

Captain - Superintendent, or Queen's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any of Her Majesty's moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Port, unless forced thereto by unavoidable accident.

7. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without licence as aforesaid, be moored, anchored, or placed in the Port within one hundred yards from any part of Her Majesty's moorings, or from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, wharfs, vessels, or hulks, or within two hundred yards from any of Her Majesty's powder magazines, or be moored, anchored, or placed in the port in the fairway, or across the stream of the Medway, so as to obstruct the passage or entrance into the Port, unless forced thereto by unavoidable accident; but nothing in this Order shall prohibit or interfere with the mooring or placing of vessels in any place or manner authorized by or under any Act of Parliament relating to Sheerness Pier.

8. If at any time a merchant or other private vessel hooks any of Her Majesty's moorings, the master of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice to the Queen's Harbour Master or to the chief officer of the nearest of Her Majesty's Dockyards in order that aid may be given for clearing the mooring without damage.

9. No merchant or other private vessel shall take on board in the Port within two hundred and fifty yards from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, powder magazines, or wharfs, gunpowder exceeding five pounds weight in the whole, or come within that distance having on board gunpowder exceeding the said weight; and any such vessel having so come within that distance under stress of weather shall unship and deliver any gunpowder on board exceeding the said weight, if so required by the Queen's Harbour Master.

10. No merchant or other private vessel shall be breamed in the Port within two hundred yards from any part of the powder magazines at Upnor, or within one hundred yards from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, wharfs, vessels, or hulks.

11. No fire shall be kept on board any merchant or other private vessel (except steam vessels) in the Port within two hundred yards from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, powder magazines, or wharfs, between eleven o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning from the first of October to the thirty-first of March inclusive; or between eleven o'clock in the evening and four o'clock in the morning from the first of April to the thirtieth of September inclusive.

12. No pitch, tar, rosin, turpentine, grease, tallow, oil, or other combustible matter shall be boiled or heated on board any merchant or other private vessel in the port within two hundred and fifty yards from any of Her Majesty's vessels, or from any hired vessel in Her Majesty's service, or from any of Her Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, powder magazines, or wharfs.

13. No ship's gun on board any merchant or other private vessel lying in the Port within the last-mentioned distance shall be kept loaded, nor shall any such gun on board any such vessel lying there be discharged before sunrise or after sunset.

14. No merchant or other private vessel shall be moored, anchored or placed within two hundred yards from any of the wharfs on the Medway belonging or attached to Upnor Castle, or from any part of Her Majesty's powder magazines at Upnor; and every merchant or other private

steam vessel when passing any part of those magazines shall keep as close as navigation will permit to the opposite bank of the river.

15. No merchant or other private steam vessel between Garrison Point, Sheerness, and the Town Pier of the Town, shall proceed at a greater rate of speed than five knots an hour over the ground.

16. The master of every merchant or other private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe and cause to be observed the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel; and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order, or fails to observe or cause to be observed in any respect any of those provisions, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

And the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 29th day of February, 1868.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865," it is enacted (among other things) that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port, for the purposes of that Act:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted that in relation to any Dockyard Port it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to make regulations for all or any of the purposes therein particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of Her Majesty's Vessels, Dockyards, or Property, or to the requirements of Her Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas the Port of Portsmouth is a Dockyard Port within the meaning of the said Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order shall take effect on the expiration of thirty days from its publication in the London Gazette.

2. On this Order taking effect, all rules, orders, and regulations of the Admiralty relative to the matters comprised in this Order shall cease to operate.

3. Terms used in this Order have the same meaning as in the said Act.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and this Order, the boundaries of the Port of Portsmouth shall be deemed to be as follows:—

On the east an imaginary straight line drawn from the Coast Guard station at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  nautical miles to the westward of Eastoke Point, and running eastward of the Dean Tail Buoy and Nab Light Vessel in a direction  $S. \frac{3}{4} W.$  (true) for a distance of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  nautical miles.

On the south a like line passing southward of the S.E. buoy of the Princessa Shoal, in a direction  $W. \frac{1}{4} N.$  (true) to high-water mark at Culver Cliff, on the eastern side of the Isle of Wight.