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Duties with regard to the Regulation of the several Prisons within their respective Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns, and to the regular Supply of Food and other Necessaries for the Prisoners confined therein: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the Visiting and Superintendence of such Prisons, and for carrying into Effect the Regulations of the said Act, and for making other Regulations for the Prevention of all Abuses in such Prisons; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in *Ireland*, or any Three or more of the Grand Jurymen, having been sworn as such at any preceding Assizes for such County, or County of a City, or County of a Town, from Time to Time, as they shall think fit or see occasion, to visit any Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or any other Prison within such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, and belonging thereunto, every such Visit to be on such Day and Hour, and either by previous Appointment or not, as such Grand Jury or Grand Jurymen shall think fit and proper; and it shall be lawful for such Grand Jury, or any Three or more Grand Jurymen, to enquire concerning the due Performance of the Rules and Regulations in and by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty prescribed and required to be observed in Prisons throughout *Ireland*, and also concerning the due Performance of such other Rules and Regulations as may have been lawfully made under the Authority of any other Act of Parliament, or of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Ireland*, or of the Judges of Assize under the Authority of this Act, in manner herein-after provided, or under any other lawful Authority whatsoever; and also to examine into the Conduct and Situation of the Prisoners in any such Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or Prison respectively, and of all Persons concerned in the Government or Management thereof, or holding any Office or Employment therein or relating thereto respectively; and such Grand Jury, or any Three or more Grand Jurymen, are hereby authorized and empowered to examine, on Oath, any Person or Persons, touching the Conduct of any Officer of any such Prison, or of any Prisoner therein, or touching or relating to the Government and Management of such Prison, and the Promotion of Industry and Order therein, and the Classification and Distribution of Offenders and Prisoners in any such Prison, and the Separation of Male and Female Prisoners, and of Prisoners committed for Trial only, from such as shall have been convicted of Crimes and under Sentence of Punishment; and if it shall appear to the said Board, by Evidence on Oath or otherwise, that the Persons concerned in the Government or Management of any such Prison, or any of them, or any Person holding any Office or Employment therein or relating thereto, have misbehaved therein, by any Neglect or Breach or Non-observance of the Rules and Regulations, or any of them, to which they were respectively bound by Law to conform, then it shall be lawful for such Grand Jury or Grand Jurymen, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to make a Report respecting such Misbehaviour to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, without Delay, or otherwise to make such Report to the Grand Jury at the next Assizes, or to the Sheriff of the County, or to all or any of them, at the Discretion of such Visitors,

Grand Jury or Three Grand Jurymen empowered to visit all Prisons, and examine how far the Regulations of recited Act, &c. are complied with, and in case of any Misconduct, report to Lord Lieutenant or the Grand Jury at the Assizes, &c.

and in the meantime to admonish and reprimand all Persons guilty of any Misconduct in or relating to such Prison.

Keepers, Inspectors, and Officers of Prisons shall attend and answer all Inquiries of the Grand Jury.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Keeper of any such County Prison, and the Inspector, and every other Officer of such Prison, shall at all reasonable Hours attend in such Prison, on due Notice for that Purpose, in order to give to such Grand Jury or Grand Jurymen such Information as may be necessary, on Oath or otherwise, as shall be required by such Grand Jury or Grand Jurymen concerning such Prison, and the Officers thereof, or any of them, and concerning the Prisoners therein, or any of them, and relating to all Matters connected with the Order and good Government of such Prison; and if any such Keeper, Inspector, or other Officer shall refuse so to attend, or to be examined, or to give sufficient Answers to any Inquiries, it shall and may be lawful for any One of such Grand Jury or Grand Jurymen to make Complaint thereof to the Court or Judge at the next ensuing Assizes to be held for such County, or County of a City or Town, and such Court or Judge may commit such Offender as in Cases of Contempt of Court committed in the Face of the Court at such Assizes.

Poor Prisoners shall be supplied with Food and Necessaries at the public Expence.

Not to be supplied in any other Way.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, any Prisoner of whatever Description, in any Prison whatsoever in *Ireland*, who shall desire to receive Food and other Necessaries, and who shall not be of sufficient Ability to procure the same, shall be supplied in Manner herein-after mentioned respectively with such Food and Necessaries at the Public Expence; and every such Prisoner, as long as he shall be so supplied, shall be deemed and taken to be a poor Prisoner within the Meaning of this Act, and shall be subject as such to all Rules and Regulations herein-after provided in that behalf; and it shall not be lawful for any such Prisoner who shall be so supplied at the Public Expence, to accept or receive any Food or Liquor, other than such as shall be so supplied under this Act; and if any such Prisoner shall accept any Food or Liquor contrary to this Act, such Prisoner shall no longer be supplied at the Public Expence, and shall thereupon cease to be deemed and taken to be a poor Prisoner within the Meaning of this Act.

Person in Prison for a Debt less than 10*l.* the Court may order the Creditor to pay him a Sum not exceeding 4*s.* per Week.

On Failure of Payment, Debtor to be discharged.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all Cases where any Person shall be confined or detained in any Prison at the Suit of any Creditor or Creditors for any Debt less than the Sum of Ten Pounds, it shall be lawful for the Court under Process from which such Debtor shall be detained, on the Application of such Debtor, in case such Court shall think right under the Circumstances of the Case so to do, to order the Creditor or Creditors at whose Suit such Debtor shall be confined or imprisoned to pay to such Debtor such Sum or Sums, not exceeding the Rate of Four Shillings by the Week in the whole, at such Times and in such Manner as the said Court shall direct; and that on Failure of Payment thereof as directed by such Court, such Debtor shall forthwith be discharged from Custody at the Suit of the Creditor or Creditors failing to pay the same.

Money for providing such Food

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Money required for the Payment of any Person or Persons who shall supply, or shall contract to

and Necessaries shall be raised by Presentment.

to supply any such Food or other Necessaries, Articles, Matters, or Things respectively, for the Use of such poor Prisoners, shall be raised and levied in every County, County of a City, and County of a Town throughout *Ireland*, by Presentment of the Grand Jury, in like Manner as Money for similar Purposes has been heretofore raised and levied under the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, save as in and by this Act is otherwise expressly provided.

Inspectors General shall prepare Dietary Table of Provisions for poor Prisoners, to be approved by the Judges of the King's Bench.

VII. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is among other things provided, that the Inspector of every Prison in *Ireland* should oversee and regulate the providing Food, as he should judge most proper, to the Value of not less than Five-pence *per* Day, for every Person confined for any Offence, under his Inspection, who should stand in need of such Assistance, and it is expedient that the said Provisions should be altered as herein-after is provided; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Act as prescribes any Amount in Value for such Provisions shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that from and after the passing of this Act, either of the Inspectors General of Prisons, to be appointed under this Act, shall make out a regular Dietary Table for each and every Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison in *Ireland*, setting forth the Quantity and Description of Food for each and every Day during the Week, to be allowed *per* Head to all poor Prisoners therein; which Dietary Table so prepared shall be submitted to the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Dublin*, or any One or more of them, in order that such Table may be approved, or may be altered or amended, as such Judge or Judges shall think fit; and such Dietary Table, when approved of by such Judge or Judges, shall be adopted and strictly adhered to in such Prisons until a new Dietary Table shall be appointed; and a Copy of every such Dietary Table shall be placed by the Local Inspector of each Prison, in some conspicuous Part of the Common Hall in every such Prison within his Inspection; and according to such Table, Provisions shall be provided for, and distributed to all poor Prisoners in such Prisons respectively, in the same Manner as and in lieu of the Provisions directed by the said Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign.

