

## 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 Macton

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Dear Mother,

I have got comfortably settled down in my new quarters, and have received permission to write. The governor, Mr. Drysdale, whom I have just appeared before, has also given permission to me to have in a daily paper

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and one weekly. Already I am having my food in from a restaurant. By the way I don't know who made the arrangement about that, but if it is possible they might see if they can have tea sent in a thermos flask or some such arrangement as the tray has to pass through a few doors before it reaches me and tea has lost most of its heat in an ordinary teapot. Three meals a day are allowed on the ordinary scale of prison diet and I suggest that if money is being spent in this way providing me with food from outside, some intelligent

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person should scrutinise the menu, and see that it is <sup>right</sup> ~~quite~~ from the point of view of variety and food value.

I have asked the governor to forward to you a postcard addressed to you which got into my hands among my post, from Mrs Watson evidently on some soldiers and sailors' families business.

Also I have asked him to forward my season ticket which runs out in the next four or five days so that it may be handed in and deposit received on it.

I think these are the personal matters I have mentioned them first in case I

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forget them.

I gathered from John that both Annie & you had regained your usual balance by Thursday morning. I knew you would. It wasn't surprising you should be a bit upset by the suddenness of the seizure but you've both got any amount of pluck for hanging on. At the same time,

I advise you if you're going to suffer much inconvenience at home to shut up shop and the three of you women clear out. — out of the country if necessary, or down to England, or over to Ireland. If serious financial difficulties



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only, make you hesitate to do this, Let Willie Stewart know and there are one or two good men who would see that right.

You'll better leave John a free hand to act as he thinks fit. He's able enough to fight his own battles.

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In any case see that you take a good Easter Holiday the lot of you and don't worry about me. I can see my way through this business and out on the other side.

I have done everything that I have done during the last years on principles which are greater and more fundamental than those which have brought the panic legislation which has landed me here. I'll be quite prepared to repeat the speech that I am charged on to any unprejudiced group of men after

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the war and get their verdict.

It perhaps erred from the patriotic point of view, but not from the wide-world humanitarian view nor even from the national view if that view were clear enough.

However I'm not squealing. Everybody at the Central Police Station, at the Sheriff Court and here in Duke St. has treated us with the greatest kindness. ~~I want to~~  
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I'm to be allowed newspapers

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one daily paper and one weekly paper.

I've ordered them for this week at my expense but somebody might place an order for next week at some shop in this district, <sup>perhaps</sup> Willie Stewart. There's a book called the Jacket which I would like somebody to return to Miss McCallum of Haghill. Her home address is Regent Terrace, 235 Cathedral St. She would be glad of a visit from some of you. She + I have been on terms of very intimate friendship and I fancy she'll be pretty sick about this. I'm allowed to received letters from friends and an occasional visit. If any of you would like to come here let me know, perhaps Ada would be the best. She showed up best on Wednesday. I almost forgot. You must send me undergarments, collar, socks. <sup>earliest</sup> <sup>im</sup>