

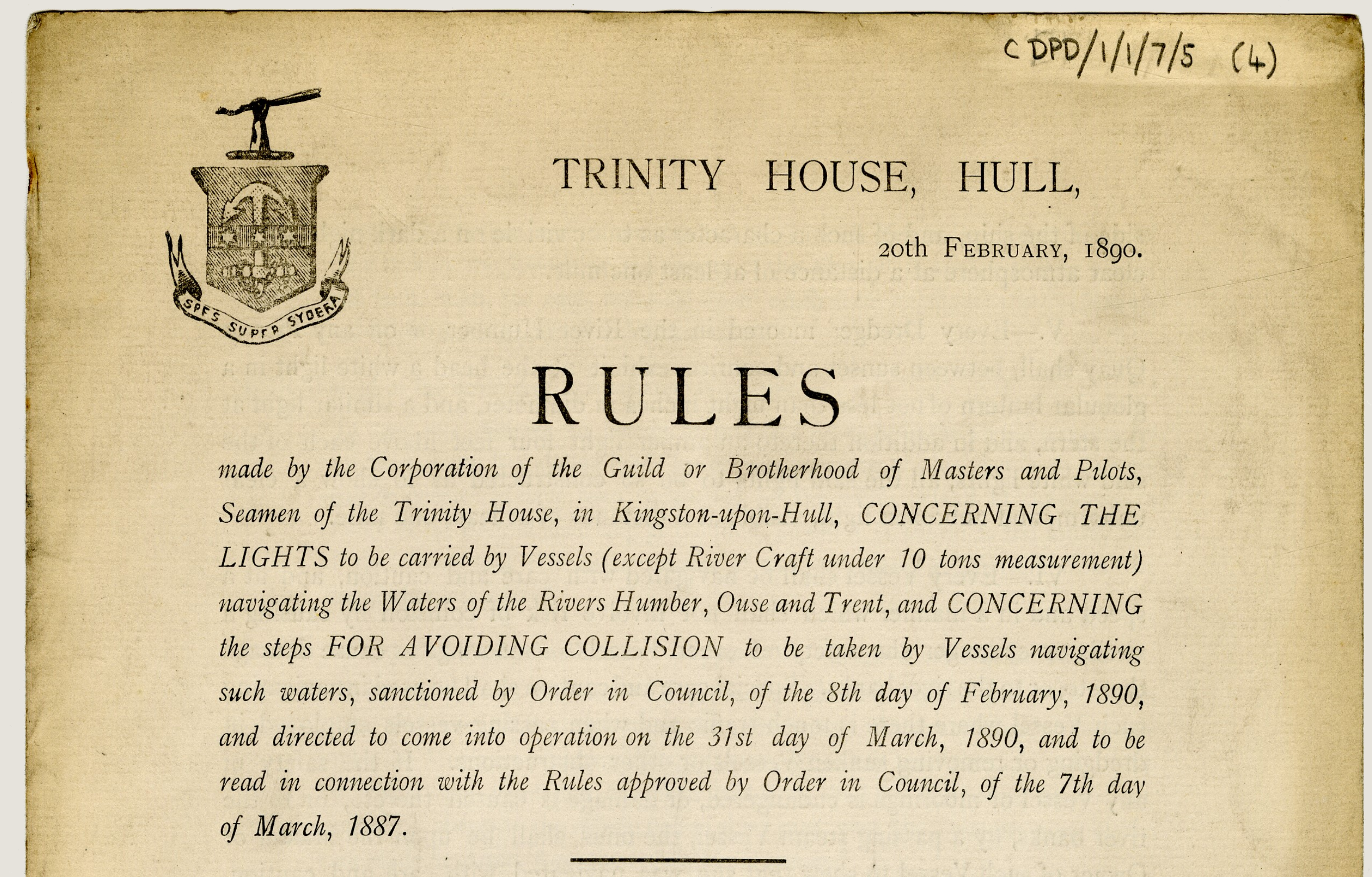
‘Spes Super Sydera, or Hope Beyond the Stars’  
(Motto of Hull Trinity House)

# Hull Trinity House

No.2 Humber Pilot, 1903 [L RH.039]



Rules of Hull Trinity House relating to the avoidance of collisions in the Humber, 1890 [C DPD/1/1/7/5]



**Fact:** In 1810, the first lifeboat crew was appointed by Hull Trinity House to man a station at Spurn Point established by local parties with shipping interests



Hull Trinity House was originally established in 1369 as a charitable guild associated with Holy Trinity Church. As the medieval period progressed, the guild’s focus shifted towards the welfare of seafarers and oversight of the Port of Hull.