Dietary Table to be hung up in the Hall of the Prison.

Dietary Table may be altered.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for either of the Inspectors General of Prisons to alter or vary such Dietary Table from Time to Time, subject to the Approbation, Alteration, or Amendment of the said Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Dublin*, or any One or more of them, from Time to Time; and thereupon such Table, when so altered and approved, shall be forthwith copied out by the said Local Inspector, and set up in the Place of any former Dietary Table, to be in every respect pursued and abided by until such Table shall be again duly altered as aforesaid.

Contracts for supplying Food or other Necessaries to be entered with the Clerk of the Peace.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Contracts for Supply of Food or other Necessaries for the Use of any Gaol, when approved of by the proper Authority, shall be entered into by such Contractors with the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns respectively; and that it

it shall and may be lawful for any such Clerk of the Peace, under the Direction of the Grand Jury, to sue for the Breach of any such Contract.

Accounts of Provisions and other Allowances to be kept in Form required by Schedule (A.).

X. And whereas it will be advantageous to Prisoners, that a regulated System of Accounts of Provisions, and fixed Proportions of Fuel and other Allowances, should be established; be it therefore enacted, That a Book shall be kept in the Gaol of every County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in *Ireland*, according to the Form in the Schedule marked (A.) to this Act annexed, or in some Form similar thereto, to be approved of by the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Dublin*, or any One or more of them, and shall contain an accurate Daily Account of the Number of poor Prisoners confined within the Gaol, who are entitled to receive the Gaol Allowances, together with an Account of the several Articles of Food, Fuel, or other Allowances issued to each Class within the Prison during the Day; and such Book shall be compared with the Pass Books of each Contractor respectively, prior to any Payments made to any such Contractor, and shall be closed prior to every Assizes, in order that the Accounts may be examined by the Grand Jury of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in order to ascertain that the Articles are issued in due Proportions as by Law established; and such Grand Jury shall thereupon make Presentment of a sufficient Sum for the Payment of the Amount.

Establishment of each Gaol fixed.

XI. And whereas it appears, that in many Gaols the poor Prisoners are not supplied with Prison Dresses, Beds, Bedding, and other Necessaries under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, and that no Limit is assigned to each Gaol in respect to the Number of such Articles to be supplied in such Gaols respectively; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for either of the Inspectors General of Prisons to be appointed under this Act, with the Approbation of the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Dublin*, or any One or more of them, to regulate and determine the Establishment at which each Gaol, Bridewell, or other Prison shall be rated in respect to its Complement of Prisoners; and that it shall and may be lawful for any of the said Inspectors General of Prisons, at his or their annual Inspection of each Prison, to ascertain the Deficiencies of the said Prison Dresses, Beds, Bedding, and other Articles, and to order a Supply of the same; and that the said Articles shall be preserved in the Stores of the several Local Inspectors, to be issued to such Prisoners as are entitled thereto, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign; and it shall and may be lawful for any such Local Inspector to present to the Collector of Excise in the District in which such Prison is situate, an Account of the Expence incurred by such Supplies of Deficiencies, certified by One of the Inspectors General of Prisons, according to Forms in the Schedules marked (B.) and (C.) annexed to this Act, or in any similar Form approved by the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Dublin*, or any One or more of them; and such Collector of Excise is hereby required to administer an Oath to such Local Inspector of the Accuracy of such Account, and such Collector of Excise shall

Inspectors to ascertain Deficiencies of the Prison Dresses, Beds, &c. and to order a Supply.

Certified Account of the Expence to be presented to the Collector of Excise, according to the Forms in Schedules (B.) and (C.) who shall pay the same.

shall thereupon pay to the said Inspector the Amount of such Account out of any Public Monies in the Hands of such Collector of Excise; and the Grand Jury of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, shall and are hereby required to make Presentment to the said Collector of Excise of the Amount of such Payments at the next succeeding Assizes.

Specified Articles of Bedding and Prison Dresses.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Bedding to be allowed to poor Prisoners, under the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, shall consist of Three single Blankets to each Bed, and that the Prison Dresses shall consist of a Cap, Jacket, Waistcoat, Trowsers, and Shoes to Men, and a suitable Dress to Female Prisoners, with Shoes.

Lord Lieutenant to appoint Two Inspectors General of Prisons.

XIII. And whereas by and under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, it is among other Things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to appoint One Inspector General of Prisons in *Ireland*: And whereas the said Inspector General of Prisons is, by the said Act, required to visit every Prison in *Ireland* Once at least in every Two Years, as also every Madhouse or Lunatic Asylum, and to report thereupon to the Lord Lieutenant and to Parliament: And whereas the said Duties have been found too extensive and arduous for the Performance of One Officer, and it is necessary to provide more effectually for the due Execution of the same; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, to nominate and appoint Two fit and proper Persons to be Inspectors General of Prisons in *Ireland*, removable at the Will and Pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, and such Two Persons shall perform all the Duties prescribed for the Inspector General of Prisons, under the said herein-before recited Act, and as directed by this Act.

Counties to be apportioned into Two Circuits, the Prisons of which shall be visited yearly by an Inspector General.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to apportion the several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns in *Ireland*, into Two Circuits, for the Purposes of this Act, and each of the said Inspectors General shall, Once at the least in every Year, visit every Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, Penitentiary, or other Prison, and every Madhouse and Place where Lunatics and Idiots are confined, for the Purpose of making an annual Inspection, and report upon the State thereof within One of the said Circuits respectively, alternately in each succeeding Year, so that every Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, Penitentiary, Madhouse and other Prison and Place as aforesaid, shall be visited and reported upon by each of the said Inspectors General Once in every Two Years at the least.

Reports of Inspectors General to be laid before

XV. And be it further enacted, That a Copy of the several Reports of each of the said Two Inspectors General shall be delivered by them to the Clerk of the Peace of each County, County of a City,

or County of a Town, prior to the Spring Assizes in each Year, in order that the same may be laid before the Grand Juries of the Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns respectively, to which such Reports shall relate, at the several Spring and Summer Assizes; and every such Report shall contain an Account of each and every Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, Penitentiary, or other Prison, and of every Madhouse and Place where Idiots and Lunatics are confined within the said Counties, and Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns respectively; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collectors of Excise of the District in which such Counties, Counties of Cities, or Counties of Towns as aforesaid may be situated, to pay, and the said Collector of Excise is hereby required to pay to the Inspector General for the Year, who shall make such Reports, a Sum of Twenty Pounds, which Sum shall be repaid to the said Collector of Excise by Presentment at the next ensuing Assizes, and the Grand Jury are hereby required to present the same accordingly.

the Grand Juries at the Spring and Summer Assizes.

