



## 1829 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

*Ed. Note.* To date these are the first printed regulations of the Revenue Cutter Service located, the previous copies were hand copied. This rare copy was graciously provided by Mr. David L. Poremba, Manager, Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan, to who we offer our sincere thanks. The original eighteen pages were printed on 7.5 X 10 paper. There are, in essence, two separate sets of instructions in the single pamphlet. The first two pages are instructions to the collectors of customs detailing their responsibilities; the remainder applied to the offices of the U. S. Revenue Cutters. These instructions became the base of all service regulations for the next thirty years. The illustrations of some forms are larger than the original, this was done to provide clarity and to give the flavor of period instructions. W. R. Wells, II, GMCMM, USCG (ret) April 06, 2001.

### TO COLLECTORS OF THE CUSTOMS CHARGED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF REVENUE, CUTTERS

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 17, 1829.

SIR,

With President's approbation, the United States' Revenue Cutter [*Ed. note. Blanks to be filled in*] is placed under your superintendence, copies a general instruction, this day. issued, for the government of the officers of the Cutter, are herewith enclosed to you. Four of these you, will deliver to the Commander for the use of the Cutter, and the others you will retain for your own, information and, for use hereafter. As these instructions relate, in part, to .duties which you, are to perform, jointly with the officers of the Cutter, you will consider them as addressed, also to yourself in as far as they, may be applicable.

The Cutter, is placed under the command of Captain

The Lieutenants are; First

Second

Third

warrant officer are allowed, and will be appointed' hereafter. Her crew will consist of men,

including Boatswains'. mate, a Gunners' mate, Carpenters' mate, Sailmakers' mate,

Steward, Cook,

Able Seamen,

and

Boys. Her

armament

will consist of

Pounders,

Muskets,

Pistols,

Cutlasses, and she

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per month.

She will be supplied with provisions by contract. For that purpose,-you are authorized to issue proposals for supplying her with as many navy-rations as will be, necessary for the warrant officers and crew, for one year, from the first day of neat, deliverable at such times; and in such quantities, as may be required. Forms of the advertisement and, contract are 'enclosed. Whatever offers may be made, you will transmit for the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will cause the provisions to be inspected, as often as you may think proper, or when required by the Captain, and at least once in three months, to see that they, a , sound and wholesome, of good quality, and conformable to the contract. As they are to be delivered on the requisition of the Captain, you will require his receipt for them before payment, and observe that they are duly accounted for.

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In obtaining supplies of such other articles, as you are authorized to supply, on the requisition of the Captain, and according to your own discretion, you will use the strictest economy, having regard always to the efficiency of the service.

All payments made by you must be supported by proper vouchers, including the requisitions of the captain, the bills of purchase, the captain's receipt for the articles supplied, and the receipt of the party for the payment. Payments which are authorized by the instructions, and which are thus vouched, you will make out of the proceeds of the customs, and charge in your quarterly accounts with the United States: Abstracts of which, arranged according to the form herewith enclosed, will accompany your accounts when transmitted for settlement.

You will perceive that a class of officers, not hitherto employed in the Cutter service, though comprehended under the general description of non-commissioned officers, in the establishment provided by law, is now introduced. These are called warrant officers: As they are appointed by the President, they will be officers of the customs. They are intended more for duty, in the latter character, than for ordinary ships' duty: though they will also do ships' duty, according to their station. They will be put on board by the captain of the Cutter, of all vessels, requiring the presence of an officer of the customs: And, on surrendering up the charge of any vessel to an inspector, on arrival in port, they will make report to you. Much is hoped from their vigilance and activity; and especially, in protecting the revenue, in circumstances where the ordinary inspectors cannot have an opportunity to act. Whatever instructions you may think necessary for their guidance or information, you will communicate to the commander of the Cutter.

You will transmit quarterly, a report of the daily arrivals from abroad, distinguishing between those that arrive with, and those without a warrant officer, and when such officer is on board stating his name.

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you may from time to time indicate to the captain: you will also give him such instructions, not inconsistent with those received from the Department, as you may see necessary for the most effectual protection of the revenue.

