

Appendix F

David Steel's Salary Scale for Surgeons and Surgeon's Mates (1782)¹

Surgeon's Pay—5l. [£5] per month, besides 20[s?] per man per month for the whole complement of men, from the time of their appearance on-board, agreeably to their warrant.—Also 5l. per ann[um] for every 100 man, in lieu of venereals, & in ships above 50 & under 100 men, 5l. & under 50, 4l. per ann.—Half pay. The first 20, who have served 9 years, 5s per [day.] The next 100, who have served 7 Years, 3s.—The next 200, 5 years, 2s. 6d ... Queen Ann's Free Gift to Surgeons, which is paid to them annually or as often as they pass their accounts, is the following.

War Allowance.

1st Rate	- [£]62	6[s]	10[d]
2nd Rate	- [£]56	1[s]	5[d]
3rd Rate	- [£]43	10[s]	7[d]
4th Rate	- [£]33	9[s]	8[d]
5th Rate	- [£]25	19[s]	6[d]
6th Rate	- [£]43	10[s]	7[d]

Peace All[owance].

1st Rate	- [£]45	11[s]	10[d]
2nd Rate	- [£]41	8[s]	9[d]
3rd Rate	- [£]32	18[s]	1[d]
4th Rate	- [£]26	6[s]	8[d]
5th Rate	- [£]22	18[s]	9[d]
6th Rate	- [£]21	4[s]	9[d]

Surgeons (not below a 4th rate) are superann[uated] according to the highest rate they have served in, subject to a deduct[ion] of 3d in the pound, for sea officers widows.

Pay of Surgeons Mates. In ships of the line. First mates, who have a set of instruments, 5l. per mnth. In othe[r] ships 4l. 2[n]d mates, 3l. 10s 3d, 4th, & 5th, 3l. Surgeons mates, where no surgeon to 50 men, 5l. per mnth. Under 50, 4l.

¹ Steel, 'Surgeons', p. 32.

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