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SIGNAL-BOOK

FOR THE

SHIPS OF WAR.

DAY AND FOG.

1796.

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6	————	————	Not distinct or understood	—	—	—		
10	————	————	Made by the Admiral is misunderstood, or has } not been complied with	—	—	14		
Affirmative.	————	————	Seen and understood (Affirmative)	—	—	8		
137	————	————	Ships between the Admiral, and the Ships look- } ing for Land, to repeat	—	—	35		
139	————	————	Ditto, looking out a-head to repeat	—	—	36		
146	————	————	Ships in Chace, &c. to have Signals repeated	—	—	37	4 v	
Annulling.	————	————	To annul that made herewith (Annulling)	—	—	8		
.	————	————	General, refers to particular Ships only	—	—	48		
158	Shore	————	To keep farther off	—	—	39		
159	————	————	To keep closer in	—	—	—		

N ^o of Sig.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.		
		S.B. Pa.	Pa.	Art.
147	Sound — Particular Ships, on Bearing specified —	37		
148	————— To denote the Depth, or having no Ground —	-		
149	————— Ships between the Admiral, and Ships Sound- ing, to repeat —	-		
152	————— Make Sail a-head, and Sound, during the Night —	38		
150	Spread — One Mile distance relative Bearing —	37		
151	————— Two Miles distance ditto —	38		
4	Station — To keep in Line of Battle, or Sailing —	13	53	xxxii
115	————— Ship denoted to take her, a-stern of the Ship denoted —	32		
29	————— To interchange in ditto —	17	10	vi
30	————— To quit ditto —	-	43	xiii
70	————— To be taken without attending to Order —	24		
71	————— Commanders to take and lead their Squadrons —	-		
161	————— To return to it —	39		
162	Salute — At the Hour denoted —	-		
80	Tack — In Succession, Headmoft and Weathermoft Ships first —	26	11	viii
81	————— Leewardmoft, or Ships in Rear first —	-		
82	————— Whole Fleet together, or Divisions specified —	-		
83	————— To come to Wind on Starboard Tack in Succession —	-		
84	————— To haul Wind together on Starboard Tack —	-		
85	————— To come to Wind in Succession on Larboard ditto —	27	40	
86	————— To haul Wind together on Larboard —	-		viii
105	————— Ships in Chace before Admiral's Beam —	30		
106	————— Ditto — abaft — ditto —	-		

N ^o of Sig.	SIGNIFICATION.	S.B.		Instruct.	
		Pa.	Pa.	Pa.	Art.
153	Tenders — To come under the Admiral's Stern — —	38			
.	————— To speak with a particular Ship — —	-			
171	Time — To Regulate — — — —	41			
154	Tow — Particular Ships, as denoted — —	38			
155	————— Boats wanted for that Purpose — —	-			
18	Transports — To destroy, or disable the Enemy's — —	15			
.	Truce — Or Discontinuance of Battle — —	8			
157	Unmoor — The Fleet — — — —	39			
88	Wake — To keep in the Admiral's — —	27			
89	————— Ships to Windward more particularly — —	-			
90	————— Ditto to Leeward ditto — —	-	39		v
124	<i>Water</i> — To be sent to Ship Specified — —	33			
83	Wear — And come to the Wind in Succession on Star- board Tack — — — —	26	40		viii
84	————— When on Larboard Tack, and come to the Wind together — — — —	-			
85	————— And come to the Wind in Succession on Lar- board Tack — — — —	27	40		viii
86	————— When on Starboard Tack, haul Wind together on the Larboard Tack — — — —	-			
99	————— Come to the Wind together — —	29			
100	————— In Succession, Sternmost and Leewardmost Ships first — — — —	-			
97	Weigh — Outer Ships first — — — —	-			
178	————— <i>Leewardmost Ships first</i> — — — —	42			
113	Wind — To gain, or keep it of the Enemy — —	15			
83	————— To come to in Succession, on Starboard Tack — —	26	40		viii
84	————— To haul to, together on Starboard Tack — —	-			
85	————— To come to in Succession, on Larboard Tack — —	27	40		viii
86	————— To haul to together on Larboard Tack — —	42			
172	Yards — <i>To keep the</i> Topgallant to get up, or down — —	42			

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N. B. *The Arrows in the Plates denote the Direction of the Wind.*

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ALL Veffels laid upon Shoals in order to point out the Channel, will be diftinguifhed by a Red Flag, and a White Flag at their Maft Heads. Thofe with the Red Flag are always to be paffed, leaving them on the Starboard Hand; and thofe with the White Flag to be paffed, leaving them on the Larboard Hand.

EXPLANATORY INSTRUCTIONS.

I.

THE Signals are to be complied with by the Ships of the Fleet, *generally*, unless they are specially addressed to particular Ships, Squadrons, or Divisions, denoted by their proper distinguishing Signals shewn at the same Time, and to which such Signals are meant then only to relate.

II.

THE Signals will be generally made without Guns, when it may be done with the same Effect; unless when it happens that *Two* or more Guns are necessary to constitute a Part of the Signal, or that it does not appear to have been timely observed.

III.

THE Observance of Signals made to the Fleet, or to any Ships, Squadron, or Division thereof, is to be denoted in the Ships to which they are addressed by the Signal 7, Page 60; which answering Signal is to be kept abroad, until the Admiral's Signal is taken in, except in the Cases mentioned in Article IX, when the Commanders of Squadrons may substitute the Signal for the Execution of any Movement indicated by general Signal.

IV.

WHEN it happens that a Signal made by the Admiral, or by any Divisional Commander, is not sufficiently distinct, Notice thereof is to be given from the Ships concerned, by the Signal 9, Page 65; and when such Signals, not perfectly comprehended, respect Ships detached or distant from the Fleet, besides the Indication thereof to be given as above-mentioned, the Ships are to stand back towards the Admiral, or other Flag Officer making the Signal, until the Purport of it is fully understood. The answering Flag is then to be hoisted, and the Ship to proceed as before; or as any subsequent Appointment may express.

V.

DISTANT Ships, to which it is denoted in Reply that the Signal made to the Admiral is indistinct, are to return in like Manner nearer to the Admiral, until he has made known, by the proper answering Flag, that the Signal is then understood. The distant Ships will be thereupon to resume the Station or Service on which they were before employed, if not otherwise directed.

VI.

WHEN, either on account of the Distance of the Ships, to which the Admiral's Signals are addressed, the View of them being intercepted, or otherwise that they do not appear to have been timely regarded, Notice thereof should be given from any private Ship happening to be better situated for Observance, either by a Repetition of the Signal, or by the distinguishing Pendant of the Ship thrown out, to denote Inattention to the Admiral's Signals in that Ship.

VII.

WHEN the Admiral Tacks, Wears, Lies-to, makes or shortens Sail, &c. whether in consequence of the Signal put abroad for such Purpose, or otherwise, the Ships of the Fleet are to be regulated in the *timely* conforming thereto, as may best correspond with the Means to preserve or regain their appointed Stations, with suitable Expedition.

VIII.

WHEN the Signal has been made for forming in Order of Battle, for engaging the Enemy, or for any other Purpose, whereof it has been usual to keep the Signal flying as an Indication of the Time the Appointment was only to remain in Force, such Signals are to be deemed of equal Validity for regulating the Conduct of the Fleet, until annulled or countermanded by some subsequent Signal, although taken in, when duly noticed, as is generally intended.

IX.

ALL general Signals made by the Admiral are to be repeated by the different Flag Officers in the Fleet, but when the general Signal is made for an intended Evolution, the answering Flag may be taken in by the Commanders of Squadrons, so soon as they have substituted the preparative

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tive Signal for the Execution of the Movement indicated, conformably to the Instructions on the Movements, Page 29, Art. I. Inst. Book. Signals made to particular Ships are to be repeated, whenever it appears that the Admiral's Intentions may be thereby more expeditiously communicated to the Ships concerned. But when such Signal respects any Squadron or Division of the Fleet *separately*, it will be sufficient for the Commander thereof to indicate his Notice of the Signal by shewing the answering Flag; being at Liberty on such Occasions to postpone the Repetition of the Admiral's Signal, until he deems it expedient to direct the immediate Execution of the specified Movement or Purpose of the Signal, by the Ships under his Direction.

X.

PARTICULAR Care is to be taken by the several Commanders furnished with these Signals, that they may be timely destroyed, with every other Signal and Instruction given for the Conduct of the Fleet, for his Information, so that they may not fall into the Hands of the Enemy by the Capture or Loss of their Ships.

XI.

WHEN it is meant of the Appointments in this Signal Book, as for Ships to Chace, to keep their Stations in Order of Sailing, or of Battle, or any other Service, the Admiral may have Occasion by Signal to denote; and it is intended that any particular Flag Officer of the Fleet should direct the same of Ships in his Squadron or Division; the proper distinguishing Signal (Page 50), as for speaking with such Flag Officer, will be made therewith.

EXPLANATORY OBSERVATIONS

On the Use of the Triangular FLAGS.

I.

WHEN in the Order of Sailing, any of these triangular or divisional Flags are shewn *one over the other*, and any Movement by Signal directed at the same Time, the divisional Flag hoisted *uppermost*, denotes the Squadron or Division which is to make the Movement, by *hauling-up*, *edging-away*, &c. from the other indicated by the inferior divisional Flag.

II.

WHEN they are shewn in the same Manner with the Signals for forming in Line of Battle *a-head*, or on any other Line of *Bearing*, the distinguishing Flag hoisted *uppermost*, denotes the Squadron or Division of the Fleet appointed to take the Station, and become the *Van* of the Line, which is to be at that Time formed in a Succession of the Squadrons or Divisions, different from that assigned to them respectively in the established Order of Battle. The next *under* it, denotes the Squadron, &c. which is to form the *Centre*; and that under the Centre, the Squadron, &c. which is to constitute the *Rear* of the Line on that Occasion.

III.

WHEN they are shewn in the same Manner with the Signals for forming in *Order of Sailing*, it is intended that the Squadrons should be placed in a relative Position, different from the established Order of Sailing, the *uppermost* divisional Flag denotes the Squadron, &c. to be then placed to *Windward*, if sailing by the Wind, and to *Starboard*, if sailing Large. The Flag *next* the former, denotes the Squadron, &c. which is to form the *Centre* in both Cases; and that *beneath* it, the Squadron, &c. which is to be placed to *Leeward*, or to *Port*, under the same Circumstances.

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LASTLY, when no such special Notification is made of the Succession in which the several Squadrons or Divisions are to be relatively placed, in Order of Battle, or of Sailing; they are always to take their Stations therein, as appointed by the Form of Battle, or of Sailing, delivered.

Distinguishing Signals denoting particular Squadrons, Divisions, &c. of the Fleet, to which the General Signals when made therewith are meant solely to relate; and they will be shewn where most easily seen.





SIGNIFICATION.	Triangular Flags.	Pendants over Triangular Flags, denote the Divisions.					
		Red	White	Blue	Instruct.		
		Pa.	Art.				
<i>Van Squadron</i> under the Commander in the 2d Post.		1st Div.	2d Div.	3d Div.			
<i>Centre Squadron</i> under the Commander in Chief.		1st Div.	2d Div.	3d Div.			
<i>Rear Squadron</i> under the Commander in the 3d Post.		1st Div.	2d Div.	3d Div.			
Triangular Flags.	SIGNIFICATION.						
	<i>Starboard Division</i> of the Fleet, which includes all Ships stationed by the Order of Battle a-head in the Line, when formed on the Starboard Tack.						
	<i>Larboard Division</i> of the Fleet which includes all the Ships stationed a-stern of the Admiral, when the Fleet is formed in the same Manner.						
	<i>Separate Divisions</i> independent at the Time of each other. — Denoting that the Purpose of the Signal made herewith (as for altering Course the leading Ships of the several Divisions <i>first</i> , and the others of the same Division in Succession, &c.) relates to the Movements of the Fleet by separate Divisions.						
	<i>Detachment</i> of Ships having no Commander of a Division therewith.					39 46	vi xvii
	<i>Transports</i> of ^{or Ships} under Convoy.						

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SINGLE FLAGS, appropriated to particular SIGNALS, independent of the NUMERAL FLAGS.














Colour.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
	<i>Truce.</i>	—This Flag when hoisted <i>Singly</i> , is to direct the Discontinuance of Battle, and denotes Truce — — — — N. B. <i>It may be hoisted occasionally at the Fore-top-mast-head when to call in distant Ships not supposed to have these Signals.</i>	4	iv
	<i>Negative Answer.</i>	—Expressive of the Admiral's Notice of, but Dissent with respect to the Purpose of the Signal made to him. — — — — But when shewn under any of the Numeral Flags, it denotes a <i>Cypher</i> , consequently increases the Numerals in a ten-fold Proportion. Vide Page 12.		
	<i>Affirmative.</i>	—Denotes that Signals made to the Admiral are seen and understood, and gives Permission for any Purpose indicated for the Admiral's Approbation from the Ship to which the Answer is addressed. — — — —		
	<i>Annuls.</i>	—Annuls or countermands the Purpose of the preceding Signal, or that repeated herewith.—		
	<i>Officers wanted.</i>	—For calling Officers on board the Admiral to take Orders, &c.—Vide Page 50.		
	<i>Sailing Order by Divisions.</i>	—To form in Order of Sailing by Divisions.— <i>If at Anchor for all Chaplains or Ships denoted</i> —	14	xviii
	<i>Rendezvous.</i>	—Rendezvous denoted.—The Number corresponding to the particular Rendezvous so distinguished in the separate Instructions given thereon, will be signified by the proper Integral or Numeral Flag hoisted under this Flag. — Vide Separate Instructions.		

SINGLE FLAGS, appropriated to particular SIGNALS, independent of the NUMERAL FLAGS.

Colour.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
	<i>Compass Signals.</i>	—For the Compass Signals denoting the different Quarters and intermediate Points.—Vide Page 67. — — — —		
	<i>Fire Ships.</i>	—That all Signals made herewith respect the Conduct of Fire Ships more particularly.— Vide Page 51.		
	<i>Cornet.</i>	—While this Cornet is continued abroad in place of the Admiral's distinguishing Flag, the Admiral's Motions are not to be restrictive on the Fleet.—But the several Ships are to preserve the same Form of Sailing, or Order of Battle, as before, though the Admiral should have quitted his former Station in either of those Arrangements of the Fleet.—The Signals he may make in the meantime for the Conduct of the Fleet, or any Part thereof, are to be complied with in the same Manner as if he had retained his former Station in the Order of Battle, or of Sailing. — — —	26	ii
	<i>Preparative.</i>	—This Preparative Flag, whenever it is hoisted, signifies that the Fleet, or Parts thereof denoted therewith, are to be held in Readiness to execute the Purpose of the Signal made at the same Time; and when the Preparative Flag is hauled down, the Signal for the intended Purpose left flying, the same is to be forthwith put into Execution. But when both the Preparative Flag and Signal Flags are hauled down together, the Purpose of such Signal Flags is not to take Effect until the Signal for the intended Movement is subsequently made alone.	29	i
	<i>Transposition.</i>	—This Flag denotes that the Numeral or Integral Flag hoisted under it, is to be transposed or changed to the upper Place, allotted No. I.; and the other eight Integral Flags are to follow such Change of Place in the progressive Order they stand, whereby the Numeral System becomes totally changed. — — Vide Separate Instructions.		

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Colour.	Purport.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
	<i>Secret In- struction.</i>	—Secret Instruction to be opened by the Com- manders in the second and third Posts when this Flag is hoisted on board the Admiral.		

