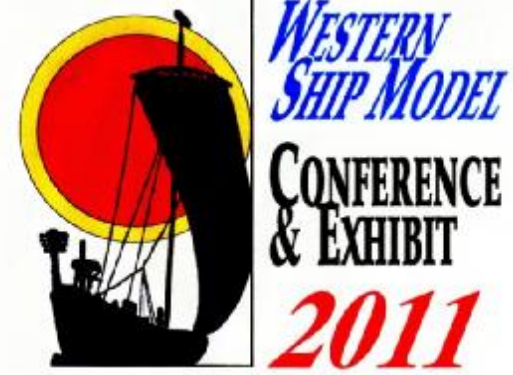


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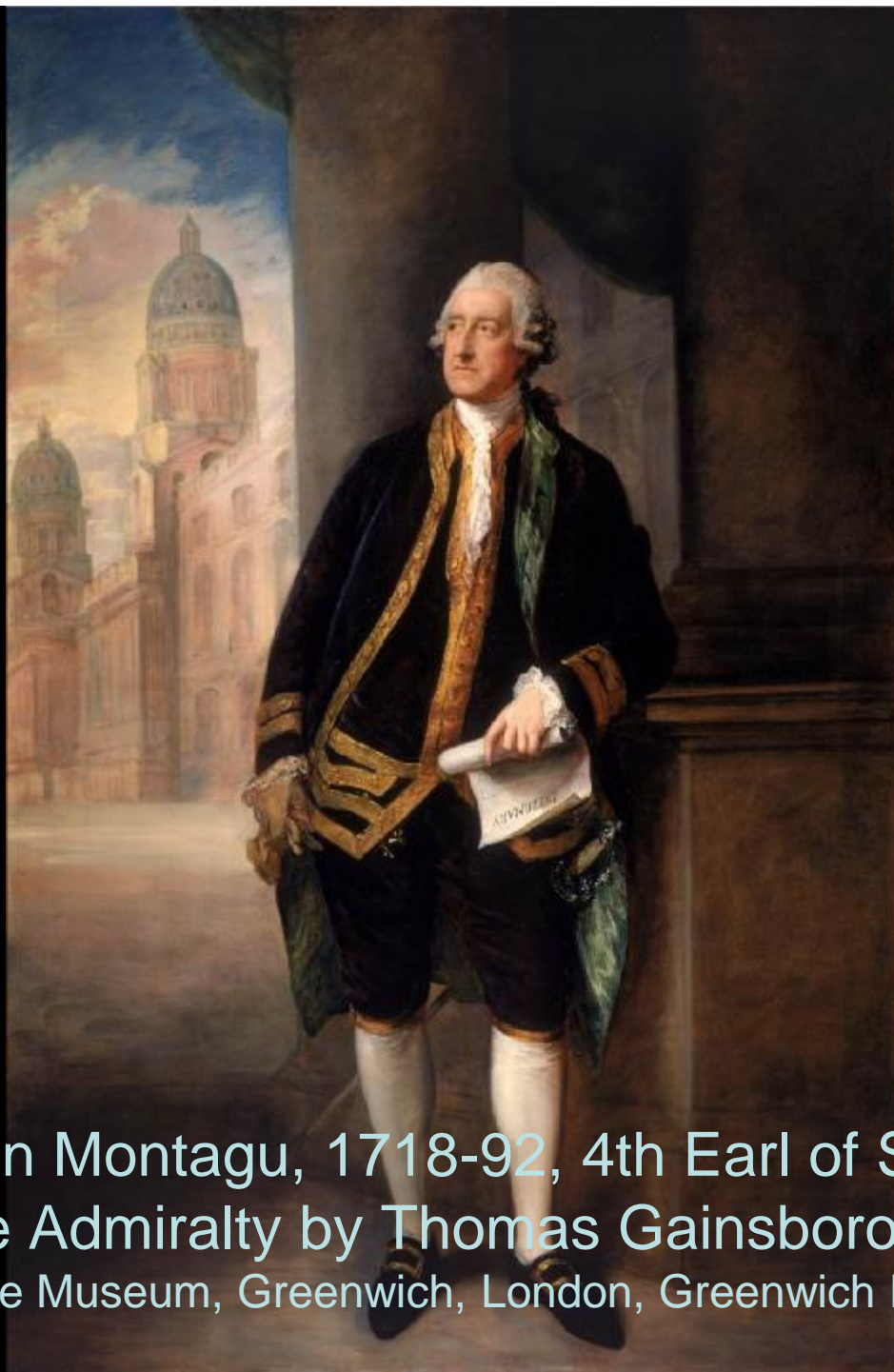
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**BHC3009** John Montagu, 1718-92, 4th Earl of Sandwich,  
1st Lord of the Admiralty by Thomas Gainsborough  
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BHC1914 Plymouth Dockyard by Nicholas Pocock

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Began to visit Chatham Yard May 13<sup>th</sup> 1771.

Present

Earl of Sandwich

L<sup>rd</sup> Palmerston

4. Commissioners of the Navy

The Comptroller

Surveyor

M<sup>r</sup> Mason

M<sup>r</sup> Stanway

Observed the spare Anchor Stocks laying in a disorderly way, and the new & old promiscuously mixed without any Skids to keep them off the ground.

Observed the West Wall of the long Storehouse in a very decayed State, & scraped up from end to end. The Officers say that it has been long so, & they apprehend, that the other Wall, and the whole of that building is in a very bad Condition.

Observed that several of the Principal Storehouses & other Buildings are wholly of Wood.

M<sup>r</sup> Williams the Surveyor, explained the Effects of Water being permitted to flow into the Storehouses.

