

- (a) conduct, with or without the consent of the prisoner, an intrusive bodily search of a

- prisoner for the purpose of discovering any prohibited or unauthorised article; and
 (b) obtain samples from a prisoner of any bodily fluids necessary to detect illness or drug abuse;

but no sample other than urine or saliva may be obtained from the prisoner without his or her consent.

(5) For the purposes of sub-rules (1) and (2) a prisoner must be searched only by prison officers of the same sex as the prisoner.

Daily exercise

17. (1) A prisoner not engaged in outdoor work must be given exercise in the open air for not less than one hour each day, if health permits; but exercise consisting of physical training may be given indoors instead of in the open air.

(2) The period of exercise referred to in sub-rule (1) may be reduced in special circumstances by the Superintendent.

(3) The medical officer must decide upon the fitness of every prisoner for exercise and physical training, and may excuse a prisoner from, or modify, any activity on medical grounds

Work

18. (1) A convicted prisoner must be required to do useful work, for not more than 8 hours a day, and arrangements must be made to allow prisoners to work, where possible, outside the cells and in association with one another.

(2) The medical officer may excuse a prisoner from work on medical grounds, and a prisoner must not be set to do work which is not of a class for which he or she has been passed by the medical officer as being fit.

(3) A prisoner must not work in the service of another prisoner or a prison officer, or for the private benefit of any person, without the authority of the Governor.

(4) An unconvicted prisoner may, if he or she wishes, with the approval of the Superintendent, do work as if he or she were a convicted prisoner.

(5) Prisoners may be paid for their work at rates approved by the Governor, either generally or in relation to particular cases.

(6) Every prisoner must be searched immediately on return from outside work.

(7) Prisoners at work outside the prison must at all times be under supervision of a prison officer or of a person approved by the Superintendent as being responsible for the supervision of any prisoner.

(8) No prisoner categorised as a Category A or B prisoner in terms of the Schedule may be permitted to work outside the prison except with the consent of the Governor.

Education and social welfare

19. (1) Every prisoner able to benefit from the educational facilities at a prison must be encouraged to do so.

(2) Programmes of daytime and evening educational classes may be arranged and, subject to the directions of the Superintendent, reasonable facilities may be afforded to prisoners who wish to do so at their own expense to improve their education by correspondence courses or private study, or to practise handicrafts in their spare time.

(3) Special attention must be paid to the education of illiterate prisoners, and if necessary, they must be taught reading and writing within the hours normally allotted to work.

(4) Subject to the direction of the Superintendent, every prisoner must be allowed to have library books and exchange them at the Public Library.

Outside contacts and aftercare

20. (1) The Superintendent must endeavour to facilitate such relations between a prisoner and his or her family as are desirable in the best interests of both.

(2) A prisoner must be encouraged and assisted to establish and maintain such relations with persons and agencies outside prison as may, in the opinion of the Superintendent, best promote the interests of the prisoner's family and his or her own social rehabilitation.

(3) From the beginning of a prisoner's sentence, consideration must be given, whenever possible, in consultation with the appropriate aftercare organisation, to the prisoner's future and the assistance to be given to the prisoner after release.

Letters and visits

21. (1) The Superintendent may, with a view to securing discipline or the prevention of crime, or in the interests of any persons, impose restrictions, either generally or in a particular case, upon the communications to be permitted between a prisoner and other persons.

(2) Except as provided by this rule, a prisoner must not be permitted to communicate with any person outside the prison, or that person with the prisoner, without the leave of the Superintendent.

(3) Except as provided by this rule, every letter or communication to and from a prisoner may be read or examined by the Superintendent or a prison officer deputed by him or her, and the Superintendent may, at his or her discretion, stop any letter or communication on the ground that its contents are objectionable or could lead to a breach of prison security.

(4) Every visit to a prisoner must take place within the sight and, except as provided by rule 22, the hearing of a prison officer, unless the Superintendent otherwise directs.

(5) The Superintendent may give directions, generally or in relation to any visit or class of visit, concerning the days and times when prisoners may be visited.

(6) An unconvicted prisoner may send and receive as many letters and receive as many visits as he or she wishes within such limits and subject to such conditions as the Superintendent directs, either generally or in a particular case.

(7) A convicted prisoner is entitled to—

(a) send and receive a letter on his or her admission into prison and thereafter once a week; and

(b) receive a visit every Saturday between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m..

(8) The Superintendent may allow a prisoner an additional letter or visit where necessary for the prisoner's welfare or that of his or her family.

(9) The Superintendent may allow a prisoner entitled to a visit to send and receive a letter instead.

(10) The Superintendent may defer the right of a prisoner to a visit until the expiration of any period of cellular confinement.

(11) The Committee may allow a prisoner an additional letter or visit in special circumstances, and may direct that a visit may extend beyond the normal duration.

(12) The Superintendent may allow additional letters and visits in relation to any class of prisoner.

(13) A prisoner is not entitled under this rule to receive a visit from any person other than a relative or friend, except with the leave of the Superintendent.

Visits and communications in connection with legal and other proceedings

22. (1) A police officer may, on production of an order issued by or on behalf of the Director of Police, interview any prisoner willing to see the police officer.

(2) A person detained in prison in default of payment of a sum of money, may communicate with, and be visited at any reasonable time on a weekday by, any relative or friend to arrange for payment in order to secure the person's release from prison.