Numeral Flags.	Numb. denoted	REMARKS.
	1	<p>THE Numbers prefixed to the Signification of the following Numerary Signals will be denoted by the different Flags in the Margin, expressive of the integral Figures placed opposite to them respectively: Whether the Flags are used <i>singly</i>, as in Pages 13 and 14, or jointly, as in Page 15, and the several Pages following.</p> <p>Thus,—IF the Admiral would express the Number 3 for Instance, being the Signal “For the Fleet to form in Order of Sailing,” (and so of any other of the Signals with single Flags from 1 to 9 inclusive,) he will shew a Flag <i>Blue, White, Red, horizontally divided</i> — N^o 3. If he would express the N^o 31, this Flag N^o 3 will be hoisted <i>over a Blue Flag pierced ^{white}</i> Number 1, making together the Number 31. And the same Flag N^o 3, will be hoisted over the Flag <i>White, Blue, diagonally divided</i> (i. e. Cypher Flag) if the Number 30 is to be expressed.</p> <p>IT is to be observed of the double Flags, that the one answering to the Figure in any Number placed first in Writing, will be always hoisted <i>uppermost</i>, to constitute the proposed Number. And that from whatsoever Part of the Ship any Numeral or other Signal Flags, not expressly limited to particular Parts of the Ship mentioned, are shewn to render them conspicuous, they always retain the same Signification in respect of the Service to which they relate.</p> <p>WHEN the <i>Red & white striped</i> or <i>Substitute</i> Flag is shewn <i>under</i> either of the Integral or Numeral Flags, it denotes Repetition of the Figure assigned to that Numeral Flag, and is to be taken with it.</p> <p>Thus,—Under the Flag N^o 3, it denotes 33: And so of the rest.</p> <p>THE Pendant <i>White with Red fly</i>— denoting 100, and reserved for that sole Purpose, adds 100 to the Expression assigned to the Numeral Flag or Flags with which it is at the same Time hoisted, from what Part of the Ship soever it is shewn; whether over one or more of those Flags, or at a different Mast Head, as may often happen, more especially in little Wind.</p>
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	Sub- stitute Flag.	
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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
1	<p>—To denote an <i>Enemy in Sight</i>. The Bearing will be shewn occasionally by the proper Compass Signal. — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>The Flag will be shewn with a common Pendant over, by Flag Officers of the Red Squadron having Occasion to make this Signal.</i></p>		
2	<p>—That the Purpose of the <i>Signal</i> (made while this Flag is continued a-broad) is to be carried into Execution after the <i>Cloze of Day</i>. When the <i>Horary Flag No 2</i>, has been answered by the Fleet, it will be hauled down, re-hoisted and remain flying, with the Signal expressive of the Admiral's Intentions; after which, the Hour when the Purpose of such Signal is to be carried into Execution, will be denoted by the <i>Horary Signal</i>.</p>	19 20 21 22	{ i ii iii iv v vi
3	<p>—To form the established <i>Order of Sailing</i>. Being to keep the same Course the Admiral steers, if not otherwise by Compass Signal at the same Time directed. — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>When upon a Wind the Admiral will always steer by Compass, keeping One Point free, the leading Ships of each Column are to observe the same Rule, and to be very attentive to the Variation of the Wind.</i></p>	7 15	i, &c. xviii
4	<p>—The particular Ships, Squadron, or Division denoted herewith, to take or keep their <i>Stations</i> in the Order of <i>Battle</i>, or <i>Sailing</i>, as the Fleet may be then formed. —</p> <p>N. B. <i>When the Admiral means to resume any Station in the Line after having been withdrawn from it, he will make this Signal, accompanied with the distinguishing Signal of his own Ship.—Soon after he will put a-broad the Pendant of the Ship next a-head of which he means to take his Station.</i></p>	53	xxxii
5	<p>—To engage the <i>Enemy</i>. — — —</p> <p>If closer, a Red Pendant will be shewn over the Flag.</p>	47	xviii
6	<p>—To denote that the <i>Signal</i> made to the Admiral, is not <i>distinct</i> or <i>understood</i>. — — —</p>		

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No of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instructi	
		Pa.	Art.
7	<p>—To <i>Chace</i> Ships in view, on the Bearing signified by the proper Compass Signal, particular Ships, Squadrons, or Divisions denoted. — — — —</p> <p>If for the whole Fleet to Chace, two Guns.</p> <p>N. B. <i>If for the Commander in the second or third Posts to send Ships to Chace, the proper distinguishing Signal (Page 50) as for speaking with such Commander will be made herewith.</i></p>		
8	<p>—To <i>prepare</i> to Anchor. If to Anchor <i>immediately</i>, two Guns. — — — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>If with the Coasting Anchor only, a Red Pendant will be shewn over the Flag.</i></p>		
9	<p>—To <i>leave off Chace</i>, or call in Ships otherwise separated from the Fleet. Their Bearing from the Admiral will be denoted occasionally. — — — —</p>	4	iv
10	<p>—That the Purpose of the last Signal is misunderstood ; or has not been complied with. — — — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>The Signal will be repeated.</i></p>		
11	<p>—Fleet, Squadron, Division, or Ship denoted, to keep their Main Topfail shivering. — — — —</p>		
12	<p>—Fleet, Squadron, Division, or Ship denoted, to fill their Main Topfail. — — — —</p>		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
13	—To gain or <i>keep the Wind</i> of the <i>Enemy</i> , particular Ships, Squadrons, or Divisions, suitably denoted. — —	51 52	xxvii xxviii xxix
14	—To <i>reconnoitre</i> , or make Discovery of the Force and Circumstances of an <i>Enemy</i> , or strange Ships in View. Being to signify the same, as soon as may be, by Signal or Report, to the Admiral. — — — —		
15	—To <i>lay</i> the <i>Enemy</i> on board, as arriving up with them.—		
16	—For particular Ships or Divisions denoted to <i>attack</i> the <i>Enemy</i> on the Bearing indicated, or any Number of their Ships of War separated from the Body of their Fleet. —		
17	—To <i>attack</i> the <i>Enemy's</i> Convoy of trading Ships and Transports. — — — —		
18	—When deemed necessary to <i>destroy</i> or <i>disable</i> the Trading Ships or Transports of the <i>Enemy</i> , or any particular Ships denoted therewith. — — — —		

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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
19	—That the Ships of the Fleet are at Liberty to <i>fire</i> upon the <i>Enemy</i> in passing them, though not proposed to bring them to a General Action immediately. — — —		
20	—Particular Ships or Divisions of the Fleet to <i>Attack</i> or <i>Harass</i> the <i>Rear</i> of the <i>Enemy</i> , or such Part thereof, as the detached Ships may be of competent Force to engage, for giving Opportunity to bring on a General Action. —	54	xxxv
21	—To keep Sight of the <i>Enemy</i> , or strange Ships in View, for leading the Fleet up to them; or to make their Motions known by Day or Night to the Admiral. — —		
22	—To <i>Quit</i> and <i>withdraw</i> Men from Ships Captured, after having destroyed or disabled them, so that the <i>Enemy</i> cannot carry them off, if Time permits, and to join the Fleet. —		
23	—For the Ship or Ships nearest those of the <i>Enemy</i> , disabled in <i>Battle</i> , to take Possession of them. If for a particular Ship or Ships, her or their Pendants will be shewn herewith.		
24	—To form in <i>Order of Battle</i> (or of Sailing when the Signal Flag 3, Page 13, or half Black half White, Page 8, is shewn herewith) on the <i>Starboard</i> Line of <i>Bearing</i> : Steering on that Course after the leading Ship, if not otherwise by Compass Signal directed. — — —	25 30 37 31	i ii i iii
	N. B. If to form from the Order of Sailing in Order or Line of Battle on the <i>Weather</i> or <i>Lee</i> Squadron, the Signal as for speaking the Commander of second or third Post will be made herewith.	33 38 40	iv iii ix

Note *—The Ships to bear from each other upon the Point of the Compass on which they would lie with a full Sail, or a Point from the Wind, if formed in Line a-head on the *Starboard* Tack.

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
25	—To form in <i>Order of Battle</i> (or of Sailing, when the Signal Flag 3, Pa. 13, or half Black, half White, Page 8, is shewn herewith) on the <i>Larboard</i> Line of <i>Bearing</i> ^a : Steering on that Course after the leading Ship, if not otherwise by Compass Signal directed. — — — N. B. <i>If to form from the Order of Sailing in Order or Line of Battle on the Weather or Lee Squadrons, the Signal as for speaking the Commander of the 2d or 3d Post will be made herewith.</i>	25	i
		30	ii
		37	i
		31	iii
		33	iv
		38	iii
26	—To form in <i>Line of Battle a-head</i> in open Order; or at a Distance sufficient to afford Space according to the State of the Weather, for Tacking, or any other Evolution. Being to keep the same Course the Admiral does, or as denoted by the Compass Signal made herewith. — — —	44	xv
		45	xvi
27	—To form in <i>Line of Battle a-head</i> in close Order, at about a Cable and a half Length distant; or as near as the State of the Weather will conveniently admit. To steer the same Course the Admiral does, if not otherwise directed by the proper Compass Signal. — — —	44	xv
		45	xvi
28	—To <i>invert</i> the <i>Line</i> in <i>Succession</i> from Van to Rear, either in <i>Line of Battle</i> , or <i>Order of Sailing</i> . — — —	52	xxxi
29	—To <i>interchange</i> Places in the <i>Line</i> , or other Disposition of the Fleet then subsisting. — — — N. B. <i>When the Admiral means to do it, he will haul out of the Line with the distinguishing Signal of the Ship in which he is embarked put abroad, and presently after he will shew that of the Ship with which the Change is then to be made.</i>		
30	—To <i>quit</i> the <i>Line</i> (or Station, if then in <i>Order of Sailing</i>) particular Ships denoted. — — — N. B. <i>When the Admiral means to do it, he will make the distinguishing Signal of the Ship in which he is embarked, and haul out of the Line (or Station he had taken in the Order of Sailing) accordingly.</i>	44	xiii
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Note ^a—The Ships to bear from each other upon the Point of the Compass on which they would lie with a full Sail, or a Point from the Wind, if formed in a Line a-head on the *Larboard* Tack.

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
31	—To form in <i>Line of Battle a-head</i> and <i>a-stern</i> of the Admiral as most convenient from the then accidental Position of the Ships, without Regard to the Succession denoted in the established Form delivered. To steer the same Course the Admiral does, if not otherwise appointed by Signal. —		
32	—For the Ships of the Fleet to be kept on the <i>Larboard Line of Bearing</i> from each other, tho' then Sailing on the <i>Starboard Tack</i> : Or the contrary, of the <i>Starboard Line of Bearing</i> , tho' then Sailing on the <i>Larboard Tack</i> . —		
33	—For a particular Ship, Division, or Squadron, to bear from the Admiral as denoted by Compass Signal. — —		
34	—For the Ship leading the Line of Battle (or each of the Squadrons or Divisions in Order of Sailing) and the others in Turn to alter <i>Course one Point</i> (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the Signal is repeated) to <i>Starboard</i> in <i>Succession</i> , or to the Point of the Compass denoted by Compass Signal: Or while the Admiral continues to lead the Fleet in any Order of Battle, or of Sailing, the <i>Alteration of Course</i> to be made in the same Manner, will be sufficiently denoted by his Example. — — — —	41	ix
		41 42	x xi
35	—For the Ship leading the <i>Line of Battle</i> (or each of the Squadrons or Divisions in Order of Sailing) and the others in Turn, to alter <i>Course one Point</i> (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the Signal is repeated) to <i>Port</i> in <i>Succession</i> , or to the Point of the Compass denoted by Compass Signal: Or while the Admiral continues to lead the Fleet in any Order of Battle, or of Sailing, the <i>Alteration of Course</i> to be made in the same Manner, will be sufficiently denoted by his Example. — — — —	41	ix
		41 42	x xi
36	—For the Ships of the Fleet always keeping the same <i>relative Bearing</i> from each other at such Times, to alter <i>Course one Point to Starboard together</i> *, (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the Signal is repeated,) or to the Course denoted by Compass Signal: — — — —	41	ix
		41	x
		42	xi

Note *—The Preparative Flag shewn with this Signal, will be hauled down and a Gun fired, when the Alteration of the Course is to be made by the Ships *together*.

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		Pa.	Art.
37	—For the Ships of the Fleet, always keeping the same relative Bearing from each other at such Times, to alter <i>Course one Point to Port together</i> ^a , (and so of <i>one Point more</i> , as often as the Signal is repeated,) or to the <i>Course</i> denoted by Compass Signal. — — —	41 41 42	ix x xi
38	—The Fleet to continue in the same Situation of <i>Course</i> , Order of <i>Battle</i> , or <i>Sailing</i> , and Situation, as before; tho' the Admiral does in any Respect the contrary, and his Motions or Signals are to be no longer an Example to the Fleet, which is to be governed by the Commander in the Second Post until he has signified his Intention to resume his former Station. — — —		
39	—That the Admiral purposes to steer the <i>Course</i> denoted by Compass Signal, should the Wind come favourable during the Night, or thick Weather. — — — N. B. <i>Great Attention will be required on the Part of the Fleet to the Admiral's Motions on such Occasions, as it is probable no further Signal will be made.</i>		
40	—If, when having the Weather Gage of the Enemy, the Admiral means to pass between the Ships in their Line, for <i>engaging</i> them to <i>Leeward</i> , or being to <i>Leeward</i> to pass between them for obtaining the <i>Weather Gage</i> . — — — N. B. <i>The different Captains and Commanders not being able to effect the specified Intention in either Case, are at Liberty to act as Circumstances require.</i>		
41	—The Ships to take suitable Stations for their mutual Support; and <i>engage the Enemy</i> , as arriving up with them in Succession. — — —		
42	—Each Ship of the Fleet to steer for, independently of each other, and <i>engage</i> respectively the Ship opposed in Situation to them in the <i>Enemy's Line</i> . — —	55	xxxvi

Note ^a—The Preparative Flag shewn with this Signal, will be hauled down and a Gun fired, when the Alteration of the Course is to be so made by the Ships together.

