

of promotion. It bears, in round numbers, 279 Flag Officers, 466 Retired Captains, 753 Retired Commanders, 164 Lieutenants, 105 Staff Commanders, and considerable numbers of many other ranks, so many, indeed, as to occupy 22 more pages of the Navy List, those already enumerated occupying about 40 pages.

We will conclude with a short summary of the effective vessels on the active list, including only such as may be regarded as perfect men-of-war in their several classes. We find, besides several floating-batteries, at Bermuda and elsewhere :

Sea-going Iron-Clads	-	-	46
Steel and Iron Corvettes cased with wood	-	-	14
Screw Corvettes	-	-	33
Screw Sloops and Gun Vessels	-	-	75
Remains of the great fifties	-	-	14
Efficient Screw Liners (say)	-	-	15

Total efficient fighting ships 197

The total number of ships in commission and in ordinary on the active list is about 300. There are at the great home naval

stations of Portsmouth, Devonport, Chatham, and Sheerness, respectively, about 46, 49, and 27 vessels, exclusive of mere hulks, tugs, and gun-boats.

Ships on foreign stations are distributed as follows :—

Mediterranean	-	-	23
North America and West Indies	-	-	14
South-east Coast of America	-	-	4
Pacific	-	-	9
China	-	-	27
East Indies	-	-	12
Australia	-	-	11
West Coast and Cape of Good Hope	-	-	9
Channel Squadron	-	-	5
East Coast of Africa	-	-	1
Coast Guard and Steam Reserve	-	-	8
Pembroke	-	-	5
Particular Service	-	-	7
Variously distributed round the British Coast	-	-	29
Total			164

The following is a list of the flag officers, their flag-ships, and the stations they command, which England finds it necessary to keep in employment.

STATIONS.	FLAG OFFICERS.	FLAG SHIPS.	
Portsmouth	Adm. Geo. Elliot	D. of Wellington	Three-decker.
	R. Adm. Sir F. L. McClintock, Kt.	Asia	Old 84.
Devonport	Adm. Sir T. M. Symonds, K. C. B.	Royal Adelaide	Old 104.
	R. Adm. Geo. O. Willes, C. B.	Indus	Old 78.
Nore	Vice-Adm. Henry Chads	Duncan	Three-decker.
Chatham	R. Adm. Chas. Fellowes, C. B.	Pembroke	Old 72.
Mediterranean	V. Adm. G. T. P. Hornby	Alexandra	Iron-clad.
	R. Adm. Ed. Bridges Rice	Triumph	Iron-clad.
Malta (Sup'dt)	R. Adm. W. G. Luard, C. B.	Hibernia	Old 120.
N. America & W. Indies	V. Adm. Sir A. C. Key, K. C. B.	Bellerophon	Iron-clad.
Jamaica	Comm. Algernon Lyons	Aboukir	Late 90.
China	V. Adm. Alfred P. Ryder	Audacious	Iron-clad.
Detached Squadron	R. Adm. Rowley Lambert, C. B.	Narcissus	Large frigate.
Hong Kong	Comm. Geo. W. Watson	Victor Emmanuel	Late 90.
Queenstown	R. Adm. H. S. Hillyar, C. B.	Revenge	Late 90.
Chan. Squadron	R. Adm. F. B. P. Seymour, C. B.	Minotaur	Iron-clad.
Pacific	R. Adm. Algernon F. De Horsey	Repulse	Iron-clad.
E. Indies	R. Adm. Reg'd J. Macdonald	Undaunted	Large frigate.
Australia	Com. Anthony J. Hoskins	Wolverene	Screw corvette.
C. of Good Hope & Coast of Africa	Com. Francis W. Sullivan, C. B.	Tourmaline	Screw corvette.

The two greater home ports are full admirals' commands, and they are aided and supplemented by a rear-admiral superintendent of the dockyard. Sheerness (the Nore), at the mouth of the Thames and confluence of that river with the Medway, is