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Melville Halifax July 9th 1836

Gen^l Mem^o

The attention of the Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Orders is particularly called to the following description of the Portuguese Brig Clementina, lately fitted out in the Tagus, and destined for the Trade of Slaves.

(Signed) P. Balfour

Portuguese

Slave Ship

Clementina

The Brig Clementina about 140 Tons, Painted with Yellow Stripes with 10 Ports of a side; Lower Topping Turned in with one to each Shroud, and shackled to the Chain Plates, Lower Mast Tysse Mast scraped, and polished with oil, or varnish, Lowermasts take aft, the Main considerably more than the fore, Black woman's Head with her hair Turned behind for a figure head; she is very sharp forward side round, and of great Beam

Melville Halifax 9 July 1836

Gen^l Mem^o

The Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Command, are hereby acquainted that the Lords of the Admiralty expect that they will receive on board the number of Masters Assistants here under expressed as part of their Complement, from those who have already served in that rating. Line of Battle Ships 3 other rated Ships 2 Sloops 1. and that if applications are not made for particular Individuals of this Class, within a reasonable time after the Ships are put into Commission, they will be appointed by the Admiralty to the above extent, as desirous Candidates may offer themselves.

(Signed) P. Balfour

Melville Halifax 28 July 1836

Genl. Memsr.

The Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels under my Command, will receive a Copy of a Circular Order from My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty dated 8th March 1836, containing further Regulations as to the Allowance of Half Pilotage to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships

(Signed) P. Balfour

Genl. Memsr.

Melville Halifax 28 July 1836

The Physician General of H.M. Navy having transmitted to me Copies of a new set of Instructions which he has prepared for Medical Officers afloat, the Surgeons of H.M. Ships and Vessels under my Orders, will herewith receive a Copy of the said Instructions, observing that those of the last Edition need not be returned

(Signed) P. Balfour

Genl. Memsr.

Melville Halifax 28 July 1836

The attention of the Captains, and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels under my Orders, are hereby called to the following particulars relative to two Light Houses lately erected on the S.E. point of Abaco, and on the south end of Green Cay;

They are both revolving lights, showing a bright flash every fifty seconds; - The lantern on the Light House of Abaco is 154 feet above the level of the Sea and may be seen from an elevation of 14 feet

at the distance of 17 1/2 Miles; The Lantern of
Green Cay is 73 feet above the level of the Sea, and
may be seen at the distance of 13 1/2 Miles from
an elevation of 12 feet.

Geographical position

Light House on } Lat. 25. 51. 30. N. Light House } Lat. 25. 54. 30. N.
Point of Abaco } Lon. 77. 10. 45. W. on Green Cay } Lon. 77. 10. 24. W.

(Signed) P. Hallett.

Melville Halifax 9 August 1836

Gen^l Mem^o

It is the direction of the Commander in
Chief that all Ships and vessels under his Orders
shall wear the established Pennants, as Issued
to them. —

It is also desired by the
Commander in Chief that the Boats of the Squadron
shall have the name of the Ship they belong to,
Painted on the fore part of the Backboards

(Signed) P. Hallett

Melville Halifax 12 August 1836.

The Captains, Commanders, & Commanding
Officers of all Ships and vessels under my Orders, will
herewith receive a Copy of a Circular Order of My
Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated 9 May
1836, directing the Issue of Marine Clothing,
when it becomes due, instead of allowing it to
remain on charge; — also a Copy of a Memorandum
dated 6th June last, explaining the Regulations
established by His Majesty's Order in Council of the

21st April relative to the future pay, Promotion &c.
of Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters.

(Signed) P. Balfour.

Melville Halifax 12 August 1836

Gen^l Menzies

Several instances having, recently
occurred of valuable topmasts being destroyed
by jaws being fitted to the topside Yards; - the
use of them is hereby prohibited in His Majesty's
Ships and vessels of the Squadron under my orders,
in pursuance of orders from My Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty

(Signed) P. Balfour.

Melville Halifax 3rd Sept^r 1836

Gen^l Menzies

It is my direction that the ^{Morgan} Pendant be
hoisted on board the Flag Ship, five minutes before
noon, and that it is hauled down precisely at noon
notwithstanding it may not be answered by His
Majesty's Ships and vessels present.

(Signed) P. Balfour.

By Sir Peter Halliday Kt. G. C. B.
Vice Admiral of the Red, and
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
and Vessels, employed, and to be
employed, on the N^o. American
and West Indian Station

The Captains, Commanders & Commanding
Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, are hereby directed
strictly to comply with the following General Orders
in addition to those issued by my Predecessor, Vice
Admiral Sir R. Hon^{ble} Sir Geo. Cockburn G. C. B.

Given on Board the Melville
at Bermuda

Article 3^d

Under existing Regulations of a Mate
in Charge being appointed to the vacancy of a Lieut^{ant}
of any of His Majesty's Ships, the said Mate is to
take Rank and Precedence of all other Mates, so
long as he holds the appointment, and he will
Share Prize Money with the Lieutenants, but he is
not to be removed from the Midshipmans Berth,
such Mate in Charge if possible being taken from
the Vessel in which the vacancy occurs, and will be
considered as one of the established number of Mates
allowed to the Ship in which he is serving

Article 4th

Men volunteering from Ships ordered home
to complete the Complement of the Squadron (never
however to be allowed in such numbers as to distress
the Ships going home) will be paid the whole, or such
part of their wages as they may desire to receive, either
from

the Superintendent at Bermuda or the Clerk in Charge of Stores at Jamaica; - The Captains in all such cases for their guidance / the Admiralty Printed Circular (B) dated 14 Feb 1834) are to understand that this order is not extended to Mariners, or to any above the Class of Working Petty Officer.

