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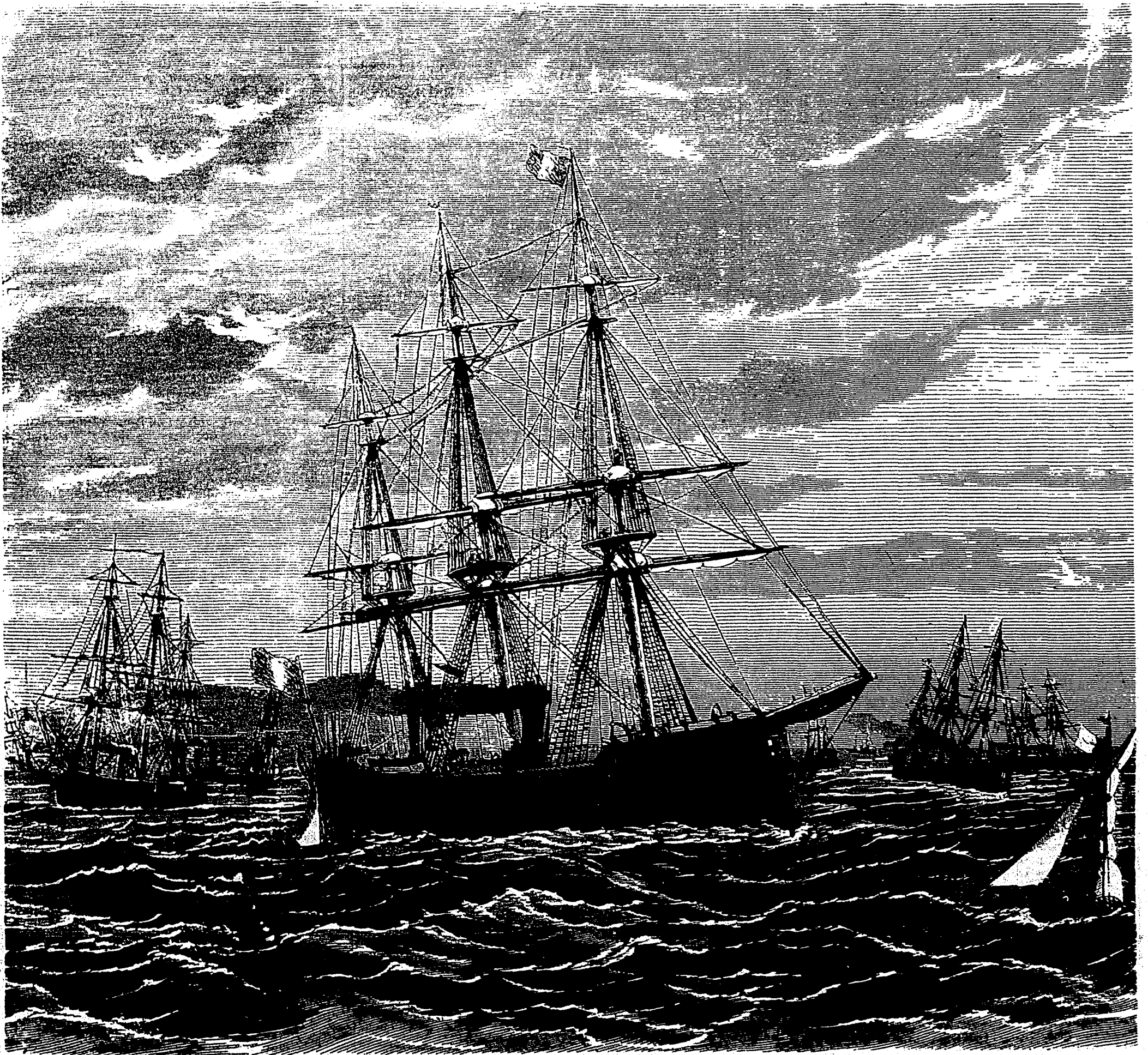
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"BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVES!"

This magnificent hyperbole must be familiar to most of our readers in association with the well-known assertion—wherein the word "never" rises in spasmodic *crescendo*, from the common-place tone of plain roman letter, to the agonizing shout of full-faced capitals—that "Britons

never, never, NEVER, NEVER shall be slaves!" Why should they be? There was Beales but yesterday, and there is Beasley to-day, and there has been Goldwin Smith for so long a time that he got out of date in England, and, fleeing to America, forgot his connection with the old land until he read Disraeli's *Lothair*, and candidly confessed himself the "social parasite" of the tale—these

and many others have, time and again, tried to persuade the Britishers that they are "slaves" now, and have been so for centuries! But they have not shaken the popular British faith in the existence of British freedom; nor could even the melancholy event of the sinking of the *Captain*, with five hundred precious lives, persuade one of her sons that Britannia does not now, as of old, hold



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