**SAN/V/5** Record of dockyard visitations. Observations minuted and orders noted, May-June 1771

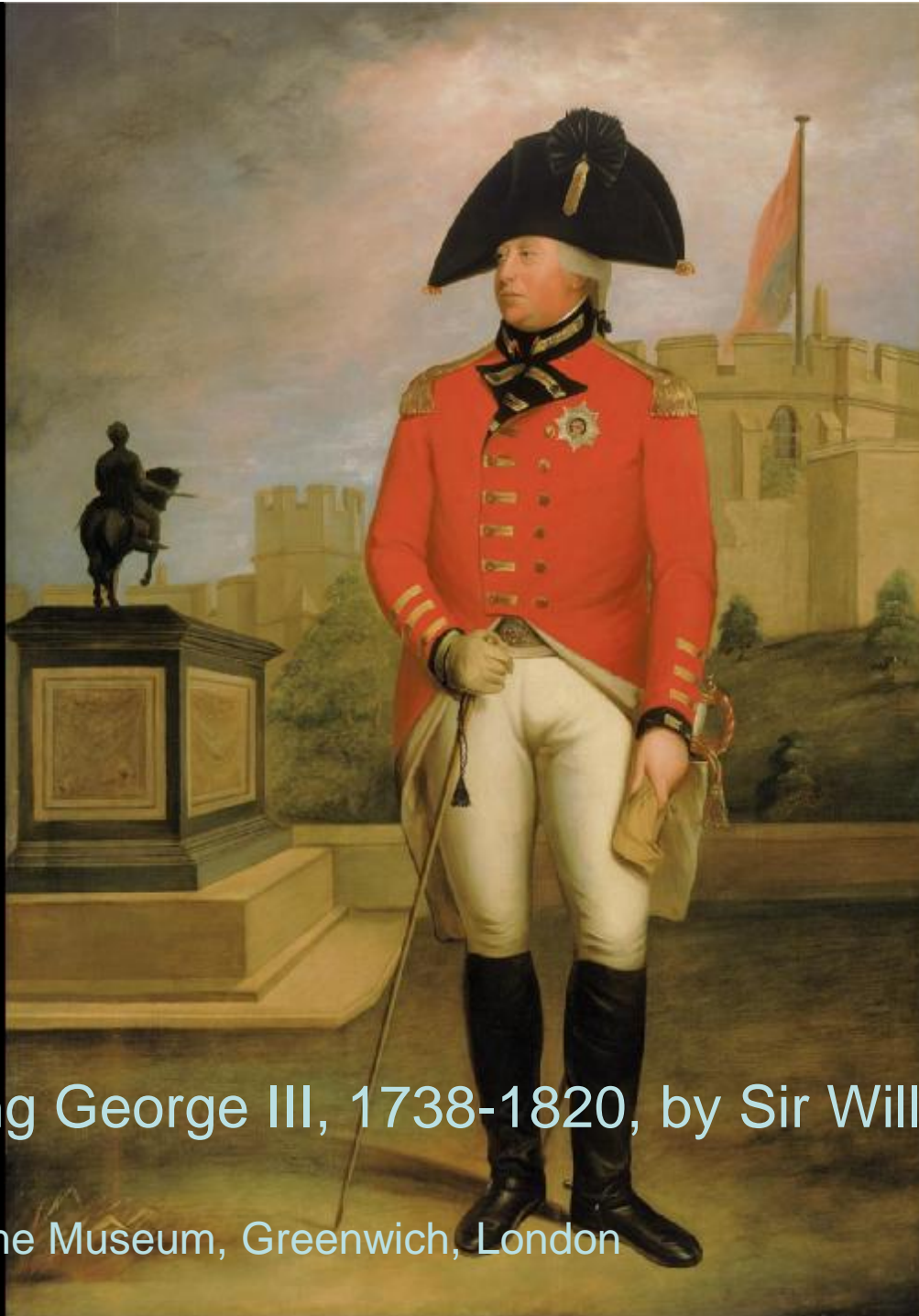
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**BHC0460** George III in the Southampton reviewing the fleet off  
Plymouth, 18 August 1789 by Lieutenant William Elliott