Article 5th

The practice of giving and receiving Presents between His Majesty's Servants, whether Diplomatic, Naval or Military, is to be discontinued

Article 14th

In the event of any of H.M. Ships or Vessels bound to Bermuda, having taken on board any other Pilot than a King's Pilot, - and one of the King's Pilots afterwards reach the said Ship or Vessel; is to be immediately transferred to the King's Pilot; - but a Manuscript Certificate is to be given to the Pilot first placed in Charge of service rendered by him prior to the arrival of the King's Pilot on board; and a reasonable proportion of the usual Pilotage Allowance is to be deducted from the payment of the King's Pilot and given to the other Pilot, in reward for his having gone first to the Ships assistance.

Whilst the Captain Superintendent is at Bermuda he will upon the proportion of the regulated allowance to be paid to the first Pilot in consideration of the statement made in the Captains Certificate to such Pilot. When the Captain Superintendent is not on the spot, the Senior Naval Officer present will make the decision

Article 15th

Captains, and Commanders, are to attend themselves, and see that the Officers and Men give all assistance in the repair of their respective Ships, keeping them in an efficient, and serviceable state at all times, with as little assistance as possible from the Dock Yard beyond the usual supply of Stores which they are to economize to the utmost of their power, constantly employing their own Artificers in their several branches so as to prevent the necessity of a general repair.

The Captains and Commanding Officers are at all times to comply with the requisitions of the Captain Superintendants, or where there is no Captain Superintendant, the Naval Storekeeper, for the employment of the Artificers of the respective Ships, such Artificers, being paid agreeably to the Kings Regulations

Article 18th

The attention of the Captains and Commanding Officers under my orders is particularly called to the correctness, and regularity in transmitting their Periodical Returns, a list of which is subjoined

Daily

When setting - - - - - Daily Progress

Weekly

Saturday, State and Condition, Reporting when the Bottom was last cleaned

Returns required from Ships on Detached Service
 as opportunities offer for sending them or on
 Rejoining the Flag

1	Statement of the extent to which Orders have been executed, at the period of Communication, with any intelligence obtained	8	Demand for Stores	✓
2	Log of Proceedings	9	List of Passengers	x
3	State and Condition	10	Account of Expenses of any Expic	
4	List of Vessels Boarded	11	Remarks made during the Cruise with a Chart of the track	
5	Vouchers for Purchases	AB	The scale of Sack Charts is to be for General Charts, 1 in. to a Degree of Lon ^g , Portions of Charts $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to a Nautical Mile, Particular Plans $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch to a Nautical Mile	
6	Returns of Treasure			
7	Statement of defects			

Quarterly

1 st Jan ^y	1 st April	1 st July	1 st October
✓ Returns (in form Connected)		1 to 6	
✓ Warrants of Punishment (in Duplicate)			
✓ Abstract do.			
✓ Smugglers on board			
✓ Barken picked			
✓ Vessels having touched the Ground			
✓ Articles on Trial in Duplicate			

Half yearly

1 st January	1 st July
✓ Survey on Chain Cables	
✓ Return of Treasure Conveyed	
✓ Report on Bread Loaves	

Yearly

1st Jan^y
 Report of Sailing Qualities.

H M S Melville 5 May 1836

No 1

Genl Mem^o

The Captains Commanders and Comm^{rs}
Officers of H.M. Ships and vessels on the North
American and West India Station under my
Command, will consider all Standing and Unex-
ecuted Orders, issued by my predecessor Vice
Admiral The Most Hon^{ble} Sir George Cockburn
G.C.B., to be in full force until further Orders
from me

(Signed) Malkett

Melville Bermuda 5 May 1836

No 2

Vice Admiral The Most Hon^{ble} Sir Geo Cockburn
G.C.B., having this day resigned to me the Command
of the North American, and West India Station, I
Vice Admiral Sir Peter Malkett G.C.H., am desirous
of partaking in the advantages, with the risks
attendant thereon, arising out of the conveyance of
Freight of Treasure in any of the Ships or vessels
in the Squadron - and I hereby engage to make
good to the Captains or Commanding Officers of
such Ships or vessels respectively, such part of
any loss or Damage for which he or they may be liable
- In respect to the Gold or Silver Treasure or other
Articles so carried on Freight, and which he or they
respectively shall have actually paid, and satisfied
as shall be in proportion to the share or interest
in the said Freight Money to which I may be
entitled

(Signed) Malkett

The respective Captains

Risk
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Freight

H.M. Melville Bermuda 5 May 1836

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having observed the frequent occurrences of Officers being Surveyed and Invalided from Ships they belong to, not in consequence of ill health but merely for the purpose of removing them from the Ships on account of improper conduct or other causes - The Captains, Commanders and Commanding Officers of the Ships and Vessels under my Command, are hereby acquainted, that such a practice is with danger to the discipline of the Service to be discontinued, and in future when Officers transgress they are to cause them to be tried by a Court Martial if circumstances admit of it, - at all events the conduct of Officers offending is to be strictly enquired into, and the result reported to their Lordships, and as a future precaution the Captains of Ships in all applications for Survey on any Officer, shall state that ill health is the sole cause of such application.

Signed P. Balfour

31 May 1836

The Captains Commanders, and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels under my orders, are hereby made acquainted for their information and guidance with the copy of a letter from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs relative to the imprisonment of a British Naval Officer at Rio Janeiro in consequence of an alleged infraction of the regulations of that Port.

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Copy 24.

