

POLICE, CONSTABULARY AND PRISONS.**THE CONVICT GUARDS LAW.****(CAP. 261.)****CONVICT GUARDS REGULATIONS.**23 Revision
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1. These regulations may be cited as the Convict Guards Regulations.
2. Convict guards appointed under the provisions of the Convict Guards Law, shall perform such duties connected with the safe custody of prisoners when employed on labour on the public works or otherwise as may be required of them by the Superintendent of any Prison to which they may, for the time being, be attached.

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3. The term of engagement for convict guards shall be for such period or periods in each case as may be agreed upon.

4. Convict guards while on duty shall wear such distinguishing badge or uniform as may from time to time be approved.

5. Each guard will be armed in such manner as may appear to the Superintendent of the Prison to be necessary for the safe guarding of the prisoner or prisoners over whom he is placed.

6. Convict guards will assemble for duty at the prison to which they are attached at such time or times as may be appointed by the Superintendent of the Prison.

7. Convict guards shall, on their return to the prison, at the appointed hour, with the convicts in their charge, remain in attendance until the prisoners have been counted and searched and taken over by the officers of the prison and the order dismissing them shall have been given by the competent officer. They shall each day deliver up their arms and ammunition.

8. A Superintendent of a Prison may for any good cause suspend from employment any convict guard, and the pay of such convict guard shall cease from the time of such suspension. Every such suspension and stoppage of pay shall be reported to the Governor and shall be subject to his approval.

9. Any convict guard who may be suspended or who may cease to be employed shall deliver up any arms, ammunition, accoutrements, staff, badge, or other property in his possession belonging to the Government of Cyprus, and on failure to do so, shall be liable to pay the value of the same.

10. Any convict guard who shall through neglect lose or damage any arms, ammunition, accoutrements, or properties served out to him, shall be liable to be put under stoppages of pay until the loss or damage be made good.

11. When prisoners are employed on public works, beyond the precincts of the gaol, the guards placed over them will be responsible, in so far as may depend upon their vigilance, for the safe keeping, proper conduct, and industry of the prisoners.

12. Convict guards while employed shall not absent themselves unless by permission, and shall in so far as the nature of the work may allow, have the prisoner always in their sight and under their supervision.

13. They shall abstain from any unnecessary intercourse with any prisoner, and not speak to him, except when some necessary duty shall require it; and shall not allow any one to hold communication with him at any time without express permission.

14. They shall not bring or carry, or allow to be brought or carried to or for any prisoner, any money, clothing, provisions, tobacco, spirits, wine, or other fermented liquor, or letters, or papers, or any other article whatsoever,

15. They shall not have any pecuniary or other dealing with any prisoner, nor employ any prisoner for their private purposes; nor correspond nor hold any intercourse with the friends or relations of any prisoner, unless by the express permission of the Superintendent of the Prison; nor shall they without such permission make any communication, or afford any information concerning the prisoners to any person whomsoever.

16. They shall avoid all harshness of language or conduct towards any prisoner, but at the same time they shall strictly insist on his obedience to any lawful order and on his efficient and industrious performance of the work assigned to him.

17. They shall report to the officer in charge of the gang any convict they may see picking up forbidden articles, talking or committing any other breach of prison regulations or misconducting himself, and the officer in charge shall report the same to the Superintendent of the Prison on the return of the prisoners to the prison.

18. Should any convict attempt to escape or to disarm or assault anyone of the escort or guard placed over him, or any other person, or assist in any such attempt, any man of the escort or guard may use such force as may be required for the purpose of preventing such escape or assault, or of compelling such convict to desist from any such attempt as aforesaid, and any one of the escort or guard may fire on any prisoner who, after he has been called upon to halt, persists in attempting to escape.

19. For any of the following offences committed by him, a convict guard may be fined an amount not exceeding twenty shillings, and may, in addition, be sentenced to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months, which punishment may be awarded by any Court of competent jurisdiction :-

- (a) Using abusive, insulting or threatening language or gestures to his superior officer or a police or prison official;
- (b) Offering violence to his superior officer or to a police or prison official;
- (c) Offering violence to a prisoner not necessarily required for the keeping of such prisoner in safe custody;
- (d) Communicating with or having any intercourse with a prisoner except when some necessary duty shall require it;
- (e) Permitting anyone to hold communication or have intercourse with any prisoner at any time without express permission;
- (f) Corresponding or holding intercourse with the friends or relatives of any prisoner or making communication or affording information concerning a prisoner to any person whomsoever unless by the express permission of the Superintendent of the Prison;
- (g) Conveying prohibited articles to a prisoner or into a prison;
- (h) Knowing of any communication or intercourse between any convict guard and a prisoner or the conveyance by any convict guard of any prohibited article to any prisoner or into any prison, and failing to report the same to his superior officer;
- (i) Disobeying the lawful command of his superior officer;
- (j) Neglecting or refusing to obey the lawful command of his superior officer;
- (k) Neglecting to comply with any instructions from time to time issued for his guidance.

20. Nothing in these regulations contained shall be deemed to exempt from any punishment to which he might have been liable by law if these regulations had not been made, any convict guard who shall directly or indirectly accept any bribe to induce him not to perform his duty or to do any act contrary to his orders, or who shall wilfully or through negligence allow any prisoner to escape, or who shall connive at or assist in the escape or attempt to escape of any prisoner or who shall commit any other offence punishable by law.