(3) The legal adviser of a prisoner in any legal proceedings, civil or criminal, to which the prisoner is a party, must be afforded reasonable facilities for interviewing him or her in connection with those proceedings out of hearing but in the sight of a prison officer.

(4) A prisoner's legal adviser may, with the leave of the Superintendent, interview the prisoner in connection with any legal business in the sight and hearing of a prison officer.

(5) A prisoner who is a party to any legal proceeding may correspond with his or her legal adviser in connection with the proceedings, and unless the Superintendent has reason to suppose that any such correspondence contains matter not relating to the proceedings it must not be read or stopped under rule 21(1).

(6) A prisoner must on request be provided with any writing materials necessary for the purpose of sub-rule (5).

(7) Subject to any directions given in the particular case by the Superintendent, a registered medical practitioner selected by or on behalf of a prisoner who is a party to legal proceedings must be afforded reasonable facilities for examining the prisoner in connection with the proceedings, and may do so out of hearing but in the sight of a prison officer.

(8) Subject to any directions of the Superintendent, a prisoner may correspond with a lawyer or lay advocate for the purpose of obtaining legal advice concerning any course of the action in relation to which the prisoner may become a party to civil proceedings, or for the purpose of instructing the lawyer or lay advocate to issue such proceedings.

Custody outside prison

23. (1) A person being taken to or from a prison in custody must be exposed as little as possible to public observation, and proper care must be taken to protect him or her from curiosity and insult.

(2) A prisoner required to be taken in custody anywhere outside a prison must be kept in the custody of a prison officer or police officer.

Prisoners' property

24. (1) Subject to any directions of the Superintendent, an unconvicted prisoner may have supplied at his or her own expense and retain for his or her own use, books, newspapers, writing material and any other means of occupation, except any that appear objectionable to the Visiting Committee or, pending consideration by them, to the Superintendent.

(2) Any property of a prisoner, other than cash or other property which a prisoner is allowed to retain for his or her own use, must be taken into the Superintendent's custody. An inventory of the prisoner's property must be kept, and he or she must be required to sign it, after having a proper opportunity to see that it is correct.

(3) Any cash, which a prisoner has at a prison, must be paid into a bank account in the prisoner's name opened or approved by the Superintendent, who is to have custody of the book giving access to the account.

(4) Any article belonging to a prisoner which remains unclaimed for a period of more than 3 years after he or she leaves prison, or dies, may be sold or otherwise disposed of, and the net proceeds of any sale must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(5) The Superintendent may confiscate any unauthorised article found in the possession of a prisoner after his or her admission into prison, or concealed or deposited anywhere within the prison.

Money and articles received by post

25. (1) Any money or other article (other than a letter or other communication) sent to a convicted prisoner through the post office must be dealt with in accordance with this rule, and the prisoner must be informed of the manner in which it is dealt with.

(2) Any cash must, at the discretion of the Superintendent, but subject to sub-rule (2A), be—

- (a) dealt with in accordance with rule 24(3);
- (b) returned to the sender; or
- (c) in a case where the sender's name and address are not known, paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(2A) In relation to a prisoner committed to prison in default of payment of any sum of money, the prisoner must be informed of the cash and, unless he or she objects to it being so applied, it must be applied in or towards the satisfaction of the amount due from him or her.

(3) Any security for money must, at the discretion of the Superintendent—

- (a) be delivered to the prisoner or placed with his or her property at the prison;
- (b) be returned to the sender; or
- (c) in a case where the sender's name and address are not known or the article is of such

a nature that it would be unreasonable to return it, be sold or otherwise disposed of, and the net proceeds of any sale applied in accordance with sub-rule (2).

PART III DISCIPLINE

Removal from association

26. (1) If it appears desirable, for the maintenance of good order and discipline or in his or her own interests, that a prisoner should not associate with other prisoners, either generally or for particular purposes, the Superintendent may arrange for that prisoner's removal from association accordingly.

(2) A prisoner must not be removed under this rule for a period of more than 24 hours without the authority of a member of the Committee. An authority given under this sub-rule must be for a period not exceeding one month, but may be renewed from month to month.

(3) The Superintendent may, at his or her discretion, arrange for such a prisoner to resume association with other prisoners, and must do so if in any case the medical officer so advises on medical grounds.

Use of force

27. (1) A prison officer in dealing with a prisoner must not use force unnecessarily and, when the application of force to a prisoner is necessary, no more force than is necessary is to be used.

(2) A prison officer must not act deliberately in a manner calculated to provoke a prisoner.

Temporary confinement

28. The Superintendent may order a refractory or violent prisoner to be confined temporarily in a special cell (if available), but a prisoner must not be so confined as a punishment, or after he or she ceases to be refractory or violent.

Restraints

29. (1) The Superintendent may order a prisoner to be put under restraint if this is necessary to prevent the prisoner from injuring himself or herself or others, damaging property or creating a disturbance.

(2) Notice of an order under sub-rule (1) must be given without delay to a member of the Committee, and to the medical officer.

(3) On receipt of the notice, the medical officer must inform the Superintendent whether he or she concurs in the order. The Superintendent must give effect to any recommendation by the medical officer.

(4) A prisoner must not be kept under restraint longer than is necessary, nor be so kept for longer than 24 hours without a direction in writing given by a member of the Committee. Such a direction must state the grounds for the restraint and the time during which it may continue.

