

QUESTIONS.

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

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

8. Hours of Labour and Exercise?

9. Description of Employment and Hard Labour?

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?

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?

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?

13. Is there a Chapel in the Prison, or suitable Apartment for the performance of Religious Services? How are the Prisoners separated therein?

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?

15. Are Dissenting Ministers allowed to have access to the Prisoners; and, if so, at what times, and under what restrictions?

16. What Duties are performed by the Surgeon? Are separate Buildings or Apartments provided for the Sick?

17. What Diseases have been most prevalent during the Year?

18. Reasons for Non-employment of Prisoners?

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

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?

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

22. General Observations.

ANSWERS.

Debtors are maintained by themselves or the Creditors: Criminals by the County, at an average cost of about 3s. 10d. stg., per week.

Whatever is necessary is furnished, but there is no fixed rate.

No convenience for such.

Such as the Justices prescribe, generally breaking stones for the roads.

To the Clothing and Support of the Prisoners, and the overplus (if any) to the use of the County.

Debtors and Criminals, male and female, are separated, but the limits will not admit of any other classification.

There are no restrictions in these respects.

There is no accommodation of this description.

Chaplains when requested, attend, but no Provision is made for Instruction or supply of Books.

Free access without restriction.

Prisoners are not denied Medical assistance, but no Provision is made for it. Where necessary, the County pays for it.

Bilious Fever.

Generally want of room and suitable arrangements.

Turbulent, refractory conduct.

There is a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, in which all Lunatics are confined.

Debtors pay 8s.—4s. to the Sheriff, and 4s. to the Gaoler, no other fees are demanded.

There is one Gaol in each County, under the jurisdiction and superintendence of the Sheriff; but the Gaols are on a much more limited scale than those contemplated in the Returns and Questions. There is no established Prison discipline nor fixed system of management, both of which have hitherto been chiefly left to the judgment and humanity of the Sheriffs, who have in no instance as yet been complained of.