



Prisons (Scotland) Act 1877

1877 CHAPTER 53

PART II

SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

Discharge of Prisoners

33 Provision where term of imprisonment expires on Sunday

Any prisoner confined in a prison whose term of imprisonment would, according to his sentence, expire on any Lord's day, shall be entitled to his discharge on the Saturday next preceding such Lord's day; and every governor of every prison having the custody of any such prisoner as aforesaid is hereby required and authorised to discharge such prisoner on the Saturday next preceding any such Lord's day.

34 Power to Secretary of State to grant certificates to Prisoners Aid Societies, and to revoke or suspend the same

The Secretary of State, upon the application of any one or more member or members of any society formed for the purpose of finding employment for discharged prisoners, and enabling them by loans and grants of money to live by honest labour, and after examining the rules of such society, and receiving such evidence as he thinks fit as to the condition of such society, may issue a certificate under his hand to the effect that such society is approved by him for the purposes of this Act, and he may subsequently at any time, upon due cause shown, by a writing under his hand, revoke or suspend such certificate, and any society in respect of which such certificate as aforesaid has been granted and remains in force shall be deemed to be a " Certified Prisoners Aid Society."

35 Allowance to discharged prisoner

Where any prisoner is discharged from prison, the Prison Commissioners may, on the recommendation of the visiting committee or otherwise, order a sum of money

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not exceeding two pounds to be paid by the governor to the prisoner himself, or to the treasurer of a certified Prisoners Aid Society or Refuge, out of any moneys voted by Parliament for the purpose, on the governor receiving from such society an undertaking in writing, signed by the secretary thereof, to apply the same for the benefit of the prisoner.

36 Discharged prisoner may be provided with means of returning to his home

When a prisoner is discharged from prison the Prison Commissioners may provide such prisoner, out of any moneys voted by Parliament for the purpose, with the means of returning to his home by causing his fare to be paid by railway, or in any other convenient manner.