All your instructions to him will be in writing; and you will transmit copies of them to this Department.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
*Secretary of the Treasury*

**INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES REVENUE  
CUTTER SERVICE.**

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

*DECEMBER 17, 1829.*

The organization of the Revenue Cutter Service, and a general outline of the duties of the persons employed in it, are contained in the Act (commonly called the Collection Act,) of 2d March, 1799, particularly in the 98th, 99th, 100th, and 101st sections. But, as that service was established for the protection of the revenue, and as the officers of the cutters are officers of the customs, a particular knowledge of all the laws relating to the revenue is necessary to a proper understanding of their duties. Other duties arise under the Supplementary Collection Act passed the 1st March, 1823; the Acts regulating the coasting trade and fisheries, passed on the 18th February, 1793, 2d March, 1818, and 7th May, 1822; the Act concerning wrecked vessels, passed on the 3d March, 1825, and the Act relating to the cutting and removing timber from the public lands, passed on the 1st March, 1817. Further duties are imposed by the Acts prohibiting the slave trade, passed 22d March, 1794, 28th February, 1803, 2d March, 1807, 20th April, 1818, 3d March, 1818; and 15th, May, 1820; to all which the particular attention of the officers of the cutters will be directed. And that the officers and others employed in the service may be fully informed in respect to their official obligations, a copy of the laws of the United States will be furnished to each Cutter.

By the 99th section of the Act of 2d March, 1799, above mentioned, officers of the Revenue Cutters are directed to perform, in addition to the duties prescribed by law, such other duties for the collection and security of the revenue, as from time to time shall be directed by the Secretary of the Treasury. In virtue of that authority, and by the special direction of the President, the following instructions have been prepared for the information and government of the officers and crews of the Revenue Cutters; and are intended to supersede all that have heretofore been given on the same subjects.

The law having vested the appointment of the officers of the Cutters in the President, commissions will accordingly be granted to them by the President, countersigned by the Secretary of the Treasury, and sealed with the seal of the Treasury Department. The officers will be assigned to the Cutters, in which they are to do duty; and the station of each Cutter, and the collector under whose superintendence she is placed, will be designated by an order from the Secretary of the Treasury. The officers having taken and subscribed the oath required by law before the collector, their compensation will commence. The pay and subsistence at present allowed by law are as follows:

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To Captains	50 dollars per month,	And to each officer four navy-rations
First Lieutenants	35 dollars per month,	per day.
Second Lieutenants	30 dollars per month,	
Third Lieutenants	25 dollars per month,	

The number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and crew, will be fixed, from time to time, by the Secretary of the Treasury, according to the size of the vessel, and the station to which she is assigned. The pay and rations of the non-commissioned officers and crew at present allowed. are as follows:

To Warrant Officers \$            per month, and two navy-rations a day. Among the warrant officers are included a Pilot, Boatswain and Gunner.

To Petty Officers \$            per month, and one navy-ration a day. Among the petty officers are included Boatswain's mates, Gunner's mates, Carpenter's mates, and Sailmaker's mates; who are required also to be able Seamen, and will do duty as such when their other duties will permit.

Able Seamen	\$            per month	And one Navy-ration a day.
Stewards	\$            per month	
Cooks	\$            per month	
Boys	\$            per month	

Commissioned officers will receive for their subsistence an equivalent in money, estimating their rations at twenty cents each, that being the value fixed by law for the army ration when not drawn in kind. Warrant officers will receive one ration in kind, and for the other, an equivalent in money, at the price at which the navy rations when not drawn are estimated, which at present is twenty-five cents. Petty officers and seamen will receive their rations in kind.

The class of warrant officers, though comprehended under the general description of non-commissioned officers in the establishment provided by law for the Cutter service, has not hitherto been organized, The arrangement now made is designed chiefly for their employment as officers of the customs: As they will be appointed by the President, they will consequently be officers of the customs. They will perform such duties, in that capacity, as, in the opinion of the commander of the Cutter, the protection of the revenue may require. They will, especially, and upon his order, take charge of all vessels which shall arrive from a foreign. country within four leagues of the coast, bound to the United States, and of all other vessels which shall be under any circumstances that render it proper for them to be placed under the charge of an officer of the customs; and they will remain on board such vessels until their arrival in fort, or until relieved by an inspector. Having made the necessary report to the collector on their arrival, and receiving his orders to that effect, they will return without unnecessary delay to the Cutter.