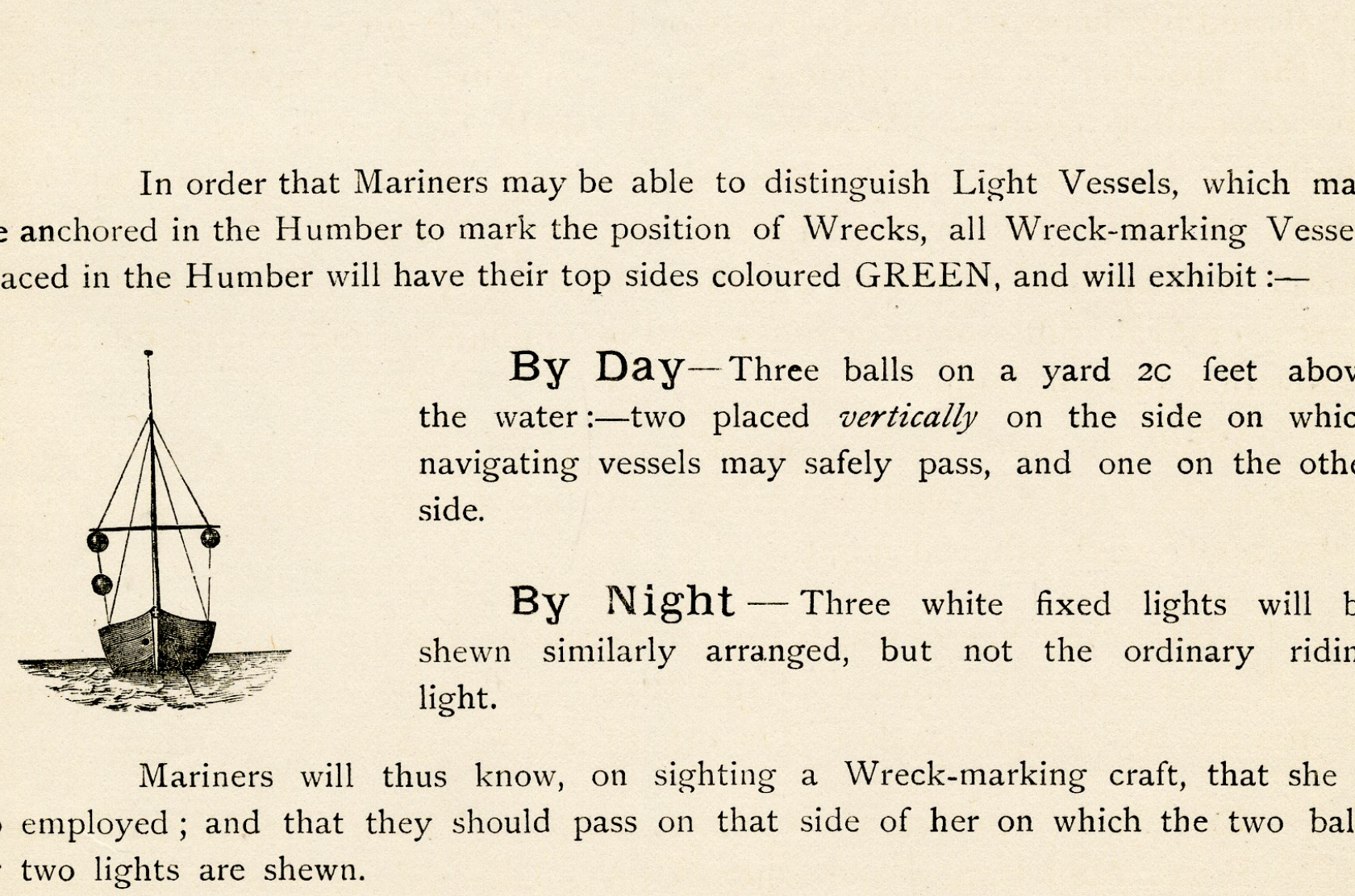
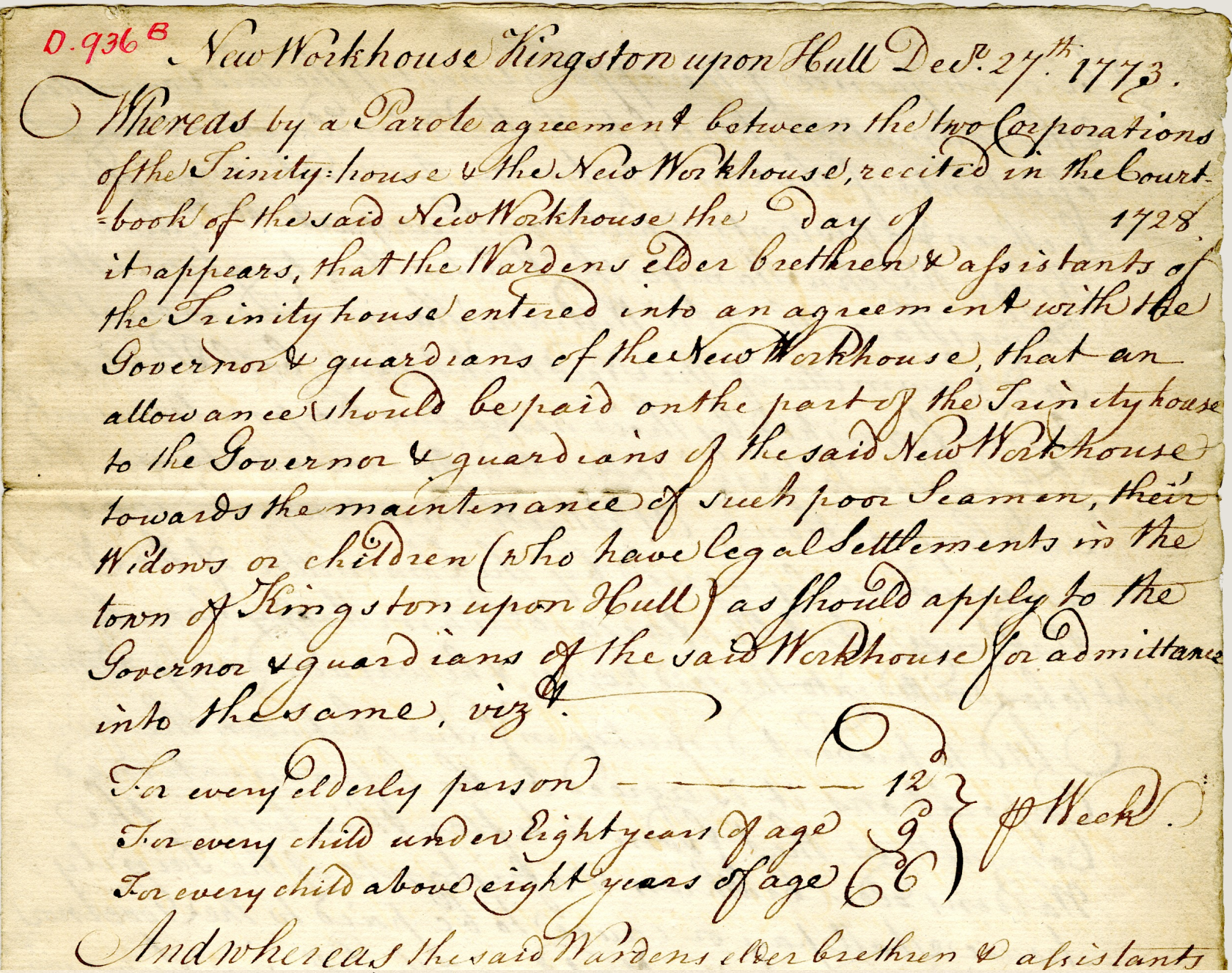
In this capacity, the guild administered various measures to make the Port of Hull safe, operated a number of welfare organisations, and financially supported local institutions helping seafarers.

