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EXPLANATORY INSTRUCTIONS.

I.

THE signals are to be complied with by the ships of the Fleet, *generally*, unless they are specially addressed to particular ships, Squadrons, or Divisions, denoted by their proper distinguishing signals shewn at the same Time; and to which such signals are meant then only to relate.

II.

THE signals will be generally made without Guns, when it may be done with the same Effect; unless when it happens that *Two* or more Guns are necessary to constitute a Part of the signal, or that it does not appear to have been timely observed.

III.

THE Observance of signals made to the Fleet, or to any ships, Squadron, or Division thereof, is to be denoted in the ships to which they are addressed, by the signal 2 Page 62; which answering signal is to be kept abroad, until the Admiral's signal is taken in.

IV.

WHEN it happens that a signal made by the Admiral, or by any Divisional Commander, is not sufficiently distinct, Notice thereof is to be given from the ships concerned, by the signal 40 Page 67; and when such signals, not perfectly comprehended, respect ships detached or distant from the Fleet, besides the Indication thereof to be given as above-mentioned, the ships are to stand back towards the Admiral, or other Flag Officer, making the signal, until the Purport of it is fully understood. The answering Flag is then to be hoisted, and the ships to proceed as before; or as any subsequent appointment may express.

V.

DISTANT ships, to which it is denoted in Reply that the signal made to the Admiral is indistinct, are to return in like manner nearer to the Admiral, until he has made known, by the proper answering Flag, that the signal is then understood. The distant ships will be thereupon to resume the station or service on which they were before employed, if not otherwise directed.

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VI.

WHEN, either on account of the Distance of the ships, to which the Admiral's signals are addressed, the View of them being intercepted, or otherwise that they do not appear to have been timely regarded, Notice thereof should be given from any private ship happening to be better situated for Observance from the ship referred to, either by a Repetition of the signal, or by the distinguishing Pendant of the ship thrown out, to denote Inattention to the Admiral's signal in that ship.

VII.

WHEN the Admiral Tacks, Wares, Lies-to, makes or shortens sail, &c. whether in consequence of the signal put abroad for such Purpose, or otherwise, the ships of the Fleet are to be regulated in the *timely* conforming thereto, as may best correspond with the Means to preserve or regain their appointed stations, with suitable Expedition.

VIII.

WHEN the signal has been made for forming in Order of Battle, ^{for} of engaging the Enemy, or for any other Purpose, whereof it has been usual to keep the signal flying as an Indication of the Time the Appointment was only to remain in force, signals are to be deemed of equal Validity for regulating the Conduct of the Fleet, until annulled or countermanded by some subsequent signal for a different Purpose, although taken in, when duly noticed, as is generally intended.

IX.

ALL general signals made by the Admiral are to be repeated by the different Flag Officers in the Fleet; and those made to particular ships also, whenever it appears that the Admiral's Intentions may be thereby more expeditiously communicated to the ships concerned. But when such signal respects any Squadron or Division of the Fleet *separately*, it will be sufficient for the Commander thereof to indicate his Notice of the signal by shewing the answering Flag; being at Liberty on such Occasions to postpone the Repetition of the Admiral's signal, until he deems it expedient to direct the immediate Execution of the specified Movement or Purpose of the signal, by the ships under his Direction.

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
X.

PARTICULAR Care is to be taken by the several Commanders furnished with these signals, that they may be timely destroyed, with every other signal and Instruction given for the Conduct of the Fleet for his Information, so that they may not fall into the Hands of the Enemy, by the Capture or Loss of their ships.

IX.

WHEN it is meant of the Appointments in this signal Book, as for ships to Chase, to keep their stations in Order of sailing, or of Battle, or any other service, the Admiral may have Occasion by signal to denote; and it is intended that any particular Flag Officer of the Fleet should direct the same of ships in his Squadron or Division, the proper distinguishing signal (Page 52.) as for speaking with such Flag Officer, will be made therewith.

Distinguishing SIGNALS denoting particular SQUADRONS, DIVISIONS, &c. of the Fleet, to which the general Signals, when made therewith, are meant solely to relate.

Sig.	Colour.	Description.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
				Page	Art.
1		Triangular Flag — Red — where most easily to be seen —	FIRST OR CENTRE Squadron under the Commander in Chief - - - -		
		Ditto — with Red Pendant over —	— First Division - - - -		
		Ditto — with White Pendant over —	— Second Ditto - - - -		
		Ditto — with Blue Pendant over —	— Third Ditto - - - -		
2		Triangular — White with Red Stripe, where most easily seen	SECOND OR VAN Squadron under the Commander in the 2d Post - - -		
		Ditto — with Red Pendant over —	— First Division - - - -		
		Ditto — with White Pendant over —	— Second Ditto - - - -		
		Ditto — with Blue Pendant over —	— Third Ditto - - - -		
3		Triangular — Blue — where most easily seen —	THIRD OR REAR Squadron under the Commander in the 3d Post - - -		
		Ditto — with Red Pendant over —	— First Division - - - -		
		Ditto — with White Pendant over —	— Second Ditto - - - -		
		Ditto — with Blue Pendant over —	— Third Ditto - - - -		
4		Triangular — Red with Yellow Stripe, where most easily seen	Starboard Division (a) of the Fleet		
5		Triangular — Blue with White Stripe, as before	Starboard Division (b) of the Fleet		
6		Triangular — White with Red Fly, as before	That the Purpose of the Signal made herewith (as for altering Course, the leading Ship of the several Divisions first, and the others of the same Division in Succession, &c.) relates to the Movements of the Fleet by separate Divisions independent at that Time of each other		
7		Triangular — Yellow with Red Stripe, as before	Detachment of Ships having no Commander of a Division therewith	18	12
8		Triangular — Yellow — as before	Transports of Ships under Convey		

Note (a) Including all Ships stationed by the Order of Battle *a-head* of the Admiral in the Line, when formed on the *Starboard Tack*.
 Note (b) Including all the Ships stationed *a-fern* of the Admiral, when the Fleet is formed in the same Manner.

EXPLANATORY OBSERVATIONS

On the Use of the Triangular FLAGS.

I.

WHEN any of these triangular or divisional Flags are shewn *one over the other*, and any Movement by signal directed at the same Time, the divisional Flag hoisted *uppermost*, denotes the Squadron or Division which is to make the Movement, by *hauling up, edging-away*, &c. from the other indicated by the inferior divisional Flag, in the Order of sailing.

II.

WHEN they are shewn in the same Manner with the signals for forming in Line of Battle *a-head*, or on any other Line of *Bearing*, the distinguishing Flag hoisted *uppermost*, denotes the Squadron or Division of the Fleet appointed to take the station, and become the *Van* of the Line, which is to be at that Time formed in a succession of the Squadrons or Divisions, different from that assigned to them respectively in the established Order of Battle. The next *under* it, denotes the Squadron, &c. which is to form the *Centre*; and that under the Centre, the Squadron, &c. which is to constitute the *Rear* of the Line on that Occasion.





III.







WHEN they are shewn in the same Manner with the signals for forming in *Order of Sailing*, it is intended that the Squadrons should be placed in a relative position, different from the established Order of sailing, the *uppermost* divisional Flag denotes the Squadron, &c. to be then placed to *Windward*, if sailing by the Wind, and to *starboard*, if sailing large. The Flag *next* the former, denotes the squadron, &c. which is to form the *Centre* in both Cases; and that *beneath* it, the Squadron, &c. which is to be placed to *Leeward*, or to *Port*, under the same Circumstances.







IV.




LASTLY, when no such special Notification is made of the succession in which the several Squadrons or Divisions are to be relatively placed, in Order of Battle, or of sailing; they are always to take their stations therein, as appointed by the Form of Battle, or of sailing, delivered.





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Colour.	Art.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.
	1	Enemy in fight.	<p>NUMERAL FLAGS.</p> <p>—To denote an Enemy in <i>Sight</i>. The Bearing will be shewn occasionally by the proper Compass signal.</p> <p><i>N. B. The Flag will be shewn with a common Pendant over, by Flag-Officers of the Red Squadron, having occasion to make this signal.</i></p>
	2	Sailing by Divisions.	—To form in Order of sailing by Divisions. <i>Vide Additional Instruction. P. 13, and Sequel.</i>
	3	Order of Sailing.	—To form the established Order of sailing. Being to keep the same Courte the Admiral steers, if not otherwise by Compass signal at the same Time directed. <i>Vide Additional Instructions. P. 1 and Sequel.</i>
	4	Station, to keep it in Battle or Sailing.	<p>—The particular ships, Squadron, or Division, denoted herewith, to <i>take</i> or <i>keep</i> their stations in the Order of <i>Battle</i>, or sailing, as the Fleet may be then formed.</p> <p><i>N. B. Shewn with a Red Pendant over, denotes a station to be taken until countermanded by specified ships or Divisions 2 or 3 miles distant from the Fleet on the Bearing indicated, subject to be increased or lessened by signal 60 or 61.</i></p>
	5	Engage.	—To Engage the Enemy, if closer a Red Pendant will be shewn over the Flag. <i>Vide Instructions. P. 18 Art. 13.</i>
	6	Signal not distinct.	—To denote, that the signal made to the Admiral is not distinct, or understood. <i>Vide P. 1, preceding Art. 4 & 5.</i>

Colour.	Art.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.
	7	Chace.	—To Chase ships in View, on the Bearing signified by the proper Compass signal; particular Ships, Squadrons, or Divisions denoted. If for the whole Fleet to Chase, two Guns. N. B. <i>If for the Commander in the second or third Posts to send ships to Chase, the proper distinguishing signal (Page 52) as for speaking with such Commander, will be made herewith.</i>
	8	Anchor. if with the stream a Blue Pendant over.	—To prepare to Anchor. If to Anchor immediately, two Guns. Note.— <i>If to anchor in the Order of sailing or other Disposition of the Fleet at that Time subsisting, a Red Pendant will be shown over this Flag.</i>
	9	Recall from Chase.	—To leave off Chase, or call in ships otherwise separated from the Fleet. Their Bearing from the Admiral will be denoted occasionally. <i>Vide Instructions, P. 4 Art. 4</i>
	10	Truce.	—When hoisted alone, it is to Direct the Discontinuance of Battle, and denotes <i>Truce</i> . N. B. <i>May be hoisted occasionally at the Fore-Top-mast Head, when to call in distant ships not supposed to have these signals.</i>
	11	Answer, dissent.	— <i>Negative</i> answering Flag, expressive of the Admiral's Notice of, but <i>Dissent</i> , with respect to the Purpose of the signal made to him.
	12	affirms.	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPLEMENTAL FLAGS.</p> — <i>Affirmative</i> answering Flag, denotes that signals made to the Admiral are seen & understood; and gives permission for any Purpose indicated for the Admiral's approbation, from the ship to which the Answer is addressed.

