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# William Hay's Indenture for HMS Alarm

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By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of  
 Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland,  
 &c. and of all His Majesty's Plantations, &c.

To Capt<sup>t</sup> William Hay hereby appointed  
 Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Alarm

*W*hereas by Virtue of the Power and Authority to Us given, We do hereby constitute and  
 appoint you Captain of His Majesty's Ship the  
 Alarm, Miting and requiring you forthwith to go on board and take upon  
 you the Charge and Command of Captain in her accordingly,  
 Strictly Charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company of the said  
 Ship to behave themselves jointly and severally, in their respective  
 Employments, with all due Respect and Obedience unto you their said  
 Captain, and you likewise to observe and execute the general and  
 Instructions, and such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time  
 receive from Us, or any other your Superior Officers, for His Majesty's Service,  
 Hereof nor you nor any of you may fail as you will answer the Contrary  
 at your Peril, And for so doing this shall be your Warrant: Given under  
 our hands and the Seal of the Office of Admiralty this Thirty First  
 day of May 1776 In the Seventh Year of His Majesty's  
 reign.

By Command of their Lordships,  
 O. Pitt Rivers

H. Burne  
 J. B. B.  
 W. Bellifor

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Height: 29 cm (11.4")

Width: 32.5 cm (12.8")

## Description

A partially printed and hand written Indenture from the Commissioners of the Lord High Admiral appointing Captain William Hay as Captain of HMS Alarm on the 31st of May 1776.

The Indenture is signed to the bottom By Command of Their Lordships Viscount Lisburne, the Earl of Penton and Sir H. Palliser. The first signature is difficult to read but maybe the Earl of Sandwich, First Lord of the Admiralty. The 32 gun Alarm was famous for being the first Royal Navy ship to be fully copper sheaved to the hull. Hay had already captained HMS Carysfort and Tamer before he took over the Alarm and had experience in the West Indies and Gulf of Mexico. He was on HMS Alarm for a year and the ship spent most of that time in the Mediterranean.

This indenture is a lucky survivor for its age. It is mounted on card. Dated 1776.

Image Size is given.