Pilots were appointed to guide visiting ships along the Humber, buoys and beacons were established to mark safe pathways, and lighthouses and lightvessels were maintained and staffed.

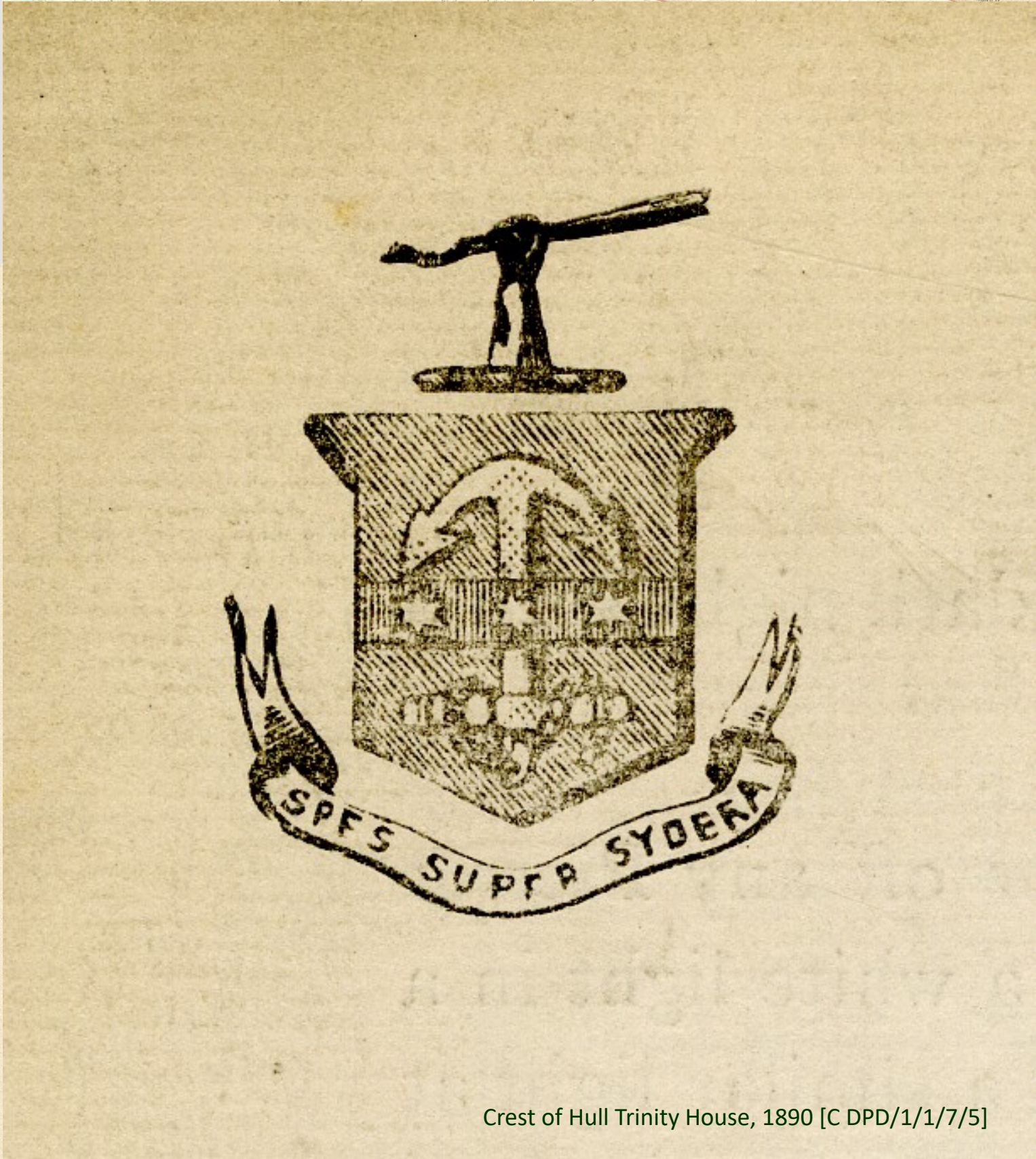
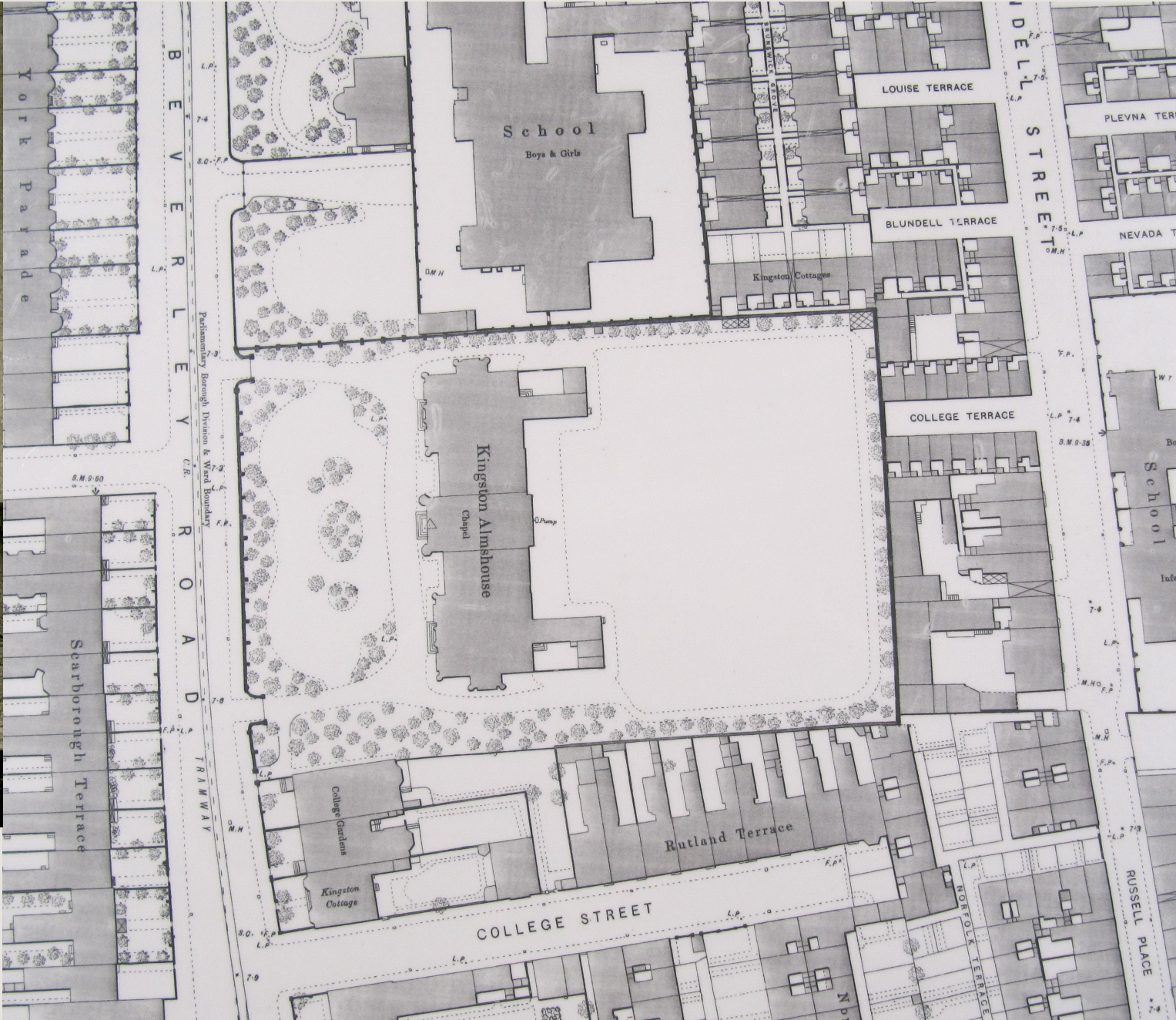
**Fact:** Various seamen’s almshouses were established by Hull Trinity House in the period 1786-1951, the first being on Trinity House Lane