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Their departure and return .will be duly. entered on the Cutter's books. In addition to their compensation as warrant officers, they will be allowed one dollar a day for liar expenses during the time when they may be absent from the Cutter on duty. As far as circumstances may permit, the captain will assign the warrant officers in rotation to do duty as officers of the customs. It is not to be understood that the employment of warrant officers is to control or supersede the employment of commissioned officers, in any case where the captain may judge proper to employ the latter.

Warrant officers will be appointed by the President, and will receive a warrant signed by the President; they will, as warrant officers, at all times be subject to ship's duty.

In the absence of the commissioned officers, the command of the Cutter will devolve, temporarily, on the senior warrant officer on board .

Commissioned and warrant officers will hold their appointments during the pleasure of the President. Captains may be suspended from duty by the collector, for disobedience of orders or other misconduct. Subordinate officers may be suspended by the captain for similar misconduct: in every case, the cause of suspension will be entered on the journal, and reported to the Secretary of the Treasury. During their suspension, they will not be competent to act as .officers of the customs. Any commissioned or warrant officer, who may have cause of complaint against another officer, may represent the same to the Secretary, who will cause the facts to be enquired into, and if necessary, laid before the President.

Petty officers will be appointed by the captain, and hold their appointments daring his pleasure; they and the crew will be dripped, (except when otherwise directed by the Secretary,) for one year according to the form of articles herewith enclosed; but may he discharged at any time, by the captain, for incompetency or misconduct, or when from any cause their services are no longer required. In such case the cause of their discharge will be entered on the journal. No other than citizens of the United States will be employed is the Cutter Service. Nor will any slave or person of color be shipped, without the special permission of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The armament of each Cutter will be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury. No addition can be made, either to the number of the petty officers or crew, or to the armament, without his previous approbation, except on extraordinary emergencies, which wilt not admit of reference to him, to be judged of by the collector or captain, as the occasion may require, and to be entered on the journal, and immediately reported to the Secretary.

Each class of officers will bear rank according to the date of their commissions.

The captain, or commanding officer, is responsible for the safety of the vessel, the good order of the crew, and the care of all public property on board the Cutter. No

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officer, or other person belonging to the Cutter, will leave the vessel without his permission.

The commander will take care that a constant and regular watch be kept on board the Cutter, whether cruising or in port; that the magazine be not opened except under his direction, and with proper precautions for preventing accidents; that upon the arrival of the Cutter in port, all necessary measures be taken for preparing her immediately for sea: that the crew are occasionally exercised at the guns, and with small arms, and in such other duties, as may conduce to the better performance of the service in which they are employed; he will attend to the health and cleanliness of the crew, the cleanliness of the Cutter, and take care that every person in the ship performs the duties of his station. He is required to make himself acquainted with the coasts, harbors, shoals and soundings of his cruising ground; noting in the books of the Cutter, such remarks, descriptions, bearings and information relating thereto, as may be useful to his successor; together with such information in reference to the trim, stowage and ballast of the Cutter, and to her sailing qualities in the different situations of wind and weather to which she has been exposed, as his experience and observation may have afforded; and he will note generally any information or improvement which may suggest itself as useful to the service.

The officers and crew will be mustered daily, and the proper entries made of those who are present or absent on duty, or otherwise on a muster roll, prepared according to a form herewith enclosed. Each person entered on the muster roll as absent without leave, will forfeit three day's pay and rations, for each day's absence.

Commissioned and warrant officers may be paid monthly. The petty officers and crew may receive two-thirds of their pay monthly, and the balance at the close of their engagement or time of discharge. But the captain may, at his discretion, allow them to receive their full pay monthly. From the pay of each person employed in the Cutter, there will be deducted twenty cents per month, the contribution towards the Marine Hospital Fund, which deduction will appear on the pay roll. Payments will be made monthly, by the collector, on the exhibition of a transcript of the muster roll certified by the captain, shewing the amount due to each. These transcripts will be receipted by each person, and retained by the collector as his voucher. The allowance to warrant officers, in lieu of their expenses while absent from the Cutter on duty as inspector, will be paid in the same manner, on the exhibition of a similar transcript from the proper muster roll.