Foreign Affairs March 26th 1836

I have laid before Viscount Palmerston your letter of the 6th Instant, relative to the imprisonment of a British Naval Officer in consequence of an alleged infraction of the regulations of that Port

I am directed by Lord Palmerston to acquaint you for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that he has received from His Majesty's late Minister at Rio Janeiro, copies of his correspondence with Sir Graham Bampfey and with the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs: upon this case and that His Lordship by the next Packet to instruct His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Rio de Janeiro to endeavour to induce the Brazilian Government to modify the regulation which prohibits all communication with Merchant Ships that have not been cleared by the Custom House, as to exempt from its operation Naval Officers in Uniform Boarding Merchant Ships of their own Nation upon Business connected with the Public Service and by order of their Commanding Officer. His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires will however be informed that he will not be justified in demanding such modification as a matter of right, or in insisting that British Officers in the Harbour of Rio d' Janeiro should be exempted from a Custom House Law to which Brazilian Officers in common with all other persons are subject.

(Signed) G^o

A. M. Ship Milville
21 May 1836.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having observed that in several instances Warrant and Quarter Deck Petty Officers, who have misconducted themselves whilst serving on board His Majesty's Ships, have been permitted by their Captains to apply for their discharge upon grounds of Private Affairs, requiring their presence in England; I have to draw the serious attention of the Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders to a practice so highly injurious to the discipline of the Service, and I am to direct, that any application for the discharge of any Officer whatever be in future accompanied by a Certificate from the Captain of the Ship in which the applicant is serving, as to the general conduct of such applicant whilst serving under his Command, together with a statement from the Captain, that to the best of his belief the reason assigned by the individual for requesting his discharge is correct, and that he sees no objection to the request being complied with.

(Signed) J. Halkett

W. M. Ship Melville
Halifax 31 May 1836

No. 7

The Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders, are hereby acquainted that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to give directions that the Paint Materials be mentioned in the following account be allowed annually to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships for giving the Guns and Gun Carriages one coat of Paint on demand, approved by the Commander in Chief provided they have not been Painted at any other Port, nor Materials supplied them for the purpose within the last twelve months in proof of which a Certificate must be produced from the Storekeeper of the Dock Yard where the last supply took place.

annual
allowance
of
Paint
on Guns

Rate	Guns	Red paint	Wh. paint	Yellow paint	Linseed oil	Serpentine	Discharge	Brushes	Tools
1 st =	120	100	290	30	20	2	20	8	4
	100	85	250	25	15	2	15	8	4
2 ^d =	92	80	240	25	15	2	15	7	4
	84	76	200	20	12	2	15	7	4
3 ^d =	78	65	180	20	10	1	10	6	3
	74	60	155	15	10	1	10	6	3
4 th =	52	35	110	10	8	1	8	5	3
	50	30	100	15	10	1	8	5	3
5 th =	46	30	80	10	5	3/8	6	4	2
	42	25	75	8	4	3/8	5	4	2
6 th =	28	16	50	5	3	1/2	4	3	2
	24	10	45	5	3	1/2	3	3	2
Sloops	10	10	25	3	2	"	2	2	1
Brigs	16	5	30	2	1 1/2	"	1	2	1
	10	4	10	2	1	"	1	2	1

Signed O. Halliwell

Melville Halifax 20 July 1836

N^o 8

The Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby directed to cause it to be stated in all Certificates of Passing Certificates for Gunners transmitted by them, whether the Candidate has passed his Examination in Gunnery on board the Excellent or not, and in the event of his having so passed to cause the rate and class of the Certificate which he may have received to be stated.

To the

Respective Captains &c. Signed P. Balfour.

Melville Halifax 20 July 1836

N^o 9

In order to afford facility in distinguishing such men as have passed through the Excellent (upon the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders) and entitled themselves to the benefit of the Rating of Seaman Gunners:

The Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby directed to distinguish these men by affixing the date at which they passed their examination, in the Margin of every Muster and Pay Book, as well as in every Pay Document which they may give to such men.

Signed P. Balfour

To the

Respective Captains &c.

Melville Halifax 20 July 1836

No 8

The Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby directed to cause it to be stated in all Certificates of Passing Certificates for Gunners transmitted by them, whether the Candidate has passed his Examination in Gunnery on board the Excellent or not, and in the event of his having so passed, to cause the date and class of the Certificate which he may have received to be stated.

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Respective Captains &c

Signe Belkett

Melville Halifax 20 July 1836

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Signe Belkett

To the

Respective Captains &c

Melville Halifax 12 August 1836

N^o: 11

In pursuance of instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty, in the event of Applications being made to the Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Orders for granted Passages to England for persons condemned to Convicts Transportation; I am to direct that such requests are not to be complied with for Convicts of any description,

(Signed) P. Balfour

To the

Respective Captains &c

Melville Halifax Sep^r 6th 1836

N^o: 12

In pursuance for the Information of the Captains and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Orders, the Copy of a letter I have received from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, relative to the division of certain Freight on Specie

Signed P. Balfour

Copy

Admiralty 2^d August 1836

With reference to the division of Freight of Specie I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, that as it appears that the distance from Jamaica to St. Thomas's gives one eighth of the whole passage their Lordships are of opinion that one eighth may be finally allowed to the Carthagena Packet, considering that she has to obtain the Specie, embark it

it, and sometimes keep it in deposit, and if there is any extra charge for deposit, it ought to come out of the Gross Freight, and then let the rest be shared as usual, one eighth to Jamaica one eighth more to St. Thomas's, and six eighths to England.

I am &c &c
Signed / C Wood

Melville Halifax 6 Nov^r 1836.

It having been represented to me by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that in several instances when surveys have been held on the decayed and worn ropes refitting, quantities of old rope apparently taken from the rounding supplies, and ends of rope collected have been produced as the furniture of the Ship, in order to endeavour to obtain an undue supply of new rope in lieu; the Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby acquainted, that the Clerk in Charge at Jamaica has been informed that with a view of putting a stop to the continuance of such a practice, it is their Lordships directions to the receiving and Surveying Officers, that they shall reject all such rope as in their opinion falls under the description herein mentioned, and that he is to see that their Lordships direction is in all cases most strictly adhered to.