Colour.	Art.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.
	13	Annuls.	—Annuls or countermands the Purpose of the preceeding signals made by the Admiral, or repeated herewith,
	14	Officers wanted.	—For calling Officers on Board the Admiral to take Orders, &c. <i>Vide Page 52</i>
	15	Signals to take effect after close of day.	—That the purport of the signals made while this Flag is continued abroad is not to take effect until after the close of Day. <i>Vide Additional Instructions Page 27.</i>
	16	Secret Instruction.	—Secret Instruction to be opened when this Flag is hoisted by the Admiral, or any other Flag Officer.
	17	Rendezvous.	—Rendezvous denoted. The Number corresponding to the particular Rendezvous so distinguished in the separate Instructions given thereon, will be signified by the proper Integral or Numeral Flag hoisted under this Flag.
	18	Fire Ships.	—That all signals made herewith, respect the Conduct of Fire ships more particularly. <i>Vide Page 53.</i>

Colour.	Art.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.
	19	Change of Numeral Signals.	—Regulating Flag, to denote the Change to be made in the previously subsisting Numbers annexed to the <i>first</i> and subsequent <i>Numeral</i> signals; with the proper Integral Flag (Page 12) shewn <i>under</i> it. <i>Vide</i> secret Instruction.
	20		
	21		
	22		
	23	Compass Signal, N. E.	—Significant of the N. E. Quarter. For the intermediate Points of the Compass, <i>Vide</i> Page 71.
	24	N. W.	—Significant of the N. W. Quarter, &c. as before.

Colour.	Art.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.
	25	Compass Signal, S. E.	—Significant of the S. E. Quarter, &c. as before.
	26	S. W.	—Significant of the S. W. Quarter, &c. as before.
	27	Cornet.	—Appropriated solely to signify that the principal Evolution or appointment, expressed by the first signal exhibited therewith, is to be executed by the movements (one or more) in the manner, and succession subsequently denoted by the proper signals made whilst this Cornet is still kept abroad.
	28	Preparative.	—This preparative Flag whenever it is hoisted signifies that the fleet, or Parts thereof denoted therewith, are to be held in readiness to execute the Purpose of the signal made at the same time, and when the preparative Flag is hauled down, the signal for the intended Purpose being left flying, the same is forthwith to be carried into execution. But when both the preparative Flag and signal Flags, are hauled down together, the purpose of such signals Flags, is not to take effect until the signal for the intended movement it subsequently made alone.

REMARKS.

Numeral Flags.	Numb. denoted	THE Numbers prefixed to the signification of the following numerary signals will be denoted by the different Flags in the Margin, expressive of the Integral Figures placed opposite to them respectively; Whether the Flags are used singly, as in Pages 7 to 11, or jointly, as in Page 13, and the several Pages following.
	1	<p>Thus,—If the Admiral would express the Number 3 for Instance, being the signal “ For the Fleet to Form in Order of sailing, “ (and so of any other of the signals with single Flags from Art. 1 to 11 inclusive) he will shew a Flag, Blue, White, Blue, vertically divided No. 3. If he would express the No. 31, this Flag No. 3. will be hoisted <i>over</i> a Red Flag Number 1, making together the number 31. And the same Flag No. 3. will be hoisted over the Flag Blue pierced with White (<i>i. e.</i> Cypher Flag) if the Number 30 is to be expressed.</p> <p>It is to be observed of the double Flags, that the one answering to the Figure in any number placed first in Writing, will be always hoisted <i>uppermost</i>, to constitute the proposed number, and that from whatsoever Part of the ship any Numerical or other signal Flags, not expressly limited to particular Parts of the ship mentioned, are shewn to render them conspicuous, they always retain the same signification in respect of the service to which they relate.</p> <p>WHEN the <i>substitute</i> Flag is shewn <i>under</i> either of the Integral or Numeral Flags, it denotes Repetition of the figure assigned to that Numeral Flag, and it to be taken with it.</p> <p>Thus.—Under the Flag No. 3, it denotes 33: And so of the rest.</p> <p>THE Pendant White with Red Fly, denoting 100, and reserved for that sole purpose, adds 100 to the Expression assigned to the Numeral Flag or Flags, with which it is at the same time hoisted, from what part of the ship soever it is shewn; whether over one or more of those Flags, or at a different Mast-Head, as may often happen, more especially in little Wind.</p> <p>N. B. Either of these Numeral Flags being hoisted singly, have a particular signification, as expressed Pages 7 to 11.</p>
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	9	
	100	
	substitute Flag.	
	100	
	100.	

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instru.	
			Pa.	Art.
15	Battle, to prepare for it.	—To prepare for Battle - - - - -		
16.	Ditto, and to an- chor.	—To prepare for Battle when it be necessary to anchor with a Bower or Sheet Cable in abaft and springs, &c. <i>Vide additional Instructions</i>	25	9
17.	To assist Ships engaged or going into Action.	—Ships denoted to assist Ships, to be pointed out by their particular signals or bearing from the Admiral after this signal has been answered, either in Battle or going into action.		
18.		—It is Noon.		
19.	Bear- up.	—When <i>Lying-to</i> , to sailing by the wind to <i>Bear-up</i> , and sail Large or before the wind, on the Course steered by the Admiral, or as otherwise by farther signal denoted. - - - - - <i>Vide Additional Instructions</i>	8	11
20.	Bring- to.	—To <i>Bring-to</i> , the sternmost ships <i>first</i> in succession. And if a <i>Blue</i> Pendant is shewn at the same Time on the Flag-staff at the <i>Mizen</i> Top-mast Head, the Admiral proposes to <i>Lie by</i> for setting up Rigging, &c. or for some Continuance - - N. B. <i>Captains having business with the Admiral, or the Commanders of their Divisions, may then send their Boats accordingly.</i>		

NUMERAL SIGNALS.

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
21.	Course, alter to Starboard in succession.	—For the Ship leading the Line of Battle (or each of the Columns in order of sailing) and the others in turn, to alter <i>course one Point</i> (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the signal is repeated) to <i>starboard</i> in <i>succession</i> , or to the Point of the Compass denoted by Compass Signal: Or, while the Admiral continues to lead the Fleet in any Order of Battle, or of sailing, the <i>Alteration of course</i> to be made in the same manner, will be sufficiently denoted by his Example. - -	12	7
			13	8
22.	alter to Port in succession.	—For the Ship leading the <i>Line of Battle</i> (or each of the columns in order of sailing) and the others in turn, to alter <i>course one Point</i> (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the signal is repeated) to <i>port</i> in <i>succession</i> , or to the point of the Compass denoted by Compass signal: Or, while the Admiral continues to lead the Fleet in any order of Battle or of sailing, the <i>alteration of course</i> to be made in the same manner, will be sufficiently denoted by his Example. - -	12	7
			13	8
23.	alter to Starboard together.	—For the ships of the Fleet, always keeping the same relative bearing from each other at such times, to alter <i>course one point to starboard together (a)</i> , (and so of <i>one point more</i> , as often as the signal is repeated) or to the course denoted by compass signal, - - - -	12	7
24.	alter to Port together.	—For the ships of the Fleet, always keeping the same relative bearing from each other at such times, to alter the <i>course one point to Port together (a)</i> and so of <i>one point more</i> , as often as the signal is repeated), or to the course denoted by compass signal. - - - -	12	7
25.	not to be altered by the Admiral's example	—The Fleet to continue in the same situation of <i>course</i> order of <i>battle</i> , <i>sailing</i> or at anchor &c. as before; though the Admiral does in any respect the contrary, And his motions are to be no longer an example to the Fleet, until he has signified his intention to resume his former station. - - -	24	26
26.		—The Fleet to anchor in Line of Battle. - - -		

Note (a) The Preparative Flag, shewn with this Signal, will be hauled down and a Gun fired, when the Alteration of the Course is to be made by the Ships together.

NUMERAL SIGNALS.

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
27.	Enemy, to gain, or keep the Wind.	—To gain or keep the Wind of the Enemy, particular ships, Squadrons, or Divisions, suitably denoted. - - - - -	22	21
28.	reconoitre	—To reconoitre, or make Discovery of the Force and Circumstances of an Enemy, or strange ships in view. Being to signify the same, as soon as may be, by signal or Report to the Admiral.		
29.	to lay them on Board.	—To lay the Enemy on board as arriving up with them. - - - - -		
30.	separate corps to be attacked	—For particular ships or Divisions denoted to attack the Enemy on the Bearing indicated; or any Number of their ships of War separated from the Body of their Fleet.		
31.	convoy do	—To attack the Enemy's Convoy of Transports or Trading ships. - - - - -		
32.	To distroy or difable them.	—When deemed necessary to distroy or difable the Trading ships or Transports of the Enemy, or any particular ships denoted herewith. - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
33	Enemy, at liberty to fire on passing them.	—That the ships of the Fleet are at liberty to fire upon the Enemy in passing them, though not proposed to bring them to a general Action immediately. - - - - -		
34	— their rear to be separately attacked.	—Particular ships or Divisions of the Fleet to attack or harras the Rear of the Enemy, or such part thereof as the detached ships may be of competent force to engage, for giving opportunity to bring on a general Action. - - - - -	24	25
35	— to denote their motions.	—To keep sight of the Enemy, or strange ships in View, for leading the Fleet up to them; or to make their motions known by Day or Night to the Admiral. <i>Vide Additional Instructions and Sequel</i>	34	5
36	— quit and distroy captured ships.	—To quit, and withdraw men from ships captured, after having distroyed or disabled them so that they cannot carry them off, if time permits and to join the Fleet. - - - - -		
37		---Ships denoted to keep on the Admiral's Starboard or Weather Beam so near as to have communication by Signal. - - - - -		
38		—Ditto Larboard or Lee.		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
39	Engage,	If when having the weather gage of the Enemy, the Admiral means to pass between the ships in their line, for engaging them to leeward, or being to leeward to pass between them for obtaining the weather gage. - - - - - <i>N. B. The different Captains and Commanders not being able to effect the specified intention in either case, are at liberty to act as circumstances require,</i>		
40	— the Enemy as arriving up with them.	The ships to take suitable stations for their mutual support, and engage the Enemy, as arriving up with them in succession. - - - - -		
41	— Each ship her opponent.	Each ship of the Fleet to steer for independantly of each other and engage respectively the ship opposed in situation to her in the Enemy's line. <i>Vide Additional Instructions,</i>	23	8
42	— leaving the unoccupied ships of the Enemy between the Divisions of the Fleet.	For the Van of the Fleet or particular Divisions, specified to engage the headmost ships in the Enemy's Van, and the Rear thereof, the sternmost ships in the Enemy's Rear, & the centre, the centre of the Enemy, leaving their unoccupied ships between the Divisions of the Fleet; But with exception to the Flag Officers of the Fleet, who should engage those of the Enemy respectively in preference.		
43	— Sternmost ships of the Enemy.	The ships of Divisions denoted to fire in succession upon the sternmost ships of the Enemy, Then tack or ware, and take their stations in the Rear of the Squadron or Division specified, if a part only of the Fleet is so appointed until otherwise directed. <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	22	5
44	— the Centre of the Enemy.	To engage the Centre of the Enemy, particular ships, Squadrons, or Divisions specified.		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruēt.	
			Pa.	Art.
45.	Engage, the Van of the Enemy.	To engage the Van, Starboard, or weather Division of the Enemy, particular ships, &c. as before.		
46.	the Rear ditto.	To engage the Rear, Larboard, or Lee Division of the Enemy, particular ships, &c. as before.		
47.	of a particular Nation preferably.	To engage the ships of a particular Nation, (denoted by the National Jack, shewn herewith), preferably. - - - -		
48.		Signal Books to be brought to the Admiral.		
49.		Particular ship or ships to keep to Windward of the chace to prevent her escaping or to Starboard when the chace Steers away. - - -		
50.		Ditto to Leeward or Port.—		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruēt.	
			Pa.	Art.
51.	Engagement to discontinue.	To discontinue the Engagement.		
52.	Hale.	The Ships denoted to pass within Hale of the Admiral successively. - - -		
53.	Line, on Starboard Bearing,	To form in Order of Battle (or of sailing when the Signal Flag 2 or 3, Page 7, is shewn herewith) on the <i>starboard</i> Line of bearing (a): steering on that course after the leading ship, if not otherwise by Compass signal directed. - - - <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	9 12	1 to 5 7
54.	on Larboard Bearing	To form in order of battle (or of sailing when the signal Flag 2 or 3, Page 7, is shewn herewith on the <i>larboard</i> Line of bearing (b): steering that course after the leading ship, if not otherwise by Compass signal directed. - - - <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	9 12	1 to 5 7
55.	<i>a-head</i> , in open Order	To form in line of battle <i>a-head</i> in open order: or at a distance sufficient to afford space according to the state of the weather, for tacking or any other evolution. Being to keep the same course the Admiral does, if not otherwise directed by Compass signal. <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	9 16	1 to 5 11
56.	in close Order.	To form in line of battle <i>a-head</i> in close order, at about a cable and a half length distant; or as near as the state of the weather will conveniently admit. To steer the same course the Admiral does, if not otherwise directed by Compass signal. <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	9 16	1 to 5 11

