

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A.

CLASSIFICATION FOR PRISONERS SENTENCED TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

1. All classification as now existing to be prospectively abolished for all convicts hereafter received.

2. A convict during the term of his imprisonment will be required to pass through the following classes, viz.: Probation class, one year, during which he must earn 2,920 marks (minimum period with good conduct and industry) Third class, ditto. Second class, ditto. After which he will be eligible for promotion to first class.

3. Every convict is thus required to remain in the probation class for a minimum period of one year, reckoned from date of conviction.

3A. *Convicts sentenced to penal servitude for three years will serve one-fourth of their sentence in each class instead of one year, and earn the marks for nine months accordingly.*

4. If conduct and industry are good, they will then be promoted to third class, and so on to second class, remaining in each a minimum period of one year.

5. The remainder of the term of imprisonment will be spent in first class, unless promoted to special class or degraded to any lower class.

6. Convicts in probation, third, or second class may for misconduct be subjected to serve an additional period in such class in which they may then be serving, and if in third, second, or first class may be degraded to any lower class for any stated period. Such number of days to which they may be reduced to be multiplied by eight, and the number of marks accruing therefrom to be served in such lower class in addition to the one year.

7 These classes, as far as possible, to be kept separate from each other.

8. Convicts in the probation class will wear the prison dress without facings or badge. They will receive no gratuity nor receive visits, nor receive or write letters (except one letter on reception or on removal from one prison to another), and they will be allowed but one period of exercise on Sundays.

9. Convicts in the third class will wear the prison dress with black facings or badge. Whilst convicts are located in prisons with other prisoners they will have in addition to the facings a stripe of the class-colour on the right arm from shoulder to wrist. They will be allowed—(1.) To receive a gratuity of 12s., being at the rate of 1s. per month for twelve months, to be earned by marks during the time spent in this class. (2.) To receive a visit of twenty minutes' duration once in four months at such time as may be approved of, and both to receive and write a letter once in four months, provided conduct in that class has been good for at least two previous consecutive months. (3.) To be allowed one period of exercise on Sundays.

10. Convicts in the second class will wear the prison dress with yellow facings or badge. They will be allowed—(1.) To receive a visit of twenty minutes' duration, and to receive and write a letter once in three months; conduct to have been good in that class for at least two previous consecutive months. (2.) To receive a gratuity of 18s., calculated at the rate of 1s. 6d. per month for twelve months, to be earned by marks during the time spent in this class. (3.) To have two periods of exercise on Sundays.

11. Convicts in the first class will wear the prison dress, with red facings or badge. They will be allowed—(1.) To receive a visit of thirty minutes' duration, and both to receive and write a letter once in two months; conduct to have been good in that class for at least two previous consecutive months. (2.) To receive a gratuity of 30s., being at the rate of 2s. 6d. per month for twelve months, to be earned by marks until they have earned £3 altogether. (3.) To be allowed three periods of exercise on Sundays.

12. No convict can be promoted to first class unless he can read and write, or has done his best to learn to do so.

13. The special class has been made as an incentive to good conduct and industry

14. The penal class has been made as a punishment for those who misconduct themselves.

15. For practical purposes, in calculating the gratuities, the following scale may be adopted: In third class, twenty marks are equal to 1d.; in second class, twenty marks are equal to 1½d.; in first class, twenty marks are equal to 2½d.

16. Convicts sentenced to cross-irons, or to wear the parti-coloured suit, or other special treatment, will be placed in the probation class whilst under such treatment, but on release therefrom they will return to the class from which they were degraded, unless the sentence for misconduct specifies to the contrary

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Convicts are advised to read and consider the rules of the two following classes :—

Special-class Rules.

As a Reward for Industry and Good Conduct.—Convicts under sentences of three or four years' penal servitude may receive special class when within six months of release, conduct having been exemplary whilst in first class. No other convict is to be admitted into the special class till he is within twelve months of his release, and until he has passed through the first class with exemplary conduct. Convicts in the special class will wear a blue dress. They will be allowed—(1.) To be eligible to be recommended for an extra remission, not exceeding one week. (2.) To be eligible for recommendation for an extra gratuity on discharge, not exceeding £1. (3.) To receive a visit of thirty minutes, and to