The Captains and Commanders are further made acquainted that any attempt to evade it, will be visited with their Lordships severe displeasure.

Signed B. Hallatt

Standing Order
16.

Melville Halifax 6 Nov^r 1836

The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby directed not to land Sails, Hammocks, Covers, Boats or other Articles from any of the Ships under their Command for the purpose of being repaired in the Dock Yard, unless it shall clearly appear that they cannot properly be completed by the Crews of the respective Ships to which they belong.

To the
Respective Captains &c
Signed P. Balfour

Melville Halifax Nov^r 6 1836

The Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders, are hereby made acquainted, that His Majesty's Ships entering any of the Ports of Cuba with Captured Slave Vessels are not to be subjected to the performance of Quarantine.

Signed P. Balfour

Translation of a note from M. Calatran in answer to a note from the British Minister at Madrid.

Copy of
Translation. Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that satisfaction has been given for the remonstrance which in the name of your Government you addressed to this Office in your note of the 30 June last against the

The Quarantine lately imposed at the Havana on His Britannic Majesty's Ships which arrived there in charge of Slave Vessels, since Her Majesty having thought proper to concur in the opinion of the Supreme Board of Health, of the Kingdom has been pleased to Command that the above mentioned Ships of His Majesty which may enter the Ports of the Island of Cuba in charge of, or having in custody Slave Vessels, shall be forthwith admitted to free Port^{and Commerce} without being subject to any Quarantine whatever, which resolution the Secretary of State for the Interior has communicated to the Captain General of that Island, under date of the 12th Ult^o.

Signed Joz. M. Calatrava

^{Bermuda} Melville December 20th 1836

Palace
2^d Sept 1836.

Standing Order
10

The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders will herewith receive Duplicate Warrants, empowering them to search and detain Slave Vessels, and otherwise to carry into execution the Provisions of the late Treaty with Spain returning to me those Warrants now in possession they will also receive herewith an additional Copy of the Treaty with Spain, and the Act of Parliament for carrying into effect, in order that one set may remain on board the cruiser, whilst the other is sent in the Captured vessel, to be produced to the Court of Mixed Commission, which latter set must be brought back to the Cruiser, whereas by the regulated stipulation for the presence of the Captain of the Slave

Slave
Warrants

Have been before the Mixed Commission Court
will now no longer be Contended for. I am to
direct the strictest attention to the Instructions
generally attended to, and that should any Captain
Commander or Commanding Officer by promotion
or otherwise, be removed from the vessel he at
present commands, the warrants issued hereon
are to be returned to me as others must be
furnished to the succeeding Officers

Signed J. P. Balford

Standing Order

13

The Captains Commanders & Commanding
Officers of His Majesty's Ships and vessels under my
Orders, is also the Commanding Officers of Packets
arriving on the Station are hereby made acquainted
that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
have given directions to the Clerk in Charge at
Jamaica, whenever Invalids are embarked in the
Packet to issue on application such bedding as may
be necessary for their use, to be returned to the
Purser of the Astrea on arrival at Yarmouth, and
they are further acquainted that it is their Lordships
Desire that the Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships and vessels
will be very particular in objecting to the reception
of any Invalids on board from the Shore who have
any infectious disease, or who may be in an unsafe
State of health, to put up with such accommodations
as may be at their service

Signed J. P. Balford

No

To the respective Captains &c

The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Vessels under my orders, are hereby directed to pay strict attention to the following Copies of Letters from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,

(Signed) B. B. Pitt

Admiralty 11 May 1836

Sir

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that whenever it shall be found absolutely necessary to employ Steammen as Stokers in Steam Vessels, they are not to be paid as Stokers except upon a Certificate from the Officer in Command, and the Chief Engineer stating the case of the absence of the Stoker

Steammen employed as Stokers

(Signed) J. Barrow

Admiralty 6 June 1836

Sir

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to signify their direction to you to cause it to be notified to the Clerks in Charge of small Vessels, that they are to take charge of Purser's Stores, and also to officiate in all things relative to their station as Clerks of the Ships to which they respectively belong

Clerks in Charge of small Vessels

(Signed) J. Barrow

Admiralty 11th June 1836.

Sir

Officers returning home to be placed on Half Pay.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that when Officers are permitted to return home at their own request, and for reasons which may appear to them urgent as far as their private interests are concerned they will be placed on Half Pay from the day of quitting their Ships, and no expense will be allowed for their passage to England.

Signed John Barrow

Admiralty 25th July 1836.

Sir

Quarters Returns of Quarter Deck Petty Officers.

Considerable inconvenience having been experienced from the imperfect manner in which the Quarterly Returns of Quarter Deck Petty Officers are frequently forwarded to this Office, and it being extremely desirable that the register of all Classes of these Officers should be kept with the greatest accuracy;— I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to signify their direction to you, to desire the several Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under your orders, to pay particular attention to the following Instructions, in making out the returns in question.

The Names of the Young Gentlemen serving on board, are to be classed in the order undermentioned

- 1st "Extras", stating whether Rates, College Rates or College Midshipmen
- 2^d Rates who have passed one Complete Year
- 3^d Rates who have not passed one Year and all Unpassed Midshipmen

4th

- 4th First Class Volunteers
- 5th College Mates
- 6th College Midshipmen
- 7th College Volunteers
- 8th Additional Clerks
- 9th Captains Clerk
- 10th Schoolmaster
- 11th Masters Assistants

The names of all Petty Officers for whose entry permission may have been granted, are to be included in the return, and a notation is to be made against the names of such as may not have joined.

In all cases of changes or removals, the name of the ship from which received, or into which discharged is to be carefully inserted with the date and the authority for the same. When Petty Officers are sent from one ship to another it is to be noted in the returns from both ships.

All changes in the ratings of Young Gentlemen Volunteer is to be carefully noted, and when a first class in which he may have ^{been} so rated is to be duly inserted.