Note (a) The ships to bear from each other upon the Point of the Compass on which they would lie with a full Sail, or a Point from the Wind, if formed in Line *a-head* on the *Starboard* Tack.

Note (b) The ships to bear from each other upon the Point of the Compass on which they would lie with a full Sail, or a Point from the Wind, if formed in Line *a-head* on the *Larboard* Tack.

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
57	Line, to invert it.	—To <i>invert</i> the line in <i>succession</i> from Van to Rear, either in line of battle, or order of sailing. <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	22	6
58	— to interchange Places therein.	To <i>interchange</i> places in the line. or other disposition of the Fleet then subsisting. N.B. <i>When the Admiral means to do it, he will haul out of the line with the distinguishing signal of the ship in which he is embarked put abroad, & presently after he will shew that of the ship with which the change is then to be made.</i>	22	22
59	— to quit it.	To <i>quit</i> the Line (or station, if then in order of sailing) particular ships denoted. N.B. <i>When the Admiral means to do it, he will make the distinguishing signal of the ship in which he is embarked, & haul out of the line (or station he had taken in the order of sailing) accordingly.</i>	15 22	10 22
60	— a-head and a-stern, as most convenient.	To form in Line of Battle <i>a-head</i> and <i>a stern</i> of the Admiral as most convenient from the then accidental Position of the Ships, without Regard to the Succession denoted in the established form delivered. To steer the same Course the Admiral does, if not otherwise appointed by Signal. Stations are to be also taken as most convenient in the Respective Columns in Order of Sailing, when the Signal No. 3 for forming the Order of Sailing is made herewith. <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	11	15
61	— of Larboard bearing, tho' on Starboard Tack; or the contrary.	For ships of the Fleet to be kept on the <i>Larboard</i> Line of <i>Bearing</i> from each other, tho' then sailing on the <i>starboard</i> tack; or the contrary, of the <i>starboard</i> line of bearing, tho' then sailing on the <i>larboard</i> tack		
62	— Four Points from the Wind.	To form in Line of Battle <i>a-head</i> , steering four Points from the Wind (as it may alter) in <i>succession</i> after the leading ship		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
63		What is your opinion of the Chace.—		
64		Do you come up with the Chace.—		
65	Order, more open	The ships to keep in <i>more open</i> Order, in Line of battle or sailing <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	16 4	11 5
	<i>closer.</i> Ditto to Van. Ditto to Centre.	The ships to keep in <i>closer</i> Order, in Line of battle or sailing <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i> Ditto by closing towards the leading ship or Van, a Blue Pendant at the main top gallant mast head will be shewn herewith —Ditto by closing to the Centre or senior Flag Officer in the Line or Column, a white Pendant at the main top gallant mast head will be shewn herewith.	16 4	11 5
67	— <i>open.</i>	The ships to keep in <i>open</i> Order.	16	11
68	— <i>close.</i>	—The ships to keep in <i>close</i> Order.	16	11

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
69	Prizes to stay by, or convoy.	—Particular ships or Divisions denoted, to stay by <i>Prizes</i> . But if meant of ships under convoy for their protection, the proper distinction thereof (Page 4.) will be shewn at the same time.		
70	— to quit them	—To quit prizes, or ships under Convoy, and join the Admiral forthwith, - - - -		
71	Reefs, one or more.	—That the Admiral means to take <i>one Reef</i> in his topfails. And the topfails will be lowered when the preparatory signal is hauled down - - - If <i>two Reefs</i> , a <i>blue Pendant</i> will be hoisted at the same time on the Flag-staff at the mizen top-mast head. If to let out a Reef a Pendant alternate <i>blue</i> and <i>yellow</i> will be shewn in the same manner. - - - -		
72	Sail, make more.	—To make <i>more</i> sail. The leading ship <i>first</i> in Line of battle, or form of sailing - - - -	14	9
73	— Ships <i>a-stern</i> to make more.	—Ships <i>a-stern</i> , or in the <i>Rear</i> of the Fleet, to make <i>more</i> sail - - - - N. B. They are not to be retarded in the due Compliance with this signal, for any Delay made by ships stationed <i>a-head</i> of them omitting to do the same, in Order of battle or of sailing: until they have resumed their appointed stations.		
74	— to shorten.	—To shorten sail. The ships in the <i>Rear</i> first.	14	9

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
75	Sail, to shorten in the <i>Van</i> or <i>a-head</i>	—For ships <i>a-head</i> , or in the <i>Van</i> of the Fleet, to shorten sail, or Lie-by if necessary, until the Admiral arrives up with them. - - - -		
76	— to shorten all possible preserving the same Order.	—To shorten sail, and remain under the least sail possible, consistent with the purpose of preserving the same Order of sailing, or of battle, in which the Fleet is then formed. - - - -	15	11
77	— to make all possible, conditionally.	—To make <i>all possible</i> , preserving the same Order of battle, or of sailing, in which the Fleet is then formed.	16	11
78	— after lying by.	—To make sail, after lying by; the leading ship first. - - - -		
79	Sailing in two Divisions.	—To form in sailing Order in two Columns or Divisions of the Fleet. - - - - <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i>	9	12
80	—	Particular Ship sent to look out is at a proper distance from the Admiral. - - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
81.	Ships, strange, to be examined.	—To examine strange ships, passing near or through the Fleet. N. B. <i>On gaining any material Intelligence it is to be communicated to the Admiral without delay.</i>		
82.	— strange, their number.	—To denote the Number of the Line, &c. of which the strange ships or Enemy seen, appear to consist. <i>Vide signal by private ships, Page 66 No. 36</i>		
83.	Tack, in succession.	—The headmost and weathermost ships to Tack first, or the ship leading the Van first, and the other in <i>succession</i> . <i>Vide Additional Instructions.</i> {	7 13	9 2
84.	— together.	—For the whole Fleet (or particular Divisions specified) to Tack <i>together</i> , when the preparative Flag shewn therewith is hauled down, and a gun fired to denote the time for putting the helm a-lee		
85.	— on starboard in succession.	—To come to the Wind in <i>succession</i> on the <i>starboard</i> Tack, after the leading ship, when arrived in the Wake thereof, and of the seconds <i>a-head</i> respectively. N. B. <i>This movement imports Wearing, in the same manner if on the Larboard Tack when this signal is made.</i> <i>Vide Also Additional Instructions.</i> {	12 8 10	6 11 14
86.	— on the starboard, to haul wind together.	—To come to the Wind <i>together</i> on the <i>Starboard</i> Tack. And when the preparative Flag is hauled down, this signal being left flying, <i>one</i> gun. N. B. <i>This movement imports Wearing together, under the same Circumstances as before.</i> <i>Vide Additional Instructions</i>	10	14

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
87.	Tack, Leeward or sternmost first	For the Ships to Leeward, or in the <i>Rear</i> of the Line, to tack first, and the others in <i>succession</i> .		
88.	— on Larboard, in succession.	To come to the Wind in <i>succession</i> on the <i>larboard</i> tack, after the leading ship, when arrived in the wake thereof, and of the seconds <i>a-head</i> , respectively N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing, if on the starboard tack when this signal is made.</i> <i>Vide additional Instructions.</i>	12 10	6 11 14
89.	— on the Larboard together.	To haul to the Wind <i>together</i> , on the <i>larboard</i> tack. And when the preparative Flag is hauled down, this signal being left flying, <i>one</i> gun, - N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing together under the same circumstances as before.</i> <i>Vide additional Instructions.</i>	10	14
90.		Ships on the look out or otherwise detached to close nearer the Admiral.		
91.	Wake, keep in the Admiral's.	To keep in the Admiral's Wake, - - - <i>Vide additional Instructions.</i>	4	4
92.	— Ships to Windward.	—Ditto—when meant of ships to <i>windward</i> more particularly - - - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
100.	Ware, in succession.	To ware the sternmost and Leewardmost ships first in succession; and come to the wind on the other Tack; and will be signified by the Pendant (Page 12) expressive of 100— hoisted alone. - - -		
105.	Close, round the Admiral.	The ships of the Fleet to <i>close</i> round the Admiral, as near as the state of the weather and other circumstances will admit, to prevent separation.		
102.	— ships of the Fleet to the Admiral, or Divisional Commander denoted	For the ships of the Squadron or Division denoted to close, and join the Admiral forthwith. And if meant of any subordinate Flag-Officer, with whom the Junction is to be made <i>herewith</i> . N. B. <i>When meant of two or more private ships particularly, with which the Junction is to be made, their distinguishing Signals will be shewn herewith.</i>		
103.	Chafe, brought into the Fleet.	To bring it to the Admiral. - - -		
104.	— Chafe.	Permission given to <i>part</i> Company in <i>chafe</i> , or to part in for any other purpose indicated from the ship to which the signal is addressed. - - -		
105.	Convoy, to make sail on stated course.	For particular ships having charge thereof, to make sail with the convoy on the course denoted by the proper compass Flag, for their security. But if for the ships under Convoy <i>alone</i> to proceed in the same manner, the distinguishing Triangular Flag significant thereof, will be shewn at the same Time. - - -		

* The signal, as for speaking with that Flag Officer will be made *herewith*.

