

Rank and Command.

1. A question having arisen as to the relative rank and command of 2 Officers, Royal Marines, serving afloat on the same station circumstanced as follows:

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Corps rank to have precedence of temporary rank.

a. A substantive Captain (with Brevet rank of Major) in the Corps holding the temporary rank of Major while afloat, under Order in Council of 29th November, 1881, with seniority in such temporary rank from 15th July, 1892.

b. A substantive Major in the Corps with seniority as such, 20th Novr., 1892.

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2. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to notify that on this point being raised in the year 1883, they decided as follows, namely:—

The rank given under Order in Council of 29th November, 1881, is only temporary, is not under commission, and was granted for the purpose of improving the position of the Marine relatively with Naval Officers, particularly in the matters of pay and cabin accommodation, and that Article 1092 (now 1175) of the Queen's Regulations is the authority on which *relative* rank and command of Marines while serving under a Naval Head is based, and while that Article is in force, Officers should take command in accordance with *Corps* rank.

3. Their Lordships have signified that they do not propose to alter this decision, and that under this ruling, *b* would be the senior of the Officers referred to.

CORPORALS AND BOMBARDIERS.

*Corporals
& Bombrs.,
how they
are to rank.*

4. With reference to Section II, Para. 26, Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army, 1892, under which Corpls. and Bombrs. rank with one another, according to the dates of their promotion,

*Army Reg-
ulations to
be followed.*

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to signify that the note to the above paragraph at page 27 of the Queen's Regulations, namely, that a Bombr. is to be junior to a Corpl. in his own Corps, is to apply to Royal Marines.

*Rule of
precedence.*

The Bombr., R.M.A., will, therefore, rank junior to the Corporal in his own Corps, (R.M.A. and R.M.L.I.) but when the former is serving with the Army, the rule of precedence with Corporals, according to the date of promotion will then apply.

R.M.O. Circulars No. ⁶⁰⁵⁷/₉₃, of 4th and ⁴³²²/₉₃, of 7th November, 1893, are hereby cancelled.

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