Yours Obedient
 Sir Peter Balfour G.C.B.

I am &c
 (Signed) C Wood

Melville Halifax 1st Nov 1836

It having been represented to My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that in several instances where Surveys have been held on the vessels refitting, quantities of old rope appa- rently taken from the Conducing supplied, and ends of rope collected have been produced as the Furniture of the Ships, in order to endeavour to obtain
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an undue supply of new rope in lieu: — The Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby acquainted that the Clerk in Charge at Jamaica has been informed that with a view of putting a stop to the continuance of such a practice, it is their Lordships direction to the receiving and surveying Officers, that they shall reject all such rope as in their opinion falls under the description herein mentioned, and that he is to see that their Lordships direction be, in all cases most strictly adhered to.

The Captains and Commanders are further made acquainted that any attempt to evade it will be visited by their Lordships serious displeasure

Signed P. Halkett

Vice Adm^l & Comm^r in Chief

Melville Halifax 6 Nov^r 1836

~~The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships Vessels under my orders are hereby directed not to land Salt~~

Melville Halifax 12 Oct^r 1836

Gen^l Mem^o

The Captains Commanders & Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Command will hereinafter receive a Copy of a Circular Order from my Lords Com^{rs} = Commissioners of the Admiralty dated 23rd Ultimo, directing an occasional examination of the Balance of Public Money in the Hands of the Purser of H. M. Ships

Signed P. Halkett

Balance
of Public
Money

Melville Halifax 12 Oct^r 1836

Gen^l Mem^o

Mustor
Paper

The Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of HM Ships and vessels under my orders are hereby directed to adopt the enclosed new form of outside Muster Book paper, as far as possible upon the commencement of the first Quarterly Muster Book after the receipt hereof, and when a supply of a new form of Paper cannot be obtained, such columns are to be introduced as will enable these Instructions to be complied with

Signed P. Balfour

Gen^l Mem^o

Melville Halifax 17 October 1836

The Captains, Commanders and Commanding Officers of HM Ships and vessels under my orders, will herewith receive Copies of the following Circular Orders, from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Circular

Circular dated 15th March 1836 fixing the rate at which pieces of Gold doubloons shall be received and paid for Naval Services

Received Services

Circular dated 14th July 1836, respecting certain regulations to be observed with a view of promoting by ventilation, the cleanliness of His Majesty's vessels.

Circular dated 16 July 1836 fixing the charges for the several patterns of such Guns and 10 pounder, bored up Guns

Signed P. Balfour

Gen^l Mem^o

Melville Bermuda 2^d Dec^r 1836

Water

usage

House

Whereas there is a great difficulty in procuring Water at this Place, the Captains and Commanders of HM Ships and vessels under my orders are hereby positively directed to cause the utmost frugality to be used in its consumption on board their respective Ships

Signed P. Balfour

Melville Barbadoes 21st Dec^r 1836

I received from Vice Admiral Sir Peter Hall G. C. B., Commander in Chief, on the North American and West India Station, a copy of a Circular Order from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, directing a new form of a Bill of Exchange for Naval Services together with a Copy of the amended Bill.

Melville Barbadoes 19th Jan^y 1837

The Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my Orders are hereby made acquainted that whenever they are under the necessity of sending Men in Vessels retained for Slave Trading to Sierra Leon, and they are not likely to return for some months, disposable Supernumeraries are to be entered in lieu

Signed, P. Hall

Melville Barbadoes 13 Jan^y 1837

With reference to my additional Min^{ts} No. 12, the Captains, Commanders, & Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my orders are hereby made acquainted, that whenever it is necessary to employ a Ship of War in lieu of a Packet for the conveyance of Mails, although the Commanders of such Vessels, must exercise their own discretion as to taking Passengers, yet their Lordships expect that every

Bills
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of

Supernumeraries
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Slavers

Ships of War
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as Packets

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reasonable facility is to be given for the
accommodation of such persons as would have
proceeded by the Packet

Signed P. Balfett.

Melville Barbadoes 16 Jan 1837

The Captains and Commanders of H.M. Ships
and vessels under my orders will herewith receive
a Copy of a letter from Viscount Palmerstone His
Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
signifying the Kings Commands in regard to
vessels sailing under ^{the} Neapolitan ~~Flag~~, sus-
pected of being engaged in the slave trade,
and they are to be governed accordingly

Signed P. Balfett

Melville Barbadoes 18 Jan 1837

The Captains, Commanders & Commanding
Officers of H.M. Ships and vessels under my orders will
herewith receive printed notices of the Lights
which have been recently exhibited on Abaco
and the Gun Cay, accompanied by a small Chart
showing their position

Signed P. Balfett

Melville Barbadoes 18 Jan 1837

The Captains, Commanders and Commanding
Officers of H.M. Ships and vessels under my
orders, will herewith receive the Peace Establishment
Rate of Passages His Majesty's vessels employed
for the conveyance of Mails

Signed P. Balfett

The Respective Captains &c

Lights

Gen Mem^s

Passages
Rate of

Melville Port Royal Jamaica
17th Feb^r 1837

No 22

Gen^l Mem^o

Having observed want of attention to my
General Order of the 9th August 1836 - No 8, I am
to call the attention of the Commanding Officers
of HM Ships and vessels of War under my orders,
to the said general order, and to direct a strict
obedience thereto

Signed P. Balfour

No 23

Gen^l Mem^o

Melville Port Royal 17th Feb^r 1837

Tank
Vessels

The Tank vessels at Jamaica Yard are in
future to be considered under the Superintendance
of the Commanding Officer of the Magnificent, and
they are never to be taken without notice being
previously given to that Officer, when he will
point out the Tank that is first to be emptied
and on no account is a full Tank to be taken
until the one last commenced on, has been
perfectly emptied

Signed P. Balfour

No 24

Gen^l Mem^o

Melville Jamaica Feb^r 17th 1837

The attention of the Captains, Commanders
and Commanding Officers of HM Ships & vessels
under my orders is most particularly called to
the standing order of 6 Nov^r last (No 10) and should
it appear that any Brass have been repaired at
the Dock Yard, unless it shall clearly appear to
the Senior Officer that they cannot be repaired
by the Crews of the ^{respective} Ships, and the Senior Officer's
sanction obtained to that effect; I shall represent

the same, in order that an implest may be placed
against the Commanding Officer of the Ships to which
the Boats may belong, and I am to desire that a
Copy of the application, and sanction to this
effect is always forwarded to me

Signed P. Balford

To the Respective Captains
and Comm. Officers &c

Genl Mem.