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
106.	Disperse.	The Ships of War to disperse. If for Transports or Ships under Convoy to do the same, the proper distinguishing Flag will be shewn herewith.	20	17
107.	Look out a-head.	Ships sent to look out <i>a-head</i> of the Admiral to keep <i>more</i> a head for that purpose. But if to keep <i>more</i> on either <i>Bow</i> the same signal flags will be shewn at the <i>Top</i> , or top-gallant yard Arm, corresponding to the direction intended. And will be kept abroad in either case until it has been duly complied with.		
108.	Tack, in chafe before the Admiral's Beam.	Ships in chafe <i>before</i> the Admiral's <i>Beam</i> , to Tack. - - - - -		
109.	— ditto abaft	Ships in chafe <i>abaft</i> the Admiral's <i>Beam</i> , ditto.		
110.	Accounts weekly.	Weekly accounts to be sent to the Admiral - & when this signal is accompanied with a Blue Pendant at the Mizzen Top-mast-head, a state of the commission & Warrant Officers is to be sent at the same time. N. B. <i>The several Divisional Commanders to collect them from the ships of their respective Divisions.</i>		
111.	A-head, by night.	Particular ships to keep out <i>a-head</i> of the Admiral during the ensuing <i>Night</i> , at a convenient Distance (according to the state of the weather) for intercourse by <i>Night</i> signals, carrying a Light in her Stern. <i>Vide Instructions to Night signals, Art. 5.</i> If meant of any other bearing particularly, the direction will be denoted by proper compass signal.	34	5

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
112	Artificers. Shipwrights,	For <i>Shipwrights</i> , with their Tools, to repair to the ship denoted by her proper signal, when the signal has been answered. - - -		
113	— Caulkers.	For <i>Caulkers</i> , with their Implements, to repair to the ship denoted, as before. - - -		
114	— Sailmakers.	For <i>Sailmakers</i> , with their Implements, to repair to the ship denoted, as before. - - -		
115		The Fleet to close well up with the Admiral, and be attentive to any alteration he may make after dark, probably without signal. - - -		
116		If the Wind comes fair during the Night, the Admiral will steer the course denoted by compass Signal. - - -		
117	Boats &c. to repair to their ships	For all Boats, and every Person belonging to the Fleet, to repair immediately to their respective ships. And no Boats are to be afterward sent on shore, without leave from the Admiral, unless this signal has been first countermanded.	5	7

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
118	Boats, &c. not admitted from the shore.	Not to admit of any communication with boats from the shore, or otherwise to allow any Inter-course therewith, unless for receiving public dispatches forwarded to the Admiral - - -		
119	— to repair as previously denoted.	The Boats, Officers, or Artificers, &c. previously ordered by Signal, are to repair to the ship, which will be denoted by her distinguishing Signal, after such previous Signal has been answered; and the ship to which they are destined, is to make herself known, by hoisting an <i>English Jack</i> at the <i>Mizen-top-mast Head</i> - - -		
120	— with Anchors, &c.	For Boats, with Anchors, Hawfers, &c. to repair to the Assistance of ships denoted by their proper signals after this signal has been answered.		
121	Troops to land.	Troops and Marines to land, If with two days provisions, a Red Pendant will be hoisted under the signal Flag. - - -		
122		To signify the Admiral intends to shift his Flag to the Ship whose Pendant is shewn herewith.		
123	Colours, Foreign, to be hoisted.	For the ships of the Fleet to hoist the foreign Colours, denoted by the national <i>Jack</i> of the Country, shewn at the same Time - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
124	Company.	That the ship or ships denoted therewith, are at Liberty to part Company on the service for which they have been previously appointed. - - -		
125	parting.	In case of parting Company unavoidably to repair immediately to the Rendezvous herewith denoted - - - - -		
126	Convoy, kept in Limits.	To keep ships under Convoy, or Transports within the Limits of their appointed Stations -		
127	Count the ships.	To count the ships of the Fleet. The divisional Flag-Officers being to make known the missing ships of their respective Divisions, by shewing the particular signals thereof, with this signal abroad		
128	Cut, or slip, and Chase.	For particular ships to cut or slip, and chace, (leaving a Buoy upon the Cables) in the Direction by Compass signal denoted. If for the whole Fleet to do the same, two Guns will be fired herewith - - - - -		
129	and put immediately to Sea.	For the Fleet to cut or slip, leaving a Buoy upon the cables, and put immediately to Sea, with two Guns. - - - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
130	Distress, assist ships denoting it	To repair to the Assistance of ships making the signal of <i>Distress</i> - - - - -		
131	to stay by such ships	To stay-by, and attend upon ships in Distress - N. B. Having seen the disabled ships in safety, the attendant ships are to return in quest of the Fleet to the appointed Rendezvous.		
132	Exercise, guns and small arms	To exercise Guns and Small Arms - - -		
133	at Marks.	To exercise Guns and Small Arms with Liberty to fire shot at Marks - - - - -		
134	the Fleet, or Parts thereof.	The Fleet, Squadrons, or Divisions denoted, intended to be exercised in different Evolutions - N. B. Signals to engage made on these occasions, are to be considered only, in respect to position and independent Movements: not to distance requisite in Action.	23 23	23 24
135	Hospital-ship.	Being to leave the Fleet - - - - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
136	Land, discovered	That the Admiral has discovered it - -		
137	_____ to make it.	To proceed to make the <i>Land</i> particular ships denoted, on the specified Bearing - - - -		
138	_____ to repeat signals to and from ships so ordered.	To repeat signals particular ships, between the Admiral, and ships sent from the Fleet to make the Land - - - - -	5	5
139	Light, by night ordered. <i>carried</i>	For each ship to carry a <i>Light</i> and to repeat signals made by the Admiral the ensuing Night; but by shewing the <i>signal Lights only</i> . And while these last are kept abroad (which is to be done until the Purpose has been complied with by them respectively) the constant Light before-mentioned is to be taken in		
140	_____ not shewn	That no <i>Lights</i> are to be shewn the ensuing Night for distinguishing the Flag-ships; and all other Lights carefully concealed - -		
141	Look-out.	Particular ships to make sail from the Fleet to Look-out out on a specified Bearing. They are to make known by the proper signals, their View of <i>strange ships, Lands, &c.</i> If for Commanders in second, or third Post, to send ships for that purpose, the proper distinguishing signal as for speaking with such Commander, will be made herewith.		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
142	Lookout. to repeat signals.	Particular ships to repeat signals, between the Admiral, & ships sent from the Fleet to Look-out N. B. <i>If meant for the Commanders in the 2d or third Post to direct the same, it will be signified as in the preceding Article.</i>	5	5
143	_____	The Officer of the Guard to come on board the Admiral. If him that had the preceding Guard, the Ship's Pendant will be shewn.		
144	Moor.	The Fleet to Moor. - - - -		
145	_____	Particular Ship to look out a-head of the Admiral keeping always a-head of him in every variation he makes until countermanded.		
146	Orders,	To denote Orders being sent to the particular ship whose signal is made herewith. The ship or tender charged with the orders will be made known by a wheft hoisted at a top-sail Yard-arm or Gaff-peak, & the ship for which they are intended is to shew a white Pendant at the main-top-gallant mast head, which is to be hauled down when the orders are received. N. B. This signal also denotes, a Boat is sent with orders.		
147	Pilots.	Pilots of the Fleet, or particular ships denoted, to be sent to the Admiral. - - - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
148	Pilot.	Ships having a Pilot or other qualified person on board to lead the Fleet through any intricate Navigation wherein it may be then engaged. N. B. <i>If respecting a part of the Fleet only the suitable distinguishing signals will be made herewith.</i>		
149	Port. for the nearest.	To proceed for the nearest Port. If meant to repair to any assigned Rendezvous, the distinguishing signal thereof will be at the same Time made. - - - - -		
150	-----	For the ships separately, and as they are able to put into with respect to convenience only, without regard to Priority of Rank in the Commanders, to put into the Port in View, or nearest port. - -		
151	Ship having a Pilot to lead in to Port.	For particular ships having a Pilot or other Person sufficiently qualified, to lead the Fleet into Port. N. B. <i>The ship so appointed is to be anchored in a station near to that deemed most proper for the Admiral, if no more timely advice can be given thereupon.</i>		
152	Sails, loose.	To loose sails to dry. - - -		
153	furl.	To furl sails. - - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
154	Sailing.	To prepare for sailing. - - - -		
155	Sick, from Hospital ship.	The sick to be sent from the Hospital ship, belonging to ships denoted herewith. - - -		
156	from shore	The sick on shore to be sent for from the Hospital, belonging to the ships denoted herewith.		
157	Signals, to repeat them to ships in Chace.	Particular ships denoted to keep between the Admiral and ships in Chace, as successively appointed to repeat signals. - - -	5	5
158		Particular Ship to make sail from the Fleet right a stern, keeping as far distant as signals may be discerned. - - - -		
159	Sound.	Particular ships to make sail from the Fleet, on the specified Bearing to found. - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
160	Sound, forthwith	Particular ships to sound <i>immediately</i> , and denote depth of the Water (or having no ground) by the corresponding numerary signals appointed to be made by private ships. - - -		
161	to repeat signals,	To repeat signals particular ships, between the Admiral, and ships sent from the Fleet to gain soundings. - - -	5	5
162		Ships on the look out or otherwise detached, to extend their distance from the Admiral.		
163	Spread, one Mile distant.	The Fleet, Squadron or ships denoted, to <i>spread</i> at one mile distant, on the relative Bearing from each other signified at the same Time; keeping the Course steered by the Admiral, if not otherwise directed. - - -		
164	two Miles.	To spread as before, at two Miles distant.		
165	Longitude.	To make known the Longitude pr. Lunar Obs. The Admiral will denote his Longitude by this signal accompanied by the numeral Pendant and numeral Flags. - - - Private ships to make known their Longitude by the tabular signals, Degrees first, afterwards minutes. - - -		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
166	Station, taken as most convenient.	The ships severally to take such stations as most convenient at the time, without Regard to any established Order of sailing - - - <i>Vide Add. Instruction.</i>	12	16
167	Commanders to take them to lead their Squadrons	Commanders of Squadrons to take their stations a-head thereof respectively, for leading them in Order of sailing, or other appointed Disposition of the Fleet - - -		
168		To make known the Latitude by observation.—		
169	Tenders.	To come under the Admiral's stern - - -		
170		To make known your Longitude Pr. Chronr. the preceding Noon.—		
171	Tow, Ships.	For the ships denoted to take in <i>Tow</i> , the ship pointed out by particular signal, or Bearing from the Admiral, after the first signal has been answered - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
172	Tow, Boats wanted.	For the <i>Boats</i> of the Fleet, Squadron, or Division, (or from ships then nearest in situation, if no ships are specially denoted,) to go to the assistance of, or <i>Tow</i> any ship making the signal expressive of such necessity, or pointed out as before. - - - - -		
173	having others in tow	Ships having others in tow to keep to Leeward of the Line - - - - -		
174	Unmoor.	The Fleet to Unmoor - - - - -		
175	Tow having others in tow	Ships having others in tow take stations to Windward of the Line - - - - -		
176	to quit ships in tow	To quit ships in tow and take stations in the Line as most convenient - - - - -		
177	Guard	The ship whose signal is made herewith, to take the Guard for the next Twenty-four Hours - - - - - N. B. Report thereof to be made to the Admiral.		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
178	Letters,	That an Opportunity will offer for sending into Port any Letters sent on board the Admiral's Ship - - - - -		
179	Instruction Book.	To denote Attention requisite to an Article in the Instruction Book. And when answered from the ship to which the Signal is addressed, the Page of the Book in which the Article is contained will be denoted in conjunction with the fig. 21 (expressive of Numbers) in Page 48 of the signal Book - - - - -		
180	Ditto, Additional.	D ^o .—D ^o .—When such signal respects an Article in the Additional Instruction Book, the Page will be denoted as abovementioned when the signal has been answered - - - - -		
181		Ships of the Line, or of two Decks, not to haul up their lower deck Ports - - - - -		
182	Tow, ships before in.	Ships before in tow to proceed to the nearest Port - - - - -		
183	Cable, to veer.	The Fleet when riding at half a Cable to veer to a whole Cable, if riding at a whole Cable to veer to two Cables - - - - -		