N ^o of Sig- nal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instru ^{ct} .	
		Pa.	Art.
43	—For the <i>Van</i> of the Fleet, or particular Divisions specified, to <i>engage</i> the Headmost Ships in the <i>Enemy's Van</i> , and the <i>Rear</i> thereof, the Sternmost Ships in the <i>Enemy's Rear</i> , and the <i>Centre</i> , the <i>Centre</i> of the <i>Enemy</i> , leaving their unoccupied Ships between the Divisions of the Fleet; but with Exception to the Flag Officers, who should <i>engage</i> those of the <i>Enemy</i> respectively in Preference. — — — —	50	xxvi
44	—The Ships or Divisions denoted to <i>fire</i> in <i>Succession</i> upon the <i>Sternmost Ships</i> of the <i>Enemy</i> ; then Tack or Wear, and take their Station in the Rear of the Squadron or Division specified (if a Part only of the Fleet is so appointed) until otherwise directed. — — — —	52	xxx
45	—To <i>engage</i> the <i>Centre</i> of the <i>Enemy</i> , particular Squadrons or Divisions specified. — — — —		
46	—To <i>engage</i> the <i>Van</i> , <i>Starboard</i> , or <i>Weather</i> Divisions of the <i>Enemy</i> , particular Ships, &c. as before. — —		
47	—To <i>engage</i> the <i>Rear</i> , <i>Larboard</i> , or <i>Lee</i> Divisions of the <i>Enemy</i> , particular Ships, &c. as before. — —		
48	—To <i>engage</i> the Ships of a <i>particular Nation</i> (denoted by the National Jack shewn herewith) preferably. — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
49	—For the Frigate whose Pendant is shewn with that of a Ship of the Line, to send to such Ship of the Line the Number of Men, as specified in Private Ship's Table with Numeral Pendant. — — — — —		
50	—When approaching the Enemy's Fleet on opposite Tacks, and the Admiral finds he cannot weather it, he may judge it expedient to make this Signal. — — — Vide <i>Separate Secret Instruction.</i> —		
51	—For the Headmost Ship to engage as she arrives up with the Enemy's Rear Ship, and the next Ship to pass on the off-side of such Ship engaged, and to engage the Enemy's second Ship, and so on respectively, in order to capture as many of the Enemy as possible. — — —		
52	—To <i>discontinue</i> the <i>Engagement.</i> — — —		
53	—To prepare for <i>Battle.</i> — — — — —		
54	—To prepare for <i>Battle</i> ; when it may be necessary to Anchor, with a Bower or Sheet Cable in abaft, and Springs, &c. — — — — —	56	xxxvii

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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
55	—Ships denoted to assist Ships (to be pointed out by their particular Signals or Bearings from the Admiral, after his Signal has been answered) either in Battle, or going into Action. — — — — —	48	xx
56	—The Ships to keep in <i>more open Order</i> in <i>Line of Battle</i> or Sailing. — — — — — Vide <i>Order of Sailing</i> . — {	45 7	xvi ii ii
57	—The Ships to keep in <i>closer Order</i> in <i>Line of Battle</i> , or of Sailing. — — — — — Vide <i>Order of Sailing</i> . —	44 7	xv iii
58	—The Ships to keep in <i>open Order</i> . — — —	44	xv
59	—The Ships to keep in <i>close Order</i> . — — —	44	xv
60	—To make <i>more Sail</i> . The leading Ship <i>first</i> in <i>Line of Battle</i> , or of Sailing. — — — — —	42	xii

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
61	<p>—Ships <i>a-stern</i>, or in the <i>Rear</i> of the Fleet, to make <i>more Sail</i>.</p> <p><i>A. B. If want for the Ships to make all possible sail without risk, a Red Pendant will be hoisted under the Flag.</i></p>		
62	<p>—To <i>shorten Sail</i>. The Ships in the <i>Rear</i> first. —</p> <p>N. B. <i>May be applied to the Van of the Fleet only, to shorten Sail until Ships in the Rear arrive up, by Divisional Signal for headmost Division to shorten Sail.</i></p>	42	xii
63	<p>—For Ships <i>a-head</i>, or in the <i>Van</i> of the Fleet to <i>Lye-by</i>, or <i>shorten Sail</i>, until the Admiral arrives up with them. —</p> <p>When accompanied by a <i>White Pendant</i>, the advanced Ships are to keep as close to the Enemy as they can (without reach of Shot) until the sternmost Ships can support them, and the Admiral makes the Signal to <i>Engage</i>. —</p>		
64	<p>—To <i>shorten Sail</i>, and remain under the least Sail possible, consistent with the Purpose of preserving the same Order of Sailing, or of Battle, in which the Fleet is then formed. —</p>		
65	<p>—To make all <i>possible Sail</i>, preserving the same Order of Battle, or of Sailing, in which the Fleet was before formed.—</p>		
66	<p>—To <i>make Sail</i>, after <i>lying-by</i>. The leading Ship <i>first</i>. —</p>		

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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
67	—To prepare for <i>Sailing</i> . — — —		
68	—To form in Sailing Order in Two <i>Columns</i> , or Grand Divisions. — — —	12	x
69	—For the Fleet, Squadron, or Division, to form the Line on the Bearing, as by Compass Signal directed. —		
70	—The Ships severally to take such <i>Stations</i> as most convenient at the Time, without Regard to any established Order of Sailing. — — —		
71	—Commanders of Squadrons to take their <i>Stations</i> a-head thereof respectively, for leading them in Order of Sailing, or other appointed Disposition of the Fleet. — —		
72	—To examine <i>Strange Ships</i> passing near or through the Fleet. — — — N. B. On gaining any material Intelligence it is to be communicated to the Admiral without Delay.	4	iii

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
73	<p>—To denote the Number of the Line, &c. of which the <i>strange Ships</i> or <i>Enemy</i> seen appear to consist — —</p> <p><i>Vide</i> Signal by Private Ships, Page 64.</p>		
74	<p>—For each Ship to carry a <i>Light</i> during the Night —</p>		
75	<p>—That no <i>Lights</i> are to be shewn the ensuing Night for distinguishing the Flag-Ships; and all other <i>Lights</i> carefully concealed — — — —</p>		
76	<p>—To proceed for the nearest <i>Port</i>. If meant to repair to any assigned Rendezvous, the distinguishing Signal thereof will be at the same Time made — —</p>		
77	<p>—For the Ships separately, and as they are able with respect to Convenience only, without regard to Priority of Rank in the Commanders, to put into the <i>Port</i> in View, or nearest <i>Port</i> — — — —</p>		
78	<p>—For particular Ship having a <i>Pilot</i> or other Person sufficiently qualified to lead the Fleet into <i>Port</i> — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>The Ship so appointed is to be anchored in a Station near to that deemed most proper for the Admiral, if no more timely Advice can be given thereupon.</i></p>		

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N ^o of Sig- nal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
79	— <i>Pilots</i> of the Fleet, or particular Ships denoted, to be sent to the Admiral — — — — —		
80	—The headmost and weathermost Ships to <i>Tack</i> first, or the Ship leading the Van first, and the other in Succession.	11	viii
81	—For the Ships to Leeward, or in the <i>Rear</i> of the Line to <i>Tack</i> first, and the others in Succession — —	11	viii
82	—For the whole Fleet (or particular Divisions specified) to <i>Tack together</i> , when the preparatory Flag shewn therewith is hauled down, and a Gun fired to denote the Time for putting the Helm a-Lee — — —		
83	—To come to the Wind in <i>Succession</i> on the <i>Starboard Tack</i> , after the leading Ship, when arrived in the Wake thereof, and of their Seconds <i>a-head</i> , respectively — N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing, in the same Manner, if on the Larboard Tack when this Signal is made.</i>	40	viii
84	—To haul to the Wind <i>together</i> on the <i>Starboard Tack</i> . And when the preparative Flag is hauled down, this Signal being left flying <i>one Gun</i> — — — — — N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing together, under the same Circumstances as before.</i>		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
85	<p>—To come to the Wind in <i>Succession</i> on the <i>Larboard Tack</i>, after the leading Ship, when arrived in the Wake thereof, and of their Seconds <i>a-head</i> respectively — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing, if on the Starboard Tack when the Signal is made.</i></p>	40	viii
86	<p>—To haul to the Wind <i>together</i> on the <i>Larboard Tack</i>. And when the preparative Flag is hauled down, this Signal being left flying <i>one Gun</i> — — — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>This Movement imports Wearing together, under the same Circumstances as before.</i></p>		
87	<p>—For the Fleet, Squadron, Division, or Ship denoted to Steer the Course as directed by Compass Signal</p>		
88	<p>—To keep in the Admiral's <i>Wake</i> — — — —</p>		
89	<p>—To keep in the Admiral's <i>Wake</i>, when meant of Ships to <i>Windward</i>, more particularly — — — —</p>		
90	<p>—To keep in the Admiral's <i>Wake</i>, when meant of Ships to <i>Leeward</i>, more particularly — — — —</p>	39	v

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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
91	—When <i>Lying-to</i> , or Sailing by the Wind, to <i>Bear-up</i> , and sail Large or before the Wind, on the Course steered by the Admiral, or as otherwise by farther Signal denoted —		
92	—To <i>Bring-to</i> , the Sternmost Ships <i>first</i> in Succession. And if a <i>Blue</i> and <i>White</i> Striped Pendant is shewn at the same Time on the Flag-staff at the <i>Mizen</i> Top-mast Head, the Admiral proposes to <i>Lye-by</i> for setting up Rigging, &c. N. B. <i>Captains having Business with the Admiral, or the Commanders of their Divisions, may then send their Boats accordingly.</i> In bad Weather, when the Admiral means to keep the Fleet as much collected as possible during the Night or (for some Time), he will direct their Helms to be kept <i>a-midships</i> , by shewing a <i>White</i> Pendant <i>over</i> the Signal, and if one turn <i>a-lee</i> the same Pendant <i>under</i> the Signal.		
93	—The Ships denoted to pass within <i>Hail</i> of the Admiral, successively — — — — —		
94	—That the Admiral means to take <i>one Reef</i> in his Top-sails. And the Top-sails will be lowered when the preparative Signal is hauled down — — — — — If <i>two Reefs</i> , a <i>Blue</i> Pendant will be hoisted at the <i>Mizen</i> Top-mast Head herewith — — — — —		
95	—Particular Ships or Divisions denoted, to stay by <i>Prizes</i> . But if meant of Ships under Convoy for their Protection, the proper Distinction thereof, (Page 6,) will be shewn at the same Time — — — — —		
96	—To quit <i>Prizes</i> , or <i>Ships</i> under <i>Convoy</i> , and join the Admiral forthwith — — — — —		

No of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
97	—The Fleet to <i>Weigh</i> , the outer Ships first — —		
98	—The Fleet, or Ships whose Pendants are hoisted herewith, are to let out a Reef; if two, a <i>Blue</i> Pendant will be hoisted at the Mizen Top-mast Head — — —		
99	—To <i>Wear</i> , and come to the Wind <i>together</i> , on the other Tack		
100	—To <i>Wear</i> , the Sternmost and Leewardmost Ships first in Succession; and come to the Wind on the other Tack: And will be signified by the Pendant (Page 12) expressive of 100 hoisted alone — — — —		
101	—The Ships of the Fleet to <i>close</i> round the Admiral, as near as the State of the Weather, and other Circumstances will admit to prevent separation — — —		
102	—For the Ships of the Squadron or Division denoted to <i>close</i> , and join the Admiral forthwith. And if meant of any subordinate Flag-Officer, with whom the Junction is to be made, the Signal as for speaking with that Flag-Officer will be made herewith <i>N.B. If a Ship is meant to close with any particular Ship, the pendants of that Ship will be hoisted when this Signal has been answered by the Ship that is directed to close with the other</i> — — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
103	—To bring the <i>Chace</i> or Captured Ship to the Admiral —		
104	—Permission given to <i>part</i> Company in <i>Chace</i> , or for any other Purpose indicated from the Ship to which the Signal is addressed — — — — —		
105	—Ships in <i>Chace before</i> the Admiral's <i>Beam</i> to <i>Tack</i> —		
106	—Ships in <i>Chace a-baft</i> the Admiral's <i>Beam</i> to <i>Tack</i> —		
107	—For particular Ships having Charge of the Convoy to make Sail with them on the Course denoted by the proper Compass Flag, for their Security. But, if for the Ships under <i>Convoy alone</i> to proceed in the same Manner, the distinguishing triangular Flag significant thereof will be shewn at the same Time — — — — —		
108	—Ships sent to <i>look-out a-head</i> of the Admiral, to keep <i>more a-head</i> for that Purpose. But if to keep <i>more</i> on either <i>Bow</i> , the same Signal Flags will be shewn at the <i>Top</i> , or <i>Top-gallant Yard Arm</i> , corresponding to the Direction intended. And will be kept a-broad in either Case, until it has been duly complied with — — — — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
109	—The Ships of War to <i>disperse</i> . If for Transports, or Ships under Convoy to do the same, the proper distinguishing Flag will be shewn herewith — — —	49	xxii
110	—Weekly <i>Accounts</i> to be sent to the Admiral — — N. B. <i>The several divisional Commanders to collect them from the Ships of their respective Divisions.</i>		
111	—Particular Ships to keep out <i>a-head</i> of the Admiral during the ensuing <i>Night</i> , at a convenient Distance, (according to the State of the Weather,) for Intercourse by <i>Night Signals</i> , carrying a Light in her Stern — — <i>Vide Instructions to Night Signals. Page 28. Art. V.</i> If not meant to carry a Light, a <i>Blue Pendant</i> will be hoisted <i>under</i> the Signal.		
112	—For <i>Shipwrights</i> , with their Tools, to repair to the Ship denoted by her proper Signal, when this Signal has been answered — — — — —		
113	—For <i>Caulkers</i> , with their Implements to repair to the Ship denoted, as before — — — — —		
114	—For <i>Sailmakers</i> , with their Implements, to repair to the Ship denoted, as before — — — — — &c.		

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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
115	—For the Ship denoted herewith to take her Station <i>a-stern of the Ship whose Pendants</i> are hoisted, after the Signal has been answered — — — —		
116	—For the Ships denoted to clear Hawse — —		
117	—For all <i>Boats</i> , and every Person belonging to the Fleet, to <i>repair immediately</i> to their respective Ships. And no Boats are to be afterwards sent on Shore, without Leave from the Admiral, unless this Signal has been first countermanded — — — —	5	vii
118	—Not to admit of any Communication with <i>Boats</i> from the Shore, or otherwise to allow any Intercourse therewith, unless for receiving public Dispatches forwarded to the Admiral — — — —		
119	—That <i>Boats, Officers, or Artificers, &c.</i> previously ordered by Signal, are to repair to the Ship, which will be denoted by her distinguishing Signal, after such previous Signal has been answered; and the <i>Ship</i> to which they are destined, is to make herself known, by hoisting an <i>English Jack</i> at the <i>Mizen Top-mast Head</i> — — — —		
120	—For <i>Boats</i> , with Anchors, Hawsers, &c. to repair to the Assistance of Ships denoted by their proper Signals after this Signal has been answered — — — —		

No of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
121	—For Boats to be sent the next Morning for Fresh Beef, Water, or any other Purpose required — — If immediately, Two Guns.		
122	—For the Ships of the Fleet to hoist the Foreign Colours, denoted by the National Jack of the Country shewn at the same Time — — — —		
123	—That the Ship, or Ships denoted therewith, are at Liberty to part Company on the Service for which they have been previously appointed — — —		
124	<i>To send a launch load of water immediately on board the Ship, whose Pendants will be shewn after this Signal has been answered — —</i>		
125	—To keep Ships under Convoy, or Transports within the Limits of their appointed Stations — — —		
126	—To count the Ships of the Fleet. The divisional Flag-Officers being to make known the missing Ships of their respective Divisions, by shewing the particular Signals thereof, with this Signal a-broad — — —		

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No of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
127	—For particular Ships to <i>cut</i> or <i>slip</i> , and <i>chace</i> , (leaving a <i>Buoy</i> upon the <i>Cables</i> ,) in the Direction by Compass Signal denoted. If for the whole Fleet to do the same, <i>two</i> Guns will be fired herewith — — —		
128	—For the Fleet to <i>cut</i> or <i>slip</i> , leaving a <i>Buoy</i> upon the <i>Cables</i> , and <i>put immediately</i> to <i>Sea</i> — — —		
129	—To <i>Repair</i> to the <i>Assistance</i> of <i>Ships</i> making the Signal of <i>Distress</i> — — — — —		
130	—To <i>stay-by</i> , and attend upon <i>Ships</i> in <i>Distress</i> . — N. B. <i>Having seen the disabled Ships in Safety, the Attendant Ships are to return in Quest of the Fleet to the appointed Rendezvous.</i>		
131	—To <i>exercise</i> <i>Guns</i> and <i>Small Arms</i> — — —		
132	—To <i>exercise</i> <i>Guns</i> and <i>Small Arms</i> , with <i>Liberty</i> to fire <i>Shot</i> at <i>Marks</i> — — — — —		

