

By Sir William Parker, B<sup>t</sup> GCB.  
Vice Admiral of the Red  
and Commander in Chief of Her  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed  
and to be employed in the ~~East~~  
~~Mediterranean~~  
~~India and Seas adjacent.~~

Whereas you have this  
day passed your examination as to  
your qualifications to serve as a  
Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet.

I do hereby appoint you  
Acting Mate of Her Majesty's Ship  
Amazon, willing and requiring you  
forthwith to take on you the charge  
and duties of a Mate accordingly,  
strictly charging and commanding all  
the Officers and Company subordinate  
to you, to behave themselves jointly and  
severally with all due respect and  
obedience unto you.

And you are likewise to obey  
and execute all such orders and  
directions as you shall from time to  
time receive from your Captain or  
other your Superior Officers for Her  
Majesty's Service.

Given on board the *Hibernia*  
at Malta the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1848

To

Mr. George W. E. Lloyd.  
hereby appointed  
Acting Mate of  
Her Majesty's Ship  
Amazon.

W Parker

By Command of the Commander in Chief  
Chas Richard  
Secretary

*[Handwritten initials]*

By The Commissioners for executing the Office of  
Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Ireland &c.

To George Walter Edward Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> hereby appointed  
Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet

By Virtue of the Power and Authority to Us given We do hereby constitute  
and appoint you a Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet Willing and  
requiring you from time to time to go on board and take upon you the  
Charge and Command of ~~Commander~~ in any Ship or Vessel  
to which you may hereafter at any time be duly appointed Strictly  
Charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company of the said Ship  
or Vessel subordinate to you to behave themselves jointly and severally  
in their respective Employments, with all due Respect and Obedience unto  
you their said ~~Commander~~ and you likewise to observe and execute  
the General Printed Instructions, and such Orders and Directions as you  
shall from time to time receive from Us or any other your Superior Officers for  
Her Majesty's Service, Hereof, nor you, nor any of you, may fail as you  
will answer the contrary at your Peril. And for so doing this shall be  
your Commission. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Office of  
Admiralty this sixteenth day of February 1864 In the  
twenty seventh Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command of their Lordships.

H. J. Somerville

Walter Lloyd  
Charles Frederick

Seniority  
16 February 1864



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# Admiral of the Fleet

## Sir William Parker

**1st Baronet of Shenstone , GCB:**

( 1st December 1781 – 13th November 1866 )

### Naval career:

William Parker entered the Royal Navy in February 1793 as a captain's servant on the **HMS Orion**, serving under Captain John Thomas Duckworth. The *Orion* was part of the Channel fleet under Lord Howe and took part in the Battle of The Glorious First of June. When Captain Duckworth was assigned to another ship, *Leviathan*, Parker followed him, and sailed with him to the West Indies where Duckworth appointed him acting lieutenant of the frigate *Magicienne*. In May 1798 he was appointed to the *Queen*, flagship of Sir Hyde Parker, and on May 1, 1799 became acting captain of the *Volage*. During the next few months he cruised in the Gulf of Mexico and the coast of Cuba.

In 1800 he returned to England and then spent nearly a year in the North Sea with the blockade fleet off Brest. He became Post Captain in October 1801. In November he assumed command of **HMS Amazon**, which he commanded for nearly 11 years. He was attached to the fleet under **Admiral Lord Nelson** and accompanied the fleet to the West Indies. The *Amazon* was then sent on a cruise westward and therefore missed the Battle of Trafalgar. She was later attached to a squadron under Sir John Borlase Warren, participating in the capture of the French ships *Marengo* and *Belle Poule* at the Action of 13 March 1806. Parker was almost constantly on the move with the *Amazon*, mainly along the coast of Spain and Portugal, until January 1812 when the ship was paid off.

Parker purchased Shenstone Lodge near Lichfield, where he lived for the next 15 years. In 1827, however, he returned to sea as captain of **HMS Warspite**, and acted in 1828 as senior officer off the coast of Greece. In December that year he was appointed to command the Royal Yacht. On 22 July 1830 he was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral and in April 1831 was appointed second in command of the Channel Squadron, under Sir Edward Codrington. In September 1831 he was detached on an independent command on the Tagus, aboard *Asia* where he went to protect British interests during the Portuguese Civil War. When he returned to England he was appointed one of the Lords of the Admiralty. He left the Admiralty in 1841, and was appointed commander-in-chief in China. Parker sailed for Hong Kong and assumed command of the squadron on 10 August 1841. The British proceeded to capture Amoy, Ningpo, Woosung and Shanghai, ending with the seizure of Chin-kiang-foo and closing the entrance to the Grand Canal on July 21, 1842. Parker received a GCB. in 1843, a good-service pension in 1844 and a baronetcy in 1841. In November of that year he had been appointed Vice-Admiral and in 1845 was commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean. In 1846, because of his knowledge of Portugal and its politics, he was appointed to command the Channel Fleet. In 1848, however, he returned to the Mediterranean. In 1852 he attained the rank of Admiral and returned to England.

He continued to be active, serving as a consultant on a variety of projects. In 1863 he became an Admiral of the Fleet. He died on 13 November 1866 from complications from bronchitis. He was buried in his parish churchyard near his home at Shenstone Lodge, and a monument to his memory was erected in Lichfield Cathedral