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October 25

1715

Boatswaines of the 5th Rate shipps in harbour to be Supplied W^h Armes &c taking their Indents To Exchange 667 Musq^{tts} in Y^e Stock for serviceable Arms

Date stamped 25/OC

For

M^r Hooper Storekeep^r

Commissioner Sir Isaac Townsend

for the Office of his Majesties Ordnance att Portsmouth

M^r Hooper

In answer to Yrs letter of the 22nd inst. Wherein you inclosed Com^r Townshends let^r supplying the 5th Rates wth a Proportion of Arms Powder & Shott (at Portsmouth) for their necessary security Defense in case of any attempt & proposing the Boatswains Indenting (since there are no Gunners) who shall be answerable (in case a of any deficiencies) out of their Wages, I'm commanded by the Board to acquaint you that they would have you furnish them wth Powder &c^a & send up an acc^t of the stores you supply'd, that the Navy Board may be writ to you upon that subject accordingly wth the Names of the respective purSory, that Indent for ye sauce you are in pursuance of the ordrs recd by ye Board from The Lords Com^r of the Admiralty to deliver to the proper Officer of the Dockyard at Portsmº 667 sea service Musquetts & receive the like Number in Lieu but not give any directions for their being repaired, & send and acc^t of their Condition. I am

> S^r Y^r most humble servant **Bell jones**