

William Hay's Indenture for HMS Alarm

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By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High. Admiral of Gnat Britain and Ireland Sr. And of all His Majesty's Plantations, &c. To Cap. William Hay hereby appointed I Virtue of the Dower and Authority tolls given, He de hereby constitute and appoint you Captain of Mis Majesty's Thick the in her accordingly? you the Charge and Command of Gra fortacion Thriefly Charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company of the said This is behave themselves joinily and severally in their respective Employments, with all due Respect and Obedience unto you their said To plain and you likewise to observe and carcute the General Simue Instructions, and such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time Peceive 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 unswer the Contrary) al your Serie, and for so doing this shall be your Warrant Given under day of Mary Type In the Sector the Year of His Majesty's Sugn. Command of their Lordships.

REF: 81932 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.

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