

**DOCUMENT 25 – RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPETITION FROM PRISON
LABOR**

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TRANSCRIPTION

Resolved that: Whereas, it has been the custom of the Board of Inspectors or superintendant of the House of Corrections of the City of Chicago to contract and let the services of the Prisoners of said institution to private parties for a consideration or to manufacture articles less than honest laborers can perform such work. and Whereas we deem it detrimental to the best interests of said city to permit the convicts therein to come in competition with with our deserving poor. Therefore be it Resolved, That upon the reorganization of the new Board. it is the intent and desire of this council that. upon the expiration of any and all contracts now existing for the service of said prisoners. the same shall not be renewed, or new contracts entered into. ~~nor~~ or the the manufacture of any article which in any way comes in competition with outside labor.