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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said David Pearson himself of the invention intended to be secured on board Ships &c

The main tack block is fixed to the rack of the bitts as usual when the bitts are in use. The two ends of the bitts or wheel rope are reeved through two blocks at the head of the bitts and made fast to two iron shides fastened to the bitts. There are two mainstay ropes fastened to the after ends of the shides. Then the other ends of said ropes are reeved through the blocks fastened to the bitts about 14 inches from the middle head. Then they are made fast to two staples in the deck of the vessel about 2 feet from the bitts, and when the bitts is amidships the ropes are to be made fast, then by means the bitts or bar, the weather mainstay rope hauls the weather shide aft, the lee shide remaining the same as when the bitts was amidships by means of a stopper on the after ends of the shides. The weather shide will cause them of the bitts be moved from amidships, but the lee one will not move aft so that the angle of the ~~angle of the~~ bitts with the deck is maintained to the same angle by the application of the two shides, the mainstaying ropes and pair blocks in the manner above mentioned, which is a complete remedy for the Slack ropes.

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