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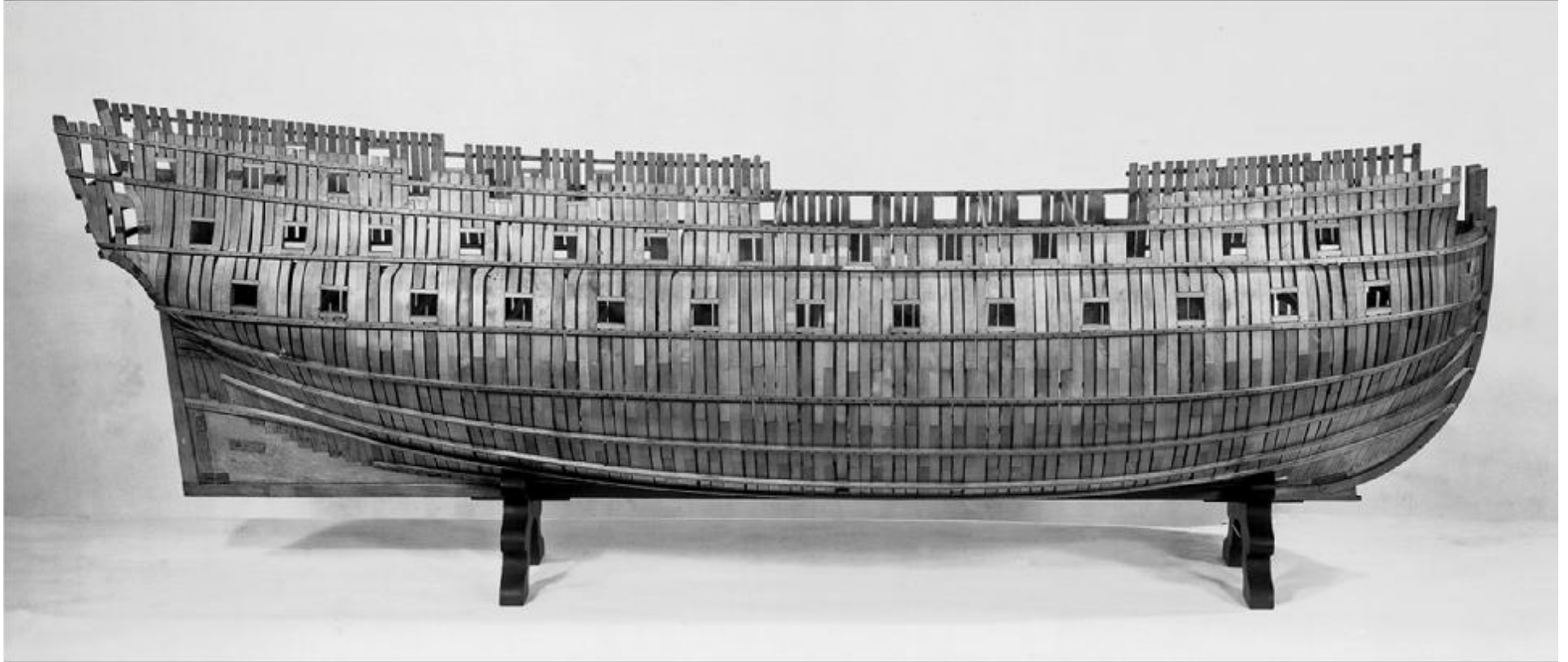
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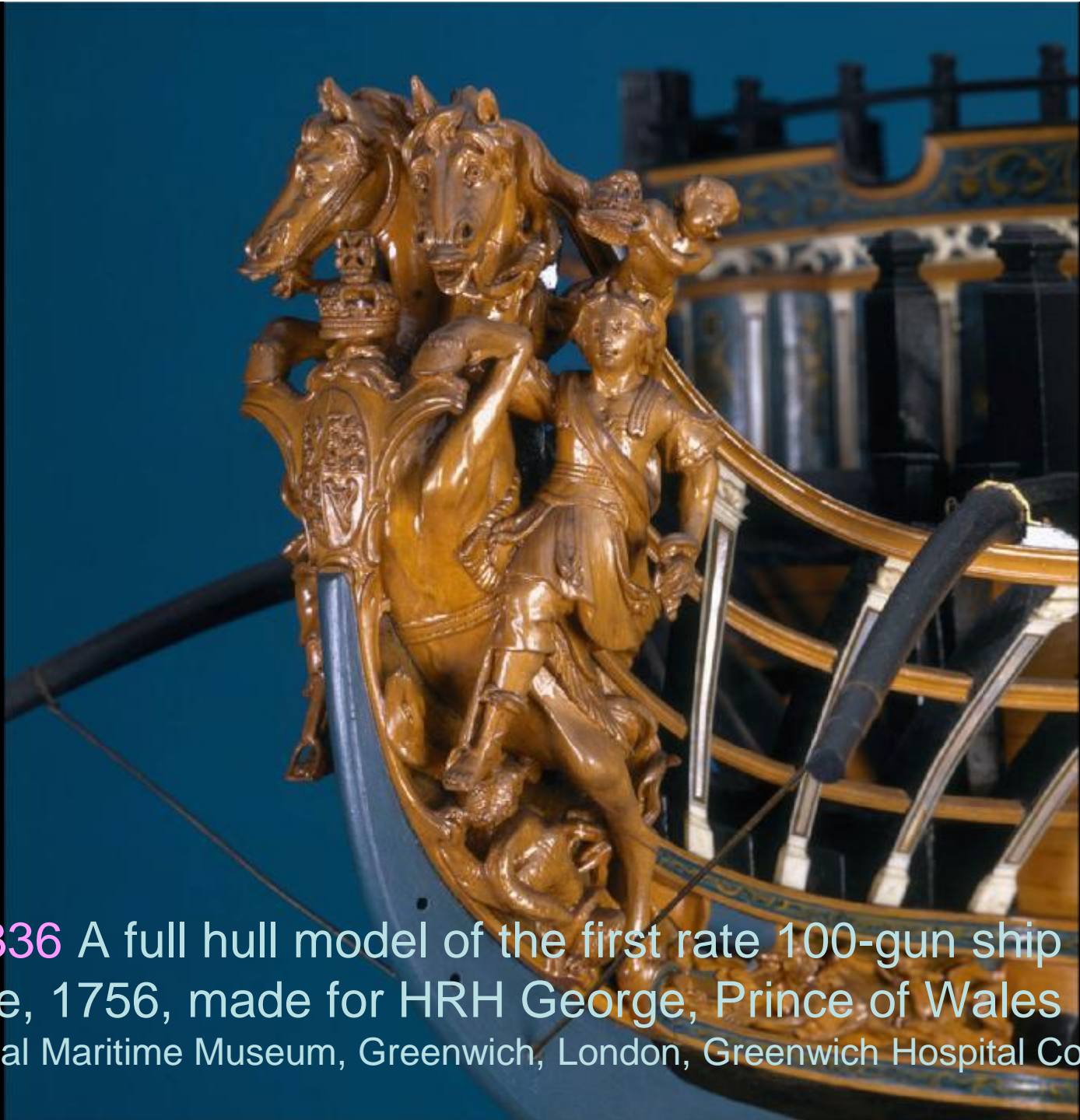
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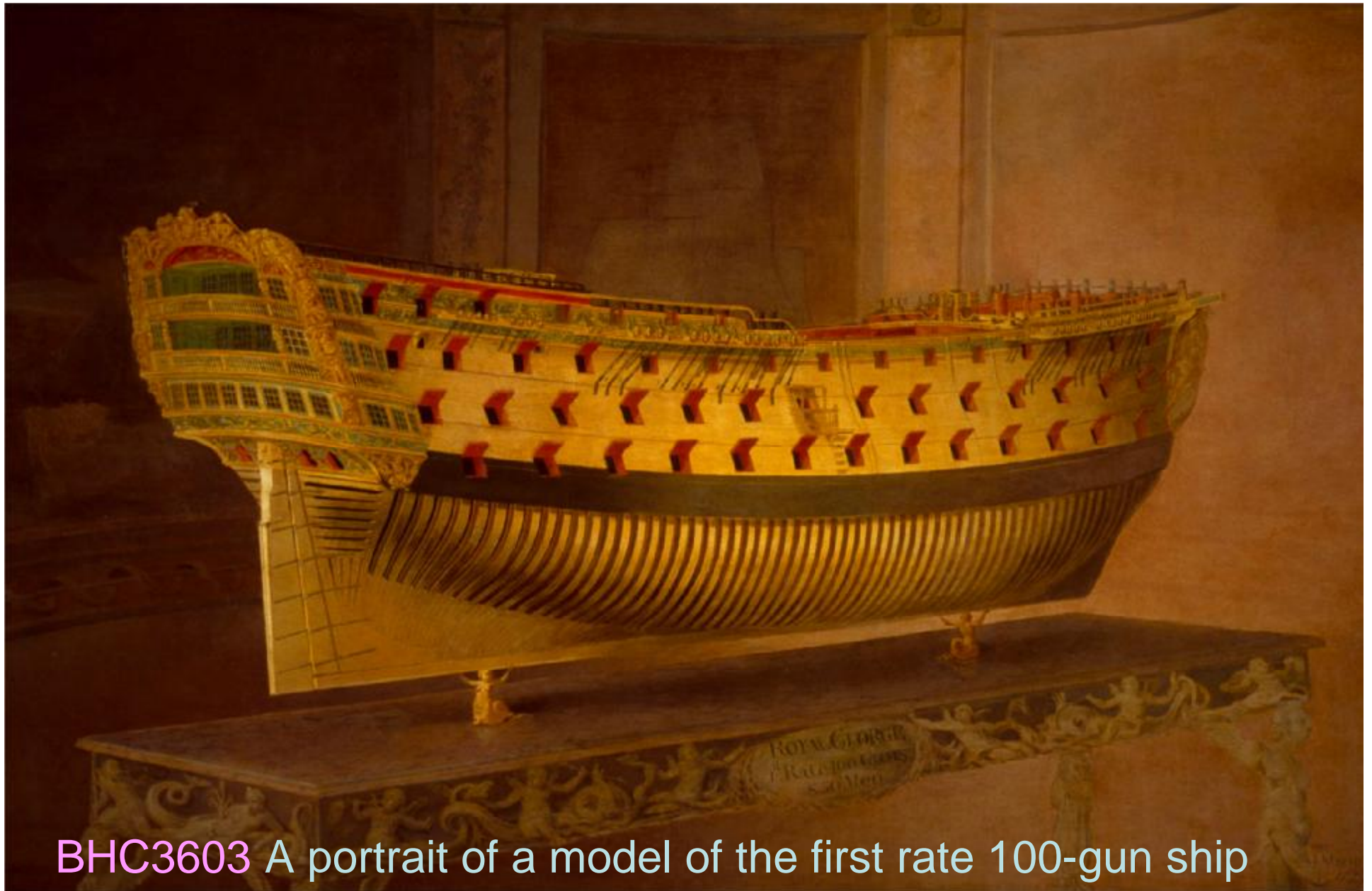
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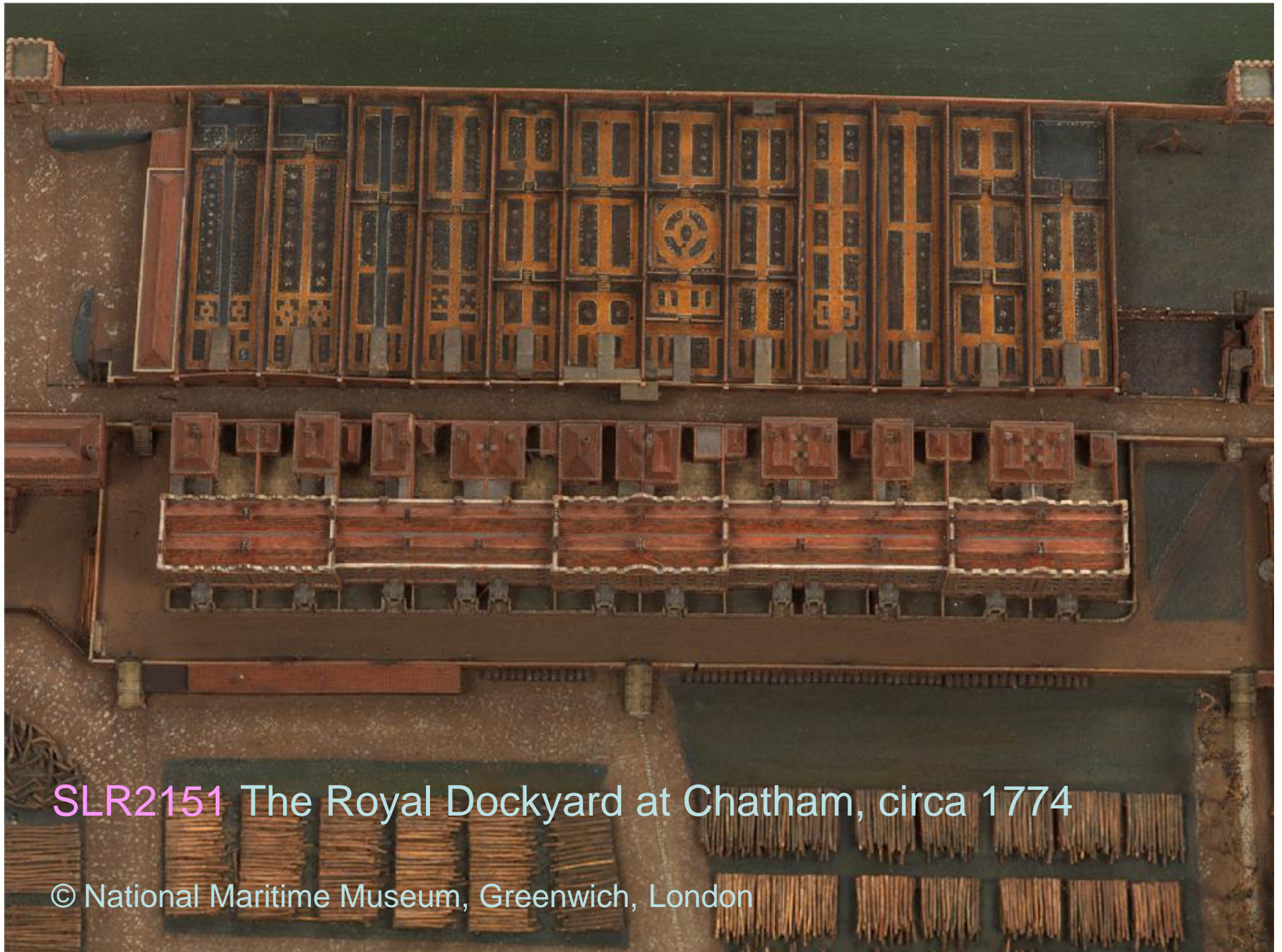
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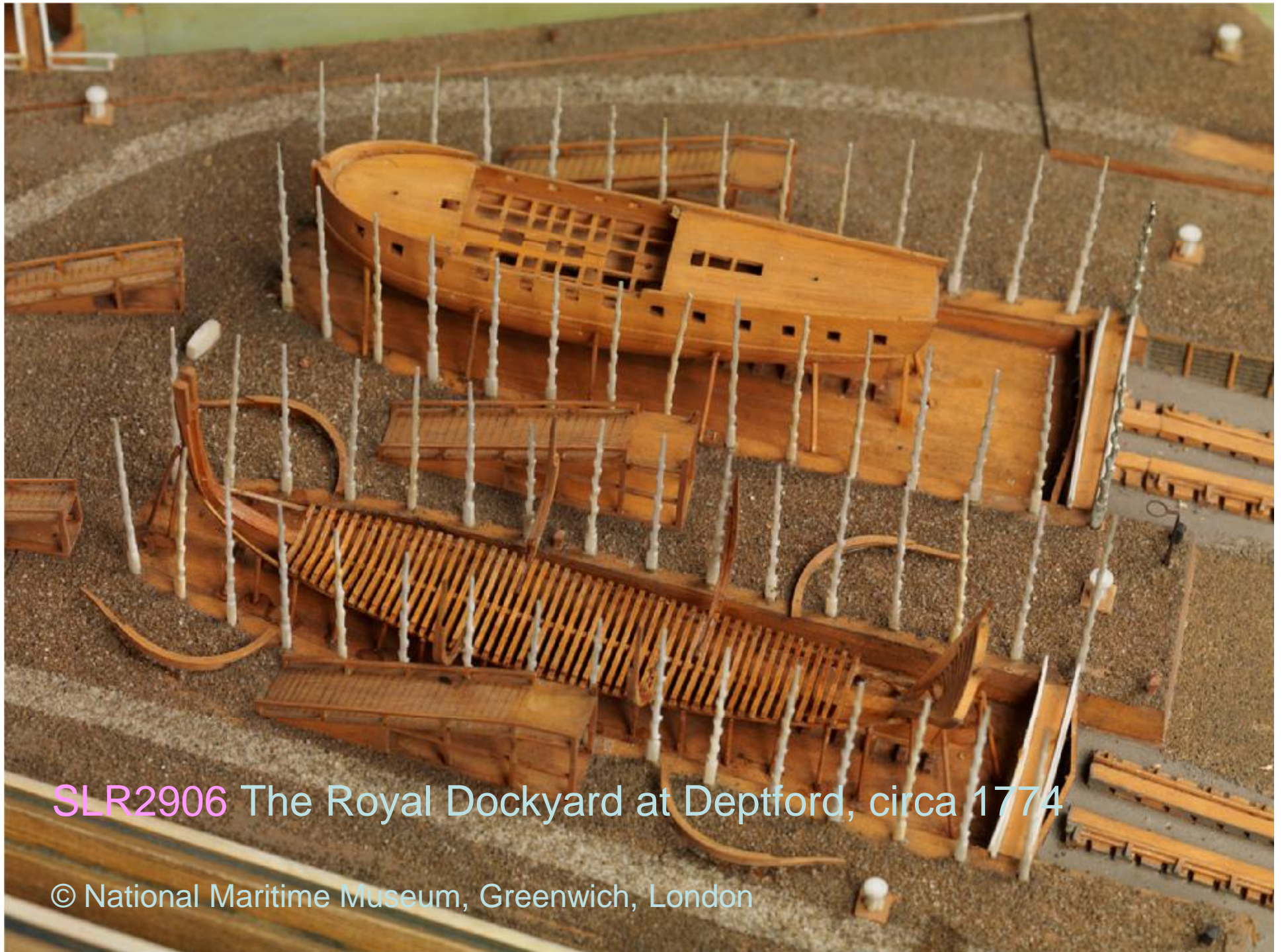