Allowance of 20*l.* to the Inspector General.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That each of the said Inspectors General to be appointed under this Act shall and may, in the Circuit which he shall annually make, exercise and possess all the Powers and perform all the Duties given and prescribed to the Inspector General of Prisons by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty.

Inspector General to exercise the Powers given to Inspectors by 50 G. 3. c. 103.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, the several Inspectors General of Prisons in *Ireland* shall make out Lists of all Marshalseas, Penitentiary Houses, Gaols, Bridewells, Houses of Correction, and all other Prisons in *Ireland*, of what Nature or Kind soever the same may be respectively, which shall contain an Account of the Establishment of Prisoners at which each Prison is rated; and also of all Houses and Establishments for the Reception or Care of any Idiots or Lunatics within the Circuit of each such Inspector General, and whether the same be supported by any public Fund or Duty, or by any Charitable Fund, or by Subscription or for Profit, or by any Two or more of the said Modes; and at the Foot of such Account each such Inspector General shall make Affidavit before the Lord Mayor of *Dublin*, that the same is a true, full, and perfect List of all such Prisons, Houses, and Establishments, as far as such Inspector General has been able to ascertain the same; and each such Inspector General shall forthwith, after making such Affidavits, deliver such List, so verified, to the Chief Clerk at the Civil Side of the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, in the Castle of *Dublin*, to be there preserved, and copied into some proper Book for that Purpose; and a Copy of such Lists shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Inspectors General to make out Lists of Prisons, &c. within their Circuit.

Lists to be verified before the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and delivered to the Chief Clerk of the Office of the Chief Secretary.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That on or before the Twentieth Day of *December* in each and every Year, each Inspector General of Prisons in *Ireland* for the Time being shall in like Manner make a Return at the said Office of such Chief Secretary in *Dublin*, setting forth each and every Alteration which shall have taken place within the

Returns to be made yearly of the State of the Prisons at the Office of the Chief Secretary.

and laid before Parliament.

the Circuit of such Inspector General, with respect to all such Prisons and Establishments as aforesaid, since the last preceding Return; and if no Alteration shall have so taken place, then stating the same accordingly; and such Return shall be verified on Oath in like Manner as aforesaid; and after every such Return in which any Alteration shall be set forth, a new List of all such Prisons and Houses as aforesaid, corrected according to such Return, shall be made so as that there shall be at all Times in the said Office a List of all such Prisons and Houses in *Ireland*, corrected according to such Returns respectively; and a Copy of all such Lists shall be from Time to Time laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Gaoler to make a Return of the State of the Gaol yearly, in the Form in Schedule (E.) and transmit the same to the Inspector General.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That on or within Three Days after the Twentieth Day of *November* in each and every Year, the Gaoler or Keeper of every Gaol, Prison, Bridewell, or House of Correction in *Ireland*, shall make up a Return of the State of the Gaol, Prison, Bridewell, or House of Correction, under his Charge, for the Year ending on such Twentieth Day of *November*, in the Form contained in the Schedule marked (E.) to this Act annexed; and shall transmit the same, or cause the same to be transmitted to One of the Inspectors General on or before the First Day of *December* following, to be by such Inspector General certified and transmitted, together with his Annual Report, and such Observations as he may judge necessary, to the Office of the Chief Secretary in *Dublin*.

Inspector General shall visit every Prison, &c. Once in Two Years, to whom the Lord Lieutenant may allow a Salary not exceeding 600*l.* per Annum.

XX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the bounden Duty of every such Inspector General to visit each and every such Prison, and each and every such House and Establishment, Once in Two Years at the least, and to report thereon in Manner required by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign and this Act; and that each of the said Inspectors General shall receive such Salary as the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, shall appoint, not exceeding the Sum of Six hundred Pounds in the Year; which Salary shall be payable in Half-yearly Payments out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom arising in *Ireland*.

Salary not to be paid to Inspector General till he produces a Certificate of his having delivered in to the Office of the Chief Secretary a Statement of the Prisons visited by him.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Part of such Salary shall be paid to any such Inspector General, until he shall produce to the Officer who is to pay the same a Certificate signed by the Chief Clerk in the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, certifying that such Inspector General has before the Date of that Certificate delivered in to such Office a Statement of every Prison House or Establishment visited by him during the Period for which such Salary is claimed to be due to such Inspector, and that such Inspector General has satisfactorily discharged the Duties committed to him under this Act.

Inspectors General to enquire into the Discipline of Prisons, as they think fit.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Inspectors General, or either of them, from Time to Time as they shall see fit, to visit any Gaol, Bridewell, or other Prison in *Ireland*, and to examine concerning the due Performance of the Rules

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and Regulations in and by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign prescribed and required to be observed in the Prisons throughout *Ireland*; and also concerning all Matters connected with the Discipline or Regularity thereof respectively, and to examine all Persons concerned therein, or holding any Office or Emolument therein, on Oath; and also to examine on Oath all Persons touching Matters concerning any such Gaol, Bridewell, or other Prison; and it shall and may be lawful for either of the said Inspectors General, and they are hereby severally empowered, on Proof of Misconduct in any Officer of any such Gaol, Bridewell, or other Prison, to suspend any such Officer misconducting himself, reporting such Suspension to the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, or to the Judge at the ensuing Assize, in order that such Chief Justice or Judge may give such Order thereon as he shall think proper.

Penalty on Inspector General for false Return, 500*l.* and Loss of Office.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Inspector General of Prisons in *Ireland* shall in any List or Return required to be made by him, knowingly state any thing false, he shall forfeit a Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and be thenceforth incapable to hold the said Office, and shall lose and forfeit the same.

Grand Jury to appoint Local Inspectors.

XXIV. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is among other things provided, that in every Appointment to be made of any Local Inspector of any Gaol, the Minister or Curate of the Parish wherein such Gaol shall be situated shall be preferred; be it enacted, That the said recited Provision of the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for every Grand Jury, in the making such Appointment, to select any Persons to be Local Inspectors, as to such Grand Jury shall seem most fit and proper to discharge the Duties of the said Office; provided always, that it may be lawful for the Grand Jury to appoint such Minister or Curate to be such Local Inspector, if such Grand Jury shall think such Minister or Curate to be a fit and proper Person for that Purpose.

If Ministers are appointed, those of the Parish where Prison is situated, shall be preferred.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in all future Appointments of Protestant Chaplains to any Gaol, the Protestant Minister or Curate of the Parish wherein such Gaols shall be situated, and in all future Appointments of Roman Catholic or Dissenting Chaplains, the Clergyman or Curate of such Persuasion respectively, who shall act within the Parish in which such Gaols respectively are situate, shall be preferred, if such Minister, Clergyman, or Curate will accept such Appointment, and if there does not appear on Examination to be any just or reasonable Objection to such Minister, Curate, or Clergyman as aforesaid.

