

Article 4.—A British ship or vessel of war meeting at sea a Foreign ship of war bearing the flag of a Flag Officer, or the broad pendant of a Commodore, commanding a station or squadron, and superior in rank to the Officer of the British ship or vessel, she shall salute such Foreign Flag Officer or Commodore with the number of guns to which a British Officer of corresponding rank is entitled, upon being assured of receiving in return gun for gun.

Article 5.—Her Majesty's ships or vessels shall not, on any account, lower their top-gallant-sails, nor their flags, to any foreign ships or vessels whatsoever, unless the foreign ships or vessels shall first, or at the same time, lower their top-gallant-sails or their flags to them.

§ VII. *Miscellaneous.*

REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO SEC. VII.

Article 1.—None of the salutes authorized by these Instructions shall be fired from ships of war without due communication, by signal or otherwise, being made to the Naval Commanding Officer present, except in cases of salutes in compliment to such Commanding Officer himself.

Article 2.—Such of the authorities mentioned in the foregoing Instructions as may, from their rank and appointments, be entitled to be saluted in more than one capacity, shall be saluted under that rank