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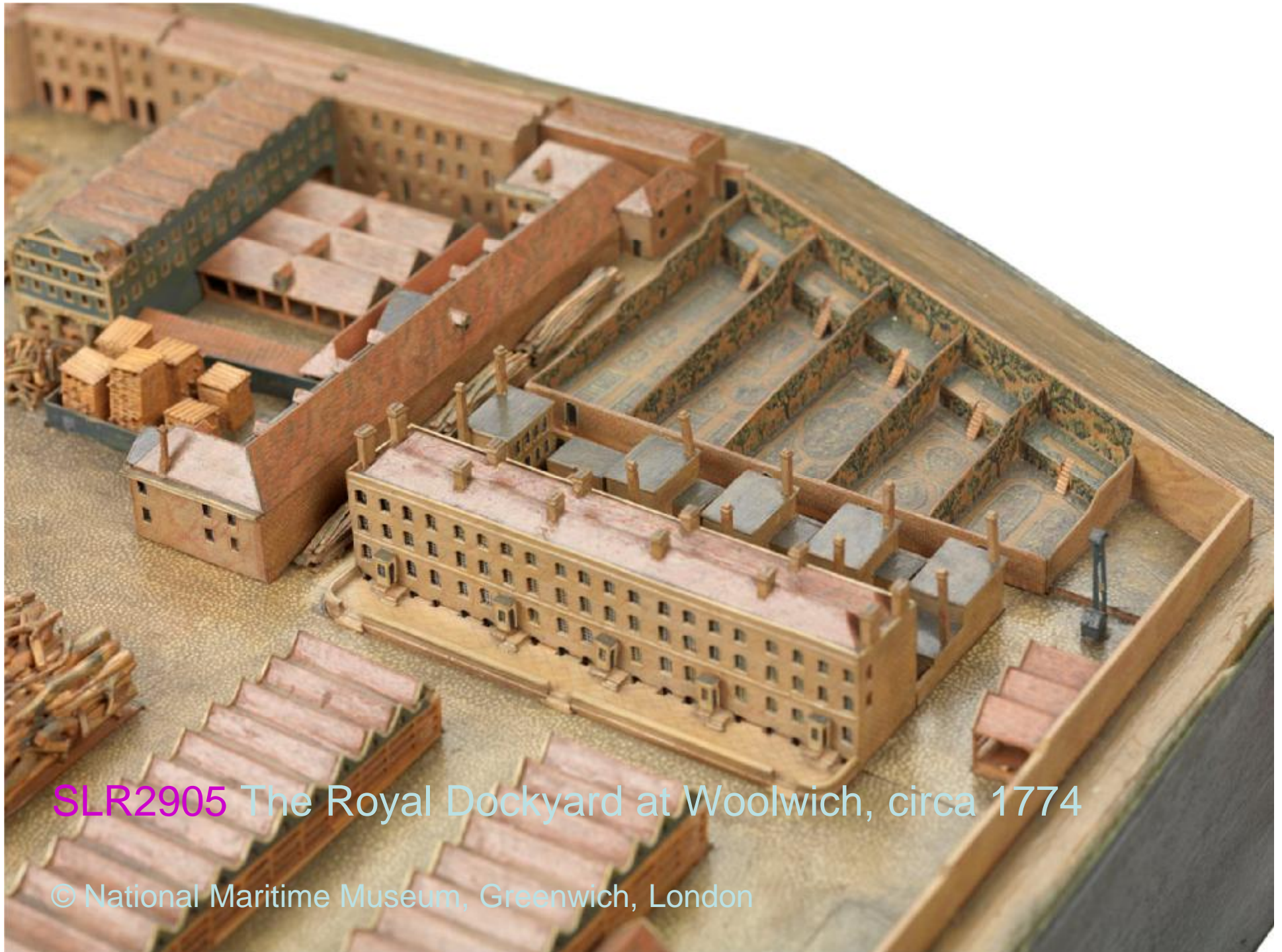
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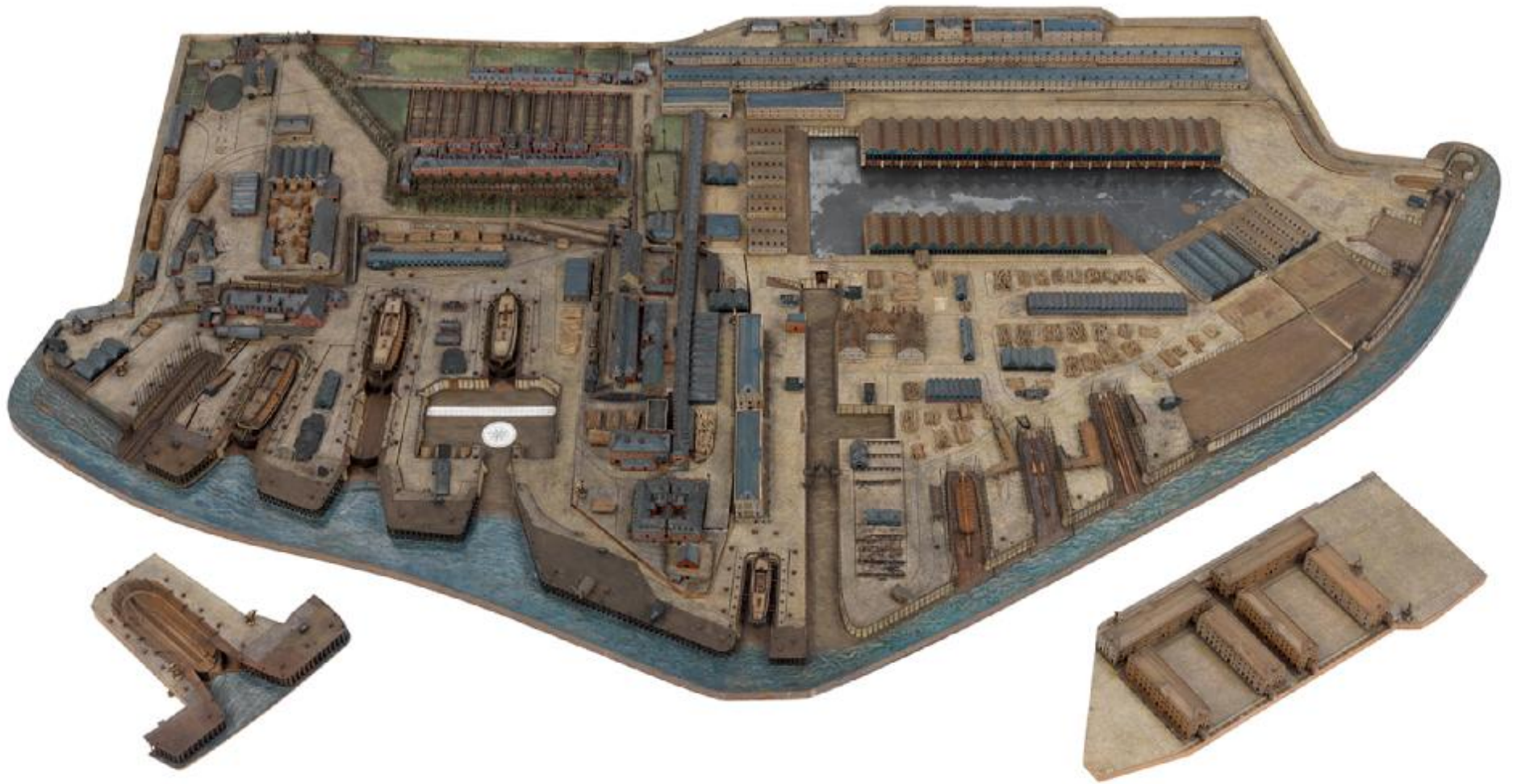
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## References to the Model of Plymouth Yard