(5) Particulars of every case of restraint under the foregoing provisions of this rule must be forthwith recorded.

(6) Except as provided by this rule, no prisoner may be kept under restraint otherwise than for safe custody during removal, or on medical grounds by direction of the medical officer. A prisoner must not be put under restraint as a punishment.

Offences against discipline

30. A prisoner commits an offence against discipline if he or she—

- (a) mutinies or incites another prisoner to mutiny;
- (b) commits an assault;
- (c) detains any person against that person's will;
- (d) denies access to any part of the prison to any prison officer;
- (e) fights with any person;
- (f) intentionally endangers the health or personal effects of others or, by his or her conduct, is reckless whether such health or personal safety is endangered;
- (g) intentionally obstructs an officer in the execution of his or her duty;
- (h) escapes from prison or legal custody;
- (i) fails to—
 - (i) return to prison when he or she should return after being temporarily released under rule 8;
 - (ii) comply with any condition upon which he or she is so released;
- (j) has in his or her possession—
 - (i) any prohibited article; or
 - (ii) a greater quantity of any article than he or she is authorised to have;
- (k) sells or delivers to any person any prohibited article;
- (l) sells or, without permission, delivers to any person any article which the prisoner is allowed to have only for his or her own use;
- (m) takes improperly any article belonging to any other person or to the prison;
- (n) intentionally or recklessly sets fire to any part of the prison or any other property, whether or not his or her own;
- (o) destroys or damages any part of the prison or any other property other than his or her own;
- (p) absents himself or herself from any place where he or she is required to be or is present at any place where he or she is not authorised to be;
- (q) is disrespectful to the Superintendent or to any prison officer or to any person visiting the prison;
- (r) uses threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour;
- (s) intentionally fails to work properly or, being required to work, refuses to do so;
- (t) disobeys any lawful order;
- (u) disobeys or fails to comply with any regulation applying to him or her;
- (v) makes any false and malicious allegation against a prison officer;
- (w) repeatedly makes groundless complaints;
- (x) in any way offends against good order and discipline;
- (y) attempts to commit, or incites another prisoner to commit, or assists another prisoner to commit, any of the foregoing offences.

Disciplinary charges

31. (1) If a prisoner is to be charged with an offence against discipline, the charge must be laid as soon as possible, and, save in exceptional circumstances, within 48 hours of the discovery of the offence.

(2) A prisoner who is to be charged with an offence against discipline may be kept apart from other prisoners pending adjudication of the case.

(3) Every charge must be inquired into by the Superintendent.

(4) Save in exceptional circumstances, every charge must be first inquired into not later than the next day after it is laid, not being a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

Rights of prisoners charged

32. (1) If a prisoner is charged with an offence against discipline, he or she must be informed of the charge as soon as possible and, in any case, before the time when it is inquired into by the Superintendent.

(2) At any enquiry into a charge against a prisoner, he or she must be given a full opportunity of hearing what is alleged against the prisoner and of presenting his or her own case.

Punishments

33. (1) If the Superintendent finds a prisoner guilty of an offence against discipline, he or she may, subject to rule 35, impose one or more of the following punishments—

- (a) a caution;
- (b) forfeiture for a period not exceeding 28 days of any privileges under rule 6;
- (c) exclusion from associated work for a period not exceeding 14 days;
- (d) stoppage of earnings for a period not exceeding 28 days;
- (e) cellular confinement for a period not exceeding 3 days;
- (f) forfeiture of remission of sentence for a period not exceeding 28 days;
- (g) in the case of an unconvicted prisoner - forfeiture for any period of the right under rule 24(1) to have the articles there mentioned;
- (h) in the case of an unconvicted prisoner guilty of escaping or attempting to escape -, forfeiture of the right to wear his or her own clothing under rule 12(1).

(2) If a prisoner is found guilty of more than one offence, punishments may be ordered to run consecutively.

(3) In the case of an offence against discipline committed by a prisoner who was under the age of 21 years when it was committed, sub-rule (1) has effect but—

- (a) the maximum period of forfeiture of privileges is 14 days; and
- (b) the maximum period of stoppage of earnings is 14 days.

Referrals to Visiting Committee

34. (1) If on an enquiry held pursuant to rule 31(3) the Superintendent decides that, if the prisoner were found guilty, the punishments provided under rule 33 would, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the offence, be inadequate, the Superintendent may refer the charge to the Committee.

(2) If a charge is referred to the Committee, the Chair must summon a special meeting at which not more than 5 nor fewer than 2 members must be present.

(3) The Committee must inquire into the charge, and if it finds the prisoner guilty it may, subject to sub-rule (4), impose one or more of the following punishments—

- (a) a caution;
- (b) forfeiture or postponement for any period of any privileges under rule 6;
- (c) stoppage of earnings for a period not exceeding 56 days;
- (d) exclusion from associated work for a period not exceeding 56 days;
- (e) forfeiture of remission of sentence of a period not exceeding 120 days;
- (f) the punishments referred to in rule 33(1)(g) and (h).

(4) If a prisoner is found guilty of more than one offence, punishments may be ordered to run consecutively, but where forfeiture of remission is concerned the total period forfeited must not exceed 180 days.

