GAOLS AND PRISONERS.
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RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.  

1. General description of the Prison; whether Common Gaol, House of Correction, or otherwise? (To be accompanied by a Ground Plan of the Buildings, &c.)

2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendence; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.)

3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively?

4. Number of Classes, Divisions, or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below-ground?

Inspector of Police
Her Majesty's Judges, the Members of the Permanent Committee of Charitable Institutions, and all Magistrates are authorised to visit the Prison within the Visitation hours whenever they please. See Proclamation of 18th July 1831—

Great Prison
In the officers of two Deputies, Debtors' factor, Clerk, five constables, and also the Marquis of the Female Prisoners. Female Prisoners are attended exclusively by Female Officers.

Six Classes—No yards, day-rooms or work-rooms, but the Prisoners are protected by a colonnade passage in the 2nd Yard which is used as a working place. The Prisoners are not permitted to remain in the sleeping cells during the day. The yards are dry.

The Sleeping Cells are 16 in Number with 11 for Solitary confinement of which are Dark cells, but none below ground.
RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head for the different descriptions of Prisoners?

Daily Allowance 26 oz of bread 4 oz of Paste or dry Macaroni which is made into soup with Vegetables and 2 lbs of Cheese, or Salt Fish—Weekly cost per head 11s. 1d.

7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?

A Jacket, two pantaloons, two cotton shirts, a Vaissais with two Wollen Blankets, at a total cost per head per Annum £1 1s. 8d.

8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?

From soon after day light till a little before sunset, with an intermission in the middle of the day of one hour.

9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?

Employment: hard labour at the Government Embaza, other prisoners are employed within the Prison, as Carpenters, Tailors, &c.

10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or to the fund for the maintenance of the Prison?

Only the Prisoners employed at work on account of the local Government actually receive an Extra Allowance in Bread to the Amount of 1s. 4d. per working day each, at present the Officers of the Prison receive so share whatever or the work of the Prisoners.

11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed; if not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect?

Convicts and Prisoners are divided into five classes:
1st. Class for 15 years and upwards
2nd. 9— for 10— and under 15
3rd. 9— for 9— and under 10
4th. 9— under 3 years
5th. Men, Boys and female Vistors sentenced to simple imprisonment.

Convicts are permitted to receive the visits of their Parents once each month. Articles of clothing are strictly prohibited from being introduced, and such food as they may bring is subjected to a rigorous examination previously to being given to the Convicts. No person is admitted without having a permit from the Inspector of Police.
QUESTIONS.

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?

ANSWERS.

A small Chapel in the centre of the Prison which during divine service is opened. Prisoners are separated by their respective yards.

14. What Duties are performed by the Chaplain? What Provision is made for the Instruction of the Prisoners; and are they supplied with Bibles and other suitable Books?

A Chaplain of the Roman Catholic Faith celebrates Mass on Sundays and Festivals, and performs the other SACRED DUTIES OF RELIGION. No provision is made for their instruction nor are they supplied with Bibles or other Books being generally unable to read.

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and, if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?

Dissenting Ministers furnished with a permit from the Inspector of Police are admitted during the Prison hours.

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?

The Surgeon attends and visits the Prisoners daily. Serious cases of sickness are sent to the Civil Hospitals.

17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)?

Small Pox.

18. Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?

Such prisoners as are sentenced to find their own provisions.
QUESTIONS.

19. Reasons for Punishments, by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?

20. Is there any Insane person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what Offence committed? How long has he or she been in Confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

21. Are any, and what Fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their Admission to, or Discharge from, the Gaol?

ANSWERS.

In Subordination, pilfering from each other, refusal to work, want of attention or cleanliness, gambling, using blasphemous language, &c. are punished in the first instance by solitary confinement; and on repetition of the offence by solitary confinement with the usual allowance — Whipping not inflicted nor cautions put on but by sentence of the Court.

None.

No fees demanded.

In reference to Column 6, Return 2, few Prisoners able to read have been committed in the course of the year.
QUESTIONS.

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2. Under whose jurisdiction and superintendance; and what measures are adopted for securing the Visitation of the Prison by the Local Magistrates or other authorities? (A Copy of the Rules and Regulations to be forwarded with the Return.)

