

the Registrar General of Seamen, with Form RV 41, to the Registrar of Naval Reserve, who will, when the conditions named above have been complied with, deliver the Warrant to the Officer Commanding the ship on the completion of the engagement of the crew, and will obtain the receipt of the Officer Commanding on Division B of the Form RV 41, and return the Form to the Registrar General of Seamen.

3. If the conditions are not complied with, the Warrant, whether the ship carries guns or not, and the Form RV 41, are to be returned to the Registrar General of Seamen, with a statement in Division D of the reasons why the Warrant has been withheld.

4. Registrars of Naval Reserve are to write on the Agreements of ships authorized to wear the Blue Ensign, under the name of the ship, the words "Authorized to wear the Blue Ensign," and are to sign their names thereto.

5. The conditions under which the Blue Ensign is *not* to be worn during the voyage are as follow :—

(a.) If from any circumstances both of the Officers of the Naval Reserve named in the Warrant are removed from the ship, or if either of the Officers named in the Warrant is *not* in command of the ship, then the Blue Ensign is *not* to be worn.

(b.) If the number of Naval Reserve men on board is less than the number regulated, then the Blue Ensign is *not* to be worn, except under special circumstances to be decided upon by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, unless it can be shown by the endorsements on the Agreement, or by entries in the Official Log, that the reduction in the number is caused by death, sickness, desertion, or joining a British man-of-war, or some unavoidable casualty.

6. Officers Commanding Her Majesty's ships abroad, British Consuls in Foreign Ports, and Customs Officers in British Possessions abroad, are empowered to ascertain that ships carrying the Blue Ensign are provided with an Admiralty Warrant, and that the foregoing Conditions and Regulations are complied with.

7. If it should be found that although the ship is provided with an Admiralty Warrant, the Regulations respecting Officers and Crew are not complied with, the Admiralty Warrant should be obtained and transmitted with the Report to the Admiralty or Registrar General of Seamen, as the case may be.

8. If it is found that the ship is flying the Blue Ensign *without* an Admiralty Warrant, the Blue Ensign should be seized, and the case