

TO KILL REFUSING

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Title: Prison rules relating to letters and visits

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Details: All new prisoners were not allowed to have contact with the outside world for their first 8 weeks inside. Then, if Frank behaved, they could communicate by Letter.

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My first communication
from Frank after he
went to prison.

PRISON.

The following regulations as to communications, by Visit or Letter, between prisoners and their friends, are notified for the information of their correspondents.

The permission to write and receive Letters is given to prisoners for the purpose of enabling them to keep up a connection with their respectable friends and not that they may be kept informed of public events.

All Letters are read by the Prison Authorities. They must be legibly written and not crossed. Any which are of an objectionable tendency, either to or from prisoners, or containing slang, or improper expression, will be suppressed.

Prisoners are permitted to receive and write a letter at intervals, which depend on the rules of the stage they attain by industry and good conduct; but matters of special importance to a prisoner may be communicated at any time by Letter (prepaid) to the Governor who will inform the prisoner thereof, if expedient.

In case of misconduct, the privilege of receiving and writing a letter may be forfeited for a time.

Money, Books, Postage Stamps, Food, Tobacco, Clothes &c., should not be sent to prisoners, for their use in prison, as nothing is allowed to be received at the Prison for that purpose.

Persons attempting to clandestinely communicate with, or to introduce any article to or for prisoners are liable to fine or imprisonment, and any prisoner concerned in such practices is liable to be severely punished.

Prisoners' friends are sometimes applied to by unauthorised persons, to send Money &c., to them privately, under pretence that they can apply it for the benefit of the Prisoners, and under such fraudulent pretence, such persons endeavour to obtain money for themselves. Any letter containing such an application, received by the friends of a prisoner should be, at once, forwarded by them to the Governor.

Prisoners are allowed to receive Visits from their friends, according to rules, at intervals which depend on their stage.

When Visits are due to prisoners, notification will be sent to the friends whom they desire to visit them.