

CHAPTER II.

Of the Treatment of the Prisoners in the Penitentiary.

SECTION I.

Of the Reception of the Convicts.

ART. . Every convict sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary shall, immediately after the sentence shall have been finally pronounced; be conveyed by the Sheriff of this Parish in which he was condemned, to the Penitentiary, under secure guard; and when it shall be deemed necessary, the officer commanding the regiment of the place where the Court sits, shall furnish a guard for that purpose, on the order of the Court entered on its minutes.

ART. . On the arrival of a convict, immediate notice shall be given to the Physician, who shall examine the state of his health; he shall then be stripped of his clothes and clothed in the uniform of the prison, that is suited to his offence, in the manner herein after provided, being first, if necessary, bathed and cleaned.

ART. . The convict shall then be examined by the Clerk and the Warden, in the presence of as many of the under-keepers as can conveniently attend; and his height, apparent and alleged age, complexion, colour of hair and eyes, and length of his feet to be accurately measured, shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose, together with such other natural or accidental marks, or peculiarity of stature or appearance, as may serve to identify him; an instrument shall also be provided by which the profile of his face shall be delineated, and it shall be marked with his name and pasted in the said book, under the description of his person; and if the convict can write, his signature shall be placed under the said description of his person.

ART. . All the effects on the person of the convict, as well as his clothes, shall be taken from him and specially mentioned, and preserved to be restored to him on his discharge, or delivered to his curator, where one shall be appointed, pursuant to the provisions herein after contained.

ART. . If the convict is not in such ill health as to require being sent to the Infirmary, he shall then be conducted to the cell assigned to him, where he shall be kept in solitude for forty-eight hours, interrupted only by the necessary attendance of the Keeper; during this period, designed for reflection, neither books nor employment of any kind shall be allowed him.

ART. . On the third day the Chaplain shall visit him in his cell, and shall endeavour to impress on his mind as well the wickedness as the danger of vicious and unlawful pursuits, and he shall exhort him to obedience and industry during the term of his service, and urge the utility of acquiring the means of an honest support by labour on his discharge. The Warden shall then examine him, and put him to such labour as he shall deem fit for, consulting his inclination as well as his physical power.