

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c. and of all his Majesty's Admirals &c.

Whereas we have determined that no guns shall be henceforth be fired for Salutes but from the Upper Deck, Quarter Deck or Fore Castle, and that Hoops shall not exceed a Lother or Six Bundred, except on board Flag Ships; and that on such Case the Guns shall not exceed Hoops of Nine Bundred. And the Principal Officers of the Ordnance having, upon advising wth the Flag Officers of the Fleet, represented that the following allowance of Powder may be sufficient on such occasions, provided the Guns be well Minded viz:

For a nine Bundred — Four pound
 An eight — — — Three pound six ounces
 A Six — — — Three pound
 A five and a Quarter — Two pound six ounces

We do hereby direct and require you, strictly to conform your self thereto, so when you shall have occasion to fire any Guns for Salutes, if you are in no otherwise to do, but at such time, as are allowed of by former Instructions from this Board.

To the respective Captains and Commanders of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels

By Command of their Lordships

Alterations that may be made for the present Service till other Orders can be provided.

st. December 1777

Round Shot — for Cannon Services added 20 rounds for the Lower Tier & 20 Round for the Upper Tier and the same for Foreign Service.

Round Shot — 2/3 more till the Grape Shot are made

Public Hoops } 3 Rounds to be Reduced —
 Hammered Shot }
 Tinned Cast Iron } 3 Rounds to be Reduced —
 wth Musket Shot }

Bars of Iron All Reduced —
 Linnel of plate All Reduced —
 Match — A Quarter part Reduced —
 Long and 3/4 pikes all Reduced —
 Short pikes — To be continued till 2/3 Musket can be provided with Bayonets.

Bills — All Reduced —
 Hatchets — To be continued till Pole Axes can be made —
 Sheet Lead all reduced & only known of Lead to be used, viz 12 lb
 Ladle Hooks half to be reduced —
 Port Hooks — All reduced —
 100 lb to be reduced
 20 lb }
 10 } 1/2 to be reduced
 6 }
 4 } all to be reduced
 2 None but large Tacks in Use —
 Sheep skins — 1/2 to be reduced —
 Starch — — 2/3 to be reduced —
 Linstocks — All reduced —

Musquettoons - Reduced according to the following Table

Musquets } An addition of these is made to the covered
 Pistols } Rates in Consideration of other Reducem^t
 Carouch boxes } according to the following Table viz

Proportion agreed to by the Flag Officers
 the st. December 1777

Rate of Ships	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Musquettoons	150	120	90	90	70	60	50	40	40
Musquettoons	at	at	at	at	at	at	at	at	at
Pistols	36	30	20	20	15	14	12	10	10
Swords	140	120	80	80	50	50	50	40	50
Pole Axes	50	50	50	50	40	40	35	25	20
Short pikes	40	35	30	30	18	18	18	18	12

Order of the Board of Ordnance for the Reduction of the Fleet's Stores

Ordered by the Board of Ordnance

the 10th of December 1777

January 1718

Orders settled by the
Lords of the Admiralty
Ordnance & Navy Board
Proportion for y^e Guns

By the CommiSsioners for executing the
Office of Lord High Admiral of Great
Britain and Ireland &c and of all His
Majesty's Plantations &c

Whereas we have determined that no Guns shall be henceforth be fired for Salutes but from the upper Deck, Quarter Deck or Fore Castle, and that those shall not exceed a Saker or Six Pounder, except on board Flagg Ships; and that in such CaSe the Guns shall not exceed those of Nine Pounders: And the Principal Officers of the Ordnance having, upon DdviSing wth the Flagg Officers of the Fleet repreSented, That the following allowance of Powder may be Sufficient on such occaSions, provided the Guns be well Wadded Viz:

For a Nine Pounder	Four pounds
An Eight	Three pounds 6 ounce
A Six	Three pounds
A five and a Quarter	Two pounds 8 ounces

We do hereby direct and require you, strictly to conform yourself thereunto when you shall have occasion to Fire any Guns for Salutes w^{ch} you are in no otherwiSe to do, but at such time as are allowed of by former Instructions from this Board

To the respective Captains and
Commanders of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels

By command of their Lordships

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Alterations that may be made for the present service till other stores can be provided

31st December 1717

Round shott --		For Channel Service is added 20 rounds For the Lower Tyer & 30 Rounds For the Upper Tyer and the same For Foreign Service
Pounds Shott	}	1/3 ^d more till the Grape Shott are made
D ^o ble headed Hammered shott		
Tinn cases filled w th Musq ^{tt} shott	}	3 rounds to be Reduced
Bars of iron		
Funnels of plate		all Reduced
Match		A Quarter part Reduced
Long and ¾ pikes		All Reduced
Short pikes		To be continued till 1/3 ^d Musq ^{tte} can be provided with Bayonets
Bills		All Reduced
Hatchetts		To be continued till Pole Axes can be made
Sheet Lead		All Reduced & only Aprons of Lead to be deliv ^d : 12 by 10 Jry
Tackle Hooks		Half to be reduced
Ladle Hooks		10 \mathcal{P} only to be continued to each Rate
Port Hooks		All reduced
	}	40 ^d } 1/3 ^d to be reduced
	}	20 } ½ to be reduced
	}	6 } All to be reduced
	}	3 } None but Large Tacks in lieu
Nayles		
Sheep skinns		1/3 to be reduced
Starch		2/3 ^{Qs} to be reduced
LinStocks		All reduced

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Musquettoons – Reduced according to the following Table

Musquetts
Pistols –
Cartouch boxes
Swords -

} An addition of theSe is made to the several Rates in Consideration of other Reducemen^{ts}: according to the following Table Viz^t:

Proportion agreed to by the Flagg Officers
the 31st December 1717

Rates of ships	Gūns	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Musquetts	150	120	90	90	70	60	50	40	40
Musquettoons	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	2	2	2	2
Pistolls <i>P</i>	36	30	20	20	15	14	12	10	10
Swords	140	120	80	80	50	50	50	40	50
Pole Axes	50	50	50	50	40	40	35	25	20
Short pikes	40	35	30	30	18	18	18	18	12