Book to be kept in each Prison, in which Grand Jury and Inspector, &c. shall enter Observations.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in every Gaol, House of Correction, Marshalsea, Bridewell, Penitentiary House, Sheriff's Prison, and other Prison throughout *Ireland*, a Book shall be kept, and constantly remain therein, in order that any Three or more of the Grand Jury in Execution of this Act, and also the Local Inspector thereof, shall and may from Time to

Time make and enter therein such Observations as they shall respectively think fit; and every Inspector, Chaplain, Physician, Surgeon, or other Officer attending on, or required to attend on such Prison, shall in his Turn insert in such Book, in his own Hand-writing, his Name, the Date of such Visit, and Duty performed; and every Keeper of every such Prison shall be responsible for the safe Custody of such Book, and shall at all Times, when required so to do, produce the same for Inspection to the Grand Jury or any Member thereof, or to any Justice of the Peace of the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, wherein such Prison shall be situate, without Fee or Reward.

Book to be produced for Inspection.

Appointments of Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in the Appointments of Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries to any Gaols respectively, the attending Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries of the County Infirmary may be preferred, unless such Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary shall refuse to accept such Appointment, or unless it shall appear upon Examination that there exists any just or reasonable Objection to the Appointment of any such Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, and provided that the said County Infirmary shall be situate within Three Miles of the Gaol to which such Appointments shall be respectively made; provided also, that such Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries so appointed, shall be subject to all the Rules and Regulations contained in this Act, as well as in the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign.

Presentments may be made for procuring Medicines.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Grand Jury, in Cases where it shall seem expedient so to do, to make Presentment of a Sum of Money for the Purpose of procuring Medicines and Drugs from Apothecaries Hall in *Dublin*, for the Use of the Prisoners in any Gaol under the Direction of the Apothecary of such Gaol, and such Medicines shall be provided and accounted for by such Person or Persons as such Grand Jury shall direct and appoint; and in such Case such Grand Jury shall make Presentment of such Sum of Money, to be paid to such Apothecary for his Attendance and Advice only, as such Grand Juries are by Law empowered to do, and not for any Sum or Sums of Money for the providing of any such Medicines or Drugs.

Grand Juries may appoint Matrons, &c. for Gaols, to be paid by Presentment.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Grand Jury in *Ireland*, at any Assizes or Presenting Term respectively, and they are hereby required to appoint a Matron, and such inferior Female Attendant or Attendants as they shall deem necessary, for any County Prison within their respective Counties; and every such Matron and Attendant shall be paid such Salary as shall from Time to Time be fixed or agreed on by the Grand Jury with the Approbation of the Judge of Assize for that Purpose, the same to be raised by Presentment on the County, County of a City, or County of a Town.

Grand Juries to appoint Houses of

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Grand Jury of a County, or County of a City, or County of a Town, to appoint and appropriate such Parts of the several

several Gaols respectively, as such Grand Jury shall think fit, to be Houses of Correction for the Custody and Punishment of convicted Prisoners; and it shall and may be lawful for any Grand Jury in every such Case to appoint a Keeper or Governor of such House of Correction, with such Salary as to such Grand Jury shall seem meet; and every such Keeper or Governor of such House of Correction shall be subject and liable to, and shall obey and comply with, all the Rules and Regulations prescribed for Gaolers in and by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, and this Act: Provided always, that nothing in the said recited Act or this Act contained shall be construed to extend to prevent the Governor or Keeper of the House of Correction in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, from being appointed by the Sheriffs respectively to be the Keeper or Governor of the Common Gaols within their respective Jurisdictions.

Correction in Prisons, and Keepers:

But Sheriffs may appoint such Keepers to be Keepers of Common Gaols.

XXXI. And whereas many Bridewells now existing in various Parts of *Ireland* are unnecessary, and destitute of the Accommodation required, as well in the Construction as in the Management thereof, and some Bridewells of the largest Class are rendered useless by the immediate Transmission of all Prisoners to the County Gaols, often to the inconvenient crowding of the same, and many such Bridewells are unprovided with the Furniture and Supplies required for Prisoners, according to Law; be it therefore enacted, That within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, the Inspectors General of Prisons shall submit to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, a List of all the Bridewells therein; and it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time to order that any Bridewells shall be discontinued and shall no longer be used as a Bridewell, or House of Correction, or Prison; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Lord Lieutenant may discontinue Bridewells.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to direct that such Bridewells as shall be continued shall be divided into Two Classes, and that One Class of the said Bridewells, to be selected by the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, shall be denominated District Bridewells, to each of which Bridewells a certain District within the County shall be allotted; and that all Prisoners committed within such District, either for Trial at, or under Sentence passed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, shall be kept and remain in such District Bridewell until discharged, and shall not be transmitted to the County Gaol; and it shall and may be lawful, in the Event of a crowded State of the County Gaol, on the Report of the Local Inspector thereof, for the Keeper of any such District Bridewell to detain therein any Prisoner committed for Trial at the Assizes for the County until within a reasonable Time prior to the Assizes.

District Bridewells appointed.

XXXIII. And whereas many Bridewells are situate at so great a Distance from the Gaol of the County, that it is impossible that any Benefit

Bridewells distant more than Three

Miles from County Gaols shall be visited by officiating Clergyman of the Parish.

Benefit can be derived to such Bridewells from the Inspectors and other Officers of such Gaols respectively; be it enacted, That the officiating Clergyman of the Established Church of and in every Parish in *Ireland*, in which there shall be a Bridewell which shall be distant more than Three Miles from the Gaol of the County, shall be deemed and reputed to be and is hereby made and declared to be the Inspector of such Bridewell; and it shall be lawful to and for such Clergyman to execute the Duty of directing and superintending, according to Law, the Supply of such Bridewell with Necessaries; and all poor Prisoners therein shall be supplied with such Necessaries in the same Manner, under the same Regulations, and out of the same Funds as poor Prisoners in the County Gaol.

Prisoners shall be sent from Bridewells to County Gaols without Delay.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Prisoner shall be detained in any Bridewell, except in District Bridewells, selected as aforesaid, longer than Three Days from the Day of Committal, unless Two Justices of the Peace of the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, shall think proper to order that such Prisoner be longer detained for the Purposes of Examination, and then only for the Time mentioned in such Order, or any Renewal thereof; but that all such Prisoners shall be diligently transmitted to the County Gaol or District Bridewell, as the Case may be: Provided always, that if any such Bridewell shall be distant more than Twelve Miles from such County Gaol, then any such Prisoner may, if the Committing Magistrate shall so direct, by Order under his Hand, be detained in such Bridewell until the First Week in the Calendar Month next after such Committal, but not longer, so that all Prisoners committed in any one Calendar Month may be sent under one Escort.

Detention where Bridewell is distant more than Twelve Miles.

Returns from smaller Bridewells in the Form in Schedule (D.)