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4. Number of Classes, Divisions, or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yard (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below-ground?

ANSWERS.

Castellania Prison

Common Gaol—contains two yards, two large sleeping rooms, five smaller ditto and eighteen cells—

Under the Inspector of Police. The Judges, the members of the committee of the charitable Institutions, and all Magistrates are authorized to visit the Prison within Prison hours.

A Jailer and a Porter—the Jailer resides within the Prison. No Warden is appointed for Female Prisoners—

Divided into four classes—viz—

1st. Male Prisoners committed or under examination for notorious Offences—

2nd. Ditto for petty Offences. Persons wanting Sureties and Boys.

3rd. Female Prisoners under examination or committed for trial or condemned to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 8 days—

4th. Prisoners under sentence of death.

Four dark cells—none below ground.
QUESTIONS.

6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head, for the different descriptions of Prisoners?

7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?

8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?

9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?

10. Amount of Earnings, and how applied; in what proportion to the Prisoners, to the Officers, or to the fund for the maintenance of the Prison?

11. Whether the Classification directed by the Colonial Act has been observed: If not, for what reasons; and what measures have been taken to remedy this defect?

12. Are Convicted Prisoners prohibited from receiving Visits, or Letters, or any articles of Food or Clothing from their Relatives or Friends: if not, under what restrictions?
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RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. Castellania Prison. ANSWERS.

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Under the Inspector of Police. The Judges, the Members of the Committee of the Charitable Institutions and all Magistrates are authorized to visit the Prison within the Prison hours.

3. Number of Officers, and how appointed? Do all the Officers reside in the Prison? Are Female Prisoners attended by Female Officers exclusively?

A Visitor and a Porter. The Visitor resides within the Prison. No Matron is appointed for female prisoners.

4. Number of Classes, Divisions, or Wards, Day-rooms, Work-rooms, and Airing-yards (with reference to Plan); and whether the same can be extended or increased?

Divided into four classes. 1. Male prisoners committed or under examination for felonious Offences. 2. Q. for petty officers, Persons wanting Sureties, and Boys.

3. Female Prisoners; under examination or committed for trial; or convicted, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months. 4. Prisoners under sentence of death.

5. Number of Sleeping-cells, Solitary or Dark-cells, &c.; and if any are below ground?

Four dark cells. None below ground.
QUESTIONS.

19. Reasons for Punishments, by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?

For riots or misbehaviour Prisoners are confined in cells, or in the black-hole on bread and water, and for attempts to escape they are occasionally put in Irons; No whipping is inflicted in this Prison.

20. Is there any Insane person in confinement? State his or her Name and Age, and for what Offence committed? How long has he or she been in Confinement; and is such Person separated from the other Prisoners?

He Insane Prisoner and when a case occurs, the sufferer is immediately sent to the House of the Insane.

21. Are any, and what Fees demanded of Debtors, or of any other Prisoners, either at their Admission to, or Discharge from, the Gaol?

None.

22. General Observations.
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<td>Clothing and straw for bedding furnished by Government when necessary.</td>
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<td>Four hours in the morning and four hours in the afternoon, when employed.</td>
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<td>9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?</td>
<td>Public works and sweeping the streets, Sunday and Holy days excepted.</td>
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17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return, N°. 1)?

18. Reasons for non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?

ANSWERS.

No Chapel within the Prison.
Prisoners attend Divine Service in a Chapel in the vicinity of the Prison.

Mass is celebrated by a Roman Catholic Clergyman paid by Government. No Bibles or other Books distributed.

No dissenting Ministers have been admitted to the Prison.

The Sick are received into the Civil Hospital, and treated as other Patients.

Simple Fever.

All Prisoners are employed excepting those not tried or such as have been sentenced to simple imprisonment and solitary confinement for debtors.
RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.  
19. Reasons for Punishments, by Whipping, Irons, Solitary Confinement, or otherwise?  

ANSWERS.  
For refusing to labour, or being insubordinate; heavier Irons are put on, but no whipping—In cases of being refractory the Convict allowance is reduced.

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