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THE NAVY UNDER CROMWELL : ITS STRENGTH AND COST, 1654.¹

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THE CHARGE OF THE NAVY.

FOUR THOUSAND seamen, gunners, etc., will sufficiently man thirty-five ships of 30 guns; there being as many ships at sea usually below that strength as above, which numbers (as affaires now are) are a large winter guard; these at £3 10s. per head mensem a peice, amount in charge for the whole to £14,000 per mensem for 6 moneths - £84,000

The summer guard, 6,000 men for 52 ships, will cost per mensem £21,000 for 6 moneths- - - - - £126,000

Necessary charge to supply the stores of guns, shott, powder, match, and other necessaryes relating to the Navy per mensem £500, per annum £6,000 - - - - - £6,000

Necessary charges to be cast in yearly that the Navy may not decay for want of building and repaireing - - - - - £20,000

At the rate of £50 per head more, counting at £3 15s.—being the Parliament's charge in anno 1645—when shipps were hyred and victualls deare, I say for 4,000 in the winter, for 6,000 in the summer guard, the sum raysted is per annum £15,000 - - - - - £15,000

Add unto this one moneth's charges for the seamens pay according to the summer and winter number, there being 13 moneths in every yeare, supposing that one fleet goes out the day that the other fleet comes in, I say then there must be added one moneth's pay for 5,000 seamen, which is £18,750 - - - - - £18,750

The totall charge at the greatest rate amountetts to - £269,750

The moneys received yearly by the Customes in England are £400,000. The Forrest of Deane by shott, guns, and iron, payes the Navy yearly £4,000 and reserves the tymber to the State; see the Customes and the Forrest of Deane will overpay the Navy and Contingencies, besides what the men of warr may raise of forraigners, £134,250.

¹ From a contemporary MS. in the contributor's possession entitled:—"The Report of the Sub-Committee for the Revenue, anno 1654."

THE NAVY, 1654.
 GENERALL BLAKE'S SQUADRON.

	Men.	Guns.
George - - - - -	350	60
Andrew - - - - -	300	54
Unicorne - - - - -	300	54
Langport - - - - -	260	50
Plymouth - - - - -	260	50
Bridgwater - - - - -	260	50
Protector <i>alias</i> Worcester - - - - -	240	46
Newcastle - - - - -	180	40
Kentish - - - - -	170	40
Ruby - - - - -	160	36
Diamond - - - - -	160	36
Maidstone - - - - -	160	36
Taunton - - - - -	160	36
Foresight - - - - -	160	36
Hamsheere - - - - -	160	36
Améthist - - - - -	120	30
Princes Mary - - - - -	150	34
Elias - - - - -	140	32
Pearle - - - - -	100	22
Marmaduke or Meremaide - - - - -	100	22
Successe - - - - -	60	24
Hector - - - - -	35	16
Dolphin - - - - -	45	16
Sophia - - - - -	45	16
Hope - - - - -	40	14
Nonesuch, ketch - - - - -	30	10
Merlin - - - - -	60	12
Warwick, pinace - - - - -	6	3
Advice, pintce - - - - -	30	8
	4,241	919

GENERALL PEN'S SQUADRON.

Swiftsure - - - - -	350	60
Paragon - - - - -	300	54
Marston Moore - - - - -	280	54
Torrington - - - - -	280	54
Gloucester - - - - -	280	54
Lyon - - - - -	240	44
Indian - - - - -	220	44
Mathiours - - - - -	200	44
Portland - - - - -	160	40
Lawrell - - - - -	160	40
Dover - - - - -	160	40

GENERALL PEN'S SQUADRON—*contd.*

	Men.	Guns.
Great Charity - - - -	150	36
Heart's Ease - - - -	60	30
Discovery - - - -	50	30
Converyne - - - -	60	30
Catherine - - - -	60	30
Beare - - - -	160	30
Grantham - - - -	100	24
Selby - - - -	100	24
Halfe - - - -	60	28
Gillyflower - - - -	50	24
Rose Bush - - - -	50	28
Falcon, flyboate - - - -	50	24
Adam and Eye - - - -	50	20
Wester Gate - - - -	40	20
Sampson - - - -	40	20
Golden Cook - - - -	50	24
Tulipp - - - -	40	18
Cardiff - - - -	40	18
Pelican Prize - - - -	40	18
Little Charity - - - -	60	20
Falmouth - - - -	50	12
Hound - - - -	60	12
Martin - - - -	60	20
Marygold - - - -	60	20
Crow - - - -	60	20
Soe General Pen's Squadron contains in the whole 38 ships - - - }	4,230	1,108

The names of the shippes appointed for the Guard and to be Conveys (convoys):—

AT BRISTOLL.

