

Prison

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No. 240.

Governor.

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24<sup>th</sup> March

Previous Papers.

Diet scale and mark system for long sentenced prisoners

(MINUTES.)

At Chief Constable and Gasler

Diet scale approved for the present for long sentenced prisoners -

As regards long sentenced prisoners you must be careful to keep a daily record, and yourself. Each day award the marks you consider the prisoner has earned by good conduct and work.

In case you are not quite familiar with the mark system, the following may be of use to you as a guide - I am writing from memory.

A prisoner sentenced to 3 years penal servitude would have to earn 6570 marks before he can obtain a remission of his sentence.

He is given 6 marks a day with

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Are Extra 1 or 2 marks a day according to his  
good conduct and work. If he does not earn  
Extra marks they are not added to the 6 marks a day.

On the other hand if he misconducts  
himself and is idle he forfeits a lump number  
of marks according to his offence, as shall, in  
this Colony be adjudged by the Colonial Secretary  
who is responsible for Prison Discipline -

To give an example of marking -

A prisoner is sentenced to 3 years -

3 years = 1095 days which at 6 marks a day  
equals 6570 marks in all to be earned by  
the prisoner -

(N.B. not  
including day  
of discharge)  
The 2 extra -  
6568 only.

Assuming that the prisoner's  
conduct and work have <sup>been</sup> good throughout, and  
he has earned 2 Extra marks a day, at the  
end of 821 days he will have earned the full  
number of marks, viz 6568 - 821 days is  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  of the full period, the prisoner obtaining  
a remission of the remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  of his full  
term.

(see note  
above)

Now assuming that the prisoner's  
conduct and work have been indifferent, and  
he has only earned an average 7 marks

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a day, he would have to serve at least  
938 days in prison before obtaining  
a remission of his full term.

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To The.

Hon. Col Secretary



24/3/19.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that one Gummer Karlson, of the Ocean Whaling Company, South Georgia, has been sentenced to 3 years penal servitude.

This Prisoner is maintained as laid down by scale of Diet in Prison Regulations of February 1893. I suggest that an additional allowance of food be granted to this Prisoner, and also his food be prepared in a different manner to the present scale of Diet, I suggest the following.

Breakfast. Bread 8 ozs as before  
Coffee 1 pint " "

Dinner. Bread 8 ozs  
Potatoes and other vegetables 1 1/2 lbs  
Meat 12 ozs. roast and boiled alternately

Supper Bread 8 ozs  
Tea 1 pint  
Meat, hot, or cold. 8 ozs

Weekly allowance of sugar 10 1/2 ozs  
Salt 4 ozs.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant,  
P. Sullivan Gaoler



Your Excellency.

Diet scale as approved has been put into operation. & also mark system

I wish to thank your Excellency for the system you have laid down for my guidance.

I am sir,

your obedient servant

M. Sullivan  
Det. Chief Constable  
and Gaoler.

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