25

Melville off Newfields
Jamaica 19 Feb. 1837

Whenever a vacancy for an Office may occur
in any of His Majesty's Ships or vessels under
my orders, it may be filled up by the Senior
Officer present by an appointment to act only
in such vacancy, but which Order or Copy is on
no account to be sent to England, until my
pleasure be known, and this last injunction
the Senior Officer will take care to see inserted
in any ailing order he may find it necessary to
issue, of which he will acquaint me by the earliest
opportunity

Signed P. Balford

Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief.

The Respective
Captains Commanders
and Commanding Officers
of His Majesty's Ships and vessels
under my orders

"Madagascar" Port Royal 4 Jan^r 1837

Gen^l Mem^o

The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels when at Port Royal are hereby directed not to grant leave to any Seaman or Warrant Officer subordinate to a Carpenter, without my express permission.

Signed J. Peyton Commisore

To the Respective
Captains Commanders
do do do

Madagascar Port Royal 7 Jan^r 1837

Standing Gen^l Mem^o

The attention of the Commanding Officers of the Squadron on this division of the Station is particularly called to the following instructions

1st Boats and Lumps belonging to the Dock Yard, are never to be taken from their Mornings or on the Camber without a previous application to the Office of the Clerk in Charge, and whenever they are returned the same is to be reported there

2^d All Harbour Boats to be secured, along side the Ships using them; or returned to the Camber by sunset

3^d No Boat whatever is to be left either on shore or at the Dock Yard Wharf, without a Boat Keeper ^{at any time}

4th It is recommended, that Boats waiting for Dock Yard parties lay off at their Anchors or Grapnels

Signed J. Peyton Commisore

To the Respective
Captains Commanders
do do do

Madagascar Port Royal 7 Jan^r 1837

Standing Gen^l Mem^o

Having directed the Police Officers at Port Royal to apprehend any Seaman or Marines they may find on shore without Tickets of leave, I hereby communicate the same for the information of the respective Captains, and Officers Commanding on the Station, in order that those Men to whom leave is granted may be furnished with the said passports.

Signed J. D. Peyton Comm^o.

To the Respective
Captains Commanding
Officers &c &c

Madagascar off Cartagena 31 Jan^r 1837

Gen^l Mem^o

I annex the Description of a Brig fitting at Cadix on the 6th Dec^r last, for the Slave Trade, under Spanish Colours, a person speaking good English is supposed to be her Master

Description

Rigged	Snow
Painted	Yellow sides, Starboard side black with a white moulding of 7 or 8 Inches wide not showing Ports; Starboard side white streak of about 15 inches, with Ports painted black through it, and a moulding of 4 inches fore and aft; under it
Bottom	Copper with a white water-line
Guns	Pieces for 9. Broadside a brace and two Stern Chaser (now visible)
Masts	Good Lake. Foremast long way aft. Fore stay great angle, Strapped below Tacklings, Yellow Mast Heads
	Scraped boom, Bitted

description
have
cancel

(a) (storing quarter) Royal Hall. Lather square, and
 Black Yards
 Channel None
 Stern square high counter, painted black with
 white mouldings three black stars.
 draught of water registered on the after
 part of the lower, - no name
 Head scrawl black - gilt mouldings.
 Bowsprit Long little store painted yellow
 Burthen About 260 Tons, good beam, in appearance a
 fast sailer
 Remarks White round houses on each quarter, no
 quarter galleries, - taking in goods packed
 in cases, masts like equally straight beams
 and to outward appearance a few better

To The respective
 Captains & Commanders
 of the
 Squadron
 Signed L. Peyton Commodore

Madagascar at Carthagena 31 January 1837

(No 1) Genl Mem^o
 I communicate the following for the infor-
 mation of the Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's
 Ships and vessels proceeding to the Gulf of Mexico, and
 the Coast adjacent

Proclamation

By the President of the Republic of Texas
 To whom those presents shall come, know ye that I,
 David J. Burnett - President of the Republic of Texas, by
 and with the advice of the Cabinet, do order, decree, and
 proclaim the Port of Matamoros in the
 and Republic of Mexico, comprising the mouth of the
 Rio Grande and the Brazos Santiago, and also the
 inlets, estuaries and passes East of it, that now, and
 hereafter

hereafter may belong to Mexico, and from and after the date of this Proclamation, in a State of absolute Blockade by the Armed Vessels of this Nation

This decree shall take effect as to Vessels sailing from New Orleans, within three days after its Publication in that City, and within five days, as to Vessels from any other neutral Port, within the Gulf of Mexico; and in forty ^{five} days as to Vessels sailing from any of the Ports of Europe

Done at Velasco on the 21st of July AD 1835, and first of the Independence of the Republic of Texas

Signed David G. Burnett - President
" J. Peyton - Commodore

Signed W. A. Jack
Secretary of State

To
The Respective Captains
Commanders and Commanding
Officers of All Ships & Vessels

Madagascar Port Royal March 10 - 1837

No. 5 Gen. Mem.

