

CORRESPONDENCE

SIR,

Royal Naval Carpenters

The following article appeared in the minutes of a recent meeting of the Royal Naval Shipwrights' Association:

'Did you know . . . that in 1827 a meeting of Royal Naval Carpenters was held in Portsea, the chair being taken by Mr. Thomas Canty, the senior carpenter in the port. Thirty-six officers in the rank were present and unanimous resolutions were passed to the effect that it was derogatory to the position of Warrant Officers, who had been indentured in His Majesty's Dockyards, to have charge of engine men and their stores of coal and oil—the Chairman was requested to lay the matter respectfully and unofficially before the Port Admiral'.

The short-sighted policy of these officers appears to have been adopted by the Admiralty! I thought the article to be so droll that I had to bring it to your attention.

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