XXXV. And whereas in many Bridewells Persons have been detained and discharged without any regular Committal, and no sufficient Record is kept of Committal or Discharge of Prisoners, and in many Bridewells no Allowance of Beds, Bedding, Food, or Necessaries are provided; be it therefore enacted, That a Return or Record shall be made and kept in every Bridewell in *Ireland*, not being a District Bridewell as aforesaid, in the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked (D.), or in any other Form approved by the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, or any One or more of them; One Copy of which Return or Record shall be preserved in such Bridewell, and Two Copies shall be transmitted for the Inspectors General of Prisons to the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, in *Dublin* Castle, within Fourteen Days after the Thirty-first Day of *March*, the Thirtieth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year; and that One of the said Copies so transmitted for the Inspectors General of Prisons shall be returned by One of them to the Inspector or Keeper of such Bridewell, certified by such Inspectors General, or One of them, and that such Copy so certified shall be produced by the Inspector or Keeper of such Bridewell to the Collector of Excise of the District in which such Bridewell shall be situated; and such Collector of Excise is hereby required to administer to such Inspector or Keeper an Oath to the Truth of such Account, and thereupon to pay to such

Inspector or Keeper the Amount of the Expence so incurred and specified in such Account; and it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of the County, and they are hereby required, on Production of such Account by such Collector of Excise at the next ensuing Assizes, to make Presentment for the Amount of such Account to be paid to such Collector of Excise.

Salary to Keepers of District and other Bridewells.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of every County, and they are hereby required to present for each Keeper of any District Bridewell, a Salary of not less than Forty Pounds a Year, and for each Keeper of every other Bridewell a Salary of not less than Ten Pounds a Year; and One Half of such Salary shall be presented at each Assizes to be holden for each County.

Poor Prisoners shall be kept to work.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Keeper of any Prison in *Ireland* shall have full Power and Authority, and he is hereby required, when practicable, to keep every poor Prisoner in such Prison to Labour of such Kind as the said Divisional Justices in *Dublin*, or the Grand Jury, or any Three or more Grand Jurymen, or, in their Default, any Three Justices of the Peace respectively, shall direct and appoint, by any Order to be made for that Purpose; and if the Work to be performed by any such poor Prisoner shall be of such a Nature as may require previous Instruction, proper Persons shall be provided to give the same by the like Order, to whom a suitable Allowance shall be made, to be paid by Presentment on such County, County of a City, or County of a Town.

Materials, Tools, &c. shall be provided.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Materials and Tools necessary for any such Work, and all Books and Teachers necessary for the learning of any Trade, as well as for the Instruction of every such poor Prisoner in Reading and Writing, shall be in like Manner provided, and the Expence thereof raised by Presentment as aforesaid.

Penalty on conveying Spirituous Liquors into Prisons.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person, in contravention of any existing Rules, shall carry or bring, or attempt or endeavour to carry or bring into any Prison in *Ireland* any Spirituous or fermented Liquor, it shall be lawful for the Gaoler or Keeper to apprehend or cause to be apprehended such Offender, and to carry such Offender before a Justice of the Peace (who is hereby empowered to hear and determine such Offence in a summary Way), and if such Justice shall lawfully convict such Person of such Offence, he shall forthwith commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept in Custody for any Time not exceeding Three Months, without Bail or Mainprize, unless such Offender shall immediately pay down such Sum of Money, not exceeding Twenty Pounds and not less than Ten Pounds, as such Justice shall impose upon such Offender; to be paid, One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Inspector of such Prison, in aid of the Maintenance of such Prison; and if any Justice shall receive Information upon Oath that any Spirituous or fermented Liquor is unlawfully kept or disposed of in any Prison, he may enter and search, or issue his Warrant to enter and search for such Liquor, and in case any such Spirituous or fermented Liquor shall be found, it shall be lawful for the Person

so finding the same to seize the same, and cause it to be disposed of as the Justice shall direct; and if any Gaoler or Keeper of any Prison shall sell, use, lend, or give away, or knowingly permit or suffer to be sold, used, lent, or given away in such Prison, or brought into the same, any Spirituous or fermented Liquor, in contravention of the existing Rules of such Prison, he shall for every such Offence, over and above any other Punishment by this Act inflicted, forfeit and lose the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Poor Prisoner shall have One-third of his Earnings, and Two-thirds shall be applied to his Maintenance.

XL. And be it further enacted, That in every Prison in *Ireland* an Account shall be kept by the Keeper of such Prison of the Profits of the Work of each poor Prisoner therein, and One-third of such Profits shall be for the Use of such poor Prisoner, and the other Two-thirds of such Profits shall be applied in and towards the Payment of and for the several Necessaries supplied to the poor Prisoners in such Prison as therein provided, and the Balance only shall be paid from Time to Time out of the Funds herein directed in that Behalf respectively.

Court of King's Bench empowered to make new Rules and Regulations.

XLI. And whereas it may hereafter be found expedient that new and additional Rules and Regulations for all Prisons, or for any particular Prison in *Ireland*, should from Time to Time be made, or that any Rules or Regulations established by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, should be modified so as to meet Events or Exigencies which cannot now be foreseen; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in *Ireland*, if such Court shall think proper, to order, direct, and ordain that any such Rules or Regulations shall be altered, or that any new Rules and Regulations shall be made and established for the better Government of Prisons and the Officers thereof, and the Provisions therein, and for the Classification and Distribution of Prisoners, and for the Separation of Male from Female Prisoners, and of Prisoners committed only for Trial from such Prisoners as shall have been convicted of Crimes and under the Sentence of Punishment, and generally either with respect to all Prisons or to any Kind or Description of Prisons, or to any particular Prisons or Prison in *Ireland*, at the Discretion of such Court; and all such Rules, so altered or established, shall be of the same Force, Validity, and Effect, but not otherwise, as if expressly enacted by the said recited Act or this Act, any thing in the said recited Act, or in this Act to the contrary thereof, in anywise notwithstanding; and it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, on Proof of Disobedience to such Rules and Regulations, or of any Misconduct on the Part of any Keeper or other Officer of any Prison, to dismiss such Keeper or other Officer so offending from his Office.

Grand Juries (except in Dublin) may appoint not less than Six nor more than Twelve Persons, One-third being

XLII. And whereas it may often happen that Grand Juries and Jurymen will be necessarily occupied with Public Business of great Importance, both of a local and general Nature, so as to be thereby prevented from giving the requisite Attention to the Exercise of all the Powers vested in them, or the effectual Performance of the Duties required of them under the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, and under the present Act; be it there-

fore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, (save and except the Grand Juries of the County of *Dublin* and the County of the City of *Dublin*), and any such Grand Jury are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think proper so to do, at each and every or any Assizes, with the Consent and Approbation of the Court or Judge at such Assizes, to appoint not less than Six nor more than Twelve Persons, One-third of whom at least shall be Justices of the Peace for the County, County of the City, or County of a Town, wherein such Appointment shall take place, or Members of the said Grand Jury, to be a Board of Superintendance of every Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison within such County, County of a City, or County of a Town respectively, and being a Prison of such County, County of a City or Town; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury, at any subsequent Assizes for any such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, to appoint other Persons to compose a new Board of Superintendance, as the Case may require, or to remove any Member or Members of the existing Board, or to appoint so many new Members of any such existing Board, as they shall think proper, but so as that there shall not at any Time be more than Twelve Members of any such Board; and any Three or more of such Board of Superintendance, One of whom at the least shall be a Justice of the Peace, shall be in all Cases competent to do and perform any Matter or Thing whatsoever, in execution of any Duty required by this Act to be done and performed by the Grand Jury of such County, or County of a City or Town, or by any Three or more of such Grand Jury, in the visiting, superintending, and directing of any Gaol, Bridewell, or House of Correction, or any other County Prison within such County, or County of a City, or County of a Town, and in all other respects whatever relating to any such Gaol, House of Correction, or County Prison, and to the Gaoler and Officers thereof, and to the Prisoners therein, as such Grand Jury or any Three of them could or might lawfully do; and every such Act shall be deemed and taken to be, and shall be described and expressed, as the Act of the whole Board of Superintendance, and shall be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been done by such Grand Jury, or any Three of them, under the express Provisions of this Act.