(5) In the case of an offence against discipline committed by a prisoner who was under the age of 21 years when it was committed, sub-rule (3) has effect but—

- (a) the maximum period of forfeiture or postponement of privileges is 28 days;
- (b) the maximum period of exclusion from associated work and stoppage of earnings is 28 days;
- (c) the maximum period of forfeiture of remission of sentence is 90 days; and
- (d) the maximum period of forfeiture of remission arising from punishments ordered to run consecutively on charges arising from an incident is 135 days.

Particular punishments

35. (1) A punishment of stoppage of earnings may, instead of forfeiting all of a prisoner's earnings for a specified period not exceeding 28 or 56 days, as the case may be, be expressed so as to forfeit a proportion (not being less than one half) of his or her earnings for a period not exceeding a correspondingly greater number of days.

(2) No punishment of cellular confinement may be imposed unless the medical officer has certified that the prisoner is in a fit state of health to be so dealt with.

(3) In the case of an offence against discipline committed by an unconvicted prisoner, a punishment of prospective or contingent forfeiture of remission may be made; but such punishment has effect only if a sentence of imprisonment is imposed upon conviction of the prisoner, in which case it has effect even if the sentence is stated to be reduced by the period during which the prisoner was an unconvicted prisoner.

Suspension, remission and mitigation of punishments

36. (1) Subject to any directions of the Governor, the power to impose a punishment (other than a caution) under this Part includes the power to suspend for up to 6 months the operation of the punishment unless, within the period of the suspension, the prisoner commits another offence against discipline.

(2) If a prisoner upon whom a suspended punishment is imposed commits another offence against discipline, the Superintendent or Committee, as the case may be, may—

- (a) direct that the suspended punishment take effect;
- (b) direct that it take effect subject to a specified reduction of its period or amount;
- (c) suspend the operation of the suspended punishment for a further period of up to 6

- months; or
 (d) give no directions with respect to the suspended punishment.

(3) The Governor may quash any finding of guilt and may remit any punishment or mitigate it either by reducing it or by substituting another, which is, in the Governor's opinion, less severe.

(4) Subject to any directions of the Governor, the Committee may remit or mitigate any punishment imposed by the Superintendent.

PART IV FUNCTIONS AND CONDUCT OF PRISON OFFICERS

General duties of prison officers

37. (1) It is the duty of every prison officer to conform to these Rules, to assist and support the Superintendent in the observance of them, and to obey the lawful instructions of the Superintendent.

(2) A prison officer must inform the Superintendent promptly of any abuse or impropriety which comes to his or her knowledge.

Search of prison officers

38. A prison officer must submit himself or herself to be searched in the prison if so required by the Superintendent.

Dealings with prisoners

39. (1) A prison officer must not take part in any business or pecuniary transaction with or on behalf of a prisoner without leave of the Superintendent.

(2) A prison officer must not, without the knowledge of the Superintendent, communicate with any person whom the officer knows to be a relative or friend of a prisoner.

Communications to the press, etc.

40. (1) A prison officer must not make, directly or indirectly, any unauthorised communication to a representative of the press or any other person concerning matters that have become known to the officer in the course of his or her duty.

(2) A prison officer must not, without authority, publish any matter or make any public pronouncement relating to the prison administration.

Code of discipline

41. The Governor may approve a code of discipline that is to have effect in relation to the conduct of all prison officers.

PART V

THE VISITING COMMITTEE

Constitution and proceedings of Visiting Committee

42. (1) For the purpose of exercising the functions conferred upon it by these Rules, there is to be a body to be known as the Visiting Committee, consisting of a Chair and not less than 2 nor more than 6 other members appointed by the Governor.

(2) A person appointed to be a member of the Committee holds office for such term, not exceeding 2 years, as is determined by the Governor at the time of appointment, but any member is eligible for reappointment and may at any time resign office by notice in writing to the Governor.

(3) At any meeting of the Committee any 3 members constitute a quorum.

(4) The Chair presides at meetings of the Committee but in the event of his or her absence from any meeting the members present must appoint any other member to preside at that meeting.

(5) No person interested in any contract for the supply of goods or services to a prison may be a member of the Committee.

(6) The Committee must meet at the prison once each month or, if it resolves for reasons specified in the resolution that less frequent meetings are sufficient, not less than 8 times over a period of 12 months.

(7) The proceedings of the Committee are not invalidated by any vacancy in the membership or any defect in the appointment of a member.

(8) Decisions of the Committee must be reached by a majority of the members present and voting, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chair or member presiding has have a casting vote.

(9) The Committee may otherwise regulate its procedure as it thinks fit.

Duties of Committee

43. (1) The Committee must satisfy itself as to the state of prisons and the treatment of prisoners. In particular it must—

- (a)* hear any complaint or request that a prisoner wishes to make to it or any member;
- (b)* arrange for the food of the prisoners to be inspected by a member of the Committee at frequent intervals;
- (c)* inquire into any report made to it that a prisoner's health, mental or physical, is likely to be injuriously affected by any conditions of his or her imprisonment;
- (d)* inquire into and report upon any matter into which the Governor asks it to inquire;
- (e)* direct the attention of the Superintendent to any matter it considers calls for his or her attention, and report to the Governor on any matter which it considers expedient to report upon;
- (f)* inform the Governor immediately of any abuse that comes to its knowledge.

