

And whereas it has been represented to us that the Union Jack hoisted at the top-mast head (or fore-top-mast head of vessels having more than one mast), is a general and well understood signal for a pilot, which it would be inexpedient at present to alter.

We do therefore, by virtue of the power and authority vested in us, hereby warrant and authorize all His Majesty's subjects to hoist the Union Jack at the top-mast-head of their ships or vessels where there is but one mast, or at the fore-top-mast-head where there are more than one mast, as a signal for a pilot; but strictly prohibiting the wearing or hoisting the said Jack for any other purpose whatsoever; or longer than is necessary for the procuring a pilot.

And whereas the proper flags, which by the said Proclamation the ships and vessels of His Majesty's subjects are authorized to wear, are not sufficient to enable them to make signals without the addition of some other colors;

We do further warrant and authorize all His Majesty's subjects to hoist on board their ships and vessels, by way of signal only; any colors (except pendants and the Union Jack); provided such colors shall not be hoisted in the place where similar colours are usually worn in His Majesty's ships and vessels.

And whereas it has been represented to us that certain signals have been heretofore established and agreed upon, and are now in use amongst His Majesty's subjects, wherein pendants and the Union Jack are employed; and that it would be inexpedient to prohibit the use of the said signals, until reasonable time for substituting some other description of colors in lieu of pendants and the Union Jack be allowed;

We do further warrant and authorize all His Majesty's subjects to hoist and use, for signals only, pendants and the Union Jack, until the 1st of January 1824 and no longer; upon and after which day no pendant is under any pretence whatsoever to be hoisted in the ships or vessels of any of His Majesty's subjects, nor the Union Jack, except only, as before provided, as the signal for a pilot.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Office of Admiralty, the 15th day of November 1822,
MELVILLE.
WM. JOHNSTONE HOPE.

By command of their Lordships,
J. W. CROKER.

HEREFORDSHIRE LIËUTENANCY.

Lealbury, December 7, 1822

NOTICE is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy for the county of Hereford will be held at the Shire-Hall, in the city of Hereford, on Monday the 23d day of December instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of receiving abstracts of the lists returned at the different subdivision meetings, and appor-

tioning, the number of men wanted to complete the establishment.

By order of the Lord Lieutenant,
Jos. Allen Higgins, Clerk to the General Meetings.

Royal Harbour of Ramsgate,
December 4, 1822.

AT a General Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the several Acts of Parliament, respectively made in the thirty-second, thirty-seventh, and fifty-fifth years of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, relating to the Harbour of Ramsgate, held this day, in pursuance of a notice in the London Gazette, dated the 16th day of November now last past, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of altering and varying the several rates or duties directed and authorised to be raised and levied by the said several Acts of Parliament, in respect to every ship, vessel, or crayer, British as well as foreign, whether the same be laden or in ballast, passing to or by Ramsgate, whether on the east or west side of the Goodwin Sands, or otherwise passing to or by the said Harbour of Ramsgate; at which Meeting fifteen or more of the said Trustees were present, and the Report from the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Foreign Trade of the Country, made on the 23d day of July last, having, so far as the same relates to the Royal Harbour of Ramsgate, been read and taken into due consideration, and it having been fully considered how far the suggestions of the said Committee, with respect to the said Harbour, can, with due regard to the safety and maintenance of the said Harbour in a proper state and condition, and with regard also to the provisions of the several Acts of Parliament above referred to, be complied with;

It was resolved unanimously,

That the several rates and duties now existing and payable under or by virtue of the said Acts of Parliament, of the thirty-second and fifty-fifth years of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, shall be varied and altered; and that the following rates and duties shall be imposed and be payable by virtue of the said Acts (that is to say), two pence per ton to be paid by the masters or owners, for every ship, vessel, or crayer, British as well as foreign, of the burthen of 20 tons or upwards, and not exceeding the burthen of 300 tons; and for every ship, vessel, or crayer, British as well as foreign, which shall exceed the burthen of 300 tons, a rate or duty of one halfpenny for each ton of such ship, vessel, or crayer (except ships laden with coals, grindstones, Purbeck, Portland, or other stones); and for every chaldron of coals or ton of grindstones, Purbeck, Portland, or other stones, the rate of one penny; and that the said rates and duties shall be paid to the same persons, and in like manner, as the duties heretofore existing and payable under the same Acts of Parliament:

That the above resolutions take effect, and that the said rates and duties be diminished accordingly, and the reduced rates and duties be paid and pay-