

ADMIRALTY, July 3, 1860.

NAVAL UNIFORMS.

The following is the description of the Uniforms which, in pursuance of Her Majesty's pleasure, are in future to be worn by the Officers, Seamen, and Boys of the Royal Navy, viz. :—

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

DRESS UNIFORM.

Coat.—Blue cloth, double breasted, ten buttons in each row, three inches apart across the breast; white collar sloped off in front, one and three-quarters inch gold lace of the Navy pattern along the top and front edges, and one inch lace along the bottom edge, coming partly on the coat; blue cuffs, with one and three quarters inch lace round the top; white slash pointed flaps in the sleeve with three small buttons, and one inch lace round the outside edge; four rows of five-eighths of an inch distinction lace round the sleeve above the cuff, at such distance from each other as place them within the length of the slash, *the upper row to form a circle, two inches diameter, in the centre of the top sleeve of all the coats of Officers of the Military Branch*; pointed blue flaps on the skirt, laced all round with one and three quarters inch lace, and three buttons under them; a row of one inch lace to encircle the hip buttons and form a point above them on the seam; and bottom of lappel and front and back edges of the skirt to be laced with the same; the skirts to begin at one-fifth the circumference from the front edge, and to be lined with white kerseymere; one button at the bottom of each plait.

Buttons.—Raised, gilt, and one inch in diameter, indented with a round rim, and within, an anchor and a cable, and a crown over between two wreaths of laurel; the small buttons to be half an inch in diameter.

Epaulettes.—Two gold epaulettes with embroidered straps, oak leaf and acorn pattern, with pearl crescent and edging, three stars within the crescent and one star on the strap, above it crossed batons surmounted by a crown; a double row of dead and bright loose bullions three inches long, and one inch and a quarter in circumference.

N.B.—The devices on all the Executive Officers' epaulettes to be embroidered in silver, according to patterns, except batons and swords, which are to be solid.

Trowsers.—Blue cloth, with one and three quarters inch gold lace down the outside seam, to be worn over boots, between the 1st October and the 30th April; and white duck, over boots, between the 1st May and 30th September.

Cravat or Stock.—Black silk.

Hat.—Cocked; the flaps eight and a half inches in the back, seven and a half inches in the front, five and three quarters inches at each corner, bound with gold lace two inches wide, showing one inch on each side. Black silk cockade, five inches wide, looped with six gold dead and bright bullions, three and a half eighths of an inch wide, the two centre twisted, with a button of the same size and pattern as that on the coat; and tassels with five gold and five blue bullions each.

Sword.—The hilt solid, half basket guard, with raised bars and crown and anchor badge, lion-head back piece, white fish skin gripe, bound with three gilt wires; outside length, five inches and three quarters; inside length, four inches and a half. The blade slightly curved, thirty-one inches

and a quarter long, and one inch and three-eighths wide at the shoulder, with a flat back and the blade ground hollow to within eleven inches of the end, with a double-edged spear point.

Scabbard.—The top and middle lockets to be four and three inches and a half long respectively; to have loops and rings, and to be ornamented with embossed oak leaves in bas-relief; the chape to be seven inches and a half long, and to have oak leaves, as above, round the upper part, and a honeysuckle ornament at the end.

Sword Knot.—Blue and gold rope, twenty-three inches long, with ditto ditto vellum basket-work head, and twelve gold bullions; a piece of the same sort of cord, fourteen inches and three quarters long, is to be fixed to the hilt, to which the knot is attached.

Sword Belt.—Blue morocco leather, lined, full one inch and a half wide in the girdle; single, *one inch wide*, sword slings on carriages; the whole embroidered in gold, with oak leaves and acorns down the middle, and margined with a straight line near each edge. Gilt mountings with circular clasp in front, two inches diameter laurel embossed edges, crown, anchor, and laurel on the centre; embossed carriage buckles, plain girdle buckles and rings, the latter one inch and three quarters diameter in the centre; a plain strong gilt hook attached to the ring to suspend the sword short.

UNDRESS UNIFORM.

Coat.—Blue cloth, double breasted, eight buttons in each row, with padded turn-down collar; pointed flaps with three notched holes, and buttons under; round cuffs, with three buttons, the sleeves laced the same as the full dress coat, omitting the slash.

Buttons.—The same.

Epaulettes.—The same as in dress.

Waistcoats.—White or blue cloth, or kerseymere, single breasted, with small buttons.

Trowsers.—Blue cloth, with or without gold lace on the seams; in warm climates, or on the home station in summer, Officers may wear white duck.

Cravat or stock.—Black silk.

Hat.—The same, or without lace.

Sword.—The same.

Scabbard.—The same.

Sword Knot.—The same.

Sword Belt.—Black morocco leather, of the same width as in full dress, but without embroidery, with round slings; the mountings and edges to be the same as in dress.

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