(2) The Committee must, in a case of any abuse or neglect by a prison officer of his or her functions involving any prisoner, immediately report the matter to the Superintendent who may suspend the officer until an enquiry into the matter has been completed.

Visiting of prisons

44. (1) The members of the Committee must arrange a rota whereby at least one member visits every prison at least once in every month.

(2) A member of the Committee may have access to the records of any prisoner.

Annual report

45. The Committee must make an annual report to the Governor at the end of each year concerning the state of prisons and their administration, and including any recommendations it considers appropriate.

PART VI SUPPLEMENTARY

Control of access to and viewing of prisons

46. (1) Any person entering or leaving a prison may be stopped, examined and searched.

(2) The Superintendent may direct the removal from a prison of any person who does not leave upon being required to do so.

(3) A person outside a prison must not be permitted to view it unless authorised by the Superintendent.

(4) A person viewing a prison must not be permitted to take a photograph or make a sketch of the prison, or to communicate with a prisoner, unless authorised by the Superintendent.

Delegation by Superintendent

47. Where by these Rules powers and duties are conferred or imposed upon the Superintendent, he or she may, unless expressly prohibited from so doing, depute any subordinate officer to exercise the powers and perform the duties on his or her behalf, subject to any conditions, exceptions and qualifications the Superintendent prescribes.

PART VII RELEASE ON LICENCE

Early release on licence

48. (1) The Governor, if recommended to do so by the Committee in consultation with the Superintendent, may order the release on licence of a person serving a sentence of imprisonment of 3 years or more after that person has served not less than one-third of the sentence.

(2) Any person released on licence under this rule must comply with any conditions from time to time specified in the licence.

(3) A licence granted to a prisoner under this rule may be made subject to any conditions that appear to the Governor to be desirable either generally or in any particular case, and any such conditions may be varied from time to time or cancelled. Before imposing, varying or cancelling any conditions, unless doing so upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Governor must consult the Committee.

Revocation of licences

49. (1) The Governor –

- (a) on the recommendation of, or after consultation with the Committee, may revoke any licence granted to a prisoner and recall him or her to prison to continue to serve his or her sentence;
- (b) if the Committee so recommends, must revoke a licence in a case in which the person subject to the licence has failed to comply with any condition of it.

(2) The Governor, without consulting the Committee, may revoke any licence granted to a prisoner and recall him or her to prison to serve his or her sentence, in any case in which it appears to the Governor that it is expedient in the public interest so to do before such consultation is practical.

(3) A person recalled to prison under this rule may make representations in writing to the Governor with respect to the recall and must, on his or her return to prison, be informed in writing of the reasons for the recall and his or her right to make such representations.

(4) The Governor must refer to the Committee the case of a person recalled to prison under sub-rule (1) who makes representations under sub-rule (3), and must refer to the Committee the case of a person recalled to prison under sub-rule (2) whether or not that person makes representations with respect to the recall.

(5) If upon a reference made under sub-rule (4) the Committee recommends the immediate release on licence of a prisoner whose case is referred to it under sub-rule (4), the Governor may give effect to that recommendation, but without prejudice to the power again to recall that person, under this rule, if new circumstances appear to require it.

(6) On the revocation of the licence of any person under this rule the person is liable to be detained pursuant to the person's sentence, and, if at large, is deemed to be unlawfully at large and may be arrested by any police officer or prison officer.

SCHEDULE

(Rule 4(1))

SECURITY CATEGORIES

Category A

A prisoner who must be held in accommodation to the highest level of security available and

whose escape would be a danger to the public or the police.

Category B

A prisoner who needs to be held in accommodation to the highest level of security available and whose escape must be made as difficult as possible.

Category C

A prisoner who does not have the resources or inclination to escape but who cannot be held in open accommodation.

Category D

A prisoner who is not considered to be a security risk and who can serve his or her sentence in open accommodation.

THE COLONIAL PRISONERS REMOVAL ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1907

S.I. 1907 No. 742

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty

Lord President Sir Charles Hardinge

Lord Denman Mr. Harcourt

His Majesty by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf vested in him by the Colonial Prisoners Removal Act, 1884, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to make the following Order as to the removal and return of prisoners and criminal lunatics under the said Act—

I. Every prisoner removed under the said Act from a British Possession to the United Kingdom for the purpose of undergoing the residue of a sentence involving confinement in a prison combined with hard labour, shall, in the United Kingdom, be dealt with as follows, that is to say.

If the original period of his sentence did not exceed two years, in the same manner as if he had been sentenced in the United Kingdom to imprisonment with hard labour for the same period.

And if the original period of his sentence exceeded two years, in the same manner, as nearly as may be, as if he had been sentenced in the United Kingdom to penal servitude for the same period.

II. Every prisoner removed under the said Act from one British Possession to another British Possession for the purpose of undergoing the residue of a sentence shall in such last-mentioned British Possession be dealt with in the same manner as if he had there been sentenced to such punishment authorized by the law thereof as in the opinion of the Secretary of State signing the Order of Removal shall most nearly correspond to the punishment to which he was sentenced in the first mentioned British Possession, and for the same period.

III. If the prisoner or criminal lunatic is to be removed to the United Kingdom—

- (1) A Secretary of State shall make out and sign the Order of Removal in duplicate and shall send one copy to the Governor of the Colony from which the prisoner is to be removed, and the Governor shall thereupon make out and sign in duplicate a Notification of Concurrence in the Order of Removal.
- (2) One copy of the Order of Removal shall be retained in the Colony and the other copy shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Home Office for record.
- (3) One copy of the Notification of Concurrence shall be retained in the Colony and attached to the Order of Removal and the other shall be sent to a Secretary of State and shall by him be transmitted to the Home Office for record.