N ^o of Sig- nal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
133	<p>—The Fleet, Squadrons, or Divisions denoted, intended to be <i>exercised</i> in different Evolutions — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>Signals to engage made on these Occasions, are to be considered only, in respect to Position and independent Movements; not to Distance requisite in Action.</i></p>	54	xxxiii xxxiv
134	<p>—Hospital Ship being to leave the Fleet — —</p>		
135	<p>—That the Admiral has discovered <i>Land</i> — —</p>		
136	<p>—To proceed to make the <i>Land</i>, particular Ships denoted, on the specified Bearing — —</p> <p>N. B. <i>Ships sent on this Service are strictly enjoined not to part Company with the Fleet.</i></p>		
137	<p>—To repeat <i>Signals</i> particular Ships between the Admiral, and Ships sent from the Fleet to make the <i>Land</i> —</p>		
138	<p>—Particular Ships to make Sail from the Fleet to <i>Look-out</i> on a specified Bearing, keeping the Admiral on the opposite Point of the Compass. They are to make known by the proper Signals, their View of <i>strange</i> Ships, <i>Land</i>, &c. If for Commanders in second, or third Post, to send Ships for that Purpose, the proper distinguishing Signal as for speaking with such Commander, will be made herewith—</p>		

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N ^o of Sig- nal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruēt.	
		Pa.	Art.
139	—Particular Ships to repeat Signals, between the Admiral, and Ships sent from the Fleet to <i>Look-out</i> — — — —		
140	<i>To pass Close, under the Lee of the Enemy for engaging them to Leeward.</i>		
141	—The Fleet to <i>Moor</i> — — — —		
142	—To <i>loose Sails</i> to dry — — — —		
143	—To <i>furl Sails</i> — — — —		
144	—The <i>Sick</i> to be sent from the <i>Hospital Ships</i> , belonging to Ships denoted herewith — — — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
145	—The <i>Sick</i> on Shore to be sent for from the <i>Hospital</i> , belonging to the Ships denoted herewith — —		
146	—Particular Ships denoted to keep between the Admiral and Ships in <i>Chace</i> , as successively appointed to <i>repeat Signals</i> — — — —	4	v
147	—Particular Ships to <i>make Sail</i> from the Fleet, on the specified Bearing to <i>Sound</i> — — —		
148	—Particular Ships to <i>Sound immediately</i> , and denote Depth of Water (or having no Ground) by the corresponding numerary Signals appointed to be made by private Ships—		
149	—To <i>repeat Signals</i> particular Ships, between the Admiral, and Ships sent from the Fleet to gain <i>Soundings</i> — —		
150	—The Fleet, Squadron, or Ships denoted, to <i>spread</i> at <i>one</i> Mile distant, on the relative Bearing from each other signified at the same Time; keeping the Course steered by the Admiral, if not otherwise directed — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
151	—To <i>spread</i> as before, at <i>two</i> Miles distant — —		
152	—Particular Ships to make Sail a-head to <i>Sound</i> during the Night — — — — N. B. <i>Finding shoal Water to make the Signal appointed for that Purpose.</i>		
153	—For Tenders to come under the Admiral's Stern —		
154	—For the Ships denoted to take in <i>Tow</i> the Ship pointed out by particular Signal, or Bearing from the Admiral, after the first Signal has been answered — — N. B. <i>If to cast off the Tow and continue the Charge of her, a White Pendant will be hoisted under this Signal.</i>		
155	—For the <i>Boats</i> of the Fleet, Squadron, or Division, or from Ships then nearest in Situation, (if no Ships are specially denoted,) to go to the Assistance of, or <i>Tow</i> any Ship making the Signal expressive of such Necessity, or pointed out as before — — — —		
156	<i>To pass to Windward of the Enemy, for engaging them to Windward.</i>		

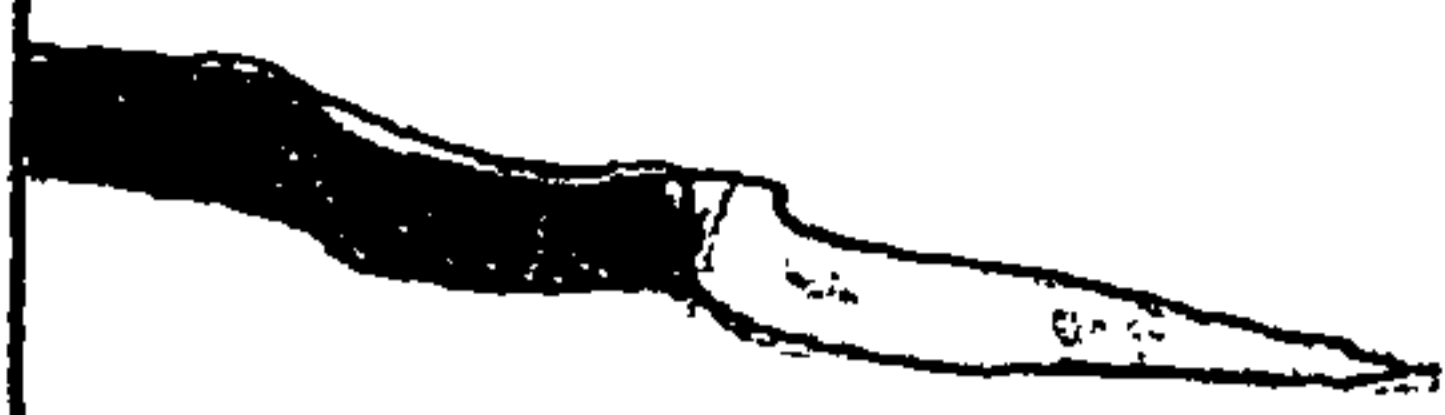
N ^o of Sig- nal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instru ^t .	
		Pa.	Art.
157	—The Fleet to <i>Unmoor</i> — — — —		
158	—To keep farther off Shore — — — —		
159	—To keep closer in Shore — — — —		
160	—The Ship whose Signal is made herewith, to take the <i>Guard</i> for the next 24 Hours, and Report thereof to be made to the Admiral — — — —		
161	—For Ships denoted to return to their Station —		
162	—That the Ships of the Fleet are to <i>Salute</i> when the Admiral has fired his second Gun. When answered, the Admiral will denote the number of Guns by numeral Signal in Private Ships Table, and afterwards the Hour in like Manner — — — —		








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N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
163	—For the Ships Companies to be put to two-thirds Allowance of Provisions — — — —		
164	—Signal and Instruction Books (sealed up) to be brought on board the Admiral <i>If Rendevour, the Flag, Blue Checquered Blue & yellow will be hoisted herewith, And if for Sealed Rendevour, the Number also will be denoted.</i>		
165	—To denote Orders being sent to the particular Ship whose Signal is made herewith. The Ship or Tender charged with such Orders will be made known by a <i>Wheft</i> hoisted at the Top-sail Yard Arm or the Gaff Peak — — N. B. <i>If meant to receive Provisions or Stores, the Ships denoted are to close round the Ship or Tender pointed out by such Wheft.</i>		
166	—To open Sealed Orders — — — N ^o 1, 2, or 3, as denoted by numeral Signal.		
167	<i>To rake the Enemy.</i>		
168	<i>The Fleet, Squadron or Division to bring to together.</i>		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
169	—To denote attention requisite to an Article in the Instruction Book, and when answered from the Ship to which the Signal is addressed, the Page of the Book in which the Article is contained, will be denoted, by Private Ships, Numeral Flags accompanied by the Numeral Pendant —		
170	—To signify to the Fleet that the Admiral purposes to perform an Evolution described in a Plate in the Signal Book. When answered by all the Ships, the particular Plate in the Signal Book will be denoted by Private Ships, Numeral Flags accompanied by the Numeral Pendant. Every Ship will then let out Reefs, &c. &c. and be kept in readiness to perform the Evolution with all Promptitude, the Instant the Signal is made — — — —		
171	—To regulate Time. When answered, the Hour will be first denoted by the Numeral Flags, in Private Ships Table, and then the Number of Minutes past such Hour. The Fleet to set their Watches accordingly — — —		

N ^o of Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Art.
172	—The Fleet, Squadron, Division, or Ship denoted to get up Top Gallant Yards — — — — If up, to get them down		
173	<i>The Fleet, Squadron, Division or Ship to keep the wind</i>		
174	<i>A ship going to England, letters to be shewn to the King of France</i>		
175	<i>A ship going to Lisbon, letters to be shewn to the King of France</i>		
176	<i>A ship going to Cuba, letters to be shewn to the King of France</i>		
177	<i>The Fleet, Squadron, Division or Ship, denoted to run out their lower deck guns</i>		
178	<i>The Fleet to weigh the Ships to Seaward first</i>		
179	<i>For Barges and Saunches, Arm'd to proceed immediately on the service which may have been previously assigned. If for particular Ships only their Pendants will be shewn at the same time</i>		
180	<i>The Fleet, Squadron, or Ship to sight their Anchors —</i>		

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Place.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
	Pendant.			
1	—For all Barges, Pinnaces, and large Cutters, manned and armed, to assemble on board the Admiral. If meant to Chace, the proper bearing Flag will be shewn herewith —	 Fore-top-mast-head — } Flag-staff }		
2	—For the Ships, when in Line ahead, to <i>open</i> to a greater Distance, for performing an intended Evolution	Main-top-mast-head — } Ditto }		
3	—For all Launches and Long-boats manned and armed, to repair on board the Admiral. If meant to Chace, the Bearing will be noted as above — — —	Mizen-top-mast-head — } Ditto }		
4	—The Physician of the Fleet, that the Admiral would speak with him	Mizen-Peck — —		
5	—That the Ships Companies will have Time to dine or breakfast —	Ensign-Staff — —		
	<i>To be repeated to each other by private Ships.</i>			
	Pendant.			
6	—That the Signal made herewith regards the Conduct of the <i>Frigates</i> of the Fleet only —	Fore-top-mast-head — } Flag-Staff }		
7	—That the Signal made herewith regards the Conduct of the Enemy's Frigates only — —	Main-top-mast-head — } Ditto }		
8		Mizen-top-mast-head — } Ditto }		
9	—For Launches unarmed to repair on board the Admiral — —	Mizen-Peck — —		
10	<i>For Barges & Pinnaces unarmed to repair on board the Admiral</i>	Ensign-Staff — —		

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Colour.	PLACE.	Instruct.	
				Pa.	Art.
11	Striped <i>Red White and Blue.</i> — That the Ships pointed out by their proper Signals are standing into <i>Danger</i> — — —		{ Fore-top-mast-head Flag-staff }		
12	— To <i>close</i> in Line <i>a-head</i> back to the Distance in Appointment when Sig 2. preceding was made — — —		{ Main-top mast-head Ditto }		
13	— That the <i>Sick</i> may be sent to an Hospital Ship attending upon the Fleet — — —		{ Mizzen-top-mast-head Ditto }		
14			Mizzen-Peek —		
15			Ensign-Staff —		
16	— When in Line <i>a-head</i> , for the Ship next <i>a-head</i> to <i>open</i> to a greater Distance — — —		{ Where most easily seen.—Forward }	45	xvi
17	— For the Ship next or second <i>a-head</i> to <i>close</i> nearer — — —				
18	— For the Ship next or second <i>a-stern</i> to <i>open</i> to a greater Distance — — —				
19	— For the <i>second a-stern</i> to <i>close</i> nearer. N. B. <i>These Signals to be made by private Ships equally when necessary.</i>		{ Mizzen-shrouds, or where most easily seen abaft, the Mizzen- peek excepted — }	45	xvi
20	Alternate <i>Blue Red and Yellow.</i> — That the general Signal made herewith relates to particular Ships only — — —		Main-top-gallant mast		
21	Chequered <i>Blue and Yellow.</i> — Being hoisted with any of the <i>Numeral</i> Flags singly or jointly exhibited, denotes that such <i>Numeral</i> Flags are then to be understood as expressive of Number only. As of <i>strange</i> Ships seen, Depth of Water in Fathoms, &c. — — —		Where most easily seen		
22	Quartered <i>Red and White.</i> — Accompanied with any of the Signals appointed to be used by <i>private</i> Ships, denotes that those <i>Tabular</i> Signals are meant <i>interrogatively</i> , of the Ship to which they are addressed by the Admiral. <i>Vide</i> Page 59. — — —		— Ditto —		

Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Place.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	—To prepare for Sailing — —	<i>Fore</i> -top-sail loose, with 1 Gun —		
2	—For all <i>Boats</i> , and every Person belonging to the Fleet to repair to their respective Ships — — <i>N.B. Should be noted to Coxswains of all Boats.</i>	<i>Fore</i> -top-gallant <i>Sail</i> loose and hoisted: The Top-sail-yard down, with 1 Gun —		
3	—To <i>Recall</i> distant or chasing Ships	<i>Main</i> -top-gallant <i>Sail</i> loose and hoisted: The Top-sail-yard down, with 1 Gun —		
4	—Having discovered a Strange Fleet	<i>Main</i> and <i>Fore</i> -top-gal. Sails loose and hoisted. The Top-sail-yards lowered, with 1 Gun -		
5	—To Un-moor — — —	<i>Main</i> -top-sail loose in the Top — —		
6	—To Weigh — — —	<i>Fore</i> } Top-sail Sheets and } hauled Home, <i>Main</i> } with 1 Gun —		
7	—To Moor — — —	<i>Mizen</i> -top-sail hoisted and clewed up —		
8	—To <i>Cut</i> or <i>Slip</i> , leaving a Buoy on the Cable — — —	<i>Main</i> } Top-sails loose, and } with 2 Guns — <i>Fore</i> }		
9	—On striking and sticking fast on a Shoal — — —	Guns—'till observed —		

50 SIGNALS for calling OFFICERS to take ORDERS.

Signal.	UNION.	Place.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	—For the Commanders in the <i>Second</i> and <i>Third</i> Posts to come to take Order —	Fore-top-mast-head		
2	—For Commanders in the <i>Second</i> Post only — — D° — — — —	{ — D° — — — — with } { White Pendant over — }		
3	—For Commanders in the <i>Third</i> Post — — D° — — — —	{ — D° — — — — with } { Blue Pendant over — }		
<p>N. B. If the subordinate Commanders of either Squadron are wanted as before, the proper Divisional Signal will be shewn therewith.</p>				
4	—For all Flag Officers of the Fleet —	Main-top-mast-head with } Red Pendant over — }		
5	—For all the <i>Captains</i> of the Fleet; Or of the Ships, Squadrons, or Divisions, as by Divisional Signal made therewith —	Mizen-top-mast-head —		
6	—For a <i>Lieutenant</i> from every Ship in the Fleet, Ships, Squadrons, &c. denoted as before —	— D° — — — — Shrouds		
7	—For Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders (and all other Persons summoned to attend) to assemble for holding a Court Martial in the Ship where this Signal is made — — — —	— D° — — — — Peek —		
	—But if the Court is to be held the next Day — — — —	— D° — — — —	with Red Pendant over —	
	— If the Second succeeding Day —	— D° — — — —	with White Pendant over —	
	— If the Third succeeding Day —	— D° — — — —	with Blue Pendant over —	
8	—For a <i>Boat</i> from every Ship of the Fleet; Or of the Ships, Squadron, &c. denoted, with a Petty Officer only —	Ensign-staff — — — —		
9	—For all <i>Masters</i> of the Fleet; Or Ships, Squadron, &c. denoted as before (a) —	— D° — — — — with } Yellow Pendant over — }		
10	—For <i>Boatswains</i> , &c. denoted as before (a) —	— D° — — — — with } Red Pendant over — }		
11	—For <i>Gunners</i> , &c. — D° — — — (a) —	— D° — — — — with } White Pendant over — }		
12	—For <i>Carpenters</i> , &c. — D° — — — (a) —	— D° — — — — with } Blue Pendant over — }		
13	—For <i>Surgeons</i> , &c. — D° — — — (a) —	— D° — — — — with } Dutch Pendant over — }		
14	—For <i>Purfers</i> , &c. — D° — — — (a) —	— D° — — — — with } Striped } Pendant } Red & White } over. }		

Note (a). If those Officers are wanted to take Surveys, &c. on Board other Ships, the distinguishing Signal of such Ship will be shewn, as soon as the Admiral's first Signal has been answered.

