

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of the GAOLS and HOUSES of CORRECTION, and of the Number

Name of the Prison, and where situated.	1. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing in separate Cells.	2. Number of Prisoners the Prison is capable of containing where more than one Prisoner sleeps in one Cell.	3. Number of Prisoners							
			Felon.							
			Tried.				Untried.			
			Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
<i>Great Prison Valletta</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>2</i>						
<i>Castellania Prison Valletta</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>104</i>								
<i>Prison at Gozo</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>						
Totals		<i>506</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>4</i>						

of PRISONERS confined therein for the Year ending 30th September 1841.

in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1841.

Misdemeanors.												4.				5.			
Tried.						Untried.						Total Number of Prisoners in Confinement at Michaelmas, 1840.				Greatest Number of Prisoners in Confinement at any one time in the Year.			
Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
43	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	167	16	-	-	186	11	-	-
9	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	20	2	-	-
11	2	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	6	-	-	26	2	-	-
63	7	-	-	9	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	200	22	-	-	232	15	-	-

RETURN of the GAOLS and

Name of the Prison and where situated.	6. Total Number of Prisoners committed in the course of the Year.								7. Number of Prisoners who have been committed before.						8. Number of Prisoners of the			
	Whites.				Blacks or Coloured Persons.				Once.		Twice.		Three times or more.		At Hard Labour in the Prison.		At Hard Labour out of the Prison.	
	Number under 18 Years of Age.		Number who cannot Read.		Number under 18 Years of Age.		Number who cannot Read.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Great Prison Valletta</i>	95	8	436	52	-	-	-	-	339	56	27	1	165	9	30	-	50	-
<i>Castellania Prison Valletta</i>	112	12	459	72	-	-	-	-	328	50	39	7	123	16	-	-	-	-
<i>Prison at Gozo</i>	12	-	78	24	-	-	-	-	9	4	21	7	38	10	21	2	16	-
Totals	219	20	973	154	-	-	-	-	676	110	107	15	326	35	51	2	66	-

HOUSES of CORRECTION, &c.—continued.

employed in the course of the year.				9. Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.								10. Cases of Sickness.								11. Deaths during the Year.			
												Greatest Number of Sick at one time.				Total Cases of Sickness during the Year.				Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.	
At Employ-ments not well Labour.		Not Employed.		Whipping.		Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punish-ments.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.		Whites.		Blacks or Coloured Persons.					
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
92	6	4	1	--	--	--	--	21	--	--	--	10.	2	--	--	197	10	--	--	1	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	11.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
39	8	16	2	--	--	--	--	10	--	7	--	2	--	--	--	6	3.	--	--	1	--	--	--
131	14	26	3	--	--	--	--	31	--	7	--	14	2	--	--	214	13	--	--	2	--	--	--

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS. *Great Prison* ANSWERS.

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.)

Great Prison

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.)

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

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

*Great Prison Principal
Gaoler with two Deputies &
Debtor's Gaoler, Clerk, five
Constables, and also the
Matron of the Female
Prisoners* } appointed
by the
Government

*Female Prisoners are attended
exclusively by Female Officers.*

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?

*Six Classes. No Wards, day rooms or
work rooms, but the Prisoners are
protected by a colonnade passage
in the 2^d Yard, which is used as a
working place. The Prisoners are
not permitted to remain in the sleep-
ing cell during the day. The Yards
are airy*

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

*The Sleeping Cells are 14 in
Number with 11 for solitary con-
finement 5 of which are dark
cells but none below-ground.*

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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 1/2 Oz of Cheese, or salt fish weekly cost per head 1 1/4 2/4
7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?
- A Jacket, two Pantaloon, two Cotton Shirts, a Palliast with two Woollen Blankets, at a total cost per head per Annum £1.1 8.
8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?
- From soon after daylight 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 Carracks, other prisoners are employed within the Prisons, 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 1 1/2 per working day each, at present the Officers of the Prison receive no share whatever on 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 Six Classes, viz?
- 1st Class for 15 Years and upwards —
 2nd — for 10 — and under 15.
 3rd — for 5 — and under 10.
 4th — Under 5 Years —
 5th & 6th Men, Boys and female Prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment.
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?
- Convicts are permitted to receive the visits of their Parents once in 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

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?	<i>A small Chapel in the centre of the Prison, which during Divine Service is opened, Prisoners separated by their respective Yards —</i>
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?	<i>A Chaplain of the Roman Catholic Faith celebrates Mass on Sundays and Festivals, & performs the other sacerdotal duties of Religion — No provision is made for their instruction nor are they supplied with Bibles or other Books being generally unable to read —</i>
15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and, if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?	<i>Dissenting Ministers furnished with a permit from the Inspector of Police are admitted during the Prison hours —</i>
16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?	<i>The Surgeon attends and visits the Prisoners daily, Serious Cases of Sickness are sent to the Civil Hospitals —</i>
17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return No. 1)?	<i>Might fever —</i>
18. Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?	<i>Such prisoners as are sentenced to find their own provisions —</i>

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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

Insubordination—Pilfering from each other, refusal of 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 short Allowance. Whipping not inflicted nor extra Irons put on but by sentence of the Court.

