



Prisons (Scotland) Act 1877

1877 CHAPTER 53

PART II

SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

As to Obligation to maintain Prisons

20 Allowance to be made to prison authority in respect of uncompleted prison

Where at the time of the commencement of this Act a prison authority has contracted to construct a building to be used as a prison, but such building has not been completed or become a prison within the meaning of this Act, the Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit so to do, allow the prison authority time to complete such building as a prison, and when so completed it shall pass over to and vest in the Secretary of State as a prison completed at the commencement of this Act; but if the Secretary of State does not think fit to allow time for the completion of such prison as aforesaid, he shall, nevertheless, in assessing the amount of compensation payable in respect of cell accommodation, make, with the consent of the Treasury, from the compensation payable as aforesaid, such deduction as, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, may be agreed upon, or as may, in the event of disagreement between the Secretary of State and the prison authority, be determined by arbitration.