



EXERCISE

OF THE

Great Guns.

THE Guns are to be loaded with Powder and Shot, the Water-Tubs in their Places, the Matches lighted, the Crows, Handspikes, Spunge-Staves, and Rope Sponges, placed in Order by the Guns, and the Men at their Quarters.

Words of Command. **Observations.**

1.

Take Heed.

2.

Silence.

3.

**Cast off the
Tackles and
Breechings.**

4.

**Seize the Breech-
ings.**

5. **Take**

Words of Command. *Observations.*

5.

**Take out the
Tampion.**

6.

**Take off the
Apron.**

7.

**Unstop the
Touch-hole.**

8.

**Handle the Pri-
ming Wire.**

9. Prick

Words of Command. **Observations.**

9.

**Prick the Car-
tridge.**

10.

**Handle the Pow-
der-horn.**

11.

Prime.

12.

**Bruise the Pri-
ming.**

Words of Command. **Observations.**

13.

**Secure the Pow-
der-horn.**

14.

**Take hold of the
Apron.**

15.

Cover the Vent.

16.

**Handle your
Crows and
Handspikes.**

Words of Command. **Observations.**

17.

**Point the Gun to
the Object.**

18.

**Lay down your
Crows and
Handspikes.**

19.

**Take off the
Apron.**

20.

**Take your
Match, and
blow it.**

21. **Fire.**

Words of Command. **Observations.**

21.

Fire.

You must take care, that
the Guns do not touch the
Side of the Port, when you
fire.

22.

**Stop the Touch-
hole.**

23.

**Handle the
Spunge Staff.**

24. Spunge

Words of Command. **Observations.**

24.

Spunge the Gun.

In spunging the Gun, the Spunge is to be drawn backwards and forwards two or three Times, as well as pushed home strongly, and in taking it out, turn it round two or three Times in the Gun. Observe to strike your Spunge well on the Muzzle of the Gun, to cleanse it. If you make use of a Rope Spunge, observe to shift Ends, and have your Rammer Head at Hand.

25.

Handle the Cartridge.

26.

Put it into the Gun.

You must put the Cartridge in as far as you can reach with your Arm, the lower End first, and Seam of the Cartridge downwards.

27. Wad

Words of Command. **Observations.**

27.

**Wad to your
Cartridge.**

28.

**Handle the
Rammer.**

29.

Ram home Wad } Observe to give two or
and Cartridge. } three Strokes, to ram it well
 } home.

30.

**Unstop the
Touch-hole.**

Words of Command. Observations:

31.

Handle the Pri-
ming Wire.

32.

Try if the Car-
tridge be home.

33.

Draw the Ram-
mer.

34.

Shot the Gun.

35. Wadd.

Words of Command. **Observations.**

35.

Wadd.

36.

**Ram home Wadd
and Shot.**

37.

**Draw the Ram-
mer.**

38.

**Stop the Touch-
hole.**

39. Lay

Words of Command. **Observations.**

39.

**Lay on the
Apron.**

40.

Run out the Gun.

If you exercise the Lee Guns, and it blows fresh, you must keep one Tackle hooked to the Ring-bolt on the Deck, near the Comings, and the other Tackle hooked to the Ring, in the Train of the Carriage. But if you exercise the Windward Guns, keep both Tackles hooked to the Ship's Side, and the Train of the Carriage.

When you exercise the Lower Deck Guns, have your Port-Ropes or Port-Tackle Falls clear, to let fall your Ports in case of too much Wind, and Laniards to make them fast.

Always, after the Exercise is over, take care to have the Decks clean swabbed, that no scattered Powder be left.

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