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NAVAL GENERAL ORDER.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

December 24th, 1834.

From and after the 22d day of February next, the changes in the "Uniform Dress," as hereinafter described, shall be conformed to by all Navy Surgeons and Assistants.

MAHLON DICKERSON.

FULL DRESS .- Surgeons.

Coat—of dark blue cloth, lined with white, double breasted, with long lapels; the width to be in proportion to the size of the coat, and to be cut with a swell, to be buttoned back with nine navy buttons on each lapel, and an equal number of blind button holes worked in twist, as long as the width of the lapels will allow. Standing collars, to be lined with white, and embroidered in gold, with live oak leaf and acorn on the upper and front edges, and a branch of live oak to be embroidered on each side of the collar. The cuffs to have three buttons, and open underneath, with two small buttons, and holes of twist, and embroidered as the collar, with the live oak leaf and acorn on the upper edge. The pocket flaps to be cut as may be the prevailing fashion, with three buttons underneath, one button on each hip, one near the middle of the folds, and one at the bottom of each skirt; the pockets to be in the folds.

Vest—white, single breasted, with as many small navy buttons as are worn on the breast of the coat; standing collar, coming to the edges of the breast, and sloping in a line with it; breast straight, with pocket flaps, under each of which three small buttons.

Breeches—white, with small buttons, and gold or gilt knee-buckles, white silk stockings, shoes and gold or gilt buckles, or plain white pantaloons over short boots, or with shoes and buckles.

Cocked Hat—bound with black riband, to show one inch and a half on each side, with gold tassels formed with five gold and five blue bullions each; a black silk cockade, with a loop formed of gold lace and a small navy button.

Sword—to be cut and thrust, the blade not exceeding thirty nor to be less than twenty-six inches in length, to be slightly curved, breadth of longest blade, one and three-tenth inches, of shortest, one and two-tenth inches. The gripe to be white, to be yellow mounted, with eagle's head and black leather scabbards, and belt of white webbing; in undress, blue webbing or black glazed belts; sword knots of blue and gold rope, with twelve gold bullions.

Stocks or Cravats of black—the collar of the shirt to be shewn above it, both in full and in undress.

UNDRESS.

Coat—of dark blue cloth, lined with the same, rolling collar, and made according to the prevailing fashion of citizens for the time, with nine buttons on each breast, three under each pocket flap, and three around the cuffs, and in the folds, &c., as for full dress, with two strips of gold lace, half an inch wide, around the upper edges of the cuffs.

Vest—plain white or blue, single breasted, with the same number of small buttons on the breast and pocket flaps, as for full dress.

Pantaloons—plain blue, or, in warm weather, white, to be worn over half boots, or with shoes and stockings.

ASSISTANT SURGEONS.

Full Dress .- The same in all respects like Surgeons, except the embroidery on the cuffs.

Undress.—Same as Surgeons in all respects, except that they will have but one strip of lace around the cuffs.

Surgeons and Assistants are permitted to wear, in undress, frock coats of blue cloth, made single breasted, with standing collars, and nine navy buttons on the breast, but none on the pocket flaps or cuffs, and with the same number of strips on the cuffs as specified above. They will, likewise, be permitted to wear, in undress, round hats, with rose-formed black silk cockades, or blue cloth caps, with a band of gold lace not exceeding one and a half inches wide. When on ship board, they may wear short blue jackets, with the number of small buttons designated for their coats; grey cloth or brown drilling trowsers, with black vests.