

ADM 11/5 Analysis of Masters' Half Pay

p.85 Sloop 6. Thos. M. Coppelstone 16 April 1806

"Horatio" 29 November 1809 (see p. 174)

Dismissed His Majesty's Service for neglect of duty and disobedience in the Horatio.
First sentence of Court Martial 10 September 1810. Re-instated 22 July 1812 - see
Admiralty order with qualification.

p.174 HP Childers. 6 July 1812. Thos. M. Coppelstone 22 July 1812 - from p.85.

Childers 1 August 1812

Volcano

DD 19 August 1820

March 1815

21 June 1815

Widow's letter

Aug.1815 arrested
for debt

ADM 13/103 Courts Martial

1810 September 10. Coppelstone, Thos. Mitchell Acting Master "Horatio".

Charge: Neglect of Duty and Disobedience of Orders. Dismissed H.M. Service.

ADM 6/132 Seniority List

16 April 1806 Ariadne

Vestal 5 May 1809

Horatio 29 Nov 1809 (writing after
this looks like 'Mr R Curtis')

ADM 51/2456 Captain's Log, "Horatio"

Friday 1st December 1809. AM - Fresh Breezes and Cloudy. Joined the Ship Mr.
Thos. Michail Copplestone Master at Daylight unmoored ship and
made sail down to St. (something unreadable, but around Spithead). 10.40 Answered
Recalc signal, etc.

G.Scott, Esq., Captain. Between the 8th of July 1810 and 25th day of October 1810.
August 9th 1810. Moderate and cloudy Convoy in Company. Daylight, Do. made and
shortened sail occasionally. Mr. T.M. Coppelstone Master order under confinement
for neglect of duty. At noon ditto weather.
August 18. Punished Dan'l Ford & Wm. Reley with 36 lashes each for Contempt, and
Thos. Jones with 48 for quarreling.

(There is nothing between Sept 4th at sea and 22nd moored at Spithead, so he
didn't log the Court Martial.)

15.4.1806 - 31.12.1806 Two letters certifying Thomas Mitchell Copplestone complied with General Printed Instructions and was not absent six weeks at any one time. 30.5.1806.

31.12.1806 Capt. Farquhar. Admiralty Office - between 15 April and 31 December, certifying the said ship was not in any place where Thomas M. Copplestone, Master, had the opportunity of making any useful observations on Coasts, Roads, etc. and their Lordships have no objection to the Payment of Wages to him for the said time on account of his not having given in such observations to this office.

April, moored in the River Elbe. December, anchored in Elsenburgh. 1st Jan 1807 to 30 June 1807 (Capt. Farquhar) Log kept by T.M.C. Also 1.7.1807 - 31.12.1807 and 1 Jan 1808 - 30 June 1808.

ADM51/4501 Captain's Log - 'Snipe'. (Log starts Feb 19th 1807; probably the day after TMC said he had saved the ship and part of the crew - previous log must have been lost in the disaster.)

February 19th 1807. Strong winds and clear, employed clearing the Hold of Dead Bodies and conveying them to Yarmth Hospital for Burial - found remaining alive 25 in number. (Kept by T. Shute (?), Sub-Lt.)

ADM52/4139 Horatio - a Log from July 1809 ending April 20th 1810 sgd. 'TMC Master' Feb. 6, 1810 'Exercised guns and small arms Marines with Ball Cartridges at a Target'. 2.4.1810-14.7.1810 sgd. by TMC Master. Next log has a last entry by TMC on 9th August 1810 'Moderate breezes and cloudy weather made and shortened sail occasionally at 4 ditto weather convoy in company at 5 (unreadable).... it' His writing stops in mid-sentence and continues 'Master ordered under confinement for neglect of Duty &c.' in different writing.

ADM102/72 Bermuda - Quarter Book for Lady 1815 (probably qtr to Lady Day) Current No: 205. No. on Ship's Books: 13. Ship's Name: Childers. Person's Name: Tho^s M. Coppelstone. Quality: Master. When received: February 14th. Quality of the disease or hurt: Hepatitis. Time when: March 4th. What ship returned to or how disposed of: Endymion for a passage to England. Number of days Victualled: 19. (Romulus Hospital Ship)

ADM102/299 Haslar Hospital Muster 1815. No mention of TMC - he was probably just surveyed and not kept overnight in the Hospital.

ADM37/6417 Muster of the 'Clinker' 1820. TMC does not appear in this Muster - he should have appeared 11 April, but may have been too ill to take up the appointment, since he died ~~on 11 April~~ ^{19th} August, that year.

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PCC Admon: 1312-1820 Thomas Mitchell Copplestone. On the 13th day Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of Thomas Mitchell Copplestone late of the Island of Guernsey and a Master in the Royal Navy dec'd was granted to Sarah Copplestone widow the lawful relict of the said dec'd having been first sworn by Comon duty to Administrator. Sub £40

ADML/4852 Pro L. 39

30 Georges Street
Stonehouse, Near Plymouth
20th July 1820

Sir, I humbly beg leave to acquaint you that Mr. Copplestone a Master in His Majesty's Royal Navy now residing in this place rented an apartment of my the amount of the rent was £1.16.6 due on Midsummer last was two years since which period I have only been able to recover 5/- leaving a balance due me of £1.11.6 from my being a poor working man and much in want of the Money. I most humbly request you will be pleased to direct Mr. Copplestone to pay me the above sum being a just and lawful debt. The favour of your answer will be received with gratitude by

Sir

Your very humble servant
Thos. Langdon

J.W. Croker Esq.
Admiralty, London

(Corner turned up and 'Cannot interfere' written.)

Postmark:

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At Mr. Roberts in the Pallet (Greco)
Guernsey 29th Sep^r 1820

My Lords

My Husband Tho^s Mitchell Copplestone late a Master in His Majesty's Royal Navy having departed this life on the 19th of August 1820 and left me in very distressed circumstances.

I have therefore humbly to request you will be pleased to give directions to the Paymaster of the Navy that I may be enabled to receive the Half pay due to him from the 1st April to the 19th August 1820. I beg leave to enclose the Half pay Bill for Midsummer quarter which was never negotiated.

I have the honour to be
my Lords

Your Lordships very
humble servant
Sarah Copplestone

To
The Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty
London

(Corner turned up and 'Dispensed' written.)

Cover addressed: On His Majesty's Service
To The Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty
London

Stamped 'Guernsey'

Postmarked:

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