

uniform is more especially bound to attend to those executing the orders of the proper Authorities, Military or Civil, and for the credit of the Service, whose uniform he wears, to be courteous, forbearing and gentlemanly in his deportment.

3.

Altercation
with Military
or Police
Authorities
forbidden.

No officer or other person is to dispute the orders of a Sentinel, or to approach him when ordered to keep off, or to enter into altercation with any of the Military or Police authorities; but, if he has complaint to make against such persons, he is to represent the same to his Captain, in order that such proper redress may be obtained as the circumstances of the case may require.

4.

Protection of
Consuls British
Subjects and
their property.

Consuls and Vice Consuls are entitled to protection from the Governments of the Countries or States in which they reside; but the Captains of Her Majesty's Ships are not authorized to exact promises from the Authorities that the persons and residences of Consuls and Vice-Consuls should be held inviolate, nor does Her Majesty's Government claim a right to interfere on behalf of persons, not being British subjects, except on the score of humanity and where life is in imminent danger.

In cases where a British Naval Force may be present, but where none of any other nation is available, it is the duty of British Authorities, except in extreme cases, to confine themselves to the protection of British persons and property.

5.

Reception of
Refugees.

Persons flying from justice on a Criminal charge, or who are escaping from the sentence of a Court of Law, should not be received; but a British Man-of-War has always, and everywhere, been considered a safe place of refuge for persons, of whatever country or party, who have sought shelter under the British Flag from persecution on account of their political conduct or opinions; and this protection has been equally afforded, whether the Refugee was escaping from the arbitrary acts of a Monarchical Government, or from the lawless violence of a Revolutionary Party.