Justices or Grand Jurymen, to be a Board of Superintendance of the Gaols within the County.

Three to be a Quorum, One being a Justice; and their Acts to be as valid as if done by Grand Jury.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Privy Council in *Ireland*, from Time to Time, to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as shall appear to the said Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council to be requisite and necessary for the Management and Regulation of the *Smithfield* Penitentiary and of the *Richmond* Bridewell in *Dublin*, and for the Appointment of the Gaolers, Keepers, and all other Officers of the said Penitentiary and Bridewell respectively; and such Prisoners only shall be committed to and confined in the said Penitentiary and Bridewell respectively, as shall be specified and directed in and by such Rules, Orders, and Regulations; and such Rules, Orders, and Regulations may be from Time to Time altered and amended in like Manner; and also that it

Lord Lieutenant may make Orders for the Regulation of the Smithfield Penitentiary and Richmond Bridewell, and for the Classification of Prisoners.

it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice and Consent of the said Privy Council, from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, or Regulations, as shall appear to the said Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council to be necessary for the Classification and Separation of all Prisoners in any Prisons within the County of *Dublin*, and the County of the City of *Dublin*, by allotting and appointing the said several Prisons for the Custody of One or more Class or Classes of Prisoners, and by directing what Class or Classes of Prisoners respectively shall be committed or removed to *Newgate*, what Class or Classes of Prisoners shall be committed or removed to the *Smithfield* Penitentiary, and what Class or Classes of Prisoners shall be committed or removed to the *Richmond* Bridewell; and such Prisoners only shall in future be committed or removed to and confined in the said Gaol of *Newgate*, and the said Penitentiary and Bridewell respectively, as shall be specified and directed in and by such Rules, Orders, and Regulations; and such Rules, Orders, and Regulations may be from Time to Time altered and amended by the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice of the said Privy Council.

Prisoners may be received into the Gaol of Newgate, Smithfield Penitentiary, and Richmond Bridewell, and removed into any One of such Prisons, as the Order of the Lord Lieutenant shall direct.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriffs of the City of *Dublin*, and for the Keepers of the Gaol of *Newgate* in the said City, and for the Keepers of the said *Smithfield* Penitentiary and *Richmond* Bridewell, from Time to Time to receive into their Custody any Prisoner or Prisoners committed or removed to the said Gaol, Penitentiary, or Bridewell respectively, and also to remove any Prisoners in the said Gaol of *Newgate*, or in the said Penitentiary or Bridewell respectively, from any one of the said Prisons respectively, into any other of the said Prisons, pursuant to any Order of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and the said Privy Council, made pursuant to this Act, and no such Removal shall be construed to be an Escape; and all such Prisoners shall and may be lawfully detained in such Gaol, Penitentiary, or Bridewell, to which they shall be committed or removed in pursuance of such Orders, and shall be deemed in the proper Custody; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

How the Expence of the Maintenance of such Prisoners shall be paid.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That an Account of the Amount of the Expence of the supporting of all and every Prisoner or Prisoners in the Custody of the Sheriff of the City of *Dublin*, who in pursuance of this Act shall be committed to the said Penitentiary or Bridewell, shall be laid before the Grand Jury of the City of *Dublin* at every presenting Term, by the proper Officers of such Penitentiary or Bridewell, the Statement of such Amount being first approved by the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or in the Absence of such Chief Secretary, by the Under Secretary; and that an Account of the Amount of the Expence of supporting all and every Prisoner or Prisoners, who in pursuance of this Act shall be committed to the said Gaol of *Newgate*, instead of being committed as heretofore to the said Penitentiary or Bridewell, shall be transmitted to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, Three Days before

before every presenting Term, by the Sheriff of the said City of *Dublin*, and shall be laid before the Grand Jury at such presenting Terms respectively; and that if on the Balance of such Accounts it shall appear that the Expence incurred for such Prisoners, maintained in the said Penitentiary and Bridewell, shall exceed the Expence of such Prisoners maintained in the said Gaol of *Newgate*, the Grand Jury at every such presenting Term shall make a Presentment for the Amount of such Excess, and the same, when levied, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said City to the Treasurer or proper Officer of such Penitentiary and Bridewell, in such Proportions as shall be directed by Warrant under the Hand of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*; and if on the Balance of such Account it shall appear, that the Expence incurred for such Prisoners maintained in the said Gaol of *Newgate*, shall exceed the Expence of such Prisoners maintained in the said Penitentiary and Bridewell, the Grand Jury shall declare the Amount of such Excess, and the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said City by the proper Officer of such Penitentiary and Bridewell, or either of them, in such Manner and in such Proportions as shall be directed by the Warrant of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being.

Offenders may be committed to any Penitentiary House within the County.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any Person shall be lawfully convicted before any Court or Judge or Justice of the Peace, of any Offence, and shall be punishable by Imprisonment, it shall and may be lawful for such Court or Judge or Justice to sentence such Offender to be confined in any Penitentiary House within the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, where such Offender shall be convicted; and such Offender shall and may be committed to and detained in such Penitentiary House accordingly, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and in all Cases, where any one Penitentiary House shall have been or shall be built, repaired, or enlarged at the joint Expence of any Two Counties, or Counties of Cities, or Counties of Towns, it shall and may be lawful for the Court or Justice before whom any Offender shall be convicted, in either of the said Counties, or Counties of Cities or Towns, of any Offence, and shall be punishable by Imprisonment, to sentence such Offender to be confined in such Penitentiary House, although such Penitentiary House may not be locally situated within the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, within which such Offender shall be convicted; and such Offender shall and may be committed to and detained in such Penitentiary House accordingly; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where there is One Penitentiary for Two Counties, the Offender shall be committed to the same, though the Conviction was not in the County where the Penitentiary is situated.

A Depôt shall be appointed in every County, to which Convicts for Transportation shall be transmitted.

New Dresses to be issued to such Convicts.