The Cutters will be provisioned by contract. The ration to be furnished, will be the navy-ration viz.

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Days of the week.	lbs.	ozs.	Pounds of			Ounces of				Half Pints of				
	Suet.	Cheese.	Beef.	Pork.	Flour.	Bread.	Butter.	Sugar.	Tea.	Peas.	Rice.	Molasses.	Vinegar.	Spirits.
Sunday, - - -	1-4	-	11-4	-	1-2	14	-	1	.	-	-	-	-	1
Monday, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1	Four ounces per week.	1	-	-	-	1
Tuesday, - - -	-	2	1	-	-	14	-	1		-	-	-	-	1
Wednesday, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1		-	1	-	-	1
Thursday, - - -	1-4	-	11-4	-	1-2	14	-	1		-	-	-	-	1
Friday, - - -	-	4	-	-	-	14	2	1		-	1	1	-	1
Saturday - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1		1	-	-	1	1
<b>Per week,</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

per week, | 1-2 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1

The contractor will be bound, however, to furnish on reasonable notice, as often as may be required by the captain, not exceeding upon an average one day for each week, an equivalent of fresh meat, and fresh vegetables, in lieu of the corresponding parts of the ration above mentioned.

Requisitions for provisions will be made by the captains monthly; they will state the number of persons on board, for whom rations are wanted, and the number required for each. These will be compared by the collector with the muster roll, and if approved, be countersigned by him, and handed to the contractor, who will deliver the rations accordingly, at such times, and in such quantities, as may be required by the captain; taking a receipt at each delivery, for the number of rations delivered.

No member of congress, nor any person in the service of the United States, will be allowed to be concerned in any contract, for supplies to be furnished to the Cutters. All traffic in slops or ship stores is also forbidden on board.

On the fitting out of a Cutter, or, where the Cutter is already fitted out, immediately on the receipt of this instruction, an inventory and appraisalment, (if none such has already been made,) shall be made out by two competent and disinterested persons, one appointed by the collector, and the other by the captain, of all the equipments, including

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armament, furniture, and moveable property of every kind on board, belonging to the United States, other than provisions, and the same will be entered in a book, to be kept for that purpose, which shall always remain in the Cutter. When any of these articles are worn out, destroyed, lost, or otherwise disposed of, the proper entry will be made, opposite to them in the same book: When others required, the collector will, upon the requisition of the captain, if in his judgment necessary, cause them to be supplied; and when supplied, they will be likewise entered in the inventory. In the month of January, in each year, a similar inventory, with the additions made to it in the interval, which may be missing, and which are not satisfactorily accounted for, will be charged to the commanding, and be deducted from his pay.

When a Cutter is lost or sustains serious injury, the same will be reported to the Secretary of the Treasury and collector, by the commanding officer; and the collector will institute an immediate enquiry into the facts, by the examination, or oath, of all persons, who may know anything of the circumstances attending such loss or injury, and transmit the testimony to the Treasury Department.

The ensign and pennant, prescribed and directed by the President, under the authority of the Act of the 2nd March, 1799, to distinguish Revenue Cutters and Revenue Boats from other vessels, consists of sixteen perpendicular strips, alternate red and white, the union of the ensign being the arms of the United States in dark blue on a white field.

To distinguish the officers employed in the Cutter Service, they will wear the following uniform: commissioned officers, blue coat and pantaloons, edged with buff, and buff vest; the coat with a rolling collar, six buttons on each breast, on each side, one button on each side of the collar, and one in the middle of the skirt folk; the captains will wear in addition, two buttons on each cuff, and two on each pocket, when weather requires, white pantaloons and vest may be worn; gilt buttons with the arms of the United States; black cockade with a gilt button in the centre, also with the arms. Warrant officers will wear the same uniform as the Lieutenants, but without the edging, and with the same buttons and cockade.

