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WATERGUARD UNIFORMS.

The Board have approved the regulations shown on the attached schedule, and the uniforms for Preventive Officers and Preventive Men due on the 1st proximo will be issued in accordance therewith. But existing uniforms (*i.e.*, those provided on the 1st May and 1st September last) will remain unaltered, the changes being brought into operation as new garments fall due.

In addition, the deck staffs of the launches and the crews of sailing cutters will be provided with sea boots under similar conditions to those governing the supply of oilskin clothing (paragraph 282 of the Establishment Code).

Collectors concerned are to forward at once demands on forms No. 185 in respect of—

- (a) new uniforms for Chief Preventive Officers, who have hitherto provided uniforms at their own expense ;
- (b) alterations of existing uniforms in the case of Chief Preventive Officers recently promoted from the ranks of the Preventive Officers ;
- (c) uniforms for the Engine Room staffs ; and
- (d) sea boots.

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SCHEDULE.

Chief Preventive Officers—

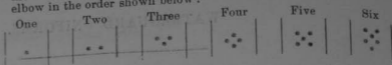
Jacket	Blue worsted serge reefer jacket, five holes and buttons (gilt crown) at equal distance on each side, to button four, each cuff ornamented as follows :— For the Upper Section two rings of gold lace, half an inch wide, with a ring of lace a quarter of an inch wide between them, the upper ring of half inch lace having a Navy curl ; For the Lower Section two rings of gold lace, half an inch wide, the upper one having a Navy curl.
Waistcoat	Blue worsted serge, single-breasted, gilt crown buttons.
Trousers	Blue worsted serge.
Cravat... ..	Black silk.
Cap	Blue cloth, enamelled "P. & O." peak, black oak-leaf band, gold embroidered crown in front, one gold lace band, half an inch wide, around the cap underneath the crown badge, black silk cord strap, and two gilt crown buttons.
Overcoat	Blue pilot cloth great-coat, double breasted, with six gilt crown buttons on each side, full in the back, with a cloth strap at the waist fastened with two gilt crown buttons, the shoulder straps of blue cloth with distinction lace according to rank the same as worn on the sleeves of the jacket.

Preventive Officers (formerly Upper and Lower Section and "in Charge" and Principal Coast Officers)—

Jacket... ..	Blue worsted serge reefer jacket, double-breasted, five holes and buttons (gilt crown) at equal distance on each side, to button four, each cuff ornamented with a gold lace ring three eighths of an inch wide with a Navy curl.
Waistcoat	Blue worsted serge, single-breasted, gilt crown buttons.
Trousers	Blue worsted serge.
Cravat	Black silk.
Cap	Blue cloth enamelled "P. & O." peak, black oak-leaf band with a gold embroidered crown in front and a gold button on the top, leather strap and two gilt crown buttons.
Overcoat	Blue pilot cloth great-coat, double-breasted, with six gilt crown buttons on each side, full in the back, with a cloth strap at the waist fastened with two gilt crown buttons, gold lace straps three eighths of an inch wide with a Navy curl across each shoulder.

Preventive Men—

Uniform as at present, with the exception that smaller "stars" than those hitherto provided have been approved, and are to be worn on the left arm of the jacket midway between the shoulder and the elbow in the order shown below:—



<i>Engine Room Staff (i.e., Engineers, Engineer Mechanics, Engine Drivers and Motor Boat Drivers)—</i>		
Jacket	Blue serge or tweed, double-breasted, reefer jacket, five holes and gilt buttons at equal distance on each side, to button four, the buttons bearing the word "Customs" in a garter, the Royal Cypher in the centre and crown above.	
Waistcoat	Blue serge or tweed, gilt buttons bearing the same device as those on the jacket.	
Cravat	Black silk.	
Trousers	Blue serge or tweed.	
Cap	Blue cloth, enamelled "P. & O." peak, Badge—the word "Customs" in a garter, the Royal Cypher in the centre and crown above, leather strap and two gilt buttons.	
Overcoat	Blue pilot cloth great-coat, double-breasted; the five gilt buttons to be of the same design as those on the jacket.	

The following are the distinguishing marks for the various grades:—

<i>Engineers</i> (£10 to £11 a month).	Two gold lace bands each three-sixteenths of an inch wide with $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch purple cloth band interspaced on the cuffs of the jacket and on the shoulders of the great-coat.
<i>Engineers</i> (£9 to £10 a month).	One gold lace band three-sixteenths of an inch wide with $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch purple cloth band beneath on the cuffs of the jacket and on the shoulders of the great-coat.
<i>Engineer Mechanics</i> ...	One gold braid band about three thirty-seconds of an inch wide with $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch purple cloth band beneath on the cuffs of the jacket and on the shoulders of the great-coat.
<i>Engine Drivers</i> ...	Badge consisting of Crown and propeller outlined with gold wire, to be worn on left arm of the jacket between shoulder and elbow.
<i>Motor Boat Drivers</i> ...	No special decoration.

Men employed on Motor Boats will wear the uniform of their respective grades.

<i>Mates in Charge</i> ...	Uniform as at present with the addition of a Navy curl to the gold lace band three-sixteenths of an inch wide on the cuffs of the jacket. The overcoat to have a Navy curl on the shoulder in place of the present cuff decoration.
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Commander and Officers of Cruiser "Vigilant"—

<i>General</i> (Commander, Mates, Engineers.)	The distinguishing gold lace bands hitherto worn on the cuffs of the great-coats will in future be worn on the shoulders instead.
<i>1st Engineer</i>	The gold lace bands on the cuffs of the jacket and on the shoulders of the great-coat to be interspaced with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch purple band.
<i>2nd Engineer</i>	The single gold lace band on the cuffs of the jacket and on the shoulders of the great-coat to be supplemented by a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch purple band underneath.