XLVII. And whereas great Evils arise from the Detention in County Gaols of Convicts sentenced to Transportation; be it therefore enacted, That for each County a particular Depôt shall be named by the Lord Lieutenant, or Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to which all Prisoners convicted and sentenced to Transportation shall be transmitted with all possible Expedition; and it shall and may be lawful for the Inspector of the County Gaol, on the Day of such Transmission, to take into the Stores of the Gaol all Prison Dresses belonging to the said Convicts, and to issue to such Convicts new Dresses,

Dresses, an Account of the Amount of the Cost of which shall be delivered by such Inspector to the Collector of Excise of the District in which such Gaol shall be situated, upon Oath; and thereupon it shall be lawful for such Collector of Excise to pay such Amount to such Inspector out of any Public Monies in the Hands of such Collector of Excise.

Title to all Lands purchased under Valuations by Juries summoned under Warrants, though improperly directed, declared valid;

XLVIII. And whereas by the said herein-before recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, it is among other Things provided, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for building or enlarging Gaols or other Prisons therein mentioned, or any Three or more of them, to issue their Warrants or Precepts for impannelling Juries for the Valuation of Lands or Tenements necessary for such Purpose, to the Sheriff of the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, to return a sufficient Pannel: And whereas Lands and Tenements have been from Time to Time purchased under Valuations made by such Juries; but Doubts have in some Instances arisen as to the Sheriff to whom such Precept ought to have been directed, and it is expedient that such Valuations and Purchases should be established, and such Doubts prevented for the future; be it therefore enacted, That the Title to any Lands, Grounds, Houses, Tenements, or Buildings, heretofore purchased under the Provisions of the said recited Act, for any of the Purposes therein mentioned, shall be and be considered good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, notwithstanding any Objection that may arise or be made thereto on account of any Warrant or Precept of any such Commissioners having been directed to a Sheriff to whom any such Warrant or Precept ought not to have been directed, and notwithstanding any Error that may have arisen from or by reason of such Misdirection in any of the subsequent Proceedings; and

such Warrants shall in future be directed to Sheriff of County where Lands lie.

that from and after the passing of this Act, in all Cases wherein any such Commissioners shall proceed to require a Jury to be impannelled under the said recited Act, for any of the Purposes therein mentioned, the Warrant or Precept for that Purpose shall be directed to the Sheriff of the County, County of a City, or a County of a Town, wherein the Land, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased respectively shall be situate: Provided always,

Exception as to Lands belonging to a Town Corporate where a County Gaol is to be built.

that if such Prison shall belong to a County at large, and shall be situate or intended to be built within any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, and the Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased shall be the Estate of or belonging to the Corporation of such County of a City, or County of a Town, or to any Corporation within the same, then and in every such Case such Precepts shall be directed to the Sheriff of such County at large.

No Gaol to be built without Consent of Lord Lieutenant.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no new Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison, shall be erected in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in *Ireland*, without the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for that Purpose first had and obtained; such Consent and Approbation to be signified by the Chief Secretary or Under Secretary of such Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors for the Time being.

Presentments may be made for repairing or enlarging Gaols.

L. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in *Ireland*, to present any Sum or Sums of Money to be raised for the repairing or enlarging of, or for the making any Addition to any Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison, in *Ireland*, and to direct that such Persentment shall be raised by Half-yearly or Yearly Sums or Instalments, in like Manner as Grand Juries are by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign authorized to do, for the building of any new Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison; and that as soon as any such Presentment shall be made, or at any Time after the making of such Presentment, and before the Completion of such Work, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, if he or they think proper so to do, to cause such Advances to be made out of the Consolidated Fund to the Treasurer of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, on the Faith of such Presentment, as by the said recited Act are authorized with respect to Advances on the Faith of Presentments made for the building any new Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons to advance any Sum or Sums on the Faith of such Presentment, and all such Advances shall be made, and shall be applied and repaid in such Manner, and under such Rules, Regulations, and Directions in all respects, as are contained in the said recited Act with respect to Advances authorized to be made by the said recited Act, in case of Presentments for building any new Gaol, Bridewell, House of Correction, or other Prison.

Lord Lieutenant may order Advances to be made out of the Consolidated Fund to the Treasurer of the County.

Advances of Money may be made on the Faith of Presentments.

Notice to be put up in every Prison that Fees are abolished.

LI. And be it further enacted, That there shall be hung up in a conspicuous Manner in the Chapels and Day-rooms of each and every Prison in *Ireland*, a Notice in the following Words; *videlicet*,

'NOTICE is hereby given, that all Prison Fees whatsoever are abolished by Act of Parliament; and any Gaoler, Turnkey, Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of the Peace, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, or other Officer, taking or demanding any Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, is thereby subject to a Penalty of Five Pounds; and that the Abolition of such Fees extends to Persons confined for Debt.'

Proviso as to Grand Juries in Dublin.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all the Acts and Duties to be performed by the several Grand Juries at the Assizes under this Act, may in the County of *Dublin*, and County of the City of *Dublin*, be performed by the Grand Juries at the presenting Terms, duly met and impannelled.

Not to extend to the Marshalsea Courts, except as to Dresses, Diet, &c.

LIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act before contained shall extend to the Marshalsea of the Four Courts of the City of *Dublin*, nor to the Marshalsea of the City of *Dublin*; save and except such Enactments as provide for the Dresses, Diet, and Furniture of the poor Prisoners.

Act may be altered this Session.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed within this present Session of Parliament.

## SCHEDULE (A.)

INSTRUCTIONS to be prefixed to the PROVISION BOOK of every Gaol.

The Grand Jury of each County will determine from the Three Descriptions of Dietary, detailed in the Provision Book, which may be most suitable to the Circumstances of the County; and such Dietary is to be posted up in some conspicuous Part of the Prison, and used throughout the Gaol. The Columns under the Head of the Two other Dietary Tables will of course remain Blank.

A Pass Book is to be kept with the Contractors for each Article of Provision consumed in the Gaol, in which the Amount of Quantity of each Article is to be entered as it is supplied. When a Payment is to be made, the Provision Book and Pass Books are to be made up, to ascertain that the Quantity used of each Article, together with the Quantity in Store, corresponds with the Quantity laid in, and with the regulated Allowances. The Blank Columns at the End of the Account are intended for any extra Supplies, as where Turf is used as Fuel, or under any other extra Circumstances.

When any Man is placed on Diet below the regulated one, his Allowance of each Article composing the usual Diet will make a Deduction in the Column in which the Amount of that Article is stated; this Deduction from the regular Calculation will be explained by a N. B. at the Foot of the Account for the Day; as for Example "N.B. One Man on Bread and Water."

In the Line of "Brought forward" in the Abstract Account, is to be inserted the Total Issue, from the Day of last Settlement of the Books.

I [*or* we] approve the Regulations contained in this Book.

Dublin, 1822.

} Judge *or* Judges of the Court of King's Bench.