The cutter Trinity House 'Zephyr', 1830s [Lp.387.3 ZEP/1]



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Crest of Hull Trinity House, 1890 [C DPD/1/1/7/5]

A number of almshouses for different categories of seafarer were established in the period 1786-1951.

The first was on Trinity House Lane (1786), the second was on Posterngate (1827), and two more were established on Carr Lane (1834 and 1837). In 1851 Kingston Almshouse was opened on Beverley Road, and a century later Trinity House Rest Homes were opened on Anlaby Road.

When the Port of Hull Society moved its orphanage to Cottingham Road, one of the houses was named Hull Trinity House Home in recognition of the guild’s financial contributions.



Education of apprentices and mariners was also a concern for the guild. In 1787, a marine school was established on the Trinity House Lane site, this being the first one ever built. The school continues to this day as Trinity House Academy on George Street.

Trinity House was also responsible for raising awareness amongst local seafaring families of aid provided by the Royal Naval Asylum in Greenwich, there to assist children of seamen.



Bull Lightship on the Humber, 21 Feb 1974 [Lp.387.2 BUL/1]

**Fact:** The ‘Bull’ lightship was installed in the Humber by Hull Trinity House in 1832, and was the first such vessel in the river

| DATE.                           | WIND.    | REMARKS.   |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| May<br>Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Variable | Am. light variables wind & cloudy<br>Visited the Lighthouse and found all in good condition<br>George Methell, Chgo.<br>PM. light wind & fine weather. |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | East     | strong wind & fine weather throughout.   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | NE       | strong wind & fine clear weather throughout  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>         | E NE     | fresh breeze & fine weather. throughout  |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>       | NE       | Am. strong wind & dull overcast sky<br>Middle part do, ends moderate breeze & rain   |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>         | NE       | Am. fresh wind & showery<br>PM. do ends light wind & hazy.   |

An important aspect of safety work was the maintenance and administration of lightships and lighthouses.

In 1832 Trinity House was responsible for installing the ‘Bull’ lightship, the first lightship on the Humber.

As technology developed, other ways of lighting the waterways became possible, and in 1894, the guild established the first light float on the Humber.

Whilst Trinity House’s charitable and educational work still continues today, authority for the administration of the Humber and its navigational aids was transferred to the newly formed Humber Conservancy Board in 1908.



Spurn Lightship being towed in the Humber, 6 Oct 1986 [Lp.387.2 SPU/2]

TRINITY HOUSE, HULL, JULY 16, 1809.

ROYAL NAVAL ASYLUM.

HIS MAJESTY'S NAVAL ASYLUM, GREENWICH PARK, being established for the SUPPORT and EDUCATION of CHILDREN of SEAMEN, (the BOYS between 8 and 12, and the GIRLS between 5 and 10 years of age, free from infirmity,) coming under any of the following description, viz:—

- 1.—Orphans, whose Fathers have fallen in his Majesty's service, and are destitute of Mothers.
- 2.—Orphans, whose Fathers have fallen in his Majesty's service, and have Mothers.
- 3.—Children, whose Fathers having been wounded or maimed on board of his Majesty's Fleet, are incapable of further service, and whose families are numerous, and in need.
- 4.—Children, whose Fathers are actually employed on board of his Majesty's Fleet, in distant service, and whose Mothers have died during their Father's absence.
- 5.—Children, whose Fathers are actually employed in his Majesty's service, and whose families are numerous and in need.

The Parents or Friends of such Children, within this town and neighbourhood, as shall appear to have grounds of claim, and are desirous of availing themselves of this Institution, will receive further information as to the documents required, and the mode of application for admission, by applying at the Clerk's Office in this House.

By order of the Worshipful the Wardens, &c.  
JAMES GREEN, Secretary.