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Gunpowder Handling
Procedures 1776

Reminder

of the third Clause of the Instruction regarding precautionary
Procedures in the Handling of all Kinds of Gunpowder
Dated July 1776

Whosoever is at Labour within or without the Powder Magazines should execute his Commission in such a respectful and reverend Silence as is seemly in such a Place where (unless the Almighty in His Grace keeps a protective Hand over the Labour) the least Lack of care may not alone cause the Loss of Life of all present, but may even in a moment transform this Place as well as its Surroundings into a heap of Stone. Everybody is charged with the utmost Caution and Prudence in the Handling of the Powder by due Observance and Remembrance of what hath been decreed to that End. Furthermore, All whether employed in the Making of the Powder or in the Transport thereof, be it out of Annoyance at Labour or still less out of Lack of Care, are most earnestly beseeched not to let emanate from their Mouths Oaths or Swear-words or other light or obscene Language, whereby the Name of Our Lord is dishonored and taken in vain; as those who are themselves guilty thereof shall without Tolerance or Apology immediately leave their jobs and be delivered unto the Hands of the Sentinel until the Labour is ended; Whereupon they are to be put under Arrest and in Accordance with the Verdict be sentenced for the crime committed.