IV. If the prisoner or criminal lunatic is to be removed to a British Possession—

- (1) A Secretary of State shall make out and sign the Order of Removal in triplicate and shall send one copy to the Governor of each Colony concerned, who shall thereupon make out and sign in triplicate a Notification of Concurrence in the Order of Removal.
- (2) The Governor of the Colony from which the prisoner is to be removed shall retain the copy of the Order of Removal and one copy of the Notification of Concurrence which he shall attach to the Order of Removal, and shall send the second copy of the Notification to the Governor of the Colony to which the prisoner is to be removed, and the third copy of Notification to a Secretary of State.
- (3) The Governor of the Colony to which the prisoner is to be removed shall retain the copy of the Order of Removal and one copy of the Notification of Concurrence which he shall attach to the Order of Removal, and shall send the second copy of the Notification to the Governor of the Colony from which the prisoner is to be removed, and the third copy of notification to a Secretary of State.

Provided that the above procedure shall not apply to the removal of a prisoner or criminal lunatic from one British Possession to another in pursuance of an agreement made between such Possessions and sanctioned by Order in Council under the provisions of the Colonial Prisoners Removal Act, 1869.

V. A Removal Warrant duly made out and signed shall be transmitted with every prisoner or criminal lunatic who is removed. The Warrant shall be handed over with the prisoner or criminal lunatic to every person from time to time authorized to receive him in custody for the purpose of giving effect to the Order of Removal.

VI. The forms in the Schedule to this Order or forms to the like effect varied as circumstances may require may be used under the said Act.

VII. This Order shall commence and come into operation on the first day of November, 1907.

VIII. The Order in Council of the thirteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act 1884, shall continue in force until the commencement of this Order, and shall thereupon be revoked without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

IX. This Order may be cited as "The Colonial Prisoners' Removal Order in Council 1907".

A. W. Fitzroy.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ORDER IN COUNCIL

I. ORDER OF REMOVAL OF A PRISONER COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

Whereas A.B. was on the day of.....convicted before the Court of..... of the crime (or offence) of..... and sentenced to penal servitude (or imprisonment, or, as the case may be) for the term of years (or for life), and is now undergoing the said sentence in the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of :

And whereas it is likely that the life (or health) of the said A.B. will be endangered (or permanently injured) by further imprisonment in the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) :

[Or whereas the said A.B. belonged at the time of committing the said offence to the Royal Navy (or to His Majesty's regular military forces)]:

[Or whereas the said offence was committed wholly (or partly) beyond the limits of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or)] :

[Or whereas by reason of there being no prison in the said Colony (or Protectorate, or.....) in which the said A.B. can properly undergo his sentence (or, for other reasons to be stated) the removal of the said A.B. is expedient for his safe custody (or for more efficiently carrying his sentence into effect)] :

[Or whereas the said A.B. belongs to a class of persons who under the law of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or.....) are subject to removal under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884]:

Now I do hereby in pursuance of the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, with the concurrence of the Government of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or.....) [and the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of], order that the said A.B. be removed to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate, or.....) of.....] there to undergo the residue of his said sentence (with such variations of the conditions thereof as are or shall be provided by any regulations in force for the time being under the said Act) in accordance with the said Act.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, this day of 20.....

II. NOTIFICATION OF CONCURRENCE IN ORDER OF REMOVAL OF A PRISONER COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

Whereas an Order has been made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the removal of A.B. a prisoner now in custody in the Colony (or Protectorate or) of.....to the United Kingdom [or the Colony (or Protectorate or.....)

of] :

Now I, the Governor (or Lieutenant Governor or the Officer Administering the Government) of the Colony (or Protectorate or) of, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony (or Protectorate or) hereby concur in the said Order of Removal.

As witness my hand this day of 20.....

III. WARRANT FOR REMOVAL OF A PRISONER COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

To C.D., the Keeper of the Prison and to E.F., and G.H.

Whereas an Order has been made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, with the concurrence of the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of[and the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] for the removal of A.B. a prisoner now in the custody of you, the said C.D., under a sentence of penal servitude (or imprisonment or, as the case may be), for the term of years from the day of (or for life), to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate or)] ofthere to undergo the residue of the said sentence.

Now I do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order you, the said C.D., to deliver the body of the said A.B., into the custody of the said E.F., and G.H., or one of them; and I do hereby, in further pursuance of the said Act, authorize you, the said E.F., and G.H., or either of you, to receive the said A.B., into your custody, and to convey him to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate or) of], and to deliver him to such person or persons as shall be empowered by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or by the Governor of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or)] to receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said Order of Removal.

And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or Governor of), this day of 20.....

IV. WARRANT OF RECEPTION OF A PRISONER COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

Whereas was on the day of 20....., convicted in the Court of of the crime of and sentenced to

And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, an Order has been made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, with the concurrence of the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate or) of [and of the Government of this Colony (or Protectorate

or) for the removal of the said to the United Kingdom [or to this Colony (or Protectorate or)], there to undergo the residue of his sentence; and whereas the Governor of the Colony (or Protectorate or) of by a warrant under his hand ordered the said to be conveyed to the United Kingdom [or, this Colony (or Protectorate or)] and delivered to such person or persons as shall be empowered by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor of this Colony (or Protectorate or)] to receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said Order of Removal.