For all Agents of Transports } Pendants } Alternate Blue, Red }
For all Captains of Marines } } }
at the Mizzen Mast Head }
alternate Red & White } Mizzen Mast Head

Yellow



Signal.	SIGNIFICATION.	Place.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	—For <i>Fire Ships</i> to proceed on Service under Cover of the Ships of War, whose Signals are made herewith — — —	Fore-top-mast-head		
2	—For <i>Fire Ships</i> to prime and to be held in constant Readiness for Service against the Enemy —		D° with <i>Red</i> Pendant over	
3	—To <i>apprize</i> the Ship so intended, that she may be kept in Readiness for covering the <i>Fire Ship</i> meant to be ordered on Service against the Enemy.—N. B. The distinguishing Signal of each Ship to be made herewith — — —	Main-top-mast-head	49	xxiii
			49	xxiv
4				
5				
6				
7	—For <i>Fire Ships</i> to pass within Hail under the Admiral's Stern	Mizen Peak		
8				
9	—To denote <i>Punishment</i> going to be inflicted — — —	Ensign-staff		



N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	S.B.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
3	Admiral - <i>Carries the same Sail, or remains as before</i>	—	56	
4	———— <i>Makes more or less Sail</i>	— — —	—	
5	Anchor— <i>The Fleet to do it</i>	— — —	—	
14	Bring-to - <i>On the Starboard Tack</i>	—	—	
15	———— <i>On the Larboard Tack</i>	—	—	
12	Course — <i>To alter to Starboard</i>	— — —	—	
13	———— <i>D^o — to Port</i>	— — —	—	
16	Danger— <i>Discovering, make the Signal to act as most expedient to avoid it</i>	— — —	57	
17	Distress— <i>And in want of immediate Assistance</i>	—	—	
6	Moor — <i>The Fleet to</i>	— — —	56	
9	Sail — <i>To make, or come to Wind on Starboard Tack</i>	—	—	
				<i>Vide Bring-to</i>
10	———— <i>D^o ————— D^o ————— on Larboard D^o</i>	—	—	
				<i>Vide Bring-to</i>
3	———— <i>Continuing the same, or remains as before</i>	—	—	
				<i>Vide Admiral</i>
4	———— <i>Making more or less. Vide Admiral</i>	—	—	
18	Striking - <i>And sticking fast on a Shoal</i>	—	57	
8	Tack — <i>The Fleet to</i>	— — —	56	
1	———— <i>To denote sailing on the Starboard Tack</i>	—	—	
2	———— <i>D^o ————— on the Larboard D^o</i>	—	—	
9	———— <i>To haul to the Wind on the Starb^d D^o</i>	—	—	<i>Vi. Sail</i>
10	———— <i>D^o ————— on the Larb^d D^o D^o</i>	—	—	—
	<i>N. B. Or if lying-by, when either of those Signals are made, denote to make Sail on some Tack.</i>			
6	Unmoor - <i>The Fleet to</i>	— — —	—	
11	Wear — <i>And continue in the same Situation</i>	— — —	—	
7	Weigh — <i>The Fleet to</i>	— — —	—	
9	Wind — <i>To haul to on the Starboard Tack. Vide Tack</i>	—	—	
10	———— <i>D^o ————— on the Larboard D^o ————— D^o</i>	—	—	
19	———— <i>How to act on a sudden Shift of Wind, or Change thereof to a different Point</i>	—	57	
	<i>Vide Page 61. Art. ii. Fog Instructions.</i>			

N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	GUNS.	How answered.	Instructions.	
				Page	Art.
1 2	To denote being on the { Starboard } Tack { Drums } { Larboard } Tack { Bells }	— —	{ ^a Horns, Conchs, or Drums Bells		
3	—If the Admiral carries the same Sail, whether continuing his Course, or Lying-to	/ every Hour —	{ Drums, &c. or Bells, according to the Tack		
4	—If the Admiral makes <i>more</i> or <i>less</i> Sail —	{ / every half Hour }	{ Drums, &c. or Bells, as before		
5	—To Anchor— { — — — — } half an Hour after anchored	2 flow, & 2 D ^o —	Musquets —	62	vi
6	{ —To Moor, or if before moored } { —To Unmoor — — }	— — 2 flow —	— — — — D ^o —		
7	—To Weigh — — — —	3 D ^o —	— — — — D ^o —		
8	—To Tack — — — —	3 { 2 quick } / flow	{ Drums, &c. or Bells, according to the Tack	62	iii
9	To haul to the Wind { Starb. Tack } & 2 Min. after on the { Larb. Tack } & 2 Min. after	3 preparat ^t 2 quick	{ Drums, &c. — — — — Bells —	61	ii
10		3 preparat ^t 3 flow		61	ii
	Or ^{if} Lying-to when either of these Signals are made, they import, “to make Sail on the same Tack,” — — — —	— —	{ Drums, &c. according to the Tack		
	N. B. <i>The Admiral will not haul to the Wind, or make Sail, after Lying-by, until ten Minutes after the Signal has been made, but of sudden Necessity.</i>				
11	—To Wear, the Sternmost and Leewardmost Ships first in Succession, and continue in the same Situation, whether of Sailing, or Lying-to, as before — — — —	4 flow — and 1/2 Minute after /	D ^o — — — — D ^o		

* Example—Horns, Conchs, or Drums, are significant of the Starboard Tack. Bells alone are significant of the Larboard Tack.

N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	GUNS.	How answered.	Instructions.		
				Page.	Art.	
12	To alter <i>Starboard</i>	— — — — 2 Minutes after — — — — <i>Point</i> altered — — — —	5 flow, & } for each } — — — — }	Horns, Conchs, Drums, or Bells, according to the Tack	61	ii
					62	iii
13	<i>Course to Port</i>	— — — — 2 Minutes after — — — — <i>Point</i> altered — — — —	7 flow, & } for each } — — — — }	D ^o — — — — D ^o	61	ii
					62	iii
14	To <i>Lye-to</i> on the <i>Starb. Tack</i>	— — — — 2 Minutes after — — — —	6 flow, & } 2 quick } — — — — }	D ^o — — — — D ^o	61	ii
					62	v
15	on the <i>Larb. Tack</i>	— — — — 2 Minutes after — — — —	6 flow, & } 3 D ^o }	D ^o — — — — D ^o	61	ii
16	— On discovering <i>Danger</i> , make the proper Signal for the Fleet to act as most expedient to avoid it, and five Minutes after fire — — — —		8 flow — — — —			
17	— If in <i>Distress</i> , and in Want of <i>immediate Assistance</i> — — — —		2 at $\frac{1}{2}$ Minute Interval } and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minute after } 2 quick — — — — }			
18	— On striking and sticking fast on a Shoal — — — —		{ many repeatedly with } other Notice by Horns, } Conchs, Drums, and } Bells — — — — }			
19	— How to act on a sudden <i>Shift</i> of Wind, or Change thereof to a different Point, after a Calm.					




















Vide Page 61, Art. 11. Fog Inst.

TABLE of FLAGS.

To denote Numeral Signals from Private Ships, and may be used by the Admiral occasionally,

Assent *Dissent*

Substitute

									
	<i>Topsail or Topgallant Yard Arm.</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	To Annul the preceding Signal, or that made herewith.
	17	18	*	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	*	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31	32	34	35	*	36	37	38	
	39	40	41	*	42	43	44	45	
	46	47	48	49	*	50	51	52	
	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	
	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	

Note.—The Signals from 69 to 76 are made by hoisting a White Pendant under the Flags which compose the Signal immediately above them.—For Example: The Signal 69 is made by hoisting a White Pendant under a Red Flag, with a Union Jack over.

EXPLANATION.

LOOK for the *superior* Flag, when *two* Flags are hoisted *together*, in the upper Column; and the *inferior* (or Substitute) Flag in the lateral or side Column. The Number meant to be expressed will be found in the corresponding Square or Angle of meeting in the Table.



This Pendant being hoisted at the same Time with any of the Flags in this Table, imports that the Signal is then meant to express Number only; as of "strange Ships seen," "Soundings in Fathoms gained," &c. applicable to the Purpose of the Signal precedingly made, when private Ships have need of making such Communication to the Admiral.

When the Admiral makes use of these Tabular Signals, they may be meant "interrogatively," or to express the Purpose they import, for the Information of the Fleet, *viz.*

When accompanied with a Pendant *Quartered Red & White* they are meant "interrogatory" of the Circumstance the Signal indicates, addressed to the Ship denoted by her distinguishing Signal or Bearing from the Admiral. But when he makes use of these Tabular Flags, without being accompanied with this Pendant *Quartered Red & White* they are then to be understood in their common Acceptation. And when he sees Occasion to annul the Appointment of such preceding Signal, or that made therewith, instead of the *Yellow Flag* to be shown by private Ships, he will use the annulling Flag, Page 8, for that Purpose. The Signal applicable to the Occasion will import an *Affirmative*, and the Signal (27, Pa. 65) of *Inability*, a *Negative* Answer to the Admiral's Inquiries, in Reply from private Ships.



- 69 ACTION. — If permitted to continue the, I can distress the Enemy.
- ADMIRAL. — To speak with him. And is to be repeated by other Ships discovering the Signal, until observed by the Admiral; after which it is to be continued only by the Ship in which it was first made. *Vide* Page 66.
- 49 ————— I have discovered the, or Commanding Officer.
N. B. *The Bearings to be denoted.*
- ANNUL, or } — Denotes the preceding Signal, or that made there-
DISSENT. } with, is no longer to be regarded. *Vide* Table
Page 58.
- ARTIFICERS.—Of different Descriptions. The Ship to which they are to repair to be distinguished by an English Jack at the Mizzen Top-mast Head. If made for this Purpose by a Flag Officer, a common Pendant hoisted *over* it. — —
- 8 ASSISTANCE.—Being in *immediate* Want thereof. *Inst.* Page 48,
Art. xx.
- 6 ATTENDANCE. Needing it from other Ships, for being seen in Safety into Port. — — —
- 7 ANSWER, } — To the Admiral's Signal; and is to be kept
or ASSENT. } a-broad until the Admiral's is taken in. —
- 12 ————— To denote the Admiral's, to Signals made by distant or chasing Ships.
- 11 BATTLE. — That the Ship is in Condition to renew the Action.
- 18 ————— Not in Condition for that Purpose. — —
- 10 BOATS. ————— Wanted to *Tow*, or to assist in *Distress*. —
N. B. *The Ship to wear an English Jack at Mizzen Top-mast Head.*
- ————— Of the particular Ships, to return on board.
Vide *Whelf*, Page 66.
- 70 CABLE. ————— I am going to veer—Ship a-stern to act accordingly. — — —

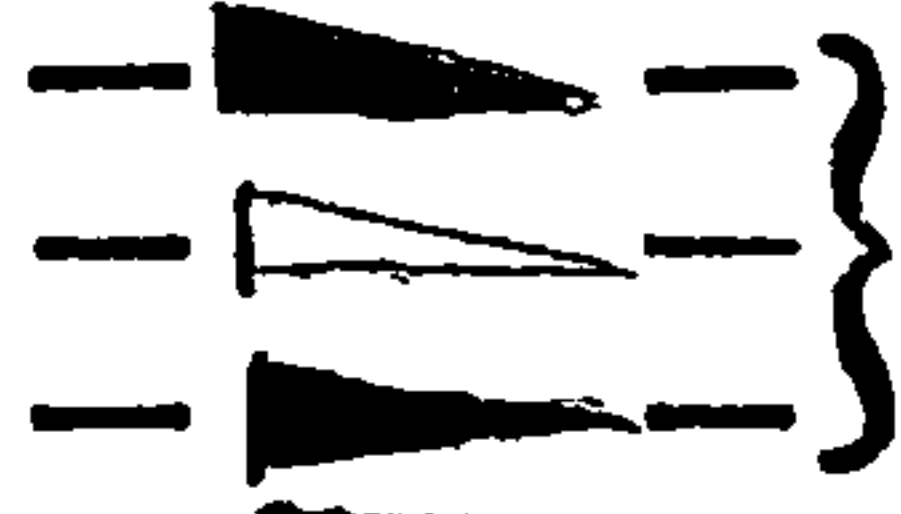
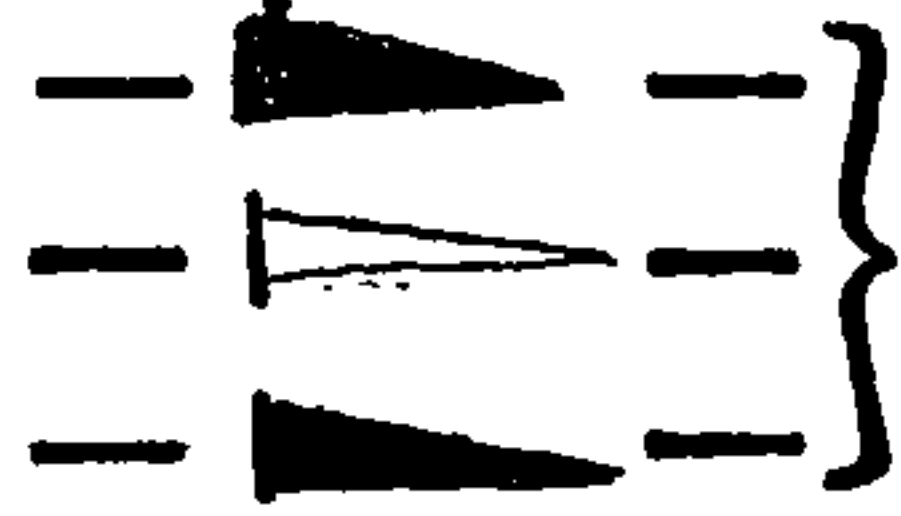

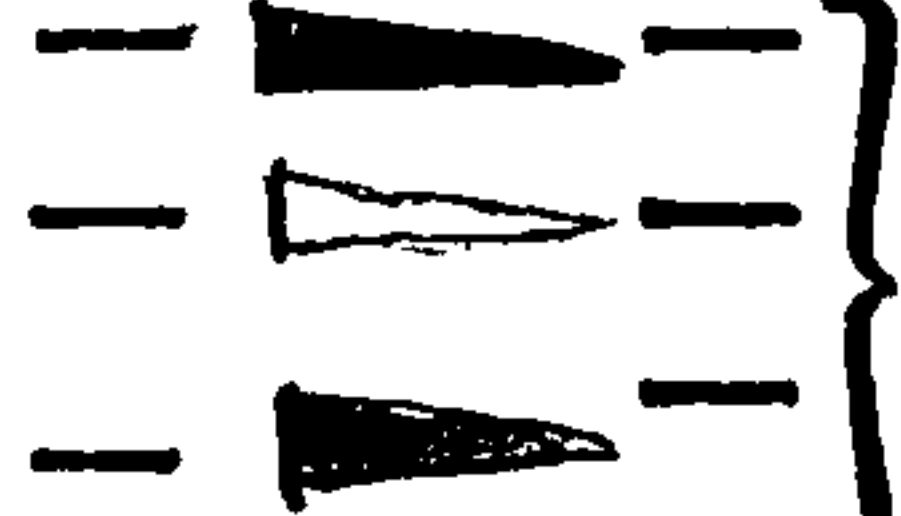



Signal.		
14	CHACE. —————	Is a Friend
13	—————	Is an Enemy
16	—————	That the Ship can come up with it, without losing Company. — — —
17	—————	That the Ship can come up with the Chace, if permitted to part Company. — —
19	—————	That the Ship cannot come up with it. —
20	—————	Or Enemy, is of <i>inferior</i> Force to the Chacing Ships. — — —
21	—————	Or—D°— is <i>superior</i> to the Ships chacing, but inferior to the Fleet or Squadron united.
22	—————	Or Enemy, is <i>superior</i> to the Fleet or Squadron united. The Ships discovering the same, are thereupon to return and join the Admiral.
White Flag.	} —————	That the Signal is made to <i>leave off</i> . <i>Vide</i> Substitute.
	COMPANY.—	Joining after Separation. <i>Vide</i> Particular Instruction. — — —
24	—————	Not able to keep it. The Admiral is to be made acquainted with the Nature of the Disability, (Wind and Weather permitting,) if necessary for the Ships to quit the Fleet.
25	—————	Overpressed with Sail, and not able to keep your Station on that Account. N. B. Is to be repeated by intermediate Ships occasionally, with one or more Guns, if necessary, till answered by the Admiral. — —
	COMPASS.—	<i>Vide Page 67.</i>

