

Convicts may have newspapers and books; visitors; may write and receive letters, subject to inspection.

Food and bedding.

Ventilation. Baths.

No person connected with prison to be interested in any contract, &c.

Officers suffering convicts to escape, &c., shall be dismissed, &c.;

soldiers, &c., suffering convicts to escape, to be confined therein, &c.

Convicts may be punished for offences committed during confinement.

SEC. 7. That the use of newspapers and books shall not be denied the convicts at times when not employed; and that unofficial visitors shall be admitted to the prison under such restrictions as the board of commissioners may impose. The prisoners shall not be denied the privilege of communicating with their friends by letter, and from receiving like communications from them, all of which shall be subject to the inspection of the commandant, or such officer as he may assign to that duty.

SEC. 8. That the prisoners shall be supplied with ample and clean bedding, and with wholesome and sufficient food, but when in hospital or under discipline their diet shall be prescribed by the proper authority. The prison shall be suitably ventilated, and each prisoner shall have a weekly bath of cold or tepid water, which shall be applied to the whole surface of the body, unless the surgeon shall direct otherwise for the health of the prisoner.

SEC. 9. That no officer of the prison, or other person connected therewith, shall be concerned or interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, purchase, or sale made on account of the prison.

SEC. 10. That any officer who shall suffer a convict to escape, or shall in any way consent to his escape, or shall aid him to escape or in an attempt to escape, shall, upon conviction, be dismissed from the service and suffer such other punishment as a court-martial may inflict.

SEC. 11. That any soldier or other person employed in the prison who shall suffer a convict to escape, or shall in any way consent to his escape, or shall aid him to escape, or in an attempt to escape, shall, upon conviction by a court-martial, be confined therein not less than one year.

SEC. 12. That all prisoners under confinement in said military prisons undergoing sentence of courts-martial, shall be liable to trial and punishment by courts-martial under the rules and articles of war for offences committed during the said confinement.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

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CHAP. CCL. — *An Act restoring Captain Alonzo J. Marsh to his Position in the Army, and that he be honorably mustered out of the Service as of the Date of the Mustering-out of his Regiment.*

Alonzo J. Marsh restored to his position as captain, &c., and to be honorably mustered out.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to restore Alonzo J. Marsh, late a captain of company H. eleventh regiment veteran reserve corps, to his position as such captain, and grant him an honorable muster out as of the date on which he was dismissed; to wit, on March seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.*

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CHAP. CCLI. — *An Act to create a Port of Delivery at La Crosse, in Wisconsin, and to provide for a Surveyor of Customs thereat.*

La Crosse made a port of delivery.

Surveyor of customs; his duties and pay.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That La Crosse, in the county of La Crosse, and State of Wisconsin be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery within the collection district of New Orleans; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs for said port, who shall perform the duties of such office and receive the compensation of not exceeding twelve hundred dollars per annum as salary.*

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CHAP. CCLII. — *An Act to prevent Cruelty to Animals while in Transit by Railroad or other Means of Transportation within the United States.*

Animals not to be carried in

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That no railroad company within the United States whose road forms any part of a line of road*