

NOTICE CONCERNING COMMUNICATION WITH PRISONERS.

LETTERS.

All letters are read by the Authorities, who may keep them back if they think it right to do so. Every letter will be kept back in the following cases:—

1. If it is *crossed*, or otherwise not written in a plain manner, so as to be easily read.
2. If it contains indecorous or improper matter.

No unpaid letters will be received at the Prison.

Each letter must have on the back the registered number of the prisoner, as well as the name.

Prohibited Articles.

It is provided by the Statute that persons attempting in any way to introduce into the Prison, spirits, tobacco, letters, or any other article contrary to rule, shall be immediately taken before a magistrate and subject to a penalty not less than £2 or more than £5, or to imprisonment in default of payment.

Register number 729 Name James Maxton

The Prisoner's writing to be on the blue lines only.

H.M. PRISON,

Duke Street

4th May

1916.

Dear Mother,

I've just got word that we are to be removed through to Edinburgh tomorrow (Thursday), so that the visit I suggested is off. This has come rather suddenly, as we did not

have made certain financial arrangements with Tom Johnston, so that you shall suffer as little as possible on that score.

I'm really sorry to have brought all this worry upon you, but remember always that nearly every one has sorrow, anxiety, & worry at the present time, and I believe that your troubles are brought about for greater & better ends than the others.

I have no notion what we'll get but should look upon a year, as about what we

expect to be moved until just before the 11th. I'm very sorry to go as we had got settled down into the way of working here, and our life was as agreeable as was possible under the circumstances. When we are sentenced we shall apply to be transferred back here again, but that is a matter which is at the option of the prison commission. The worst day for you people will be the 11th, and perhaps you might go through to Jessie's or have her through with you. I don't know whether you have been informed yet but I

might consider justice in these
mad times. This would not worry me
much, if I were quite satisfied
in my mind about you people, I really
hope you'll try to take it as calmly as
possible. Many of the suffragettes got
it in the neck for their political
views, as I'm getting it for mine and
were not a whit the worse of it.

I expect we'll be allowed to
received letters at Edinburgh up to the
11th so you might drop a line there,
but don't put on this number.

Your loving son
Jim.