1. Yard Gate	39. New Dock	77. Sail Field
2. Commissioners Garden	40. Dock proposed	78. Hatchel Houfe
3. Stables	41. Engine Houfes	79. Mould Loft Join & Houfe Carp <sup>s</sup> Shops
4. Clerk of the Checks Garden	42. Kilns to heat Plank	80. Houfe Carpenters Yard
5. Horfe Pond	43. Pitch Houfe	81. Meafurer's Cabin
6. Bridges	44. Stone Makings Shed	82. Draw Bed
7. O <sup>r</sup> Rope Yard & M <sup>o</sup> Rope Makers Offices	45. M <sup>o</sup> Bricklayers Cabin	83. Shed for Anchor Stocks
8. M <sup>o</sup> Rope Makers Lodging & Garb <sup>n</sup>	46. Amover & Plumber's Shops	84. Bows
9. White Yarn Houfe	47. Carver's Shop	85. Rough Timber
10. Tarring Houfe	48. M <sup>o</sup> Shipwrights Garden	86. Boat Houfes proposed
11. Black Yarn Houfe	49. Porters Garden	87. D <sup>o</sup> Slip
12. Hemp Houfes	50. Porters Lodging	88. Smiths Shop
13. Spinning Houfe	51. Chapel	89. D <sup>o</sup> Yard for Iron
14. Laying Houfe	52. Chapel Green	90. D <sup>o</sup> Coal Yard
15. Furze Bicks	53. Guard Room	91. D <sup>o</sup> Little Shop
16. New M <sup>o</sup> Houfes	54. Painter & Braziers Shops	92. Slat Yards
17. D <sup>o</sup> Slips	55. Treemail Houfe	93. Bricklayers Yard
18. Rubble Bank	56. Oar Makers Shop	94. D <sup>o</sup> Sheds
19. New Pier	57. Offices	95. Stables for Yard Horfes
20. M <sup>o</sup> Pond	58. Deal Yard	96. Backs for flanging Sided Keels
21. Locks for flowing M <sup>o</sup> under Water	59. Clerk of the Checks Office	97. Upper Store Houfe
22. Sheds for thick Stuffs Keels	60. Surgeons	98. Bar Houfe
23. Slips for Shipbuilding	61. Second Afliftants	99. Lower Store Houfe
24. Canal	62. First Afliftants	100. Houfe for decayed Stores
25. Smiths Shop Proposed	63. Clerk of the Surveys	101. Store Yards
26. Working Sheds	64. First M <sup>o</sup> Attendants	102. Sail Makers Tar Houfe
27. Sheds for various Stores	65. M <sup>o</sup> Shipwrights	103. Sail Loft
28. Saw Bits	66. Commissioners	104. Hemp Houfe
29. Anchor Wharf	67. Clerk of the Checks	105. White Yarn Houfe
30. South Channel	68. Store Keepers	106. Black Yarn Houfe
31. Graving Dock	69. Clerk of the Rope Yards	107. Rope Houfe
32. Purchase Cranes	70. Second M <sup>o</sup> Attendants	108. Tarring Houfe
33. New Store Houfes	71. M <sup>o</sup> Caulkers	109. Offices
34. Jetty Heeds	72. Boatmen's	110. Plank Houfes
35. Balin	73. Commissioners Office	111. Shipwrights Store Cabin
36. Landing Place	74. The Walk	112. Rigging Houfe
37. South Dock	75. Officers back Houfes & Gardens	113. Tap Houfe
38. Double Dock	76. Pump Houfe	114. Block Makers Shops