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Signal.	62	SIGNALS by private SHIPS by DAY.
32	—————	DANGER. ——— Discovering it. And may be denoted by the Bearing from the Ship making the Signal. —
47	—————	When necessary to give speedy Notice of it. — With two Guns. — — — — —
54	—————	That particular Ships, denoted by their Bearing or distinguishing Signals, are standing near or towards it. — — — — —
8	—————	DISTRESS. ——— In Want of <i>immediate</i> Assistance. Pa. 48, Art. xx. of Instructions. — — — — — <i>☞ Nature thereof to be always denoted as per Paper annexed.</i>
15	—————	Not in Want thereof. — — — — —
24	—————	And being obliged to part Company on that Account, though <i>not</i> wanting the Attendance of another Ship. But the Admiral is to be first acquainted with the Cause for such Necessity, Wind and Weather permitting. —
6	—————	Being obliged to part Company on that Account, and needing the Attendance of another Ship for being seen in Safety into Port. —
43	—————	Striking and <i>Sticking</i> on a <i>Shoal</i> , with Guns fired until observed. — — — — —
45	—————	In Want of a Bower or Stream Anchor laid out. N. B. The nearest Ship of the same Class, or a Frigate, to perform this Service immediately. — — — — —
I	—————	ENEMY. ——— To denote being in View thereof. Topfail or Topgallant-yard Arm. — — — — —
.	—————	To denote their Motions, if Tacking, Wearing, &c. by the appointed Signal. <i>Vide</i> Ships Strange. — — — — —
41	—————	Are coming down in Line of Battle. —
26	—————	That the Sternmost Ships thereof, are not secured; with <i>one</i> or <i>more</i> Guns, until answered by <i>one</i> Gun from the next Ship. — —
34	—————	To signify that the Ship making the Signal can Weather them. — — — — —

72 ——— I mean to pass between you
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8	Distress.	Lower Mast	—	<i>Sprung</i>	—		Over.
		Topmast	—	D°	—		
		Bowsprit	—	D°	—		
		Topfail Yard	—	D°	—		Under.
		Lower Yard	—	D°	—		
		Leak	—	D°	—		
6	Distress.	Leak	—	<i>Gains on me</i>	—		Over.
			—	<i>We gain on the Leak</i>	—		
		Sails and Rigging	}	<i>Much damaged</i>	—		
		Rudder or Tiller	}	<i>Damaged</i>	—		Under.
		Damages		<i>Are repaired and ready for Service</i>	—		
							
							

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Signal.	
28	FIRE-Ship. ——— Primed and ready to proceed on Service. —
42	FLEET <i>British</i> . Have you seen? Answered by Affirmative or Annulling Flag. — — —
62	————— Are they gone into Port, or cruising? Answered by Affirmative Flag if gone into Port, and Substitute if cruising with the Number of Rendezvous hoisted under the Substitute Flag. — — —
23	FLEET. ——— Strange, having discovered it. And when answered, to be hauled down <i>once</i> for every <i>five</i> Sail seen. — — — N. B. Or may be made known by Sails. Vide Page 49.
66	INTELLIGENCE. Having gained, and wanting to communicate.
67	————— For the Ships denoted to proceed therewith to the Commanding Officer, whilst I remain to watch the Enemy's Motions. — —
29	LAND. ——— Discovered. The Bearing to be shewn by the proper bearing Flag.
71	————— <i>That I can weather it Rock or Shoal</i>
.	LINE. ——— To <i>close</i> to the Centre, from the <i>Van</i> the second <i>a-head</i> .
.	————— Ditto ——— from the <i>Rear</i> , the second <i>a-stern</i> . N. B. To be made by Signal Pendants. Page 48, Art. xvi to xix. Inst. Page 46, Art. xvi.
31	LYE-by. ——— Having Occasions to do it, to set up Rigging, or for any other Purpose, though the Fleet has made Sail. And are permitted so to do, if not countermanded. — — —
.	MAN. ——— That one has fallen overboard. To be denoted by a common Pendant at Ensign Staff. —
68	MOTIONS, Enemy's. For the Ship denoted to watch whilst I proceed with Intelligence to the Commanding Officer. — — —

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26	SHIPS. —————	Sternmost of the Enemy not secured in Chace; with <i>one</i> or <i>two</i> Guns, until answered by <i>one</i> Gun from the next Ship. — —
.	—————	Strange, to denote by the proper National Jack the Country to which they belong. —
56	—————	Seen, are of the Line; and when answered, to be hauled down <i>once</i> for every such Ship discovered; or by a Numeral Signal, if more convenient. — —
46	—————	Are Frigates; and when answered, the Number of Frigates to be denoted as before. —
48	—————	Are Transports or Merchant Ships. — —
53	—————	Are on the <i>Starboard</i> Tack, by the Wind. —
50	—————	Are on the <i>Larboard</i> Tack, ———ditto. —
55	—————	Go <i>Large</i> , with the Wind on the Starboard Quarter. — — —
57	—————	Ditto, ———ditto ———Larboard ditto. —
58	—————	That they <i>Lye-by</i> . — — —
59	—————	Have made Sail if before brought to; or made <i>more</i> Sail, if before standing on, by or from the Wind. — — —
60	—————	Have shortened Sail. — — —
61	—————	Are at <i>Anchor</i> . — — —
51	—————	Strange, are suspicious. — — —
52	————— Enemy's.	Are coming out of Port, or getting under Weigh. — — —
63	—————	Have dispersed on different Courses. —
64	—————	Have abandoned their Convoy. — —
65	—————	Meaning to count their Force, Ships of the Line first, then Frigates. — —





SIGNALS by private *SHIPS* by *DAY*. 65

Signal.	
30	SICK. ————— For Permission to send them to the Hospital Ship. — — — — —
27	SIGNALS. ————— Inability to comply with the Admiral's. —
9	————— That the Purpose of that made by the Admiral is not understood. — — — — —
40	————— Has been made by distant Ships. I will repeat it.
35	SOUNDINGS. — Not finding Ground. — — — — —
36	————— <i>Gained</i> when above twenty Fathoms, to be hauled down <i>once</i> for every ten Fathoms. Being hoisted <i>half up</i> denotes five Fathoms. But the Number of Fathoms is not to be so described, until the first made Signal has been answered. — — — — —
38	————— <i>Under</i> twenty Fathoms. To be hauled down once for every five Fathoms, after the Signal first shewn has been answered by the Admiral. — — — — —
39	————— <i>Under</i> ten Fathoms. And when answered as before, the Signal is to be hauled down <i>once</i> for every <i>single</i> Fathom. — — — — —
37	————— In <i>Shoal</i> Water. And when answered as before, is to be hauled down <i>once</i> for every <i>single</i> Fathom. — — — — —
44	TACK. ————— To denote that the Admiral has made the Signal for that Purpose.
10	TOW. ————— Needing Assistance of <i>Boats</i> for that Purpose. The Ship claiming it to wear an English Jack at the Mizzen Top-mast Head, until the Relief is furnished. — — — — —
Suffic Flag.	} TRUCE. ————— No Hostilities to be persevered in, or committed, whilst this Signal is continued a-broad.
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Signals with Jacks, Pendants, and Wefts.

Sig.	Colour.	JACKS.	PLACE.
1	English	—To be hoisted by the Ship to which the Admiral has signified by Sig. 119. Pa. 32. that the Boats, Officers, &c. previously summoned are to be sent—	Mizen-top-gallant } mast-head — }
2	Of any Nation	—To denote by the proper National Jack, the Country to which strange Ships belong — — — <i>N.B. The Chace being of a Nation in Amity, the same may be denoted by an English Jack, if the Chacing Ship has no Colours on Board of that Nation. If the Chace is suspected to be an Enemy, it may (under similar Circumstances) be denoted by a Red Flag, or Jack of any Country, in a State of Hostilities with Great Britain.</i>	At Fore or Main- } top-gallant - mast- } head — — }
3	{ Common } British —	P E N D A N T S. —To denote that the Ship's Company } are at Prayers — — — }	Mizen-Peck —
4	— D° —	—To denote that a Man is fallen } over-board — — — }	Ensign-Staff —
5		W H E F T S. —To speak with the Admiral. And is } to be repeated by intermediate Ships } discovering it, until seen to be observed } by the Admiral. After which it is to } be continued only by the Ship in which } it was first exhibited — — }	Fore-top - gallant- } mast-head — }
6		—For the particular Ships Boat to } return on board. May be shewn } according to the Distance, at the — }	Main-top-gallant- } mast-head or } Ensign-Staff — }

COMPASS SIGNALS.

		With
North		Red Pendant over
N. by E.		White — D°
N. N. E.		Blue — D°
N. E. by N.		Dutch — D°
N. E.		Red Pendant under
N. E. by E.		White — D°
E. N. E.		Blue — D°
E. by N.		
East		Red Pendant over
E. by S.		White — D°
E. S. E.		Blue — D°
S. E. by E.		Dutch — D°
S. E.		Red Pendant under
S. E. by S.		White — D°
S. S. E.		Blue — D°
S. by E.		
South		Red Pendant over
S. by W.		White — D°
S. S. W.		Blue — D°
S. W. by S.		Dutch — D°
S. W.		Red Pendant under
S. W. by W.		White — D°
W. S. W.		Blue — D°
W. by S.		
West		Red Pendant over
W. by N.		White — D°
W. N. W.		Blue — D°
N. W. by W.		Dutch — D°
N. W.		Red Pendant under
N. W. by N.		White — D°
N. N. W.		Blue — D°
N. by W.		

Observation.

When any Signal is accompanied with either of these Signals expressive of a particular Point of the Compass, the Direction in which the Ships are to proceed to carry the Purpose of such Signal into Execution, is meant to be thereby denoted. As when the Signal is made to Chace; to alter Course, or form the Line, &c. &c.

Jacks
Pendants
Whefts
Compass
Signals

N. B. Strange Ships being discovered (and so of any other Occasion when the Bearing is necessary to be made known) the Quarter is to be denoted by the proper Compass Signal; and when answered by the Admiral, the Compass Signal is to be hauled down once for each such strange Ship seen; Or the Number may be indicated by a Numeral Signal, as by Instruction — Page 59 of the Signals.

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N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	S.B. Pa.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
1	{ <i>To denote seeing an Enemy, Top-sail or Top-gallant-</i> <i>yard-arm</i> — — — — }	62		
2	S. W. — — — —	67		
3	S. E. — — — —	-		
4	N. E. — — — —	-		
5	N. W. — — — —	-		
6	{ <i>Obliged to part Company, and needing a Ship's</i> <i>Attendance</i> — — — — }	62		
7	<i>Answer to the Admiral's Signal</i> — — — —	60		
8	<i>In Want of immediate Assistance</i> — — — —	62	48	xx
9	<i>That the Admiral's Signal is not understood</i> — — — —	65		
10	{ <i>Wanting Boats to Tow, &c. The Ship to wear Eng-</i> <i>lish Jack, Mizzen Top-mast Head</i> — — }	60		
11	<i>Being in Condition to renew the Action</i> — — — —	-		
12	<i>To denote the Admiral's Answer to distant Ships</i> — — — —	-		
13	{ <i>That the Chace is an Enemy. Vide Signal with Jack,</i> <i>Page 66</i> — — — — }	61 66		
14	{ <i>That the Chace is a Friend. Vide Signal with ditto,</i> <i>Page 66</i> — — — — }	-		
15	<i>Distress, but not in Want of immediate Assistance</i> — — — —	62		
16	<i>Can come up with Chace, without losing Company</i> — — — —	61		
17	<i>Can come up with Chace, if permitted to part Company</i> — — — —	-		
18	<i>Not in a Condition to renew the Action</i> — — — —	60		
19	<i>Cannot come up with the Chace</i> — — — —	61		
20	<i>Chace or Enemy, of inferior Force to the Chacing Ships</i> — — — —	-		
21	{ <i>Ditto, superior to Ships Chacing, but inferior to Squa-</i> <i>dron united</i> — — — — }	-		
22	{ <i>Ditto, superior to Squadron united, Ships discovering</i> <i>it, to join the Admiral</i> — — — — }	-		
23	{ <i>Discovering strange Fleet.—To be hauled down once</i> <i>for every five Sail</i> — — — — }	63 49		

N. B. Or may be made known by Sails. Vide Page 49.—

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N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	S.B. Pa.	Instruct.	
			Pa.	Art.
24	{ <i>Not able to keep Company. To be made known to the Admiral of the Disability, Wind and Weather permitting</i> — — — — }	61		
25	{ <i>Overpressed with Sail.—To be repeated by intermediate Ships with Guns, if necessary, till answered by the Admiral</i> — — — — }	-		
26	<i>That the sternmost Ships of the Enemy are not secured</i> —	62		
27	<i>Inability to comply with the Admiral's Signals</i> —	65		
28	<i>Primed and ready to proceed on Service</i> —	63		
29	<i>Discovering Land, with Bearing Flag</i> —	-		
30	<i>Permission to send Sick to the Hospital Ship</i> —	65		
31	{ <i>Occasion to Lye-by, are permitted to do so, if not countermanded</i> — — — — }	63		
32	<i>Having discovered Danger, with Bearing occasionally</i> —	62.		
34	<i>Can Weather the Enemy</i> — — — —	-		
35	<i>Having founded, but no Ground</i> — — — —	65		
36	{ <i>Soundings gained above twenty Fathom, to be hauled down once for every ten Fathom, hoisted half up denotes five</i> — — — — }	-		
37	<i>Shoal Water, to be hauled down once for every single Fathom</i> —	-		
38	<i>Soundings under twenty, ditto once for every five ditto</i> —	-		
39	<i>Ditto under ten, once for every single ditto</i> —	-		
40	<i>Intending to repeat a Signal made by a distant Ship</i> —	-		
41	<i>Enemy are coming down in Line of Battle</i> —	62		
42	<i>Have you seen the Fleet?</i> — — — —	63		
43	<i>Striking and sticking on a Shoal with Guns</i> — — — —	62		
44	<i>That the Admiral has made the Signal to Tack</i> —	65		
45	<i>In Want of a Bower or Stream Anchor laid out</i> —	62		
46	{ <i>Strange Ships seen are Frigates, hauled down once for every Ship</i> — — — — }	64		
47	<i>Danger, when necessary, to give speedy Notice, with 2 Guns</i> —	62		
48	<i>Strange Ships are Transports or Merchant Ships</i> —	64		
49	<i>Admiral, having discovered the, or Commanding Officer</i> —	60		