Now I, the Right Honourable one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor of the Colony (or Protectorate or) of] hereby authorize and empower the Governor of H.M. Prison and all persons acting under his orders, to receive and detain the said for the purpose of giving effect to the said Order of Removal; and I further authorize and empower the Governor of any other of H.M. Prisons to which the said may be removed from Prison and all persons acting under his orders to receive and detain the said for the purpose of undergoing the residue of his sentence in such Prison.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or Governor of) this day of 20.....

V. ORDER FOR THE RETURN OF A PRISONER TO A BRITISH POSSESSION COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

Whereas A.B. was on the day of 20....., convicted before the Court of of the crime (or offence) of and sentenced to penal servitude (or imprisonment, or as the case may be), for the term of years (or for life).

And whereas the said A.B. has been removed, under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, from the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of to and is now undergoing his said sentence in the United Kingdom (or the Colony or Protectorate, or) of

Now I, [with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order that the said A.B. shall be returned to the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of , there to undergo the residue (or for the purpose of being there discharged at the expiration) of his said sentence.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or Governor (or Lieutenant Governor or Officer Administering the Government) of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] this day of 20.....

VI. WARRANT FOR RETURN OF A PRISONER TO A BRITISH POSSESSION COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

To C.D. the Governor (or) of
the Prison, and to E.F., and G.H.

Whereas A.B., having been sentenced by the Court of
to penal servitude (or imprisonment, or as the case may be) for the term of
years from the day of 20., (or for life) has under an
order duly made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, been removed to the United
Kingdom [or to the Colony or Protectorate, or of] and is now in the
custody of you the said C.D. undergoing his said sentence.

And whereas an Order has been made under the said Act by one of His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State [or by the Government of the said Colony (or Protectorate
or) of] for the return of the said A.B. to the said
Colony (or Protectorate, or) of there to undergo the
residue (or for the purpose of being there discharged at the expiration of his said sentence.

Now I do hereby in pursuance of the said Act order you the said C.D., to deliver the body of
the said A.B., into the custody of the said E.F., and G.H., or one of them; and I do hereby, in
further pursuance of the said Act, authorize you the said E.F., and G.H., or either of you, to
receive the said A.B., into your custody, and to convey him to the Colony (or Protectorate,
or) of and to deliver him to such person or persons as shall be
empowered by the Governor of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) to
receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said order of return.
And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under the hand of the undersigned one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or
Governor of) this day of 20.....

VII. ORDER OF REMOVAL OF A CRIMINAL LUNATIC **COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884**

Whereas A.B. is in custody in the Colony (or Protectorate, or)
of as a criminal lunatic having been charged with the offence
of and found to have been insane at the time of such offence (or to be
unfit on the ground of insanity to be tried for such offence) [or having been convicted of the
offence of and sentenced to penal servitude (or imprisonment,
or) for the term of years from the day
of 20..... (or for life), and afterwards certified (or lawfully proved) to be
insane]:

And whereas it is likely that the life (or health) of the said A.B. will be endangered (or
permanently injured) by further detention in custody in the said Colony (or Protectorate,
or) :

[Or Whereas the said A.B. belonged at the time of the said offence to the Royal Navy (or to
His Majesty's regular military forces)]:

[Or Whereas by reason of there being no asylum in the said Colony (or Protectorate,
or), in which the said A.B. can be properly or conveniently detained and
dealt with as a criminal lunatic, his removal to the United Kingdom (or to the Colony (or

Protectorate, or) of) is expedient]:

[Or Whereas the said A.B. belongs to a class of persons who, under the law of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) are subject to removal under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884]:

Now I do hereby in pursuance of the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, with the concurrence of the Government of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) [and the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] order that the said A.B. be removed to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] there to be detained in custody as a criminal lunatic, and dealt with in the same manner as if he had there become a criminal lunatic.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State this day of, 20.....

**VIII. NOTIFICATION OF CONCURRENCE IN ORDER OF REMOVAL OF A
CRIMINAL LUNATIC
COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884**

Whereas an Order has been made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the removal of A.B., a criminal lunatic now in custody in the Colony (or Protectorate or) of to the United Kingdom [or the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of]:

Now I, the Governor (or Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer Administering the Government) of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) hereby concur in the said Order of Removal.

As witness my hand this day of 20.....

**IX. WARRANT FOR REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL LUNATIC
COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884**

To C.D. the keeper of Lunatic Asylum,
and to E.F., and G.H.

Whereas an Order has been made, under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State with the concurrence of the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of [and the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of], for the removal of A.B., a criminal lunatic now in the custody of you, the said C.D., to the United Kingdom [or the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] to be there dealt with in the same manner as if he had become a criminal lunatic in the United Kingdom [or the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of]:

Now I do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order you the said C.D., to deliver the body of the said A.B., into the custody of the said E.F., and G.H., or one of them; and I do hereby, in further pursuance of the said Act, authorize you, the said E.F. and G.H., or either of you, to receive the said A.B., into your custody, and to convey him to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of], and to deliver him to such person or persons as shall be empowered by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor of the said Colony (or Protectorate or)] to receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said Order of Removal.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or the Governor of) this day of 20.....