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The cruising ground of the Cutters will be designated from time to time by the collectors, under whose superintendence they are placed; and no Cutter will, without leave of the Secretary of the Treasury, or the express direction of the collector depart from the station assigned to her, except forced by stress of weather or other necessity, or in the pursuit of vessels suspected of being engaged in violating the revenue laws; and which have either escaped from the limits of the Cutter's station, or have been discovered hovering about in the vicinity of her cruising ground, in such case the Cutter will return to her proper station as soon as practicable, after the performance of the special duty; and the cause of the departure will be duly noted on the journal, and reported immediately to the collector.

All orders relating to the service of the Cutters, in executing the revenue laws, emanating from the President or Secretary of the Treasury, will be communicated through the collector. The collector will direct the commander of the Cutter, as to his special duties. All his directions will be in writing, and as well as the instructions from the Treasury Department, are to be entered on the Cutter's journal. Copies of all letters or correspondence, in relation to the operations of the Cutter, or to the duties of her commander, are to be kept and preserved in the Cutter.

It may, be observed, generally, that it is the special duty of the officers of the Cutters to guard the revenue laws from violation. It is for this purpose they are made officers of the customs, and invested with extensive power. It is the indispensable duty of officers commanding Cutters, to board every vessel arriving from a foreign country, and being within four leagues of the coast, and bound to a port in the United States, carefully to search and examine her, to demand and certify the manifests, (where she is required to have them) cause tire hold to be fastened, and a warrant officer to be placed on board, who will continue in charge until relieved on her arrival in port unless previously relieved by an inspector. It is their duty to seize all vessels and merchandize liable to seizure, under the revenue laws; and for this purpose, they are authorized to enter any vessel in which they have reason to suspect goods subject to duty are concealed, and to search for, and secure such goods. It being strictly forbidden, after the arrival of any vessel laden with goods, and bound to the United States, within the limits of any district thereof, to break bulk, or put out any part of her cargo previously to entry, and permit obtained for that purpose, except in case of accident, necessity or distress; it will be the special duty of the officers of the Cutters, to detect such offences, and strictly to examine into all cases of alleged accident, necessity or distress. If they discover that any merchandize has been illegally landed, they will seize it if practicable, or' if otherwise, give immediate information to the collector, that the offenders may be prosecuted. 'there being ,rood reason to believe that many vessels, ostensibly employed in the fisheries and coasting

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trade, are engaged in the illicit introduction of foreign merchandize, the officers of the Cutters are enjoined to keep a watchful eye on such vessels; and when any are discovered under suspicious circumstances, to examine them with a view to such further measures as maybe found proper; and if probable cause appear to suspect them of being engaged in violating the revenue laws of the United States, to cause the hatches to be fastened down, and a warrant officer to be put on board, who will continue in charge until relieved by an inspector, or his arrival, and report to the collector.

The officers commanding Cutters, will also examine the papers of coasting vessels, when practicable, to ascertain that they are correct and in force, and will vigilantly watch outward bound vessels to foreign ports,. with the view to prevent the re-landing of goods subject to drawback.

In the performance of all their duties, however, seeing that they are so important in their operation to the revenue, on the one hand, and to the interest of commerce and navigation, on the other, it is recommended to the officers of the Cutters, to act as well with great discretion, as with vigilance and firmness. They are particularly enjoined to make themselves well acquainted with the laws, which it is their province to execute,. that they may be able to use all legal and proper means to protect the revenue, without injury to their fellow citizens, and without encroaching upon their rights.

The commanding officers of Cutters shall, in no case, take passengers on board, except officers of the customs when on duty, or other persons in the service of the United States, and the latter only by the special direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, or the collector of the port.

Every aid in the power of the officers of the Cutters, should be afforded to persons at sea in distress, who may be taken on board, and carried to the most convenient port. Their aid may in like manner be extended to the preservation of property, found on board of wrecked vessels, and to secure the cargoes for the benefit of their owners; for which the officers and crew of the Cotter will be entitled to the proper allowance for salvage.

