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Neutrality to
be observed
with belligerent
Powers.

Great care is to be taken on all occasions to maintain the most perfect neutrality with regard to powers carrying on hostilities. The subjects of any belligerent power are not to be received on board for conveyance from one place to another, without the express permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

9.

Mexican Citi-
zens connected
with Slave
Trade.

Mexican Citizens convicted of being concerned in the carrying on of the Slave Trade, have been declared Pirates by the Government of that Republic, and pursuant to the 5th Article of the Law to the above effect, (dated 8th August, 1851), San Blas has been named as the port to which any prizes made in the Pacific are to be taken.

10.

Exercises and
Evolutions.

In order to keep the crews of the respective ships efficient in the general evolutions and exercises of a Fleet, every alternate Friday is to be appropriated to that duty, the nature of which will be directed by Signal from the Flag or Senior Officer's Ship

This order is to be duly observed by Ships of the squadron on detached service.

As a general rule sails are to be loosed for Exercise twice a week, viz., on Monday and Thursday. During wet weather they are to be loosed as circumstances may require.

11.

Return of
Exercise.

A Quarterly Return of Exercise is to be forwarded for my information, according to the Form No. 2, in the Appendix, in which the time taken is to be noted.

12.

Scrubbing
Hammocks and
Clothes.

As a general rule in the Squadron, Hammocks are not to be scrubbed oftener than once a fortnight. The men are not to be allowed to wash their clothes over night.