X. WARRANT OF RECEPTION OF A CRIMINAL LUNATIC
COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884

Whereas is in custody in as a criminal lunatic, having been charged with the offence of and found to be insane at the time of such offence (or to be unfit on the ground of insanity to be tried for such offence) [or having been convicted of the offence of and sentenced to and afterwards certified (or lawfully proved) to be insane]:

And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, an Order has been made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, with the concurrence of the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of and of the Government of this Colony (or Protectorate, or) for the removal of the said to the United Kingdom [or this Colony (or Protectorate, or)] there to be detained as a criminal lunatic until he shall have ceased to be a criminal lunatic, or shall otherwise lawfully be discharged :

And whereas the Governor of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of by a Warrant under his hand, ordered the said to be conveyed to the United Kingdom [or to this Colony (or Protectorate, or)] and delivered to such person or persons as shall be empowered by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor of this Colony (or Protectorate, or)] to receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said Order of Removal:

Now I, the Right Honourable one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] hereby authorize and empower the Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, and all persons acting under his orders, to receive and detain the said in the same manner as if he had become a criminal lunatic in the United Kingdom [or this Colony (or Protectorate, or)] until His Majesty's pleasure be further known concerning him.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or the Governor of) this day of 20.....

**XI. ORDER FOR THE RETURN OF A CRIMINAL LUNATIC TO A
BRITISH POSSESSION
COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884**

Whereas A.B., having been in custody in the Colony (or Protectorate, or), of as a criminal lunatic, has been removed, under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, to, and is now in custody as a criminal lunatic in, the United Kingdom [or the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of]:

And whereas I [or the Government of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] consider that the said A.B. has become sufficiently sane to be tried for the offence with which he was charged in the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of

Now I [with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or)] hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order that the said A.B., be returned to the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) there to be dealt with in the same manner as if he had not been removed therefrom.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or the Governor (or Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of)] this day of 20.....

**XII. WARRANT FOR RETURN OF A CRIMINAL LUNATIC TO A
BRITISH POSSESSION
COLONIAL PRISONERS' REMOVAL ACT, 1884**

To C.D., the of the Lunatic Asylum, and to E.F., and G.H.

Whereas A.B., having been in custody as a criminal lunatic in the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of has under an order duly made under the Colonial Prisoners' Removal Act, 1884, been removed to the United Kingdom [or to the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] and is now in the custody of you the said C.D. as a criminal lunatic:

And whereas an order has been made under the said Act by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State [or by the Government of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of] for the return of the said A.B. to the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) of.....]

Now I do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order you the said C.D., to deliver the body of the said A.B., into the custody of the said E.F. and G.H. or one of them; and I do hereby, in further pursuance of the said Act, authorize you the said E.F. and G.H. or either of you, to receive the said A.B. into your custody, and to convey him to the Colony (or Protectorate, or) of and to deliver him to such person or persons as shall be empowered by the Governor of the said Colony (or Protectorate, or) to receive him for the purpose of giving effect to the said order of return.

And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under the hand of the undersigned, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State
(or Governor of) this day of 20.....

PRISONS ORDINANCE, 1960

COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

Made by the Governor under clause 10 of the Royal Warrant of 28 October 1955⁵

1. Service required
2. Continuity of service
3. Exemplary character
4. Recommending authority
5. Forfeiture and restoration

Service required

1. (1) The Colonial Prison Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to all ranks in the Prison Service of St Helena, who on or after the 28th October, 1955 have completed 18 years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

(2) A Clasp will also be granted to a recipient of the Medal on his or her completing 25 years' qualifying service, and a further Clasp on completing 30 years' qualifying service. For each Clasp so awarded a small silver rose may be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

Continuity of service

2. (1) Qualifying service in the Prison Service of other territories under Her Majesty's protection or administration may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service, if the total period of such service amounts to not less than 18 years.

(2) If service has been rendered in more than one such territory as aforesaid an interval not exceeding 12 months between any 2 periods of service is not to be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service: provided also that a break in service not exceeding 6 calendar months in any one such territory is not to be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(3) Previous service in the police force or police service of St Helena may also be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that such service is continuous with prison staff service in St Helena.

Exemplary character

3. (1) For the purpose of these Regulations service is only to be reckoned as qualifying service if it is certified that the character and conduct of the person recommended for

⁵ Royal Warrant dated 28th October 1955, approving the creation of a medal to be designated "The Colonial Prison Service Medal".

the grant of the Medal or Clasp has been exemplary.

(2) The term “exemplary character” does not apply to any member of the Prison Service who, during the last 16 years of his or her service, has been found guilty of insubordination, insobriety, sleeping on duty, or other misconduct incurring reduction in rank or censure by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government.

Recommending authority

4. Recommendations for the award of the Medal or Clasp must be submitted by the Superintendent of the Prison to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government. The medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government and a notification of the award must be published in the Government *Gazette*.

Forfeiture and restoration

5. (a) A recipient of the Medal or Clasp who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Prison Service for misconduct forfeits the Medal and Clasp unless the Governor or Officer Administering the Government otherwise directs.

(b) A Medal or Clasp so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government at his or her discretion.

(c) A notice of forfeiture or restoration must in every case be published in the Government *Gazette*.
