

*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, Transports, and all other private and Merchant Ships and Vessels, Lighters, Barges, Boats, and other Craft whatsoever, in the Harbour of Chatham, in the River Medway, in the County of Kent, for the purpose of insuring free and safe ingress, egress, and regress, unto, into, to, and from the said Harbour, and to and from His Majesty's Docks, Dock-Yard, Arsenal, 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, 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, moor, ground, strand, run on shore, or deposit, or cause to be anchored, moored, grounded, stranded, run on shore, or deposited, any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, within the following limits in the said harbour, viz. "A line from the south point of Limehouse-Reach, across the river, to the south west point of the New Gun Wharf, and a line, from the northern boundary of the Ordnance Land at Upnor, near the New Powder Magazines, in an east direction to the opposite shore;" nor in front of, or abreast of, His Majesty's docks, dock-yard, timber pounds, gun or ordnance wharfs, victualling yard, or other premises or storehouses belonging thereto, unless laden with or going for stores to His Majesty's dock-yard, gun or ordnance wharfs, powder magazines, or victualling yard; nor within the distance of ninety yards from the centre of any of His Majesty's moorings, ships, floating magazines, and hulks, in any part of the said River Medway; nor make fast, or cause to be made fast, any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, to any part of the shore, within the limits aforementioned; nor to any of the buoys or piles of His Majesty, within the said river, excepting they should be forced so to do, by stress of weather, or other unavoidable accident; in which case they are to remove from thence as soon as possible, upon pain of the penalties in the said Act mentioned.

## 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 afloat, in any part of the said River Medway, or on the shores of the same, at a less distance than two hundred yards from any of His Majesty's moorings, or ships of war, or within the following limits; viz. "A line from the south point of Limehouse-Reach, across the river, to the south west point of the New Gun Wharf; and a line from the boundary stone which marks the jurisdiction of the city of London, in a south east direction to the opposite shore. The said boundary stone is situated about six hundred yards northward from the New Powder Magazines at Upnor."

## III.

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 coming, or entering into the said River Medway, higher than Long-Reach (unless employed and ordered so to do by the Department of the Ordnance, and having a red flag flying), 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 on board the powder ship, lying in Long-Reach, in the said River Medway, where the same will be taken and received according to the provisions of this Act. A red flag is hoisted on board the said powder ship, thereby signifying to all private ships and vessels, and other craft, that such ship is appointed for the reception of their gunpowder; and the words "Appointed for the Reception of Gunpowder," are painted in large letters in a conspicuous part of both sides of the said ship.

## IV.

And it is hereby ordered, that no person or persons shall take any ballast, or shingle, belonging to His Majesty, from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks, of the said harbour of Chatham, 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.

By command of their Lordships,

JOHN BARROW.

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