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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
184		The Ship whose signal is made herewith, to make known the number of men killed in Action		
185		Ditto Wounded.—		
186		The Admiral means to sail about 3 knots per Hour during the night.—		
187		Ditto Four Ditto.		
188		Ditto Five.		
189		Ditto Six.		







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No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
190		The Admiral means to sail about 7 knots, Per Hour during the Night.		
191		To signify to a particular Ship, the Admiral will regulate his rate of sailing by her.		
192		For the Fleet to regulate their rate of sailing by the Ship whose Pendant is shewn herewith.		
193		To take the sailing Guard, or relieve the Ship on that Service.		
194		To hoist out all Boats.		
195		To hoist out Barges.		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
196		To hoist out Pinnaces.		
197		To hoist out Cutters.		
198		To hoist out Launches.		
199		To Anchor in Columns.		
200		To Anchor, and sweep for the Anchor parted from.		

No. of Signal.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
205		Ship denoted has mistaken the Signal made to her. - - - -		

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Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	PLACE.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
<i>Red Pendant.</i>				
1	For all Barges, Pinnaces, and large Cutters, manned and armed, to assemble on Board the Admiral. If meant to Chase, the proper bearing Flag will be shewn herewith - - -	Fore-top-mast-head— Flag-Staff }		
2	For the Ships, when in Line a-head to open to a greater Distance, for performing an intended Evolution - -	Main-top-mast-head—Do.		
3	For all Launches and Long boats, manned and armed, to repair on Board the Admiral. If meant to Chase, the Bearing will be denoted as above -	Mizen-top-mast-head— Ditto		
4	The Physician of the Fleet, that the Admiral would speak with him }	Mizen-Peck - - -		
5	That the Ship's Companies will have Time to dine - - - }	Ensign-Staff - - -		
	<i>To be repeated to each other by private Ships.</i>			
<i>Blue Pendant,</i>				
6	That the Signal made herewith, regards the Conduct of the Frigates of the Fleet only - - - }	Fore-top-mast-head — Flag-Staff		
7		Main-top-mast-head — Ditto		
8	To be occasionally shewn with Signals No. 15, 66, and 110. - - - }	Mizen-top-mast-head — Ditto		
9	Launches unarmed to repair on board the Admiral, or to the Ship whose Pendant is shewn as soon as the Signal has been answered - - - }	Mizen-Peck - - -		

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Colour.	PLACE.	Instruct.	
				Pa.	Art.
11	Striped <i>Red White and Blue.</i> That the Ships pointed out by their proper Signals are standing into <i>Danger</i> }		{ For-top-mast-head - flag-Staff }		
12	To <i>close</i> in Line a head back to the Distance in Appointment, when Sig. 2 preceding was made - - - - - }		{ Main-top-mast-head Ditto }		
13	That the <i>Sick</i> may be sent to an Hospital Ship attending upon the Fleet - }		{ Mizzen-top-mast-head Ditto }		
14			Mizzen-Peek - -		
15			Ensign-Staff - -		
16	When in Line a-head, for the Ship next a-head to <i>open</i> to a greater distance }		{ Where most easily seen Forward }	16	11
17	For the Ship next or second a-head to <i>close</i> nearer - - - - - }				
18	For the Ship next or second a-stern to <i>open</i> to a greater Distance - - }		{ Mizzen-sprouts — or where most easily seen abatt, the Mizzen-peek excepted - - }	16	11
19	For the <i>second astern</i> to <i>close</i> nearer. N. B. <i>These Signals to be made by private Ships equally, when necessary.</i>				
20	Alternate <i>Red and White.</i> That the General Signal made here-with relates to particular Ships only - }		Main-top-gallant-mast		
21	Chequered <i>Blue and Yellow.</i> Being hoisted with any of the <i>Numerical</i> Flags singly or jointly exhibited, denotes that such <i>Numerical</i> Flags are then to be understood as expressive of <i>Number</i> only. As of <i>strange</i> Ships seen, <i>Depth</i> of Water in <i>Fathoms</i> , &c. - - - - - }		Where most easily seen		
22	Quartered <i>Red and White.</i> Accompanied with any of the Signals appointed to be used by <i>private</i> Ships, denotes that those <i>Tabular</i> Signals are meant <i>interrogatively</i> of the Ship to which they are addressed by the <i>Admiral</i> , <i>vide P. 61</i> - - - - - }		Ditto - -		

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	PLACE.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	To prepare for sailing -	{ Fore-top-sail loose, with one gun - - }		
2	For all Boats, and every Person belonging to the Fleet, to repair to their respective ships - - N. B. Should be noted to Coxswains of all Boats.	{ For-top-gallant sail loose and hoisted: The top-sail yard down, with one gun - - }		
3	To Recall distant or chasing ships	{ Main-top-gallant sail loose and hoisted: The top-- sail-- yard down, with one gun - }		
4	Having discovered a strange Fleet	{ Main- & Fore-top-gal- lant sails loose & hoist- ed: The top-sail-yards lowered, with one gun }		
5	To Unmoor - - -	{ Main-top-sail loose in the top - - }		
6	To Weigh - - -	{ Fore-and Main-top-sail sheets hauled Home, with one gun - }		
7	To Moor - - -	{ Mizzen-top-sail hoisted and clewed up - }		
8	To cut or slip, leaving a Buoy on the Cable - - -	{ Main and Fore-top-sails loose, with two guns - }		
9	On striking and sticking fast on Shoal - - -	{ Guns—'till observed }		

Signal.	U N I O N.	P L A C E.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	For the Commanders in the <i>second</i> and <i>Third</i> Posts to come to take Orders	Fore-top-mast head -	} <i>Vide</i> 3 of this when with signals	} I I Book shown other
2	For Commanders in the <i>second</i> Post only — Do —	— Do — with White Pendant over		
3	For Commanders in the <i>Third</i> Post—Do— — Do —	— Do — with Blue Pendant over -		
	N. B. If the subordinate Commanders of either Squadron are wanted as before, the proper Divisional Signal will be shown therewith.			
4	For all Flag-Officers of the Fleet -	Main-top-mast-head with Red Pendt. over }		
5	For all the Captains of the Fleet; or of the ships, Squadrons, or Divisions as by Divisional signal made therewith	Mizen-top-mast-head		
6	For a Lieutenant from every ship in the Fleet ships, Squadron, denoted as before	— Do — shrouds		
7	For Flag-Officers, Captains, Commanders (and all other Persons summoned to attend) to assemble (or holding a Court Martial in the ship where this signal is made	Mizen shrouds		
	But if the Court is to be held the next day	— Do — with Red Pendant over - }		
	—if the second succeeding day - -	— Do — with White Pendant over		
	—if the third succeeding day - -	— Do — with Blue Pendant over - }		
8	For a Boat from every ship of the Fleet; or of the ships, Squadron, &c. denoted, with a Petty Officer only	Ensign-staff - - -		
9	For all Masters of the Fleet; or ships Squadron, &c. denoted as before (a)	— Do — with Yellow Pendant over		
10	For Boatswains, &c. denoted as before (a) -	— Do — with Red Pendant over -		
11	For Gunners, &c. — Do — (a) -	— Do — with White Pendant over		
12	For Carpenters, &c. — Do — (a) -	— Do — with Blue Pendant over		
13	For Surgeons, &c. — Do — (a) -	— Do — with Dutch Pendant over		
14	For Purfers, &c. — Do — (a) -	— Do — with Striped } Pendant Red & White } over. }		
	Note (a). If those Officers are wanted to take Surveys, &c. on board other Ships, the distinguishing Signal of such ship will be shown, as soon as the Admiral's first signal has been answered.			