The Model in Iron in proper Colours represents the Yard in its present State; those Parts painted Yellow are Propositions agreeable to the general Plan of Improvement.

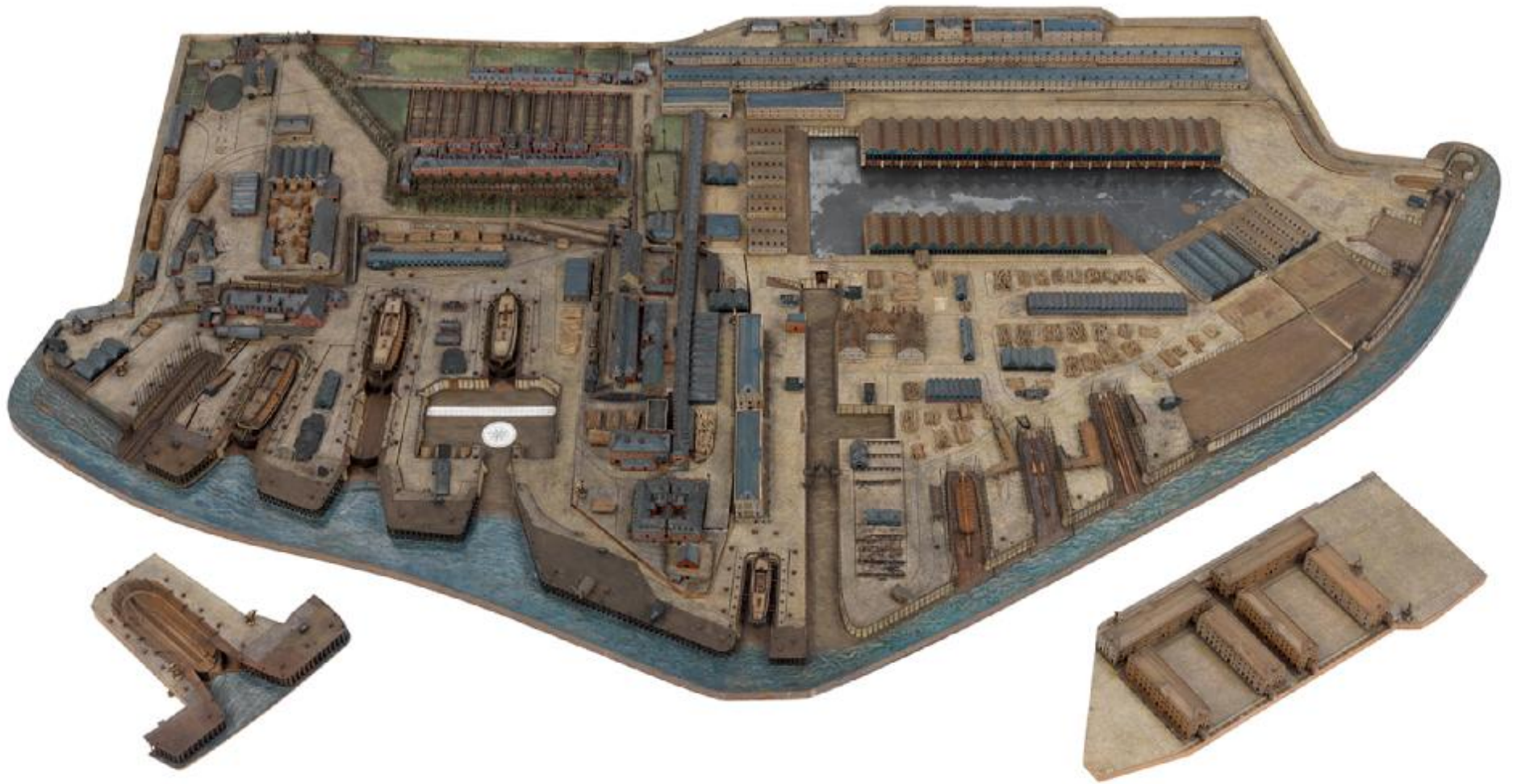
The brass Rings on the Model are intended to displace those Pieces wherein they are fixed in order to place other Pieces containing the proposed Improvements.

Each brass Ring turns a concealed Key which confines the above Pieces.

