

By **Houston Stewart, Esquire,**  
Companion of the Most Honorable  
Military Order of the Bath,  
Rear Admiral of the White  
Squadron of Her Majesty's Fleet,  
Third in Command of Her  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the  
Mediterranean Station and Senior  
Officer at Malta.

Sailing  
Orders.

So soon as the defects of Her  
Majesty's Ship under your command  
shall be made good, & the vessel  
ready for sea - you will proceed to  
Balaklava in the Crimea, with  
the "Paramatta" N<sup>o</sup> 52 Transport in  
Tow, laden with Planking and  
Materials for putting the Troops,  
calling at Constantinople for orders  
from Rear Admiral Buxer or the  
Senior Naval officer.

I cannot impress upon you  
too strongly the great importance  
of the service you are hereby directed  
to

To  
Alfred P. Ryder Esquire  
Captain Royal Navy  
Her Majesty's Ship  
"Dauntless"



to perform, and you will use your best endeavours to execute it satisfactorily by seeking shelter & anchorage for both vessels in the event of your encountering rough weather with strong headwinds.

I rely with confidence upon your judgement, discretion & zeal to get this most necessary and important supply of stores forward with safety and despatch.

Given under my hand, On Board the Clyde at Malta, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of December 1854.

Robert Stewart

By Command of the Rear Admiral

James Gifford  
Secretary