

*By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.*

Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the preservation of His Majesty's Moorings, and for the Mooring, Anchoring, and placing of all Private Ships of War, and Transports, and all other private and Merchant Ships and Vessels, Lighters, Barges, Boats and other Craft whatsoever, in the harbour of Hamoaze, in the County of Devon, for the purpose of insuring free and safe Ingress, Egress, and Regress, unto, into, to, and from His Majesty's Docks, Dock Yard, Arsenal's Wharfs, and Moorings therein, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made and passed in the fifty-fourth Year of His Majesty King George the Third, and intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Several Ports, Harbours, Roadsteads, Sounds, Channels, Bays, and Navigable Rivers in the United Kingdom, and of His Majesty's Docks, Dock Yards, Arsenal's, Wharfs, Moorings, and Stores therein, and for repealing several Acts passed for that purpose."

**I.**  
It is hereby ordered, that no owner, master, or other commanding officer of any private ship of war, transport, or other private or merchant ship, or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, nor any pilot, or other person, employed by either of them, shall anchor or moor, or cause to be anchored or moored, any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, in the fair way or channel between the King's moorings in the said harbour, or in Barnpool, within fifty fathoms of the centers of any of the said moorings, or of His Majesty's ships, floating magazines, and hulks lying thereat, or in the front or abreast of His Majesty's Docks, dock yard, or gunwharf, and between the same and the Eastern line of hulks, or even to drop an anchor within such space and situations, except in case of necessity to prevent damage to herself, or that of the King's ships which may be at the contiguous mooring, and then to remove as soon as possible thereafter; except also in cases where any of the said ships, vessels, or craft, may be consigned to the dock yard, or gunwharf, and must; therefore, necessarily anchor contiguous thereto till they can come to the cranes and wharfs for delivery of their cargoes, and then to be placed in such situations as the Commissioner residing at the port, or the masters attendant, or King's pilots by whom they are conducted, shall direct.

Nor shall any private ship of war, transport, or other private or merchant ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, be anchored or moored, between the island and main, at a less distance than fifty fathoms to the Southward of the transporting buoy within the said island, or in any place off the East end of the island near the buoy of the Asia Shoal, or between it and the buoy of the Winter, or near the Fair Way or outer transporting buoy in the Sound: neither shall any be made fast to, or be moored, or secured by any of the mooring anchors or chains to which access can be had when the tide is out, either on the East-

tern or Western shore of the said harbour of Hamoaze, or be made fast to any of the buoys or piles of His Majesty within the said harbour, in the fronts of the said docks, dock yard, or gunwharf, or other premises belonging to them respectively, nor anchor or moor so as to swing within any of the said buoys or piles, upon pain of the penalties for such offences, and all other prohibitions and restrictions herein contained, as the said Act of Parliament directs.

Nor, under pain of the penalties before referred to, shall any private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, be anchored or moored in any place or places within the port of Hamoaze, except on the Eastern side of Stonehouse-Pool, and in extent not coming further to the westward than the King's Slaughterhouse, and in that range to the northward at the mouth or entrance of Milbrook Lake, or to the northward of all His Majesty's moorings. This restriction in regard to the anchorage of merchantships, transports, &c. is, however, not intended to exclude such as, trading to the port, must necessarily have admission to the several wharfs, docks, &c., at Mutton Cove, North Corner, New Passage, and elsewhere, for loading and unloading their cargoes, and which are generally grounded for such purposes; but all such merchant ships, vessels, lighters, barges, boats, or other craft, are to continue to enjoy their accustomed privileges in this respect, in as full and effectual a manner as if these regulations had not taken effect.

**II.**  
All private ships of war, transports, and other private ships or vessels, lighters, barges, boats, and other craft, are hereby expressly prohibited, under the penalties of the said Act, from being breamed in any part of the said Harbour of Hamoaze, except on the shores of Stonehouse-Pool aforesaid, at Franks Quarry, or to the Northward of the King's moorings: and from coming, or entering, into the said Harbour, being laden with, or having on board, any quantity of gunpowder, exceeding five pounds weight in the whole. And all such gunpowder is hereby appointed to be left and deposited at a depot established for that purpose on St. Nicholas's Island, at the entrance of the said Harbour, where the same will be taken and received according to the provisions of the said Act.

**III.**  
And it is hereby ordered, that no person or persons shall take any ballast, or shingle, from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks of the port and harbour of Hamoaze, on any account or pretence whatsoever, without being duly authorised by us, or other sufficient authority of His Majesty's Government, upon pain of the penalties in this Act mentioned: observing, however, that this regulation is not meant to restrict the raising of the sea sand, for agricultural or other purposes, in the shoal water to the northward of Saint Nicholas' Island aforesaid, by the barges and craft which have hitherto been employed thereon, or any other.

By command of their Lordships,

JOHN BARROW.