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**RULES,**

**REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS**

**FOR THE**

**GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE**

**OF THE**

**IOWA PENITENTIARY.**

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JUDGE JNO. WHITAKER.

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## **DEPUTY WARDEN,**

HENRY JEWETT.

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[Among the proceedings of the Board of Inspectors, held at the Iowa Penitentiary, on Wednesday, the 17th day of September, A. D. 1851, the following entry appears:

“D. C. DUNLAP presented a Code of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Iowa Penitentiary. Having been examined and discussed, they were adopted, and it was ordered that the Clerk forward the original copy to His Excellency, STEPHEN HEMPSTEAD, for his approval.”

Attest:

SAMPL BRESSLER, Clerk.]

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**THE WARDEN.**

The WARDEN shall have the entire control and management of all the concerns of the Penitentiary, subject to the authority established by law, and the Rules and Regulations adopted for its government.

It shall be his duty to obey and carry out all legal orders he may from time to time receive from the proper authorities, and he shall be held responsible for the manner in which the Penitentiary is conducted. He shall reside at the Penitentiary, and examine daily into the state thereof, and visit every apartment, and see every prisoner confined therein, as often as good order and necessity may require. He shall exercise a general supervision and direction in regard to the police and discipline of the Prison, and the business concerns thereof. He shall make all purchases for the support and maintenance of the prisoners, and



connected with the same. He shall, to the best advantage, dispose of all the articles manufactured at the Prison, and generally perform all duties prescribed by law, and the Rules and Regulations of the Penitentiary.

He shall see that the prisoners are treated with humanity—that the sick and complaining have proper medical aid and due attendance, and that they are supplied with such food and medicines as are prescribed and necessary.

He shall, on the reception of a prisoner at the Penitentiary, examine, or cause such prisoner to be examined, and make out a full and accurate description of such prisoner, including age, height, features, color of eyes, marks or deformities about the person, and every peculiarity he may notice in the general deportment or physical formation of such prisoner, and cause the same to be entered of record by the Clerk, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose. He shall also, in the like manner, from time to time, make additions thereto, as the same shall come to his knowledge.

He shall pay particular attention to, and use his best endeavors for the moral culture and reformation of the prisoners. He shall permit nothing to be said or done in presence of any of the prisoners under his charge, calculated to interfere with so desirable an object. He shall not himself use any familiarity with the prisoners; nor shall he permit any Officer of the Prison, or any visitor to do so. He shall give all his orders with mildness and dignity, and see that they are enforced with firmness, promptitude and decision.

He shall cause to be kept by the Clerk an exact account of every item of receipts and expenditures in behalf of the Prison, and have the same ready at all times for the examination of the Inspectors, when called upon for that purpose; and he shall take duplicate receipts for all disbursements.

He shall report to the Clerk all punishments inflicted on the prisoners, and the cause thereof.

He shall receive and preserve all books, tracts and pamphlets, not of an immoral or irreligious nature, that may be donated to or purchased by the Prison, and allow them to be read at proper hours by the prisoners, when not engaged in their labors and duties.

He shall see that all prisoners received into the Penitentiary are safely kept for the term they may have been sentenced to confinement, exclusive of the time such prisoners may have been in solitary confinement, for violation of discipline, unless such prisoners be pardoned or discharged by due course of law.

He shall make it his imperative duty to see that neatness, good order and cleanliness be exhibited throughout the whole establishment, and that the prisoners pay due regard in these respects to their clothing and persons.

He shall permit no spirituous, vinous or malt liquors to be used or drunk by the officers of the Prison, in the precincts of the same, except when prescribed by the Physician, for medical purposes.

He shall receive from every person, not exempt by law, who visits the Prison, for the purpose of viewing the same, the sum of twenty-five cents; and the sum so realized shall be set apart as a special fund, to be applied for the purchase of books for the use of the Prison, under the direction of the Inspectors.

## DEPUTY WARDEN.

The **DEPUTY WARDEN** shall exercise, under the direction of the **Warden**, a general inspection and supervision over the whole of the establishment, and all its concerns, and see that all its Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced, and that every precaution is taken for the security of the Prison and the prisoners; and in case the office of **Warden** becomes vacant, or he is absent from the Prison, or unable to perform the duties of his office, the **Deputy Warden** shall be **Warden**.

The salary of the **Deputy Warden** shall be Twenty-Five Dollars per month, to be paid monthly.

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## CLERK AND COMMISSARY.

The **CLERK** shall keep an exact account of all supplies furnished for the use of the Prison, and of all articles sold and delivered on account of the same, and the amount of all moneys received for the labor of the prisoners. He shall assist in effecting sales and purchases in such manner as the **Warden** may direct. He must attend all meetings of the Board of Inspectors, and keep a record of their proceedings, and all the accounts of the Prison. He shall act as an Overseer in the Penitentiary, when called upon to do so by the **Warden**, and generally perform all duties incumbent upon him by law and the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.

He shall enter in a book, to be by him for that purpose provided, a memorandum of all punishments inflicted on the prisoners for breach of discipline—the nature and reason thereof, and the date of the same. When a prisoner is placed in solitary confinement, he shall make an entry of the commencement and conclusion of such period of confinement, with the cause of the same. He shall also enter therein all deductions made in the salaries of the subordinate officers, for negligence or unfaithfulness in the discharge of their duties, and the cause for which said deductions were made. He shall also enter therein a memorandum of any matters transpiring in the Penitentiary, or in regard to the same, not properly embraced in the record of the proceedings of the Board of Inspectors. Said book shall be called the book of “Miscellanies.”