It is my positive direction that the Officers of the Squadron upon this Division of the Station, never appear upon duty (out of their Ships) in any other Dress than that established by the Admiralty Circular Order of the 20th June 1833. It is however to be understood, that Caps or white Hats with a Gold Loop and black Cockade may be worn with their Undress during the day, when on Deck only; but on no account can ~~Jackets~~ or Straw Hats be tolerated ^{until} after sunset.

Signed J. Peyton Commodore

To
The Respective Captains
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Maoogasar Port Loyal 24 Dec 1836

Mem^o

You are directed to send the Report of Guard on Board this Ship, and not to the Office at the Dock Yard

By order of the Commodore
Signed / W. A. Pierson Commander

To the Respective
Captains Commanders
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Melville Port Loyal 10 March 1837

Gen^l Mem^o

The attention of the Commanders and Commanding Officers of A. M. Ships and vessels under my orders, is most particularly called to the 31st Article of the General Instructions and Port Orders of the Station, and it is to be understood that the Article alluded to is to include every species of Stores, which may be borrowed from the Dock Yard.

Signed P. Hallatt -

To the Respective
Captains Commanders In

Melville Port Loyal March 11 - 1837

Mem^o

The Respective Captains and Commanders of A. M. Ships and vessels under my orders at this Port, are hereby required and directed to cause their respective Ships Companies to be put on 2/3rd Allowance of bread until further orders.

Signed P. Hallatt

Report of Guard

Refer to 31st Port Order

2/3rd Allowance of bread

"Melville" Halifax 3^d June 1837

Gen^l Mem^o

The Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of such of H. M. Ships and Vessels under my orders as have straight leeched sails are hereby required forthwith to report whether any and what inconvenience is felt by the increased length and weight of the yards, and more particularly with regard to the length of the Yard booms, and also to the reefing the sails.

To the Respective Captains Commanders
& Com^d Officers
Signed P. Baskett

Cornwallis at Halifax
20th July 1837.

Mem^o

I transmit herewith for the information and guidance of the Commodore, Captains, and Commanding Officers of H. M. Ships, Vessels and Boats on the North American and West Indian Station the copy of a letter addressed by me to Admiral Sir Peter Baskett, late Commander in Chief on the said Station under date of the 23^d Ultimo, and that the Agents authorized to receive my portion of any freight of Treasure Sea, are Thomas Tripshook Esq^r in London, and Mess^{rs} Cockburn Dec of Kingston, - Jamaica.

Signed Charles Paget
Vice Admiral
& Comm^r in Chief

"Cornwallis" at Sea

Ld 27th or A. D. Lon 37th or 38th

25th June 1797

Sir

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
having been pleased to appoint me to
supercede you in the Command of the North
American and West Indian Station; Per
Commission dated the 11th February, last,
I have the honor to acquaint you that I have
this day entered the limits of the said Station
and that I am desirous of partaking in the
advantages (with the sick attendant thereon)
sailing out of the conveyance of Freight of
Treasure conveyed in any of the Ships or
Vessels of the Squadron, or Packets, and I
herby engage to make good to the Captains
or Commanding Officers or Officers Commanding
such Ships or Vessels, or Packets; respectively
such part of any loss or damage for which
he or they may be liable in respect to the Gold
Silver Treasure, or other Articles so carried
on Freight, and which he or they respectively
shall have actually paid; and satisfied as
shall be in proportion to the share or interest
in the said Freight or money to which I
may be entitled

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(Signed) Charles Paget
Vice Admiral

"Cornwallis" at Halifax

20 July 1837

Standing Genl Mem^o

In the event of any of A M Ships or Vessels, bound to Bermuda having taken on board any other Pilot than a Kings Pilot, and one of the Kings Pilots afterwards reach the said Ship or Vessel, it is my direction that the charge of the Ship or Vessel be immediately transferred to the Kings Pilot, but a manuscript Certificate is to be given to the Pilot first placed in charge of the Ship stating the degree of service rendered by him prior to the arrival of the Kings Pilot, and a reasonable proportion of the usual Pilotage allowed is to be deducted from the payment of the Kings Pilot, and given to the other Pilot in reward for his having gone first to the Ships assistance.

Whilst the Captain Superintendent is there he will decide upon the proportion of the requested allowance to be paid to the first Pilot, in consideration of the statement made in the Captains Certificate to such Pilot. When the Captain Superintendent is not on the spot, the Senior Naval Officer present will make the decision.

(Signed) Charles Paget

Vice Admiral &
Comm^r in Chief

To the Captains Comm^r
& Commanding Officers of
A M Ships & Vessels

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Cornwallis Halifax
21st July 1837

Standing Genl Mem^o

It appearing by the several acts of the Legislature of the Islands of Bermuda for regulating the Pilotage of the said Islands and for giving ease and convenience to certain Commercial Transactions that a Pilot is obliged to take a Ship from sea to the Ports of these Islands to which she may be bound, for the sum specified in the said acts, according to her draft of Water, as also to take a Ship from any of the said Ports to sea for the like sum, the Captains & Commanders of any of A. M. Ships and Vessels belonging to this Station are whenever they take a Pilot on board for the purpose of bringing them within the Bermuda Cops, if the Ship or Vessel they Command require any Letter or the Flag or Senior Officers Ship should be lying off Ireland to inform the Pilot on his first arrival on board that he is to take the Ship or Vessel they Command to Grassy Bay Ireland &c. but should the Ship or Vessel be only coming in for letters, or to deliver dispatches & proceed again to sea, the Pilot is to be directed to carry her to Murray's Anchorage only; and it is to be understood that however often and whether in 5 fathom hole or elsewhere a Pilot may think proper to anchor a Ship or Vessel between the sea and the particular anchorage to which the Captain or Commander may have engaged him to carry her, the only Certificate the Captain or Commander is to give the Pilot, is, that he has Piloted the Ship or Vessel ^{from} sea to such ulterior anchorage; and in the same manner when a