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	P L A C E.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	For fire ships to proceed on service under cover of the ships of War whose signals are made herewith.	Fore-Top-mast head.		
2	For fire ships to prime and be held in constant readiness for service against the Enemy.	Do. with Red Pen- head. <i>over</i>		
3	To apprise the ships so intended that they may be kept in readiness to cover a fire ship meant to be ordered on service against the Enemy. N. B. The distinguishing signal of each ship to be made herewith.	Main-top-mast head.		
4				
5				
6				
7	For fire ships to pass within Hale of the Admiral.	Mizen-Peck -		
8				
9	To denote Punishment going to be inflicted.	Ensign-Staff -		








No.	SIGNIFICATION.	GUNS.	How answered	Art. of Inf.
1 2	To denote being on the { Starboard } { Larboard } } Drums Bells	—————	Drums ——— Bells ———	
3	If the Admiral carries the same Sail, whether continuing his Course, or Lying-to	One every Hour.	Drums or Bells according to the Tack	
4	If the Admiral makes more or less Sail	One every half Hour	Drums or Bells as before	
5	To Anchor ——— { half an Hour after anchored	Two slow, & Two Do.	Musquets	
6	{ —To Moor, or if before moored } { —To Unmoor ——— }	Two slow	Do.	
7	To Weigh	Three Do.	Do.	
8	To Tack	three { two quick } { one slow }	Drums or Bells according to the Tack	
9 10	To haul to the { Starboard Tack } { Larboard Tack } } Wind on the { — and 2 Min. after } { — and 2 Min. after }	Three preparative Two quick Three preparative Three flow	Drums ——— Page 27 Bells ———	2
Or if Lying-to when either of these Signals are made they import, “to make Sail on the same Tack.”			Drums or Bells according to the Tack	
N. B. The Admiral will not haul to the Wind, or make Sail, after Lying by, until ten Minutes after the Signal has been made, unless from sudden Necessity.				
11	To Ware, the Sternmost and Leewardmost Ships first in Succession, and continue in the same Situation, whether of Sailing, or Lying-to, as before	Four slow	Do. ——— Do.	
12	To alter Course to { Starboard } { — 2 Minutes after	Five slow, & one for each Point altered	Do. ——— Do.	
13	{ — Port } { — 2 Minutes after	Seven slow, & one for each Point altered	Do. ——— Do.	
14 15	To Lye to on the { Starb. Tack } { — 2 Minutes after } { Larb. Tack } { — 2 Minutes after }	Six slow, & Two quick Six slow, & Three Do.	Do. ——— Do. Do. ——— Do.	

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No.	SIGNIFICATION.	GUNS.	How answered.	Art. of Inf.
16	On discovering danger, make the proper signal for the Fleet to act as most expedient to avoid it, & five Minutes after fire, ———	eight flow —		
17	If in Distress, and in Want of immediate Assistance, ———	4 { two at 1/2 Minute Interval, and 1/2 Minute after two quick, and afterwards one every 1/2 hour 'till relieved. }		
18	On striking and sticking fast on a shoal, ———	{ many repeatedly with other Notice by Drums and Bells }		
19	How to act on a sudden shift of Wind, or change thereof to a different Point, after a calm. Vide Page 27 Art. 2 Fog Instruct.			
20	When a ship is taken a-back in Order of Battle or of failing to signify the same to the ship a-stern of her; which ship is to bear up, or otherwise to act, as most expedient to avoid the ship making this signal; & the ship taken a back (when not able to pay off & continue on the tack she was before upon) is to brace about, & stand as long as may be requisite on the other Tack, & afterwards resume her appointed station so soon as the same may conveniently be done. N. B. Signify the Tack upon by Signals 1 or 2.	3 Musquets } one after the other, quick. }		

TABLE of FLAGS.

To denote Numeral Signals from private Ships, and may be used by the Admiral occasionally.

(a) Substitute.									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	To Annul the preceding Signal, or that made herewith.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	*	28	29	30	31	
	32	33	*	34	35	36	37	38	
	39	40	41	42	43	*	44	45	
	46	47	48	49	*	50	51	52	
	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	

(a) N.B. The Substitute Flag is always meant to signify a Flag the same as that with which it is shewn. When hoisted *alone* by private Ships repeating Signals to or from the Admiral, it denotes that he has seen and answered the Signal made to him from any chasing or distant Ships.

70. Pendant

Substitute

Explanation,

LOOK for the *superior* Flag, when *two* Flags are hoisted *together*, in the upper Column; and the *inferior* (or Substitute) Flag in the lateral Column. The Number meant to be expressed will be found in the corresponding Square in the Table.

This Pendant being hoisted at the same Time with any of the Flags in this Table, imports that the Signal is then meant to express Number only; "as of strange Ships "seen." Soundings in Fathoms gained." &c. applicable to the Purpose of the Signal precedingly made, when private ships have need of making such communication to the Admiral. Latitude and Longitude to be expressed in the same manner, degrees first, minutes afterwards.

When the Admiral makes use of these Tabular Signals, they may be meant "interrogatively," or to express the Purpose they import, for the Information of the Fleet, *viz.*

When accompanied with a Pendant quartered Red and White they are meant "interrogatory" of the circumstance the signal indicates, addressed to the ship denoted by her distinguishing signal or Bearing from the Admiral. But when he makes use of these Tabular Flags, without being accompanied with this Pendant, they are then to be understood in their common Acceptation. And when he sees Occasion to annul the Appointment of such preceding Signal, or that made therewith, instead of the Yellow Flag to be shewn by private ships, he will use the annulling Flag, Page 9 for that purpose. The signal applicable to the Occasion will import an *Affirmative*, and the signal (48 Page 67) *Inability*, a *Negative Answer* to the Admirals Inquiries, in Reply from private ships.

	ADMIRAL—To speak with him. And is to be repeated by other ships discovering the signal, until observed by the Admiral; after which it is to be continued only by the ship in which it was first made. <i>Vide Page 68 Sig. 5</i>
	ANNUL—Denotes the preceding signal, or that made therewith, is no longer to be regarded. <i>Vide Table 60</i>
	ARTIFICERS—Of different Descriptions. The ship to which they are to repair to be distinguished by an English Jack at the Mizzen-top-mast Head. If made for this purpose by a Flag Officer, a common Pendant hoisted over it.
9	ASSISTANCE—Being in <i>immediate</i> Want thereof.
61	—————Having need of it in Battle.
10	ATTENDANCE—Needing it from other ships, for being seen in safety into Port.
2	ANSWER—To the Admiral's signal, and is to be kept a-broad until the Admiral's is taken in. —————To denote to distant ships that the Admiral has answered the signal made to him. <i>Vide N. B. (a) Page 60.</i>
11	BATTLE—That the ship is in Condition to renew the Action.
12	—————Not in Condition for that Purpose.
61	—————Having need of Assistance therein.
13	BOATS—Wanted to <i>Tow</i> , or to assist in <i>Distress</i> . <i>N. B. The ship to wear an English Jack at Mizzen-top-mast Head.</i>
	—————Of the particular ships, to return on Board. <i>Vide Wheft, Page 68 Sig. 6</i>
64	BOWSPRIT—Have sprung it.

14	CHASE—Is a Friend—	} <i>Vide Signals with Jacks, Page 68</i>
15	—————Is an Enemy	
16	—————That the Ship can come up with it, without losing Company.	
17	—————That the Ship can come up with the Chace, if permitted to part company.	
18	—————That the Ship cannot come up with it.	
19	—————Or Enemy, is of <i>inferior</i> Force to the chasing Ships	
20	—————Or—D°—is <i>superior</i> to the ships chasing, but inferior to the Fleet or Squadron united.	
21	—————Or Enemy, is <i>superior</i> to the Fleet or Squadron united. The ships discovering the same, are thereupon to return and join the Admiral.	
65	—————Have spoke, no Intelligence.	
66	—————Have spoke, and have Intelligence to communicate.—	
8	—————That the Signal is made to <i>leave off</i> .	
	COMPANY—Joining after Separation. <i>Vide Particular Instruction.</i>	
22	—————Not able to keep it. The Admiral is to be made acquainted with the Nature of the Disability, (Wind and Weather premitting) if necessary for the ships to quit the Fleet.	
23	—————Overpressed with Sail, and not able to keep your station on that account. N. B. Is to be repeated by intermediate ships occasionally, with one or more Guns, if necessary, 'till answered by the Admiral.	
	COMPASS— <i>Vide Page 71.—</i>	
80	CABLE—Has parted in Weighing.	
67	DAMAGE—Can be repaired at Sea.	
68	—————Cannot be repaired at Sea.	
78	—————Is repaired.	

- 24 DANGER—Discovering it. And may be denoted by the Bearing from the ship making the signal.
- 25 ————When necessary to give speedy Notice of it. With two Guns.
- 26 ————That particular ships, denoted by their Bearing, or distinguishing signals, are standing near or towards it.
- 9 DISTRESS—In Want of *immediate* Assistance.
- 27 ————Not in Want thereof.
- 22 ————And being obliged to part Company on that Account, though *not* wanting the Attendance of another ship. But the Admiral is to be first acquainted with the Cause for such Necessity, Wind and Weather permitting.
- 28 ————Being obliged to part Company on that Account, and needing the Attendance of another ship for being seen in safety into Port.
- 29 ————Striking and *Sticking* on a *Shoal*, with Guns fired until observed.
- 57 DISSENT—To denote the Admiral's to the purpose of any signal made to him from Distant or Chasing ships,
- 1 ENEMY ————To denote being in View thereof.
- To denote their Motions, if Tacking, Wearing, &c. by the appointed signal. *Vide* ships strange.
- 30 ————That the sternmost ships thereof, are not secured; with *one or more* Guns, until answered by one Gun from the next ship.
- 31 ————To signify that the ship making the signal can Weather them.

- 32 Fire Ships primed and ready to proceed on service,
- 70 INFORMATION—Have some I wish to communicate,
- 33 FLEET————Strange, have discovered it. And when answered, to be hauled down *once* for every *five* sail seen.
N. B. *Or may be made known by sails. Vide Page 51*
- 63 ————Strange, or sails seen are Cruizers, or of a suspicious appearance,
- 34 LAND————Discovered. The Bearing to be shewn by the proper bearing Flag,
- LINE————To *close* to the Centre, from the *Van*, the second *a-head*,
———Ditto——— from the *Rear*, the second *a-stern*
N. B. *To be made by signal Pendants, Page 48*
Art. 16 to 19
- 58 Lower Mast, to denote having sprung,
- 59 Having sprung a Top-mast,
- 35 LYE-by———Having Occasion to do it, to set up Rigging, or for any other Purpose, though the Fleet has made sail. And are permitted so to do, if not countermanded.
- MAN———That one has fallen overboard. To be denoted by a common Pendant at Ensign Staff
- 56 SAIL———To denote being ready to make sail after having had Occasion to Lye by; or having repaired damages,
- 71 MASTS———Lower are much wounded,
- 72 ————Topmasts Ditto Ditto,
- 73 Rigging, is much cut, and will take some time to ~~right~~ *refect*,
- 74 ————Is not much cut.

- 30 SHIPS—Sternmost of the Enemy not secured in Chace; with *one* or *two* Guns, until answered by *one* Gun from the next ship,
 ———Strange, to denote by the proper National Jack, the Country to which they belong,
 36 ———Seen, are of the Line; and when answered, to be hauled down *once* for every such ship discovered; or by a Numeral signal, if more convenient,
 37 ———Are Frigates; and when answered, the Number of Frigates to be denoted as before,
 38 ———Are Transports or Merchant ships,
 39 ———Are on the *Starboard* Tack, by the Wind,
 40 ———Are on the *Larboard* Tack,—ditto,
 41 ———Go *Large* with the Wind on the *Starboard* Quarter
 42 ———Ditto——ditto——*Larboard* ditto,
 43 ———That they *Lye-by*,
 44 ———Have made fail, if before brought to; or made *more* fail, if before standing on, by or from the Wind,
 45 ———Have shortened fail,
 46 ———Are at *Anchor*,
 60 To denote the Admiral's position after separation from him, when answered the Bearing may be shewn by proper Compass signal.