N ^o	SIGNIFICATION.	S. R. Instruct.		
		Pa.	Pa.	Art.
50	Strange Ships are on Larboard Tack, by the Wind —	64		
51	———— are suspicious — — — —	-		
52	Enemy's Ships are coming out of Port, or weighing —	-		
53	Strange Ships are on Starboard Tack, by the Wind —	-		
54	Ships denoted (by Bearing, &c.) are standing into Danger	62		
55	Strange Ships go Large, with Wind on Starboard Quarter	64		
56	———— are Ships of the Line, hauled down once } for every Ship — — — — }	-		
57	———— go Large, with Wind on Larboard Quarter	-		
58	———— Lye-by — — — —	-		
59	———— have made Sail, if before brought to, or } made more Sail, if before standing on }	-		
60	———— have shortened Sail — — — —	-		
61	———— are at Anchor — — — —	-		
62	Is the British Fleet gone into Port, or Cruizing?	63		
63	Enemy's Ships have dispersed on different Courses —	64		
64	———— have abandoned their Convoy — —	-		
65	———— meaning to count their Force, Ships of } the Line first, then Frigates — }	-		
66	Intelligence—Having gained, and wanting to communicate	63		
67	———— Ships denoted to proceed therewith —	-		
68	———— to watch the Enemy's Motions — —	-		
69	Action — If permitted to continue the, I can Distress } the Enemy — — — — }	60		
70	Cable — I am going to veer — — — —	65		
71	Land, That I can weather it } Rock or Shoal — — — — }	63		
72	Enemy, I mean to pass between } you and the — — — — }	62		

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Flags or Pendants.	SIGNIFICATION.	S.B.	Instruct.	
		Pa.	Pa.	Art.
Wheft —	Admiral — <i>To speak with him</i> — — —	60		
Yellow F.	Annul — <i>The preceding Signal, or that made herewith</i> — — —	58		
Jack —	Artificers — <i>To denote the Ship to which they are to repair</i> — — —	66		
Wheft —	Boats — <i>To return on board. Vide Page 66</i> —	60 66		
Substitute Flag —	Chace — <i>That the Signal is made to leave off</i> —	61	4	iv
	Company — <i>Joining after Separation. Vide Particular Instructions</i> — —	-	5	vi
	Compass — <i>Vide Page 67</i> — — —	61 67		
Pendant -	Dine — <i>That the Ship's Company will have Time</i>	47		
	Enemy — <i>To denote their Motions. Vide Ships strange</i> — — —	62		
Substitute	Hostilities - <i>Cease. Vide Truce</i> — —	65		
	Line — <i>To close to the Centre, from Van, 2d a-head, by Signal Pendants</i> —	63 48		
	———— Ditto ————— <i>from Rear, 2d a-stern, by ditto</i> — —	63 48		
Common Pendant }	Man — <i>That one has fallen overboard. Vide Page 66</i> — — —	63 66		
	Prayers — <i>That the Ship's Company are at</i> —	66		
	Ships — <i>Strange, to denote their Nation, by National Jack</i> — — —	64 66		
Substitute Flag —	Truce — <i>No Hostilities to be committed whilst this Flag is up</i> — — —	65		

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the *Sovereign at Gibraltar*
the 2^o Day of Nov^r 1798

St. Vincent

To *Alca Becker* Esq.

Captain of His Majesty's *Store Ship*
the *Medusa*

By Command of the Admiral.

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Fig: 1. Order of Battle.

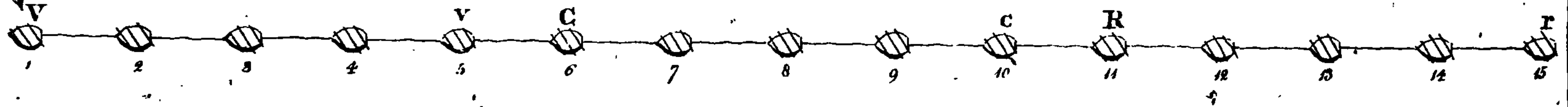


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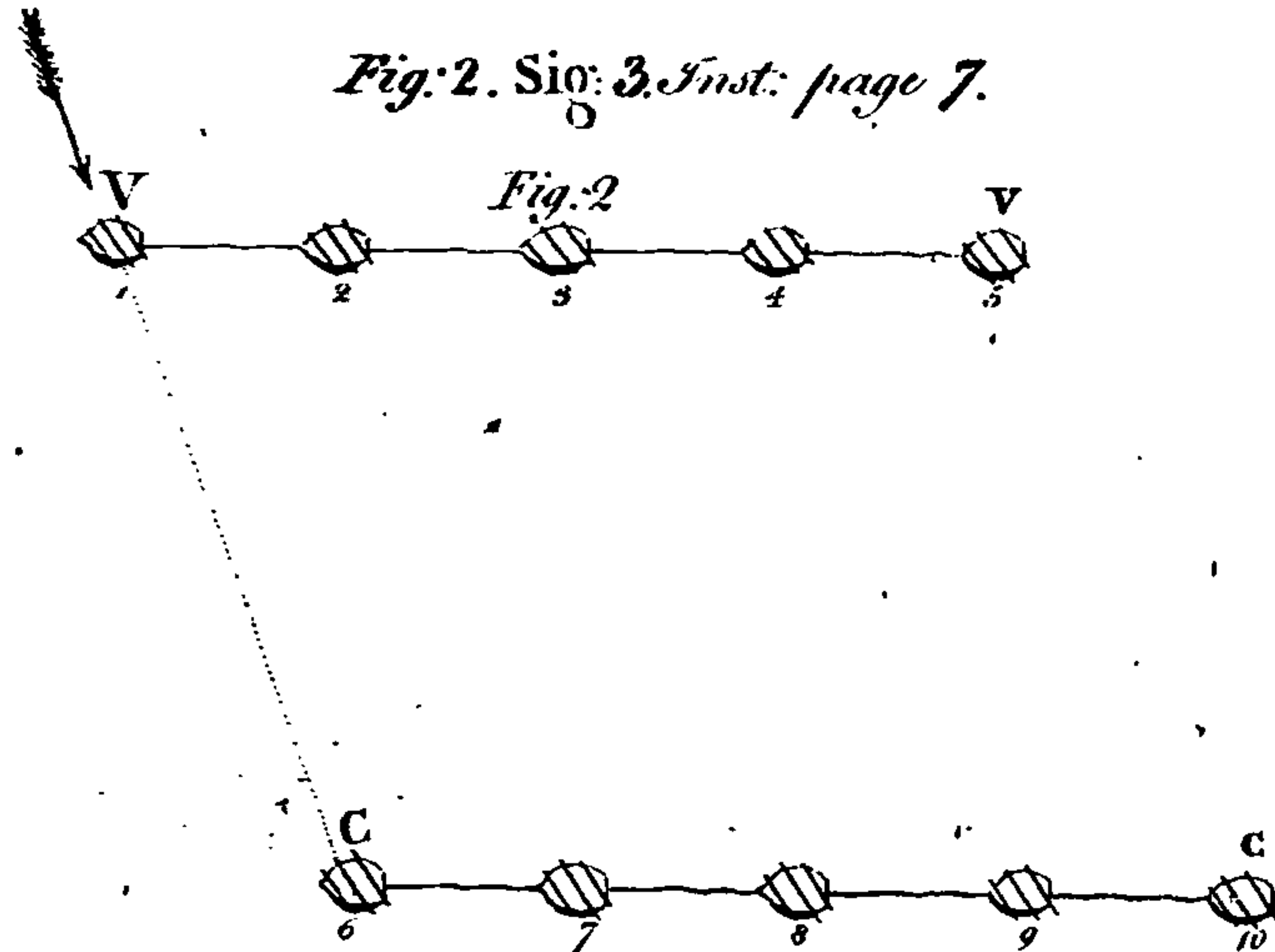
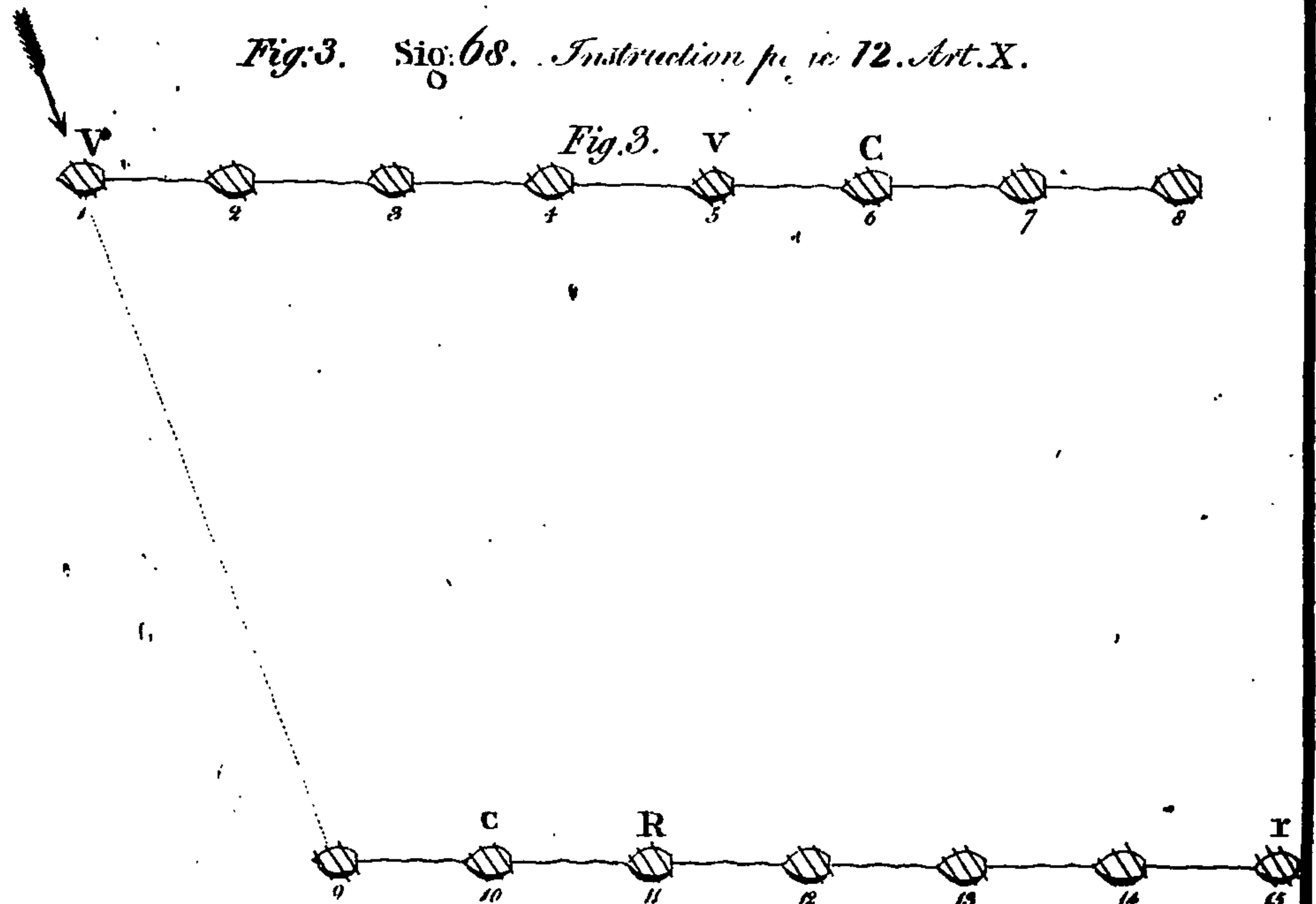


Fig: 3. Sig: 68. Instruction page 12. Art. X.



As Scale of Cable lengths.



Plate I.

Fig. 4. Sailing by Divisions S.B. page 8 Instructions page 14. Art. XVII.

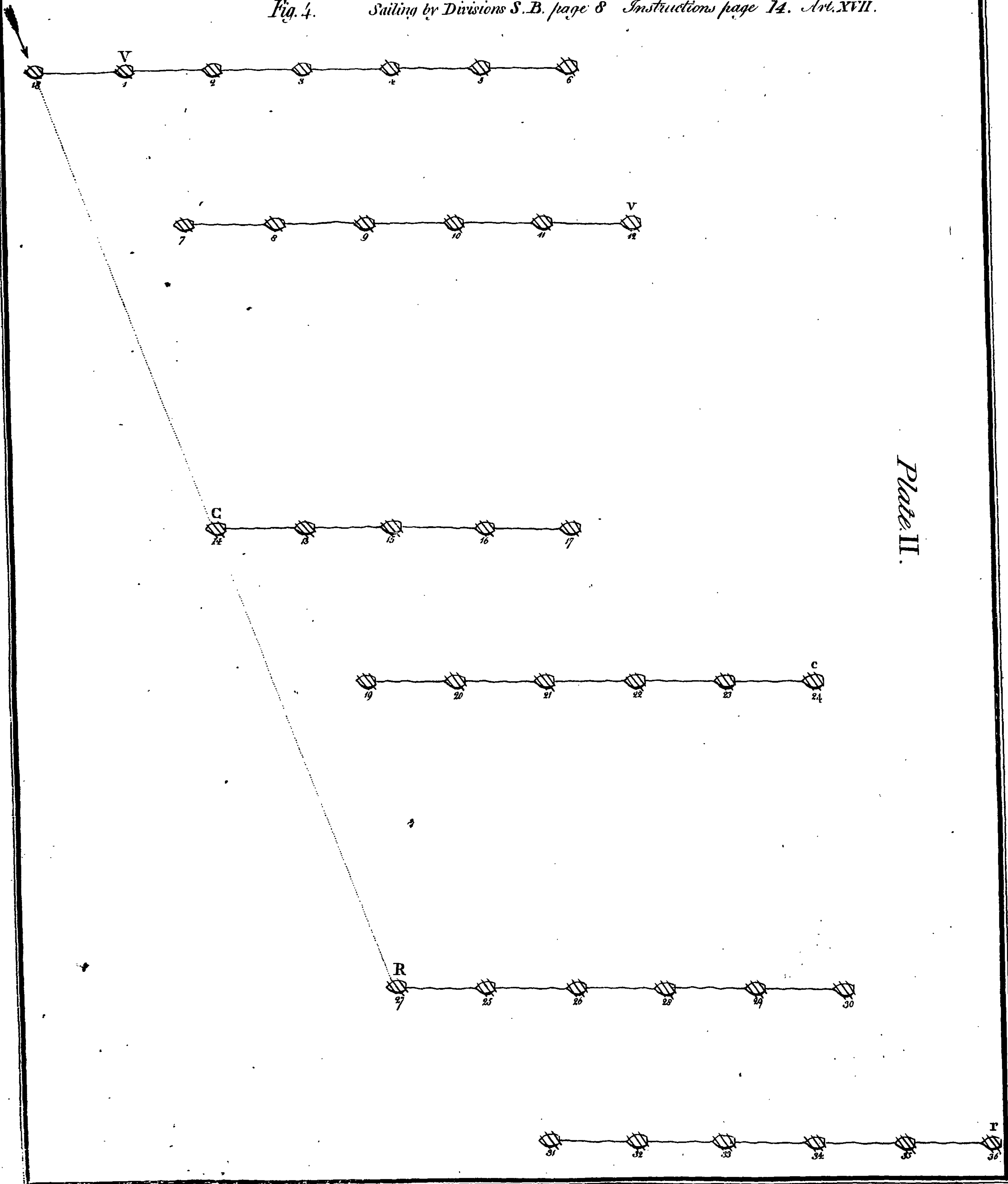


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Fig. 5.