[Dated January 1774]

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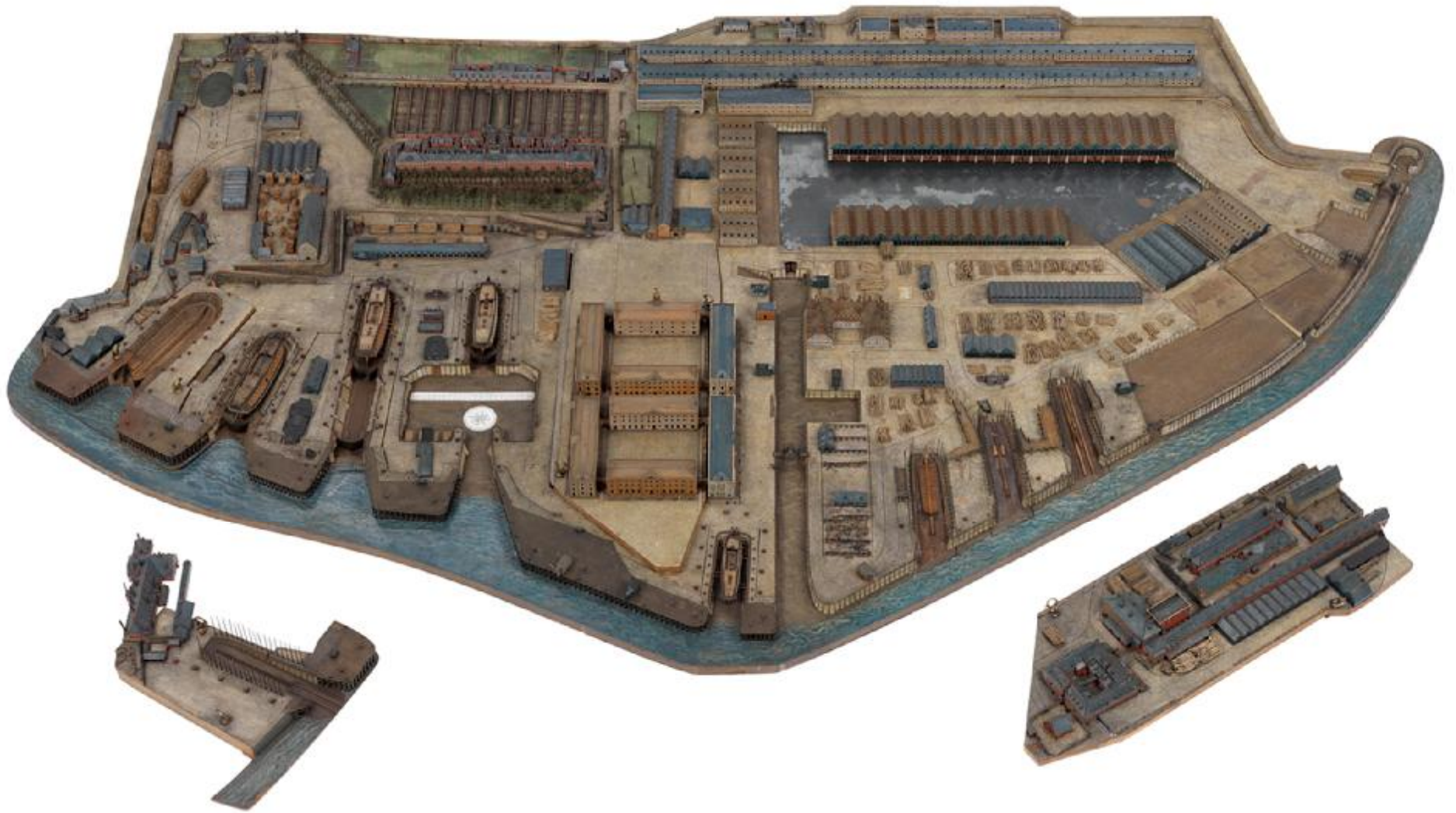
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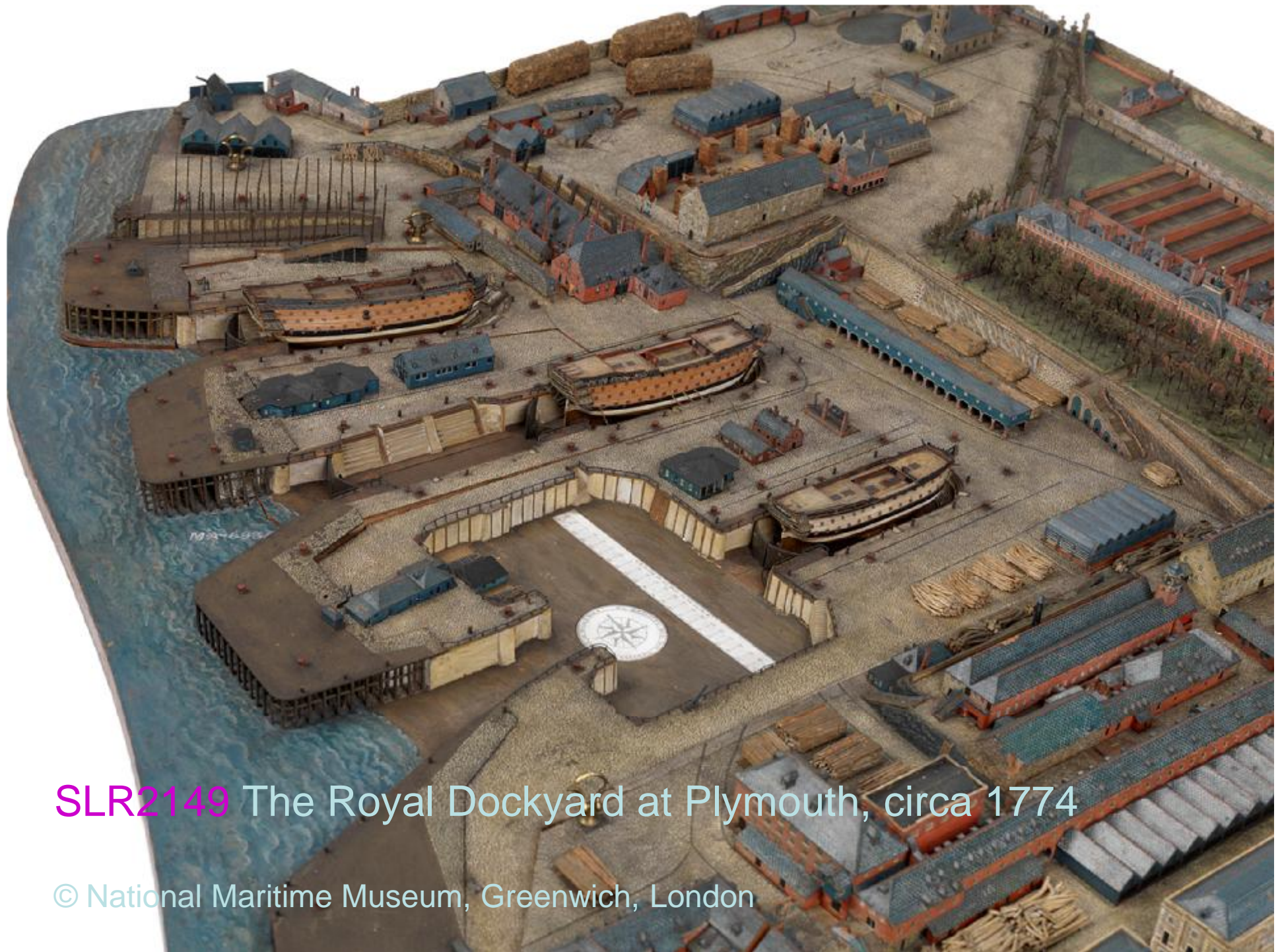