He shall register all prisoners when received, and enter their discharge when released, and do all writing required of him in transacting the business of the Penitentiary.

He shall pay particular attention to the Commissary Department, and see that no tainted food or damaged provisions are dealt out to the prisoners, and that strict economy is in every respect used in relation thereto.

He shall generally attend to showing and conducting visitors throughout the Prison.

He shall keep his accounts, records, books and papers in a neat and orderly manner, and be able to show at all times, either from the books or papers in his office, in *detail*, the *items* of all receipts and expenditures.

He shall keep a proper index to all the books and records of his office, and



## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Rules and Regulations in regard to one officer of the Prison shall, as far as practicable, be held applicable to every officer thereof.

No profane or abusive language shall be used by any officer towards a prisoner, nor shall it be allowed from a visitor.

No prisoner shall be subjected to censure or reproach from any one, for an act done prior to his reception into the Penitentiary; nor shall he be censured, reproached, or corrected, by any one except the proper officer for his conduct while therein.

Any visitor, or workman employed about the Penitentiary, violating the Rules and Regulations of the same, shall be debarred from access thereto at any future period.

All officers of the Prison are held to be conservators of its police, and while acting as such they and those they may call to their aid or assistance shall be entitled to all the immunities of the law, to protect them in their acts.

The words "Prison," "Penitentiary" and "Institution," as used in these Rules and Regulations, as far as practicable, shall apply to all the buildings and grounds belonging to the Penitentiary.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Inspectors.  
THOS. S. ESPY, Chairman.

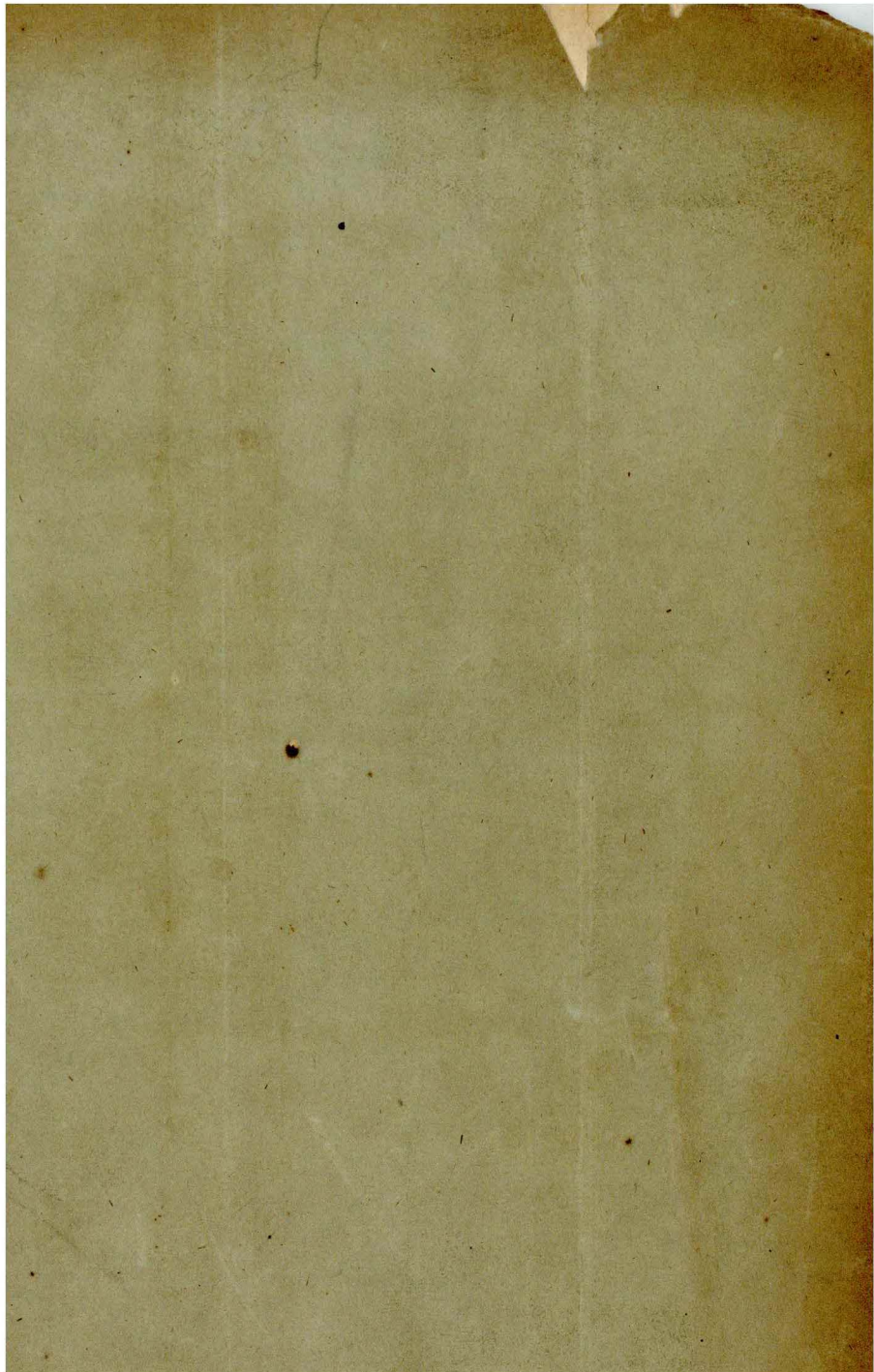
Attest:

SAM'L BRESSLER, Clerk.

Approved September 23d, 1851.

S. HEMPSTEAD,  
Governor of the State of Iowa.





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