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?

None

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

No fees demanded

22. General Observations.

In reference to Column 6 Return No. 2. few Prisoners able to read have been committed in the course of the Year.

QUESTIONS. *Castellania Prison*. ANSWERS.

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.)

Common Gaol contains two Yards two large Sleeping rooms, five smaller ditto and eighteen cells.

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.)

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 Gaoler and a Porter—the Gaoler 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. 1st Male Prisoners committed or under examination for atrocious Offences, 2^d Male for petty Offences, Persons wanting Security, and Boys— 3^d 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.

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

Four dark Cells— None below ground.

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
6. Dietary or Weekly Allowance, and Weekly Cost per head, for the different descriptions of Prisoners?	<i>Daily allowance 26 Ounces of bread 4 Ounces of Macarroni with vegetables made into soup - 2 Ounces of Cheese or salt fish - Weekly cost per head 1/7^d 1/4</i>
7. Allowance of Clothing and Bedding, and Cost per head?	<i>None</i>
8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?	<i>No labour - Airing allowed in the yards.</i>
9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?	<i>None</i>
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?	<i>None</i>
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?	<i>As far as the place and circumstances permit, prisoners committed for atrocious offences are kept separate. Boys in the day time are kept in the Court yards with other prisoners, and by night separated.</i>
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?	<i>Prisoners under trial are prohibited from receiving visits, until they have received their indictment after which they are permitted to see their friends.</i>

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?	<i>There is a small Chapel in one of the Court-Yard wherein all prisoners assemble during divine service.</i>
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?	<i>Divine service performed on Sundays and other holy days by a Priest of the Roman Catholic faith. No Bibles or other Books are distributed.</i>
15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and, if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?	<i>They are permitted at all times to visit prisoners who may wish to see them.</i>
16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?	<i>The Police Physician attends such Prisoners, as may be in want of Medical Assistance. Cases of a serious nature are immediately sent to the Civil Hospital.</i>
17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return, No. 1)?	<i>No particular diseases — Slight fevers are most common.</i>
18. Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?	<i>This Prison being only used for persons under examination or committed for trial the Prisoners are not put to any labour.</i>

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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

For riots or misbehaviours Prisoners are confined in Cells, or in the blackhole 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?

No insane Prisoner and when a Case occurs, the sufferer is immediately sent to the house for 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.

QUESTIONS.

Gozo Prison ANSWERS.

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.)

Common Gaol

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.)

Inspector of Executive Police Magistrates visit the Prison whenever they please. The rules and regulations adopted are those issued by Government on the 18th July 1831, as far as they can be made available.

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

One Quater appointed by Government. No apartment for Officers within the Prison—No female Officers—

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?

In five Classes—There is an airing yard, and the Prisoners have access thereto from sunrise to sunset.

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

There are six cells all above ground.

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—*continued.*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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

The Prisoners are fed by Contract at 2^d/_u each per diem.

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

Clothing and Straw for bedding furnished by Government when necessary.

8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?

Four hours in the morning and four hours in the afternoon when employed.

9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?

Public Works and Sweeping the Streets, Sunday and Holy-days excepted.

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?

No earnings.

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?

Classification is observed (See W. 4)

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?

No prohibition

No

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?	<i>No Chapel within the Prison Prisoners attend Divine Service in a Chapel in the vicinity of the Prison.</i>
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?	<i>Mass is celebrated by a Roman Catholic Clergyman paid by Government—No Bibles or other Books distributed.</i>
15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and, if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?	<i>No dissenting Ministers have asked admission to the Prison.</i>
16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?	<i>The Sick are received into the Civil Hospital, and treated as other Patients.</i>
17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year (in reference to Columns 10 and 11, Return, No. 1)?	<i>Simple fever.</i>
18. Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners (in reference to Column 8)?	<i>All Prisoners are employed excepting those not tried or such as have been sentenced to simple imprisonment & solitary confinement, and debtors.</i>

RETURN of the GAOLS, &c.—continued.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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

For refusing to labour, or being insubordinate, heavier Irons are put on, but no whipping - in cases of being refractory the Convict's Allowance is reduced.

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?

None.

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

No fees are exacted.

22. General Observations.

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