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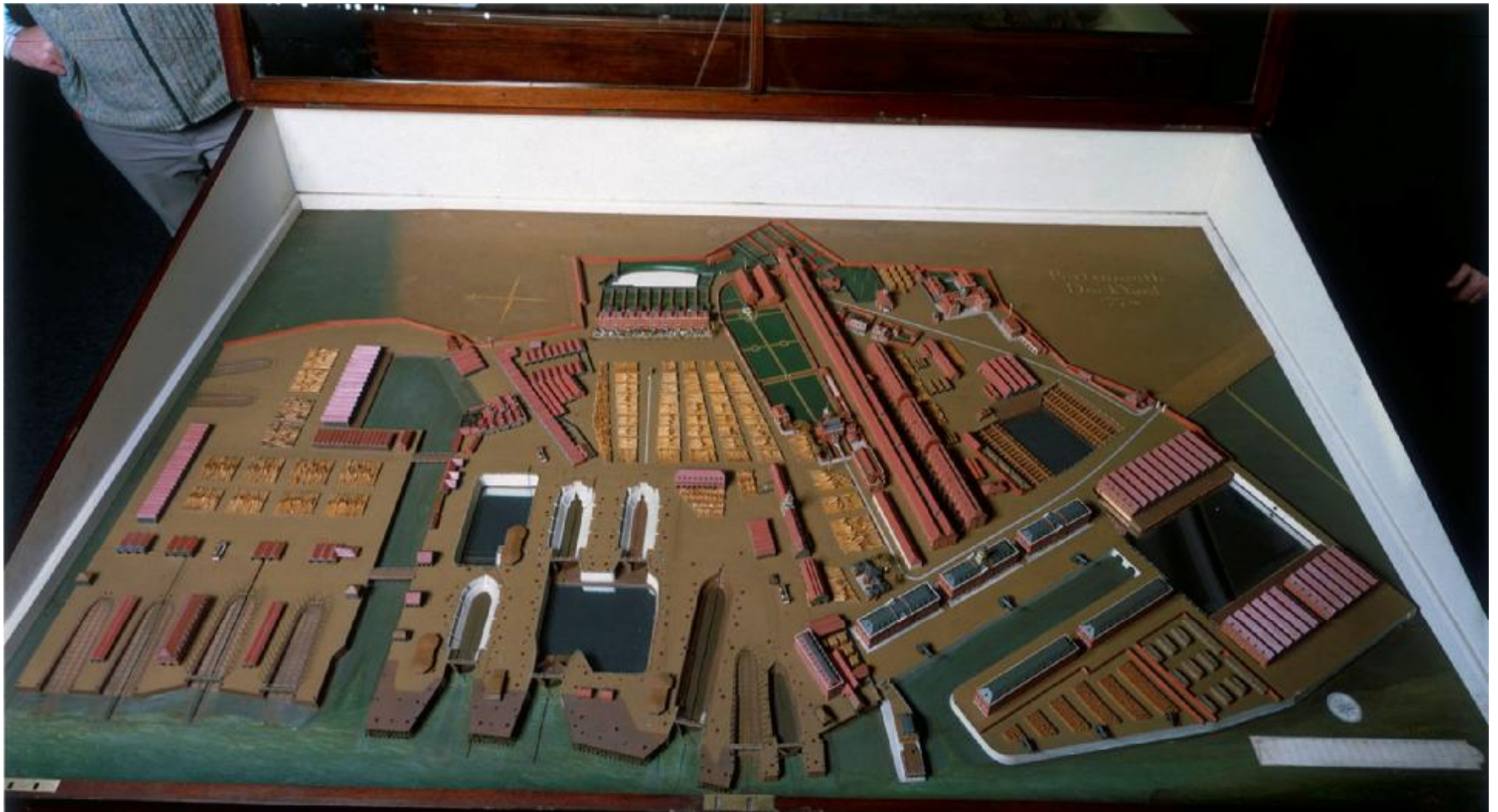




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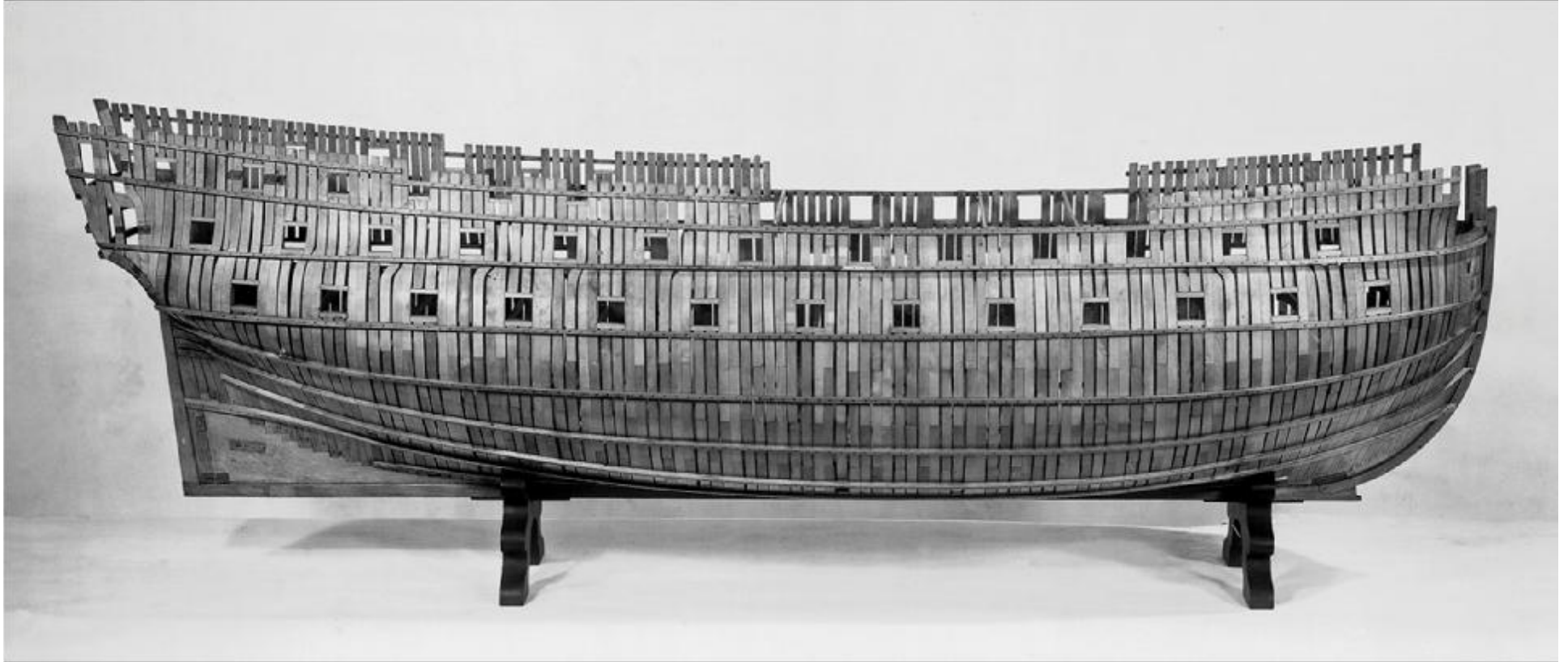




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