## Schedule (A.) *continued.*—Gaol.—Daily Return of Prisoners and Supplies.

| Number of Class. | No. confined. | Discharged this Day. | Committed this Day. | No. not on Gaol Allowance. | No. of Poor Prisoners. | Sick in Hospital. | Bread Diet. | | Potatoe Diet. | | | Mixed Diet. | | | | Coals issued. | Straw issued, 28lbs. to a Bed. | Hospital Extras. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | Bread 2lbs. to each Prisoner. | 1 Quart of New Milk. | 9 lbs. to each Man. | 1 Pint of New Milk. | 1 Pint of Buttermilk. | 5 oz. Meal, for Stirabout. | 4lbs. of Potatoes. | 1 Pint of New Milk. | 1 Pint of Buttermilk. | | | Beef for Broth. | Mutton. | | | | | | | | |
| No. 1. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sick | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Officers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Schedule (A.) *continued.*—Abstract of Daily Consumption.

| | Meal for Stirabout. | | Sweet Milk. | | | Butter Milk. | | | Beef. | | Mutton. | | Bread. | | Potatoes, lbs. | Coals. | | | Turf. | | Straw. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | lbs. | Oz. | Gallons. | Quarts. | Pints. | Gallons. | Quarts. | Pints. | lbs. | Oz. | lbs. | Oz. | lbs. | Oz. | | Tons. | Barrels. | Bushels. | | | Cwts. | Quarters. | lbs. |
| Issued this Day - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brought forward - - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## SCHEDULE (B.)

Annual Inspection Return of Bedding, &c. Gaol.

| No. of Class. | Rated Number of Prisoners. | Blankets. | | Prison Dresses. | | Iron Bedsteads or Equivalent. | | Bed Tickens. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | In Store. | Deficient. | In store. | Deficient. | In Store. | Deficient. | In Store. | Deficient. |
| 1. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. - - - | | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital - - | | | | | | | | | |
| Total - - | | | | | | | | | |

I, Inspector General of Prisons, do certify, That I have inspected the Bedding, Clothing, and Furniture of the different Classes in the Gaol of and that the following Articles appear to be deficient from unavoidable Wear and Tear since last Inspection; viz. Blankets, Bedsteads, Prison Dresses, Bed Tickens; I do therefore direct the Local Inspector of the said Gaol to provide such deficient Articles, at reasonable Prices, and to furnish an Account of the Expence thereof to the Collector of Excise at , pursuant to an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*].

Inspector General of Prisons.

## SCHEDULE (C.)

ANNUAL RETURN of Articles supplied for Gaols, as ordered by the Inspector General of Prisons.

| Description of Articles. | From whom purchased. | No. of Articles. | Amount of each. | Total Amount. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blankets - - - | | | | |
| Bed Tickens - - | | | | |
| Prison Dresses - - | | | | |
| Bedsteads - - - | | | | |
| Cots - - - | | | | |
| Total Amount - - - £ | | | | |

*A. B.* Local Inspector of the Gaol at ~~came before me this Day, and made Oath,~~ that the Articles above stated are a true Account of Articles ordered by the Inspector General of Prisons, for the Use of the said Gaol, pursuant to an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], and that the same were laid in on the best practicable Terms, and are charged at Cost Prices, and that no Profit is made on the Purchase ~~thereof by him~~, or by any other Person for his Use.

~~Sworn~~ before me this Day of

} Collector of Excise.

## SCHEDULE (D.)

**QUARTERLY RETURN** of Prisoners in [illegible] Bridewell, for the Quarter ending

| Prisoners' Names. | Whether able to support themselves, or poor Prisoners. | By whom committed. | Date of Committal. | By what written Authority or Document committed. | Crime for which committed. | By whom discharged. | Date of Discharge. | Whether forwarded to any or what Gaol. | Number of Nights confined. | Amount paid for Subsistence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Total Amount - - £ | |

County of } *A.B.* Keeper of the Bridewell, came before me this Day, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists, that the List
to wit. } above stated contains the Names of every Individual who was confined for one Night or more in the aforesaid Bridewell, during the Three Months ending and that the Sums annexed to their respective Names were actually expended in their Support, and that the Prisoners received the different Articles of Provisions at Cost Price, without any Profit or Gain by the Purchase or Sale thereof to him or any other Person on his behalf; and further, that the poor Prisoners were supplied with Diet according to One of the Three Dietary Tables approved according to Law, and which are posted in the said Bridewell; and further maketh Oath, that the Prisoners who have not received Gaol Allowances have been supplied by their Friends with sufficient Food.

Sworn before me this Day of

{ Collector of Excise of the District of

SCHEDULE

FORM of Annual Return

| 1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Sleeping Cells. | 2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing where more than One Prisoner sleeps in One Cell. | 3. Total Number of Prisoners. | | 4. Number of Debtors. | | 5. Number of Misdemeanants. | | 6. Number of Felons. | | 7. Number of Prisoners committed in the Course of the Year. | 8. Number of Tried Prisoners. | | 9. Number of Untried Prisoners. | | 10. Number of Prisoners above 17 Years of Age. | | 11. Number of Prisoners under 17 Years of Age. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Mich. 18 | Mich. 18 | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Note.*—The Total of the Columns 4, 5, Column No. 3; and the Aggregate

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| 19.—Whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or Bridewell? |
| 20.—Under whose Jurisdiction and Superintendence? |
| 21.—Number of Officers, and how appointed? |
| 22.—Number of Classes, Wards, or Divisions, Work Rooms, Day Rooms, and Airing Yards; and whether the same can be extended or increased? |
| 23.—Dietary or other Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per Head? |
| 24.—Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per Head? |
| 25.—Description of Employment and Hard Labour? |
| 26.—Hours of Labour and of Exercise? |
| 27.—Amount of Earnings, how applied, and in what Proportion, to each Class of Prisoners, to the Officers of the Prison, and to the Fund applicable to the Maintenance of the said Prison? |
| 28.—Whether the Classification required by this Act has been observed?—If not, For what Reasons, and what Measures have been taken to remedy this Defect? |
| 29.—What Duties are performed by the Chaplain, what Provision made for Instruction, and whether Prisoners are supplied with Bibles and other Books? |
| 30.—Attendance of the Surgeon; and whether separate Buildings or Apartments are provided for the Sick? |
| 31.—Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners, with reference to Column 15? |
| 32.—Reasons for Punishments by Gaoler? |
| 33.—General Observations. |

(E.)

to the Chief Secretary.

| 12. | 13. | | | | 14. | | 15. | 16. | | | | 17. | | 18. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greatest Number of Prisoners at one Time. | Number of Prisoners who have been committed before. | | | | Prisoners employed. | | Prisoners not employed. | Punishments for Offences within the Prison. | | | | Number of Solitary Cells and of Apartments below Ground. | | Cases of Sickness and Death. | | |
| | Once. | Twice. | Three Times. | Four and more. | Hard Labour. | Employment, not being Hard Labour. | | Whippings. | In Irons. | Solitary Confinement. | Other Punishments. | Solitary Cells. | Apartments below Ground. | Cases of Sickness in the Year. | Greatest Number of Sick at one Time. | Deaths. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

and 6, will be equal to the whole Number of Prisoners in the Prison, expressed in the Second Division of of Columns 5 and 6 will be equal to that of Columns 8 and 9, and to that of Columns 10 and 11.

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