When convenient, the Cutters will visit the light houses, within the limits of their cruising ground, for the purpose of ascertaining their wants, and furnishing any supplies of which their keepers may stand in need; and the captains will, report to the collector, as often as occasion may require, the state of the lights at the several light houses and .floating lights, and also the slate of the buoys; so far as they come within their observation.

The following books will be kept on board the Cutters, by the captain, or such officer as he may assign to that duty.

Forms of the inventory, journal, muster and detail books, accompany this instruction.

*First.* The inventory book, the use of which has already been mentioned.

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*Second.* The journal, in which--will be entered daily, every transaction on board the Cutter; each day's entry will be signed by the captain; and the officer charged with making the entry, and no subsequent alteration allowed:

*Third.* The muster and pay book.

*Fourth.* The detail book of officers, detached on duty as inspectors, both of which have been already referred to.

*Fifth:* A letter book, in which all official correspondence will be recorded.

*Sixth.* An order book, in which the instructions from the Secretary and from the collector, and orders issued by the commanding 'officer to his subordinate officers, will be entered.

Beside the weekly return, which the law requires to be made to the collector, it will be the duty of the captain, to transmit through the collector, to the Secretary of the Treasury, a transcript of his journal to the end of every month, (omitting diaries of the wind and weather,) which the collector will forward with such remarks as he may think proper; similar transcripts from the muster and pay book, and detail book, will be submitted at the end of each quarter, to the collector, who, after examining them, will transmit the same in like manner.

I am, &c.

Secretary of the Treasury

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REQUISITION.

QUANTITY of rations required for the non-commissioned officers and seamen of the United States' Revenue Cutter from

to 18 viz. Warrant Officers during said period, - - - Petty officers, seamen, and boys do - - - Total required,

To

SIR,-

You are required to deliver, agreeably to contract, complete rations of provisions, on board the Revenue Cutter on or before at o'clock, the same being necessary for the public service Captain.

Approved,

Collector.

Received of contractor, the supplies specified in the above requisition.

Captain.

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AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT made the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and between of

the one part, and collector of the customs for the district of for and in behalf of the United States, of the other part, Witnesseth:

That the said hath contracted, and by these presents doth contract and agree to furnish; for the term of one year, front the date hereof, on the requisition of the captain of the United States' Revenue Cutter countersigned by the said to the non-commissioned officers and seamen, composing the crew of the said Revenue Cutter, the rations of provisions, consisting of stet, cheese, beef, pork, flour, bread, butter, sugar, tea, peas, rice, molasses, vinegar and spirits, of good and wholesome quality, to be approved by the said

and in such proportions as are allowed in the naval service of the United States, at such times, and in such quantities, as may from time to time be demanded, and required by the commander of the-said Cutter, on requisitions, countersigned by the said

The said provisions to be contained and delivered on board the Cutter, in good and sufficient casks and vessels to be provided by the said

and the contents thereof, as to kind and quantity, distinctly marked on each.

It is further understood and agreed between the said parties, that the said will be bound to furnish, on reasonable notice, as often as may be required by the captain. of the said Revenue Cutter, with the approbation of the said

(not exceeding upon an average;

one day for each week) such fresh meat and sound vegetable; as may he equivalent to the corresponding parts of the ration allowed in the naval service of the United States.



And the said

for and in consideration of the foregoing stipulations, and the rations to be delivered to the officers and crew as aforesaid, by the said does on the part and behalf of the United States, contract and agree to pay the said

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the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ cents for each and every ration, issued and delivered as aforesaid, to be paid quarterly, or at such times as shall be necessary and convenient,

to enable the said

to fulfill this agreement, and the general instructions for the government of the Revenue Cutter Service, according to their true intent and meaning.

And it is further stipulated and agreed, between the said contracting parties, that no member of congress nor any person in the service of the United States is, or shall be admitted to any part or share in this contract, onto any benefit to arise therefrom.

In testimony whereof, the parties to this agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

*Signed, sealed, and delivered  
in presence of*

[SEAL.]

[SEAL.]

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### ADVERTISEMENT

COLLECTORS'  
OFFICE,

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Sealed proposals will be received at this once, until the day of \_\_\_\_\_

for the supply of rations to the non-commissioned officers

and seamen, of the United States' Revenue Cutter

for the term of one year from the \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ next.