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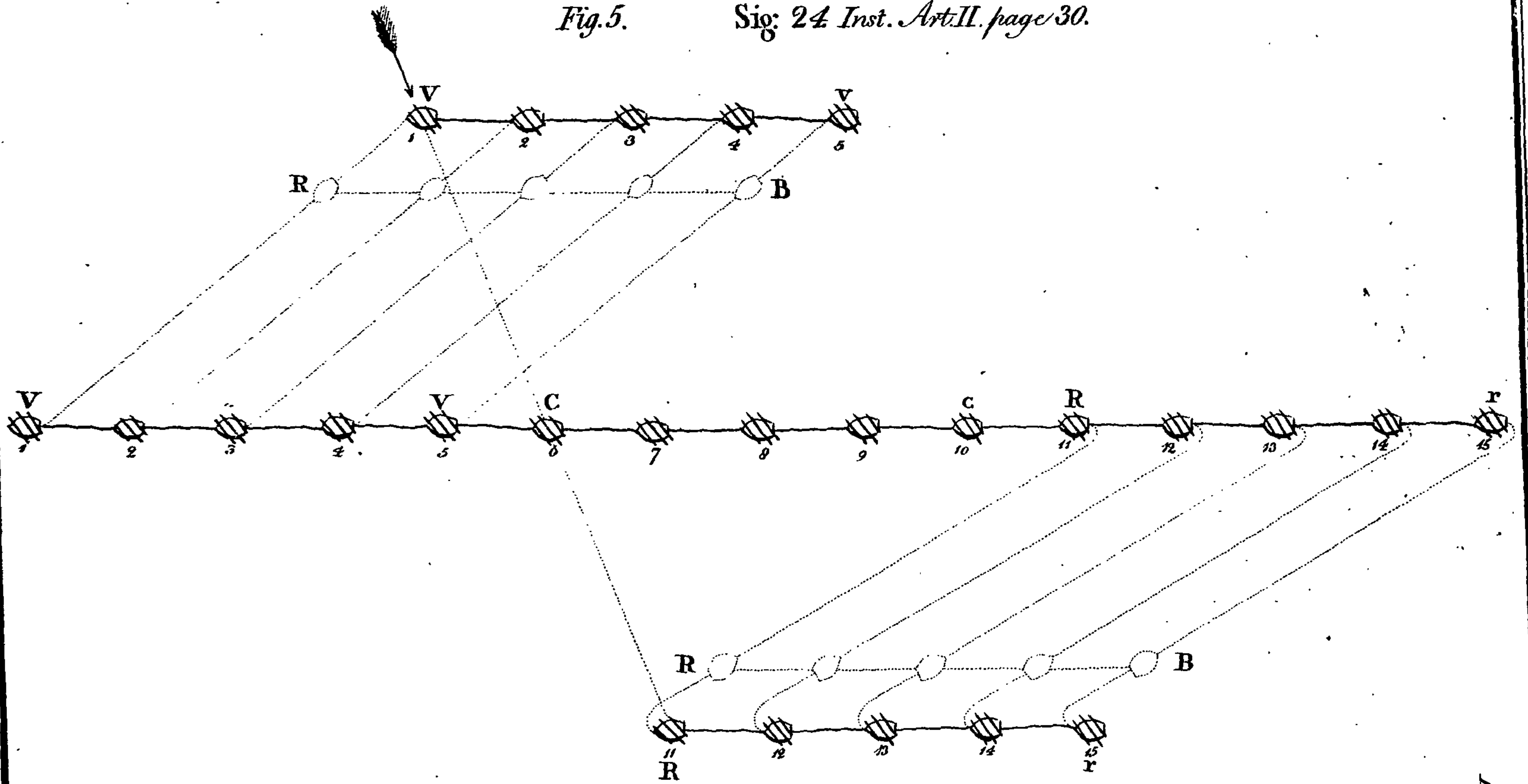


Fig. 6. Sig. 24. Instructions page 30. Position 2.^d

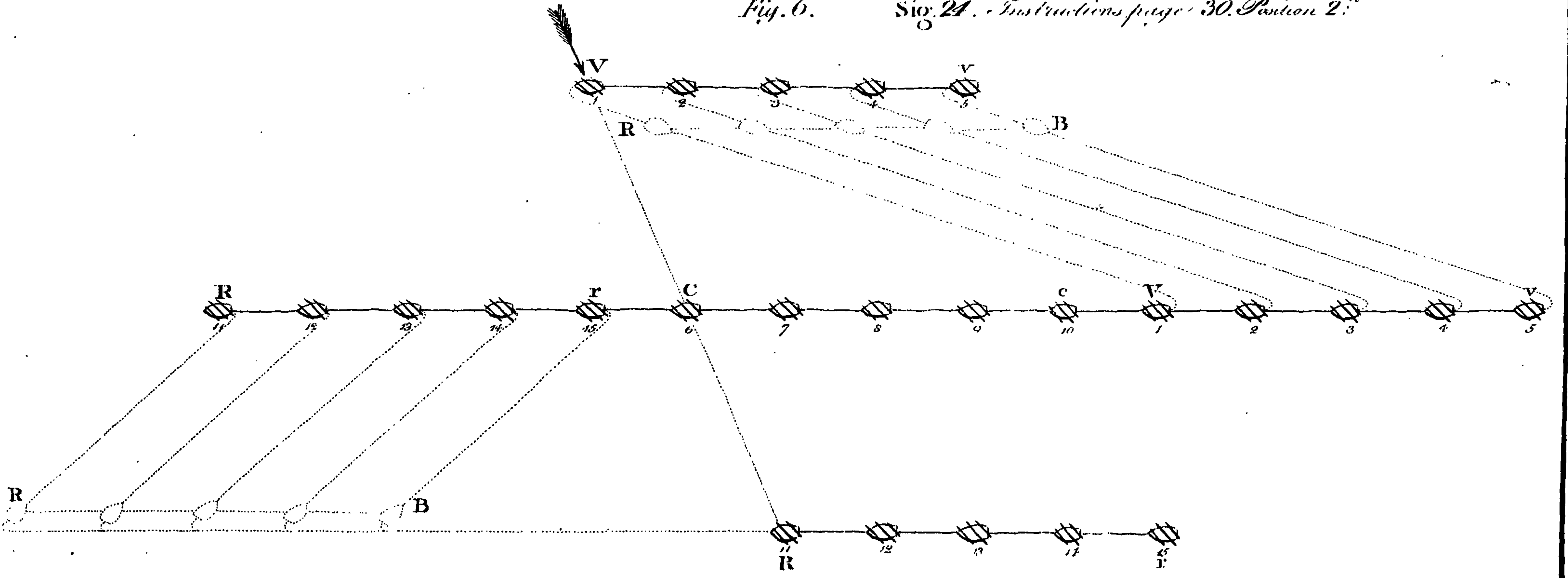


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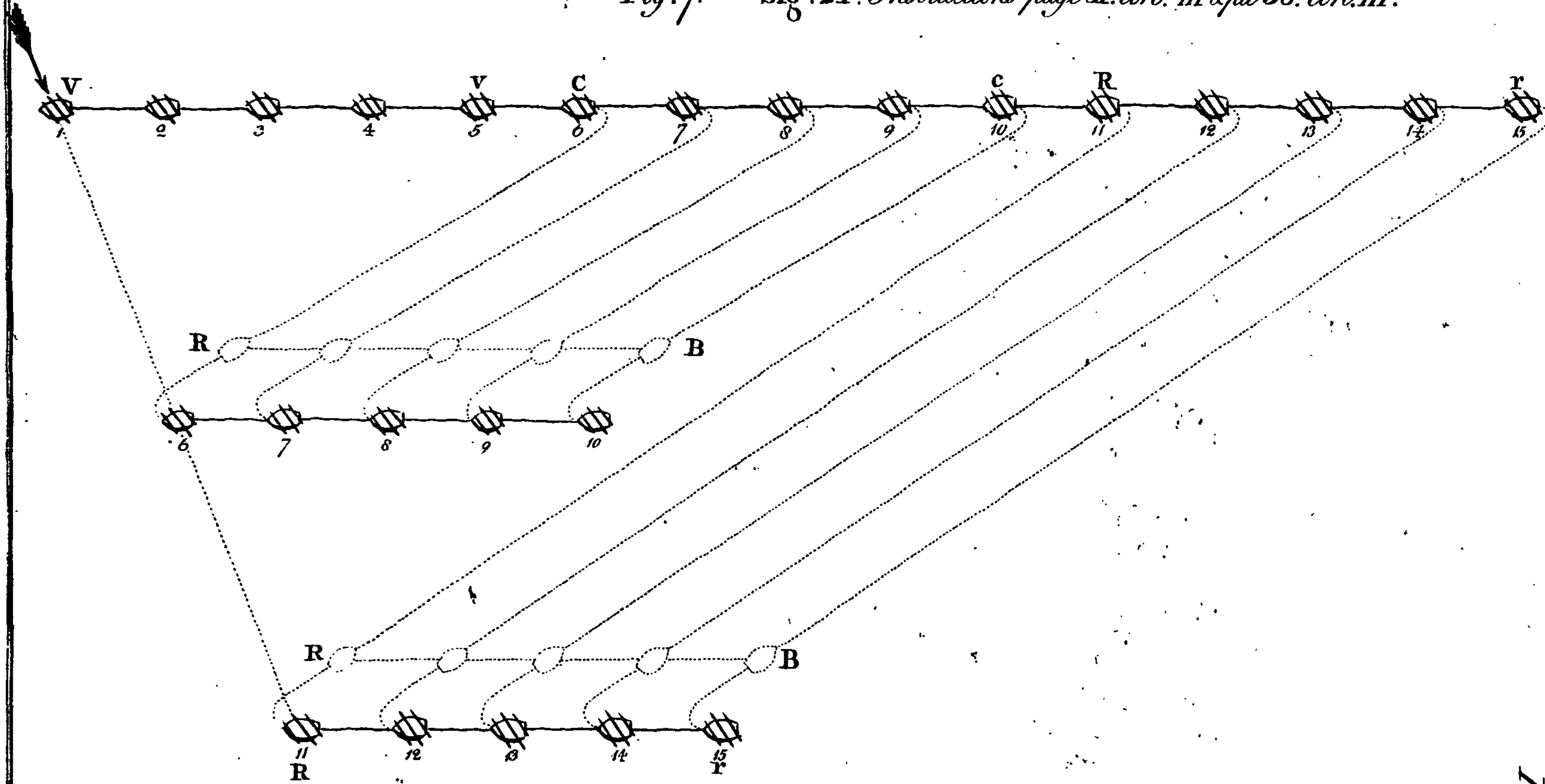


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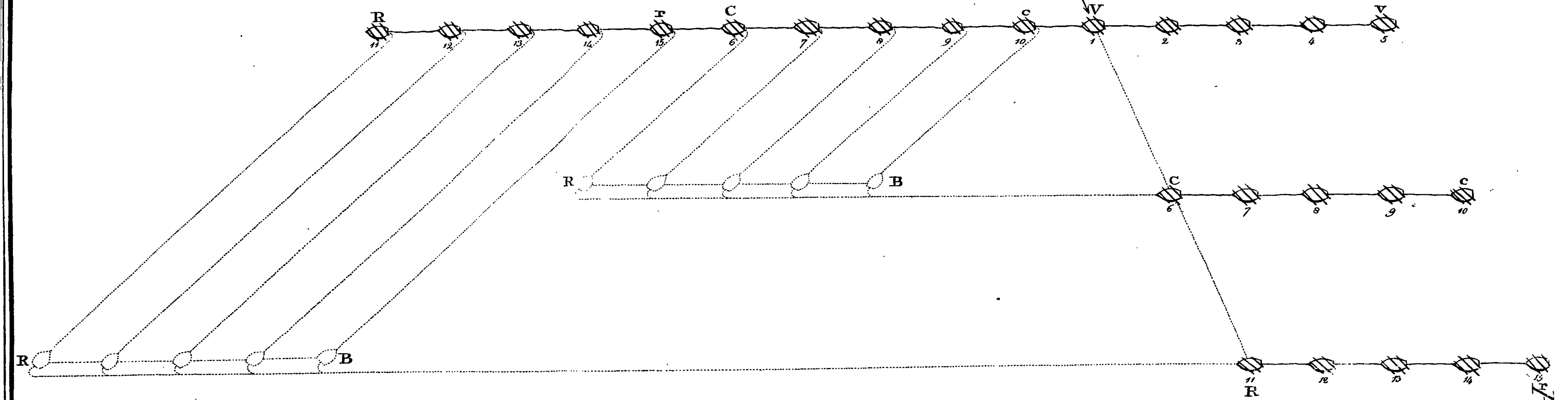


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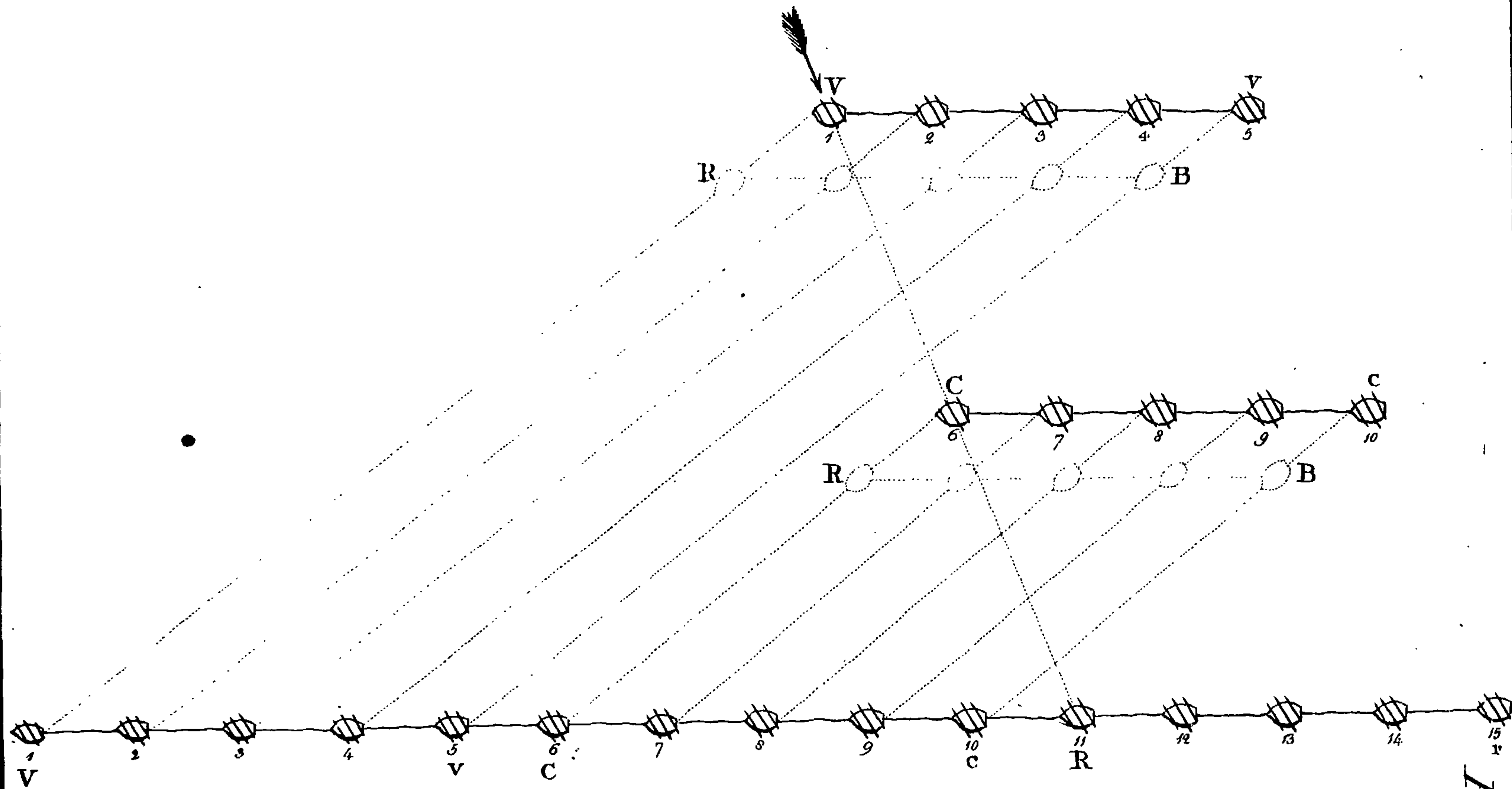


Fig. 10. Sig. 24. Instruction page 33. Art. IV & page 38. Art. III.