- 47 SICK ———For Permission to send them to the Hospital ship
 48 SIGNALS ———Inability to comply with the Admiral's
 49 ———That the Purpose of that made by the Admiral is not understood
 ———To denote to distant ships that the Admiral has answered the signal made to him. *Vide* N. B. (a) Pa. 60.
 50 SOUNDINGS Not finding Ground
 51 ———*Gained*, when above twenty Fathoms, to be hauled down *once* for every ten Fathoms. Being hoisted *half-up* denotes five Fathoms. But the Number of Fathoms is not to be so described, until the first made signal has been answered.
 52 ———*Under* twenty Fathoms. To be hauled down once for every five Fathoms, after the signal first shewn has been answered by the Admiral.
 53 ———*Under* ten Fathoms. and when answered as before, the signal is to be hauled down *once* for every *single* Fathom
 54 ———In *Shoal* Water. and when answered as before, is to be hauled down *once* for every *single* Fathom.
 55 TACK ———To denote that the Admiral has made the signal for that Purpose.
 13 TOW ———Needing assistance of *Boats* for that Purpose. The ship claiming it to wear an English Jack at the Mizen-top-Gallant-mast-head until the Relief is furnished
 Substi- TRUCE ———No Hostilities to be persevered in, or committed, whilst
Flag. this signal is continued a-board.
 62 VEER ———To aprize the ship astern, that the ship making this signal is about to veer Cable
 75 YARDS ———Have sprung a Lower
 76 DITTO ———Ditto a top-sail
 77 ———Lower are much wounded
 78 ———Top-sail Ditto—Ditto—Ditto,—

Signals with Jacks, Pendants, and Whefts.

Signal.	Colour.	JACKS.	PLACE.
1	English.	To be hoisted by the Ship to which the Admiral has signified by signal 119 Page 31 that the Boats, Officers, &c. previously summoned, are to be sent -	Mizen-top-gallant mast-head.
2	{Of any Nation.}	To denote by the proper National Jack, the Country to which strange ships belong - N. B. The Chace being of a Nation in Amity, the same may be denoted by an English Jack, if the Chacing Ship has no Colours on Board of that Nation. If the Chace is suspected to be an Enemy, it may (under similar Circumstances) be denoted by a Red Flag, or Jack of any Country in a State of Hostilities with Great Britain.	At Fore or Main-top-gallant-mast-head.
		PENDANTS.	
3	{Common British - }	To denote that the Ships Company are at Prayers - - - - -	Mizen-Peek.
4	Ditto - -	To denote that a Man is fallen Over-board - - - - -	Ensign-staff.
		WHEFTS.	
5		To speak with the Admiral. And is to be repeated by intermediate ships discovering it, until seen to be observed by the Admiral. After which it is to be continued only by the ship in which it was first exhibited - - - - - N. B. The Whefts to be made by any Flag, stopped only at the Head, the Fly loose.	Fore-top-gallant-mast-head.
6		For the particular Ship's Boat to return on Board. May be shewn according to the Distance, at the - - - - -	Main-top-gallant-mast-head, or Ensign-staff.

Where Pilot Vessels are necessary to be placed for directing the Navigation of the Fleet by day, those wearing an English Jack or Ensign at the Mast-head are to be left to Starboard, and those wearing a White Jack or Flag at the same place are to be left to Port.

By Night, those shewing two lights of equal height are to be left to Starboard, and those shewing two lights one under the other are to left to Port.

N. B. It is to observed that when returning back through the same navigation the Vessels wearing an English Jack or Ensign are to be left to Port and those wearing a White Jack or Flag to Starboard.

And the Vessels shewing two lights of equal height are then to be left to Port and those shewing two lights one under the other to Starboard.

COMPASS SIGNALS.

OBSERVATION. 71

North - - -	with	Red Pendant over.
N. by E. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
N. N. E. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
N. E. by N. - -	_____	Dutch — Ditto —
N. E. - - -	_____	Red Pendant under
N. E. by E. - -	_____	
E. N. E. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
E. by N. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
East - - - -	_____	Red Pendant over.
E. by S. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
E. S. E. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
S. E. by E. - -	_____	Dutch — Ditto —
S. E. - - -	_____	Red Pendant under
S. E. by S. - -	_____	
S. S. E. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
S. by E. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
South - - -	_____	Red Pendant over.
S. by W. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
S. S. W. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
S. W. by S. - -	_____	Dutch — Ditto —
S. W. - - -	_____	Red Pendant under
S. W. by W. - -	_____	
W. S. W. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
W. by S. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
West - - -	_____	Red Pendant over.
W. by N. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
W. N. W. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —
N. W. by W. - -	_____	Dutch — Ditto —
N. W. - - -	_____	Red Pendant under
N. W. by N. - -	_____	
N. N. W. - - -	_____	White — Ditto —
N. by W. - - -	_____	Blue — Ditto —

When any signal is accompanied with either of these signals expressive of a particular Point of the Compass, the Direction in which the ships are to proceed to carry the purpose of such signal into execution, is meant to be thereby denoted. — As when the signal is made to chace, to alter course, &c.

N. B. Strange ships being discovered (and so of any other Occasion when the Bearing is necessary to be made known), the Quarter is to be denoted by the proper Compass Signal; and when answered by the Admiral, the Compass Signal is to be hauled down once for each such strange ship seen:—Or the Number may be indicated by a Numeral Signal, as by Instruction. Page 61 of the Signals. And when any Signal is made to Chace, or otherwise requiring a Compass Signal to denoted the Point of Bearing to which such Signal relates, it is always to be understood of the Bearing from the Admiral, or ship in which the Compass signal is made; and the ship to which the signal is addressed is to regulate her Course accordingly.

Sig.	Instruct.		SIGNIFICATION.
	Page	Art.	
1			Boats to leave off <i>Chace</i> , and join their respective ships - - -
2	34	3	Ships to leave off <i>Chace</i> , and return to the Fleet - - -
3	39	4 1	To form the Order of sailing. But if the ships happen to be much separated at the time, they are to take their stations as most convenient to prevent separation, or <i>crossing</i> each other by Night - - -
4			The general <i>Answer</i> to be made to every signal, either by the Admiral, or private ships. It is to be shewn as soon as the Admiral's signal is observed, and kept a-broad until the signal is complied with - - - N. B. When the Admiral's Signal Lights are to be repeated, this single answering Light may be omitted.
5			To denote <i>Distress</i> , and Want of immediate Assistance. The nearest ship is to stay by that from which the signal is made for the Purpose thereof - - -
6			To <i>Unmoor</i> ; or to <i>Moor</i> , if then Unmoored - - -
7			To strike <i>Yards</i> and <i>Topmasts</i> ; or if struck to get them up - - -
8	35	6	To <i>Ware</i> , and continue <i>Sailing</i> or <i>Lying-to</i> on the other Tack according to the situation of the Fleet before. * The Lights to be repeated by Private ships, and kept abroad until the ships are come to the Wind on the other Tack - - - N. B. The <i>Sternmost</i> and <i>Leewardmost</i> ships are to <i>Ware</i> as soon as possible, and continue the same <i>sail</i> on other Tack.
9			For the Fleet to <i>Ware</i> together - - -
NIGHT SIGNALS.			
10			To prepare to Anchor - - - N. B. The Lights will be kept a-broad until the Admiral is anchored, unless he should previously see occasion to alter his Purpose of Anchoring, & denote the same, as for forming in sailing order, or for the Fleet to act in any other Manner indicating the continuance of the Course.
			To keep in <i>closer</i> Order, or nearer each other - - -
11	40	2	To <i>Tack</i> . The signal Lights to be repeated by private ships, and kept a-broad until the ships are come to the Wind on the other Tack. - - -
12	35 36 42	6 7 7	N. B. When in Order of Battle, the ships are to be prepared for complying with this signal in Succession, after the leading ship. And the same of the leading ships of each Column in sailing order. But when in Line of Battle, the Admiral will shew (to be repeated as before) - - -
12	43	8	Do—The Fleet together (Signal Lights to be repeated as before) - - -

No of Lights.	How disposed.	Place.	Guns.	False Fires.
—			Two quick	{ then Two burnt together
—			Four { Two quick Two quick	and one min. after
—			Three { One slow Two quick	
— One		Where most easily seen		
— One		{ Ditto—and continued abroad until relieved }	Three	{ At one Minute interval, and after Firing the last, Burn Three False Fires and then Fire One Gun every five Minutes until relieved.
— One		Main-top-masts shrouds	Two	
— One		Ensign-staff	One	
— One		Mizen-Peek	Four	
— One		Main-top-mast-head		{ Three slow and One more when the Admiral puts his Helm a Weather.
with Two LIGHTS.				
— Two	One under the other	Fore-top-mast-head	Two slow &	
	Ditto	half an hour after anchored	Two do—	
— Two	Ditto	Main-top-mast-head	One	or One
— Two	Ditto	Ensign-staff	One	
— Two	Ditto	{ Ditto—and two more lights at the bowsprit end }		
— Two	Ditto	{ Ditto—Ditto—		{ Two preparative and One more when the Admiral puts into Stays.

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14	41	4	To make Sail when Lying-by, the Headmost ships first. } The Lights to be repeated by private Ships - - - }
15	39	1 (a)	To form in Line of Battle a head as from the accidental } situation of the ships they can be placed then most conveniently }
16	41	5	To make <i>more</i> Sail. To be repeated by private ships
17			To <i>Weigh</i> . The outermost ships first in <i>Succession</i> , Each } private ship is to keep a Light a-broad, until the Admiral } has taken his station a-head, to lead the Fleet - - - }
18	35	6	To signify in thick and stormy Weather, on which <i>Tack</i> } the ship making the signal, is then standing - - - }
19			To <i>Cut</i> or <i>Slip</i> . And the Admiral will shew his proper } <i>distinguishing</i> Lights at the same Time - - - - - }
20			To speak with ships <i>a-head</i> successively, until the signal } is taken in - - - - - }

(a) This signal to continue in Force until the signal for forming in Order of Sailing is made.

