

Research Report

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Summary Career of Thomas Thomas, Customs Officer

Bristol 1835 – 1841

TNA ref: CUST70/167
Bristol Ages and Capacities
Christmas 1840
Thomas Thomas, 3rd Class tidewaiter, £20 pa
Age: 29
Appointed 20 August 1835
1st appointment, 5 year 4 months in service

Plymouth 1841 – 1845

TNA ref: CUST72/19
Correspondence, Board to Collectors, Plymouth

16 August 1841

No.82 Board

Hon Sirs

In obedience to your Hon orders of 11th August inst No.115 we beg leave to report that Mr Thomas Thomas was by this day admitted to office as Searcher Landing and Coast Waiter with the duty of Tidesurveyor attached thereto and we inclose the Commission held by him as Tidewaiter at the port of Bristol.

We remain etc

RD, HS

19 August 1841

No.86 Board

In obedience to your Hon orders of the 11th inst No.115 we beg to submit the above parties as sureties for the bond of Mr Thomas Thomas as searcher etc in this port. We believe them sufficient for the penalty of the bond that as they reside in the district in the port of Plymouth the Collector and Comptroller of that part will be better able than we are to certify to that effect.

Enc.

Gentlemen

I beg leave to submit as the sureties in my bond as searcher etc. Mr Thomas Perkins Thomas, timber keeper etc in HM Dockyard at Devonport and Mr William Storelake pianoforte manufacturer of St Aubyn Street, Devonport, both being householders in the parish of Stoke Daverel in the county of Devon and possessors of property therein sufficient for the penalty of the bond.

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I am etc
Thomas Thomas

28 August 1841
C&C, Plymouth
Gentlemen,

We beg leave to enclose the bond of Mr Thomas Thomas, searcher etc of this port and to request that after obtaining the signatures of his sureties, Mr Thomas Perkins Thomas, timber keeper in HM Dockyard, Devonport, and Mr William Storelake of St Aubyn Street, Devonport, pianoforte manufacturer, who will attend at the Custom House for the purposes you will forward the same to the Board and inform us when you have so done.

We are etc.

RD, HS

PS as we have no means of knowing the competency of the parties we shall be obliged by your signing the certificate on the back of the bond. RD

4 September 1841

Hon Sir,

Having in consequence of the appointment of Mr Thomas Thomas to the office of Seacher, Landing and Coastwaiter, with the duty of Tidesurveyor attached, been deprived of my usual allowance of 1/6 pay for performing the duty of Assistant Tidesurveyor, to which office I was appointed by Your Honourable orders of the 3 June 1838 No.101, I beg leave humbly to represent to your honourable board the great hardship of my case in being deprived of such extra pay as I am thereby placed on the same footing in the service as I was 26 years ago being now paid boatman's allowance 2/6 per day only although I have been in the habit of assisting the Landing Waiter for 4 or 5 years having measured several cargoes of timber previous to the appointment of Mr Thomas to this port.

Thomas Rees

TNA ref: CUST72/260

Plymouth Ages and Capacities
1841

Thomas Thomas, searcher
'Very efficient and meritorious'

1842

Thomas Thomas, searcher
'In every respect an able, attentive and deserving officer'

1843

Thomas Thomas, searcher and tidesurveyor
Age: 32, appointed 16 August 1841, salary £100
'Continues in every respect an able, attentive and deserving officer'

1844

Thomas Thomas, searcher and tidesurveyor

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Age: 33, appointed 16 August 1841, salary £100
 'Very effective and meritorious'

1845

Thomas Thomas, searcher and tidesurveyor
 Age 34; promoted to Liverpool

Liverpool 1845 - 1873

Selected entries from pay books in CUST39

TNA ref: CUST39/2
 Liverpool, 1850-1
 Thomas Thomas
 4th Class Searcher

TNA ref: CUST39/25
 Liverpool, 1862
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 2nd Class; £250 pa

TNA ref: CUST39/86
 Liverpool, 1864
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 2nd Class; £250 pa

TNA ref: CUST39/88
 Liverpool, 1866
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 2nd Class; £250 pa, with provision to 23 May 1866

TNA ref: CUST39/89
 Liverpool, 1867
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 1st Class; £300 pa

TNA ref: CUST39/91
 Liverpool, 1869
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 1st Class; £300 pa

TNA CUST39/153
 Liverpool, 1873
 Thomas Thomas
 Examining Officer, 1st Class
 Treasury Authority to superannuation: 3 March 1873
 Final Salary: £300

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Service History

TNA ref: ADM29/1/203

5 July 1792 – 31 August 1831

HM Carpenter

[see photocopy]

No related files for Richard Thomas or John Perkins Thomas

[document series also checked: ADM22 pensions 1814 – 1846]

Vessels in Will of John Perkins Thomas, 1842

Lloyd's List of registered vessels, 1842, was consulted. John Perkins Thomas was not listed as owner of any of the vessels mentioned, namely Diamond, Matchless, Ruby, Devonport, Brilliant, New Jane and New Eagle. However, there was a company in Plymouth that was listed as owning several of the named vessels, though there are a number of other vessels of the same name registered to other owners.

Name	Master	Tons	Built	Owner	Port	Voyages	Other vessels of name
Diamond	Huxtable	115	Stnhse 1815	Clark & Co	Plym	London – Plymouth	6
Devonport				<i>none</i>			1
Brilliant	H Crocker	78	Plymth 1836	Clark & Co	Plym	London – Plymouth	12
Matchless	W Corbett	104	Dvnpt 1827	Clark & Co	Plym	Cardiff – London	2
New Eagle				<i>none</i>			
New Jane	S Penny	87	Plymth 1827	Clark & Co	Plym	Plymouth	0
Ruby	E Butler	93	Plymth 1828	Clark & Co	Plym	London – Plymouth	12