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Orders by the Comptroller

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Many Workmen belonging to the Royal Mills - wear his Whippers out of those Parts of the Works, where they are intended to be used for safety; or his own Shoes into any of the said Works, any such Workman is to be Chequed a Days pay, for the first offence, and if they should so far forget the Duty they owe their Country as a second time to run the risque of blowing the Works up; through such negligence, they are to be discharged, & in no account to be entered again.

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The Respective Officers will please to give the strictest Orders for having the several Works Cleaned out whenever they require it; and the cleaning is not to be confined to the Floors, only; but to every part of the Machinery & Buildings. To prevent any accumulation of Dust, which in a Powder Manufactory must be attended with the greatest Danger.

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The Hinges of all the Doors & Window Shuttles, are to be kept well Oiled, also the Pulleys over which the Window lines go; and the grooves in which the Sashes slide, to be brushed and scraped, as often as Occasion requires; to prevent any dangerous friction. The logs, Axes, and other parts of the Machinery, are also to be kept well scraped & Oiled, as has hitherto been the custom.

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The Pulleys belonging to the Valves of the Powder Stoves, must be carefully examined, and if there is a Possibility of the Ropes rubbing against wood, or if the Sheaves of the Pulleys are made of Wood they must be altered; so that the Ropes may rub against Copper, and the Sheaves be made of the same Metal.

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Whenever the Powder Tumbrils are required to come near a Building in which Powder is contained, Richs Rubbish must be laid on the ground after it has been very carefully examined that no Flint, or other stones remain therein.

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6 } Each of the Lining Houses are to be complicated with Canvas
7 } Receivers in the Dust Troughs, and a Canvas Curtain similar
to that which is used for the Lining House. —

8 } All the Wheelbarrows which are used to carry Powder in, are
to be fitted with Copper Hoops, and Gudgeons in stead of Iron.

9 } When Barrels of Gunpowder are lifted out of Boats, to be
stowed in the Magazines, or Powder Vessels, the strictest
attention must be paid, to have them brushed all over
with a soft brush, to prevent any grit hanging to them,
the Wheelbarrows in which they are to be carried, the Mould of
the Vessel in which it is to be laid, to be cleaned in the
same manner.

10 } The Floors of the Cooperage must be kept as clean from
sand or Gravel, at the Magazines, and the Coopers must
work in their Magazine Shippers, to prevent grit adhering
to the Barrels of Charge Tubes. — and before any of the
Articles are Shred from the Cooperage they must be
well brushed & cleaned.

Proy Powder Mills
Faversham 4th Oct. 1789.

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