Namptwich - - - -	240	36
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TO MORLAIX.

Welcome - - - -	200	40
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AT THE COLLIERY.

Sparrow - - - -	60	14
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IN THE DOWNES.

Speaker - - - -	240	48
Entrance - - - -	200	44
Weymouth - - - -	60	14

BETWEEN RAMAHEAD AND CAVE.

_____ - - - -	140	36
Tiger - - - -	130	34
Yarmouth - - - -	140	36

BETWEEN THE ISLES OF BASSES AND USHANT.

					Men.	Guns.
Pelican	-	-	-	-	140	36
Dragon	-	-	-	-	130	34
Eliza	-	-	-	-	130	34
Adventure	-	-	-	-	150	32

PYING (*sic*) OF CAPE DE HAGE AND CAPE HARFLEUR.

Tredagh	-	-	-	-	240	48
Newberry	-	-	-	-	240	48

GOVE CONVEY TO HAMBURGH.

Colchester	-	-	-	-	100	22
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NEWFOUNDLAND.

Reserve	-	-	-	-	140	36
Nightingale	-	-	-	-	100	22
Guist	-	-	-	-	120	32
Paul	-	-	-	-	100	28

IN THE MOUTH OF THE CHANNELL AND THE COAST OF BRITTANY.

Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	130	34
Saphire	-	-	-	-	130	32

IRELAND.

Nonesuch	-	-	-	-	130	32
Lizard	-	-	-	-	70	18
Fox	-	-	-	-	90	22
Greyhound	-	-	-	-	80	20
Catprice	-	-	-	-	30	8
Mayflower	-	-	-	-	70	20
Nicodemus	-	-	-	-	40	10
Truelove	-	-	-	-	40	12

SCOTLAND.

Providence	-	-	-	-	100	28
Primrose	-	-	-	-	100	22
Islipp	-	-	-	-	100	22
Briar	-	-	-	-	80	22
Bazing	-	-	-	-	100	22
Union	-	-	-	-	70	—
Satisfacion	-	-	-	-	100	29
Wren	-	-	-	-	50	12
Hare, ketch	-	-	-	-	50	10

NEW ENGLAND.						Men.	Guns.
Augustine	-	-	-	-	-	100	—
Church	-	-	-	-	-	100	50
Hope	-	-	-	-	-	100	—
AT WEYMOUTH.							
Essex	-	-	-	-	-	220	46
HERRING FISHING.							
—	-	-	-	-	-	100	22
JARSEY.							
Couvertine	-	-	-	-	-	120	32
COMEING INTO THE RIVER.							
Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	140	36
Advantage	-	-	-	-	-	100	26
AT NEWCASTLE.							
Plover	-	-	-	-	-	100	26
Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	90	24
Guiny	-	-	-	-	-	110	30
SEAEVERNE.							
Little President	-	-	-	-	-	80	26
Drake	-	-	-	-	-	60	12
HARWICH.							
Jarsey	-	-	-	-	-	140	36
PORTSMOUTH.							
Fairfax	-	-	-	-	-	250	40
Lyme	-	-	-	-	-	240	50
Centurion	-	-	-	-	-	140	36
Preston	-	-	-	-	-	140	36
Middleburgh	-	-	-	-	-	110	30
Old Warwick	-	-	-	-	-	80	22
IN SCILLYES.							
Deptford, shallopp	-	-	-	-	-	50	6
Hopewell, pintce	-	-	-	-	-	45	10

IN THE HOPE.

					Men.	Guns.
Bristoll	-	-	-	-	150	38
Phenix	-	-	-	-	140	36

AT CHATHAM.

Sovereigne	-	-	-	-	600	10
Resolucon	-	-	-	-	500	80
Tryumph.	-	-	-	-	300	50
James	-	-	-	-	300	50
Rainbow	-	-	-	-	280	52
Vauntguard	-	-	-	-	280	52
Advice	-	-	-	-	140	36
Gainsborough	-	-	-	-	140	36
Great President	-	-	-	-	130	34
Expedition	-	-	-	-	110	28
Constant Warwick	-	-	-	-	110	28
Mary, prize	-	-	-	-	120	27
Henric, pinace	-	-	-	-	25	7

AT WOOLWICH.

Nazeby	-	-	-	-	450	70
Marmaduke	-	-	-	-	160	42
Wildman	-	-	-	-	30	12

AT DEPTFORD.

Assurance	-	-	-	-	120	30
Paradox	-	-	-	-	60	14
Horseydowne, shallopp	-	-	-	-	50	6
Mary, flyboat	-	-	-	-	30	16