

Whitehall, February 23, 1905.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Alexander Gordon Ross, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Cross of the Order of St. Stanislas, of the Third Class, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Imperial Majesty.

Whitehall, February 24, 1905.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 23rd instant, to confer the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Sir Francis Henry Jeune, G.C.B., Judge Advocate-General, late President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron St. Helier, of St. Helier in the Island of Jersey, and of Arlington Manor in the county of Berks.

PRISON ACT, 1898.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1898, that on the 21st January, 1905, he made rules under the Prison Act, 1898, as to Convict Prisons, and Juvenile-Adult Convicts, such rules to come into force on the 1st April, 1905.

Copies of the Rules may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Wyman and Sons Limited, Fetter-lane, E.C.

Whitehall, 21st February, 1905.

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS, 1905.

No. 74.

Prison, England.

Convict Prisons.

Rules, dated January 21, 1905, as to Juvenile-Adult Convicts, made by the Secretary of State under the Prison Act, 1898.

1. There shall be a separate classification of selected convicts sentenced to Penal Servitude, who, on conviction, are under the age of 21 years.

2. The classification shall be made by the Directors as soon as possible after conviction, and after full inquiry into the general character and antecedents of the convicts.

3. The classification shall be as follows:—

(a) Selected convicts under the age of 18 who may be sent by order of the Secretary of State to a specially selected Prison for treatment under the Rules for Juvenile-Adult Prisoners, as approved for Local Prisons.

(b) Convicts who have never been previously convicted, or who are not habitually

criminal or of corrupt habits, and who are considered to be eligible for the Star Class.

(c) Ordinary convicts not so eligible.

4. Provision will be made, as far as practicable, for keeping each class apart from the others and from the older convicts; and it will be the duty of the Governor and Chaplain to devote special attention to these cases with a view to acquiring a personal influence over them.

5. Special attention shall be given to their education by instruction in the ordinary subjects of the Elementary Education Code, by lectures and addresses, and by their being provided with library books and useful literature, which they shall be encouraged to read.

6. They shall be employed in association in workshops or in outdoor work, such as farming, &c., and they shall be specially instructed in useful trades and industries, which may fit them to earn their livelihood on release.

7. Should it appear to the Governor or Chaplain that the habit and character of any convict of this class are not suitable for this special treatment, the fact will be reported to the Directors, who may remove him from the class.

8. Special arrangements shall be made with Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies, or other philanthropic societies, for the supervision of these cases on discharge, and with a view to provision being made for the convict's future welfare.

9. Juvenile-Adult Convicts will be subject to the General Rules for the Government of Convict Prisons, except so far as they are inconsistent with these Special Rules.

10. The above rules shall come into force on the 1st April, 1905.

A. Akers-Douglas.

Whitehall,

21st January, 1905.

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS, 1905.

No. 75.

Prison, England.

Convict Prisons.

Rules, dated January 21, 1905, as to Division and Classification, made by the Secretary of State under the Prison Act, 1898.

1. There shall be two Divisions of Penal Servitude, viz.:

"A."—The Ordinary Division.

"B."—The Long-Sentence Division, for selected convicts, who are sentenced to terms of more than 10 years, and who have served more than 7½ years.

2. The case of every convict in the Ordinary Division whose sentence is in excess of 10 years shall be submitted by the Directors to the Secretary of State, as soon as he has earned the marks representing that period, for the purpose of decision whether he shall be placed in the Long-Sentence Division. In deciding whether a convict shall be placed in this Division, regard will be had to his offence, his general character and antecedents, and his conduct and industry in prison.

"A."—*Ordinary Division.*

3. All convicts in the Ordinary Division shall be classified by the Directors immediately after