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When Men or Boys enter for Continuous and General Service, (C.S.) Commanding Officers are immediately to fill up this Form and transmit it to the Accountant General of the Navy.

Christian and Surname in full ... *Abraham Finch*

Where Born.—[If born out of Her Majesty's Dominions, it must be stated whether the parents are British Subjects; Foreigners not being allowed to volunteer for Continuous Service.]  
*Regate Surrey*

Date of Birth.—[Great care is to be taken that the date is correctly stated.]  
*29 June 1834*

Description ... Height *5 ft 6 in* Complexion *ruddy*  
Hair *brown* Eyes *blue*  
Marks *none*

Ship in which he entered ... *Illustration*

Date of Entry in Do. ... *4<sup>th</sup> October 1856*

Rating in Do. ... *Ord 2<sup>nd</sup> class*

Date of Volunteering for Continuous Service ... *9 October 1856*

Period for which he Volunteered ... *Seven years*

Date of Badges ...

Date of Certificates, or Class, as Seaman Gunner.

Statement of all former Service in the Navy, whether as Seaman or Boy, with names of Ships and dates of Entry and Discharge; and when Men have also served in Dockyards, Coastguard, or Revenue Vessels, the names of the Dockyards, Coastguard Stations, and Revenue Vessels, with period of Service, to be stated.



[See over.]

Notes: All Patients in the Receipt of Pension are excluded from Enlisting for Continuous Service.

CERTIFICATE FOR MEN.

Date 9<sup>th</sup> October 1856

This is to certify, that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof to his ability for Her Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, naive, and intelligent, and we consider him in every respect fit for Her Majesty's Service.

[Signature] Captain  
of [Signature]  
[Signature] Surgeon Medical  
[Signature] Officer

I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Royal Navy for the term of 10 years continuous and general service, provided my service should be so required, as witness my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1856

[Signature] Man's Signature or Mark

Witness to Signature or Mark [Signature]

CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1856

This is to certify, that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof to his fitness for Her Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is a well-grown, stout lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, and intelligent, and we consider him in all respects fit for Her Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or friends has been obtained in writing, and they are well and desirous that the boy should be entered for 10 years continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever periods may be necessary till he attains that age; and the boy himself is willing and desirous to enter the Royal Navy under these conditions, as attested by his signature attached hereto.

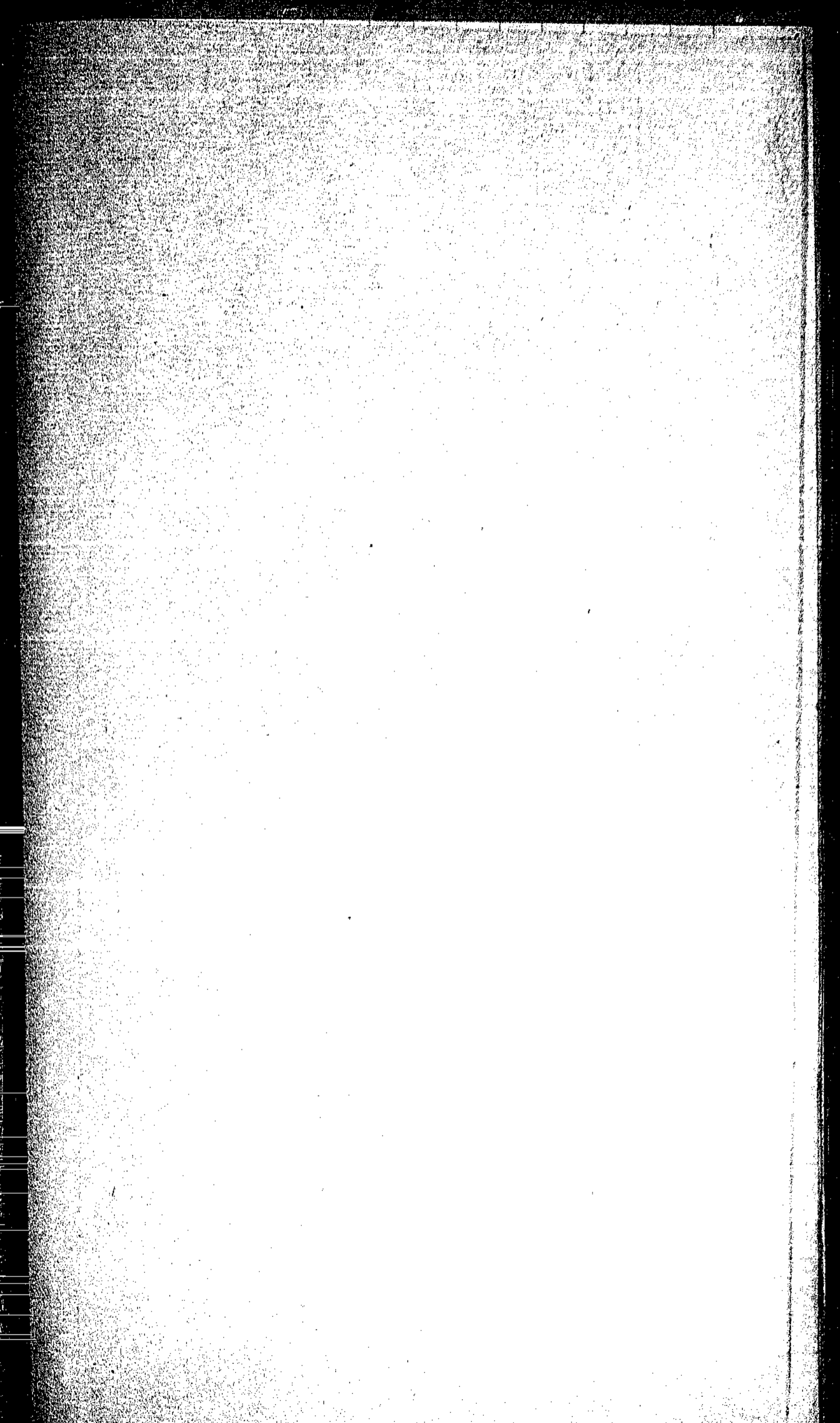
[Signature] Boy's Signature or Mark

Witness to Signature or Mark [Signature]

[Signature] } Captain & Commanding Officer  
[Signature] } Two Members of the Crew

[Signature] } Signature of the Commanding Officer of the Ship from which Engagement is sent into Office





NOTE.—All Persons in the Receipt of Pensions are excluded from entering for Continuous Service

CERTIFICATE FOR MEN.

Date 9<sup>th</sup> October 1856

This is to certify, that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof to his fitness for Her Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows: He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active, and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for Her Majesty's Service.

[Signature] Captain  
or  
[Signature] Master  
[Signature] Surgeon Medical  
[Signature] Officer

I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Royal Navy for the Term of Ten years continuous and general service, provided my service should be so long as required; as witness my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1856

\* Insert Period in words.

Abraham Finch Man's Signature or Mark  
Witness to Signature or Mark [Signature]

CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 185 \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify, that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof to his fitness for Her Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout lad; of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, and intelligent, and we consider him in all respects fit for Her Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or friends has been obtained in writing, and they are well and desirous that the boy should be entered for 10 years continuous and general service from the age of 13, in addition to whatever periods may be necessary till he attains that age; and the boy himself is willing and desirous to enter the Royal Navy under these conditions, as attested by his signature attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy's Signature or Mark  
Witness to Signature or Mark \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
} Captain or  
} Commandant  
} Two Medical  
} Officers

[Signature] } Signature of the Commandant  
} Officer of the Ship from which  
} Engagement is sent into Office





