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WITH HINTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HORSES,  
BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A LONG  
SEA VOYAGE.

BY  
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LATE OF THE 7th QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS.



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His most faithful,

humble, and dutiful Servant,

THE AUTHOR.





## PREFACE.

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I HAVE been induced to publish the few following remarks on the treatment of horses during a long sea voyage, as well as some short suggestions for their management, both before and after, partly at the request of some Military Friends, who think that my hints, and experience, acquired during two long transatlantic voyages, with troop horses of Her Majesty's 7th Hussars, might prove serviceable to the profession to which I have the honour of belonging; and also in the hope, that by so doing I may be able, in some slight degree, to promote the comfort and condition on ship-board of that most noble and useful animal, the horse. At a time like the present, when so large a military force is in course of being despatched to the East, comprising both cavalry and artillery; and when, after so many years of profound peace, few, if any, of our Cavalry and Artillery Officers can have had much experience in the treatment of horses during a sea voyage of many weeks' duration, I feel that my hastily-written memoranda, though never intended for publication, may prove of some slight service.

A great natural love for the animal, and a close acquaintanceship with him for more than twenty-five

years, have made me not indifferent to the poor horse's sufferings and privations at sea; and, being at the present time employed in inspecting and overlooking the fittings of the horse transports, intended for the conveyance of cavalry to the East, I have had great opportunities of well considering the subject, and of observing the alterations and improvements which are being made, with a view to render the conveyance of cavalry and artillery horses in sailing ships as perfect as possible.

Should my humble efforts to assist in the cause, by bringing my experience to bear on the subject, and by endeavouring to point out the defects which appeared to me to have previously existed, be of any avail, I shall not have laboured in vain; and if any young Officer, (of whom I suspect there will be not a *few*.) should find himself situated as I was in 1838, namely put on board ship, with forty or fifty horses, without any idea of their requirements at sea, nor the best mode of keeping them in health, and bringing them safe some three or four thousand miles across the ocean, I think my "hints" may not be altogether unacceptable, or thrown away, to such a person; and my object in publishing them, for the information and guidance of my younger brother Officers, will have been fully attained.

*Senior United Service Club,  
April 1st, 1854.*