The ration for the Cutter Service, is the same as that allowed in the Naval Service, and consists of the articles enumerated in the following table: to wit:

Days of the week.	lbs.	ozs.	Pounds of			Ounces of				Half Pints of					
	Suet.	Cheese.	Beef.	Pork.	Flour.	Bread.	Butter.	Sugar.	Tea.	Peas.	Rice.	Molasses.	Vinegar.	Spirits.	
Sunday, - - -	1-4	-	11-4	-	1-2	14	-	1	.	-	-	-	-	1	
Monday, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1	Four ounces per week.	1	-	-	-	1	
Tuesday, - - -	-	2	1	-	-	14	-	1		-	-	-	-	-	1
Wednesday, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1		-	1	-	-	-	1
Thursday, - - -	1-4	-	11-4	-	1-2	14	-	1		-	-	-	-	-	1
Friday, - - -	-	4	-	-	-	14	2	1		-	-	1	1	-	1
Saturday - - -	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	1		1	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Per week,</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

The number required for the year, is estimated at thousand.

The proposals will state the price per ration, at which the contractor will deliver them, in such quantities as may from time to time be required on board the said Cutter at

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The rations to be of good and wholesome quality, to be approved by the collector; and the different articles comprising the ration, to be delivered on board the Cutter in good and sufficient casks and vessels, to be provided by the contractor, and the contents thereof distinctly marked on each.

It is to be understood that the contractor will be bound to furnish, upon reasonable notice, as often as may be required by the captain of the Cutter, with the approbation of the collector (not exceeding upon an average, one day in each week) such fresh meat and fresh vegetables, as may be equivalent to the corresponding parts of the ration allowed in the naval service.

*Collector.*

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### SHIPPING ARTICLES.

WE, the subscribers, do, and each of us, doth hereby agree to and with

a captain in the Revenue

Cutter Service of the United States, in manner and form following: that is to say.

In the first place we do hereby agree in consideration of the monthly wages, against each of our names hereunto set, payable at such times and in; such proportions as are or may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to enter into the Revenue Cutter Service of the said United States, and in due and seasonable time, to repair on board such vessel, in the said service, as we may be ordered to join; and during the term of one year, from the, date of our respective engagements, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, to the utmost of our power and ability, respectively, to discharge our several duties, and in every thing to be conformable and obedient to the lawful commands of the officers; who may from time to time be placed over us.

*Secondly.* We do also oblige and subject ourselves, and for that purpose do hereby covenant and agree to serve during the term aforesaid, and to comply with and be subject. and to such rules and discipline as are or may be established for the government of the Revenue Cutter Service of the United States.

*Thirdly.* The said for and in behalf of the United States, doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the parties who have severally hereunto signed their names, and each of them respectively, that the said parties shall be paid in consideration of their services, the amount per month which in the column hereunto annexed, is set opposite to each of their names respectively, at such times and in such proportions, as are or may be allowed by the general instructions for the government of the Revenue Cutter Service; and that the said parties shall be set at liberty, and the full amount due to them respectively, shall be punctually paid at the expiration of the term of their engagement.

NAMES.	Date of Entry.	For what term.	In what capacity.	Pay per month.		Witnesses.
				Dolls.	Cts.	

### FORM OF THE BOOKS TO BE KEPT ON BOARD REVENUE CUTTERS.

#### JOURNAL

*Journal of the United States' Revenue Cutter*

*commencing*

(The journal or log book, will conform in its general outline, to the plan observed in sea voyages. Beside the usual noted of wind and weather, and occurrences relating to the navigation of the ship; the loss of masts, yards, boats, &c. &c., and accidents or injuries to public property; all matters relating to the execution of the laws, and the conduct of all vessels which the Cutter may fall in with, are to be particularly noted.)

#### DETAIL BOOK

*Detail of Officers of the United States' Revenue Cutter  
on duty as inspectors.*

NAME.	When Detailed.	To what Vessel.	When Returned.

*Muster Book of the United States' Revenue Cutter.*

The Muster Book will conform to the plan of the "Muster and Pay Roll" herewith transmitted.

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