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Bermuda

Pilot

Pilot is taken on board at any of the Anchorages of these Islands to Pilot one of H M Ships or Vessels to sea, the Certificate to be given to the Pilot is to specify his having conducted such Ship or Vessel from such anchorage to sea, without reference to the number of times such Pilot may have thought proper to anchor such Ship or Vessel by the way. — The practice which of late years has been submitted to of paying Pilots an additional half Pilotage for every time they anchor Ships below the sea, and their destination, appearing to the Commander in Chief to be at direct variance with the provisions of the act in question and ought not therefore to be allowed. — Should however any Ship or Vessel after having been anchored by direction of the Captain at Murray's Anchorage previous to putting to sea, the Pilot so conducting one of H M Ships or Vessels from one Anchorage of these Islands to another, will be in such case only entitled to a separate Certificate, and half Pilotage for the performance of such service in addition to the whole Pilotage Certificate for his Pilotage of her, to or from sea.

(Signed) Charles Paget
Vice Admiral, and
Commander in Chief

To the Respective Captains, Commanders
& Commanding Officers of H M Ships
& Vessels of War Sea Sea

Standing Genl Mem^o

Cornwallis at Halifax
23rd July 1837

Whenever any of H M Ships or Vessels of War under my Command shall be directed to proceed to England from any of the divisions of the Station under my Command during my absence from such division of the Station, the Senior Officer on the Spot is always to cause the Crews of H M Ships and Vessels present to be inspected in order that those Men whose constitutions may have been impaired by the Climate may be sent home, and the vacancies thereby occasioned in the Ships to remain on the Station, are to be filled on the Spot as far as men volunteering to continue on the Station from the Ship returning to England / according to the regulations on that point / will allow of

(Signed) Charles Ogden
Vice Admiral and
Comm^o in Chief

To the Respective Captains
Commanders & Com^o & Officers
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Standing Genl Mem^o

Commodore at Halifax
24 July 1837

The Lords Comm^{rs} of the Admiralty having signified to me that Viscount Palmerston one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State had notified to their Lordships that his Majesty had been pleased to Command that the presents it has been customary to give and receive between His Majesty's Plenipotentiaries and foreign authorities shall be discontinued, and that his Majesty's Government deem it expedient to make the rule general for all branches of His Majesty's Service in order that practice may be by all the King's Servants whether diplomatic, Naval or Military; I have by in pursuance of their Lordships' orders made the same known to the respective Officers of the Squadron under my orders and wish them strictly to govern themselves accordingly

Present
to be
discontinued

Signed Charles Paper
First Admiral and
Commander in Chief

To the respective Captains
Commanders & Comm^{rs} Officers
of All Ships & Vessels

Cornwallis at Halifax
25 July 1837

Standing Genl Mem^o

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having transmitted to me the opinion given by Viscount Palmerston, His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs - to the Consul of Havana upon certain points relative to British Seamen who have engaged themselves in the service of foreigners. I hereby make the same known to the officers of His Majesty's Squadron under my orders for their information, and guidance.

Upon the subject of the protection to be afforded by British Consuls to Seamen who are, or who profess to be British born, but who have entered into the service of foreign Shipmasters. I am directed by his Lordship to require you 1st That a British Consul cannot legally take any steps on behalf of Seamen who have adopted the American or other foreign character in their engagements with the Master of a vessel, and that such Seamen must abide by their contract, and by the character they have chosen therein to assume. 2^d That the will of the Master, either to their contract, or in the service of His Majesty, or any other purpose, and consequently that a British Consul is neither required nor authorized to assist Seamen in the accomplishment of such an endeavour. 3^d That a British Seaman who is serving under him, or with the local authorities either for the protection of the Seamen, or if possible to prevent his discharge.

British Seamen engaged in the service of foreigners

from his contract... If however the treatment complained of by a seaman is sanctioned by the laws of the Country and by the laws of the service to which the ship belongs, Lord Palmerston is of opinion that a British Consul is not authorized officially to take any steps on behalf of such seaman.

Signed/ Charles Poyet
Com in Chief

To the Respective Captains
Commanders & Commanding
Officers &c &c &c

Cornwallis Bermuda Nov 10 1847

God Men!

The Commodore Captains Commanders and Commanding Officers of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, are hereby informed that I have this day issued the following Memoir to the Queens Pilots of Bermuda for their guidance in conducting Her Majesty's Ships & Vessels to their anchorage at Bermuda.

It is my direction that the Queens Pilots do not in future attempt to beat through the Narrows any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels above the size of a Schooner or Gun Brig, without previous permission to do so having been obtained by signal or otherwise from me, or whoever may be Senior Officer of Her Majesty's Ships here at the time.

Any Pilot acting contrary to the above restriction is to be immediately dismissed from the situation of Queens Pilot.

Signed Chas Poyet
Com in Chief

To the Respective Captains
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700 ships
to beat
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the Narrows
above the
size of a
Gun Brig
or
Schooner

Cornwallis Kermean
8 November 1837

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Mem^o.

Having received the subpoena Copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the same is hereby made known for the information and guidance of the Commodore Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of A. M. Ships & Vessels under my orders.

To the Commodore, Captains &c

Signia / Chas Page. T. A. & C. in C

Circular

Sir

A quantity of Blue Cloth / N^o. 2 / which has been issued in material for trousers having been returned into store, as being condemned cloth, and it appearing by experiments made thereon that the cloth in question has borne as much weight, and in some cases more than the sample by which Blue Cloth N^o. 2 is known I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. to signify their directions to you to order the strictest attention to be paid in all future surveys on board A. M. Ships & Vessels under your Command in order to prevent a recurrence. and the Seamen on no account to return the cloth which has been issued to them

I am

Sir

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Signia / John Barrow.