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21	40	3	To keep in more <i>open</i> Order, or farther distant from } each other. And the Lights will be kept a broad until the } nearest ships are separated to the requisite Distance - - }
22			To speak with the ships <i>a-stera</i> successively, until the } signal is taken in - - - - - }
23			For a <i>Lieutenant</i> from each ship. It is to be understood } of the Admiral's Division only, when made at the same } Time by other Flag-Officers - - - - - }
24	42	6	To <i>shorten</i> Sail. The Lights to be repeated by private ships
25	44	11	For the fleet to disperse and repair to the appointed rendezvous

No. of Lights.	How disposed.	Place.	Guns.	False Fires.
Two	{ One } at the	{ Main- } top-mast-head	Two quick	
	{ One }	{ Fore- }		
Two	Equal Height	over the Top Light	One	
Two	{ One } at the	{ Main- } top-mast-head	Two slow	
	{ One }	{ Fore- }		
Two	{ One } at the	{ Main- } top-mast-head	One	
	{ One }	{ Fore- }		
Two	{ One } at the	{ Wheather } Cat-head		
	{ One }	{ Lee }		
Two	{ One } at the	{ Main- } top-mast-head	Two	{ One by each ship } { at the Time of } { Cutting or Slip- } { ping. }
	{ One }	{ Fore- }		
Two	{ One } at each	{ Fore-top-sail-yard-arm		One

with Three LIGHTS.

Three	One over the other	Mizen ^{Main} top-mast-head	One	or	One
Three	D ^o	Mizen-Peek			One
Three	D ^o	Ensign-Staff	One	or	One
Three	{ Two, one under the other } { at twice the Distance } { or more than the for- } { mer are shewn a-funder }	{ Main- } top-mast-head	Two		
Three	One at each	Top-mast-head	4	{ Two quick and } { Two more Do. $\frac{1}{2}$ } { minute after the } { former }	


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26	35	3	For the ship making the Signal for seeing strange ships, to Chace or examine them. N. B. If requisite to denote the Quarter, it will be shewn by signal - - - - -
27		5	
28	35	6	For the Fleet to Chace. The ships being then to form occasionally & engage in Line a-head as they arrive up with the Enemy - - - - - To be shewn occasionally, to denote whether meaning to keep the Wind to bear up when crossing another ship on different Tacks - - - - - <small>N. B. The Extra Light is to be shewn over the Weather CAT-HEAD, if meaning to Bear-up. But over the LEE Cat-head, if meaning to keep the Wind of the other ship.</small> To denote the different Quarters of the Compass; and presently after the Lights have been shewn, if meant of the N. E. Quarter, the two lower Lights will be hid Once N. W. Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - Twice S. E. Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - Three Times S. W. Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - Four Times at distinct Intervals - - - - -
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30	43	9	To engage the Enemy as the ships have opportunity in the closest manner. N. B. If formed in regular Order of sailing when this signal is made the Column or division nearest the Enemy will be prepared to engage on joining. The other Column being to act conformably to the purpose of the signal as circumstances permit.
	44	10	
31			Being disabled in Battle. N. B. Assistance is to be given by the nearest Ships - - - - -
32			To Bear-up and sail Large or before the Wind. The Lights to be repeated by private ships - - - - -
33			For armed Boats to Chace. The Quarter shewn if requisite - - - - -
34			Wanting the Assistance of Boats to Tow. And the Boats from the nearest Ships are to be sent forthwith - - - - -
35			To come-to and Sail by the Wind on the Starboard Tack Larboard

N. B. In Order of Battle, when necessary to make this Signal, the ships are to be prepared for complying with the Purpose of it in Succession, after the leading Ship*. And the same is to be observed of the leading ships in the different Columns in sailing Order. Signal Lights are to be repeated by private Ships.



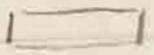

* When the Admiral fires another Gun.

No of Lights.	How disposed.	Place.	Guns.	Falfe Fires.
Three	equal Height.	{ where most easily seen, } { by the Ship referred to }	—	One
Three	Ditto	Ditto	Two	—
Three	{ One — at each } { either of the other, } { Wind or Bear up }	{ Cat-head, and one-over } { is meaning to keep the }	—	—
Three		{ Where most easily seen, } { themizen-peek excepted }	—	—

With Four LIGHTS.

Four	{ Two one over the other } { similar ditto, but at } { more than twice the } { distance the two for- } { meras well as these } { last are shewn from } { each other. }	Main-top-mast-head	—	—
Four	one under the other	Where most easily seen	—	—
Four	{ Two } Ditto { } { Two }	{ Mizen-Peck } { Ensign-Staff }	One	or One
Four	equal Height	Where most easily seen	One	—
Four	Ditto	Ditto	Two	—
Four		Ditto	One	or One
Four		Ditto	One	or One

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36			To Bring-to on the $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Starboard} \\ \text{Larboard} \end{array} \right\}$ Tack. $\left\{ \text{---} \right\}$ N. B. The purpose of the signal is to take place in succession beginning with the sternmost ship, when the Admiral fires another Gun, in Order of Battle, or of sailing; and the Lights are to be repeated by private Ships.
37			To alter Course in succession, if to $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Starboard} \text{---} \\ \text{Port} \text{---} \end{array} \right\}$ And three Minutes after either of these signals have been made, an additional Light will be shewn, <i>once</i> for every Point to be altered from the Course before steered. But in tempestous or thick Weather the Number of Points will be denoted by firing an equal Number of Guns, at distinct Intervals of time. When in Line of Battle the Number of Points will be denoted by firing an equal Number of Guns; and the leading ship is to alter Course <i>five</i> Minutes after it has been so indicated.
38			For Transports or ships under Convoy to disperse - - -
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39			Discovering Land. The Quarter may be occasionally denoted --- On discovering Danger. The Admiral will make the $\left\{ \text{---} \right\}$ Signal for the Fleet to act as seems most effectual to avoid $\left\{ \text{---} \right\}$ it, and immediately after shew - - - - -
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No of Lights.	How disposed.	Place.	Guns.	Falfe Fires.
Four		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Where most easily seen} \\ \text{--- Ditto ---} \end{array} \right\}$	Two quick	} or Two
			Two Ditto	
Four		Ditto	Three slow	or Three
Four		Ditto	Three Ditto	or Three
Four	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Two} \\ \text{Two} \end{array} \right\}$	one under the other $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Fore} \\ \text{Main} \end{array} \right\}$ top-mast-head	Four $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Two quick} \\ \text{Two more} \end{array} \right\}$	and in $\frac{1}{2}$ Min. } Ditto

With Five LIGHTS.

Five	equal Height	Where most easily seen	One if the	} Urgency
Five		Ditto	Two	



The different Intervals of Time between the signal Guns.

Slow Time, 20 Seconds between each Gun.
 Common Time, 6 ditto ditto.
 Quick Time, $1\frac{1}{2}$ ditto ditto.

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			N. B. When two or more Lights are shewn, they should be put as far asunder as conveniently practicable, to render them distinct.
1			To be made in Answer, to denote seeing the Admiral's Signals N. B. The Light is to be shewn as soon as the Admiral's Signal is observed, and to be kept a broad until the Purpose of the signal has been complied with; except in Instances when the Repetition of the Admiral's Signal Light is necessary.
2			To denote Distress and Want of immediate Assistance
3			To be carried by ships ordered a-head of the Fleet during the Night
4	36	8	To denote Soundings gained. And when answered by the Admiral is to be hauled down and hoisted, once successively, for every five Fathoms Depth: One Light hoisted at the Ensign staff, (the two others being kept abroad,) and hauled down successively, denotes single Fathoms
5			To denote being Over-pressed with sail, and not able to keep Company
6	35	6	To denote the Tack on which you are standing in thick or bad Weather, on the Approach of a ship steering a different Course
7	34	4	That the Chace is discovered or suspected to be any Enemy
8			To denote having Occasion to Lye-by after the Fleet has made sail
9			To speak with the Admiral
10	33	2	On seeing strange ships of inferior Force to the Fleet. And when answered from the Admiral, by Signal 4 Page 72 an additional Light is to be shewn successively once, for every strange ship seen. The Bearing is then to be denoted by hiding the two lower Lights, Once— if to the—N. E. Twice— N. W. Three Times— S. E. Four Times— S. W. } at distinct Intervals
11	35	6	When working to Windward, or on other necessary Occasions to denote keeping the Wind, or meaning to Bear-up, when crossing another ship on different Tacks
12			Being disabled in Battle
13			Wanting the Assistance of Boats to Tow. The Lights to be kept abroad until the ship has been suitably assisted N. B. The Boats to be sent from the nearest Ship.


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No of Lights.	How disposed.	Place.	Guns.	Falfe Fires.
—One		Where most easily seen—	—	—
—One	{ continued abroad until relieved — }	— Do —	Three Guns at one Minute interval and after firing the last, one every five Minutes till relieved — }	
—One		Mizen-Peek—		
—Two	—equal-Height—	Mizen-Peek—		One
—Two	—Do—	Where most easily seen—	Two	
—Three	{ Two at the Weather— One at the Lee— }	Cat-head—		
—Three	{ Two equal Height One — }	Mizen-Peek— Ensign-Staff—	One	or one false fire when likely to be equally conspicuous. }
—Three	One over the other	Fore-topmast Shrouds— Where most easily seen— except at Mizzen-Peek }		One
—Three		{ When most visible to the Admiral, and as little as possible to the strange Ships }		
—Three				
—Three	{ Two one over the other at one — One—at the other — }	Cat-head { N. B. The Lights first mentioned will be at the Weather Cat-head, if meaning to Bear-up, but at the Lee Cat-head, if to keep the Wind— }		
—Four	One over the other	Where most easily seen—	One	
—Four	—equal Height—	—Do—	Two	


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14			On discovering <i>Land</i> . The <i>Quarter</i> may be occasionally denoted
15	36	8	On discovering <i>Danger</i> . Make the Signal for the Fleet to act as most effectual to shun the <i>Danger</i> , and immediately after shew
16	33	2	On seeing <i>strange</i> ships of superior Force to the Fleet, shew Lights And proceed forthwith to join the Admiral for making known the Particulars of the Discovery
17			When a ship is taken aback in Order of Battle or of sailing, to signify the same to the ship-afters of her; which ship is to bear-up, or otherwise to act, as may be most expedient to avoid the ship making this signal; and the ship taken aback (when not able to pay off and continue on the Tack she was before upon) is to brace about and stand as long as may be requisite on the other Tack, and afterwards resume her appointed station as soon as the same may conveniently be done. See also Night Signal 6. Page 80. and Instruction, Page 35. Art. 6.
18			Do At Anchor that a Ship has parted or going to veer Cable.

by PRIVATE SHIPS.

No of Lights.	How disposed	Place	Guns.	False Fires.
Five	equal Height	Where most easily seen	One if	requisite
Five	Ditto	Ditto	Two quick	
Five		Where most visible to the Admiral, and as little as possible to the strange Ships		
				One, burnt abast.
				One, burnt abast.
Shew Lights				

For
Lieut. John Bull
Acting Captain of
His Majesty's Ship
La Sybille
By Command of the Commander
in Chief. J. Brannan

Given under my hand on
board His Majesty's Ship Suffolk
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