Gen's Memo.  20th May 1838.

Colonel Anderson commanding the Royal Marines at Chatham having represented to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that men frequently do return to Head Quarters, from Ships for which they were embarked, in consequence of there being no vacancies on board such Ships, with their Embarkations.

It is my direction, in pursuance of the Lords' Orders, that the respective Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels (in future) when men are returned to Head Quarters, regularly discharge them by supernumerary or Pay List in order to prevent the difficulties which otherwise arise in consequence of the men, under such circumstances being brought on the Books for shore Pay.

The respective Captains, [Signed]

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Vice Admiral