

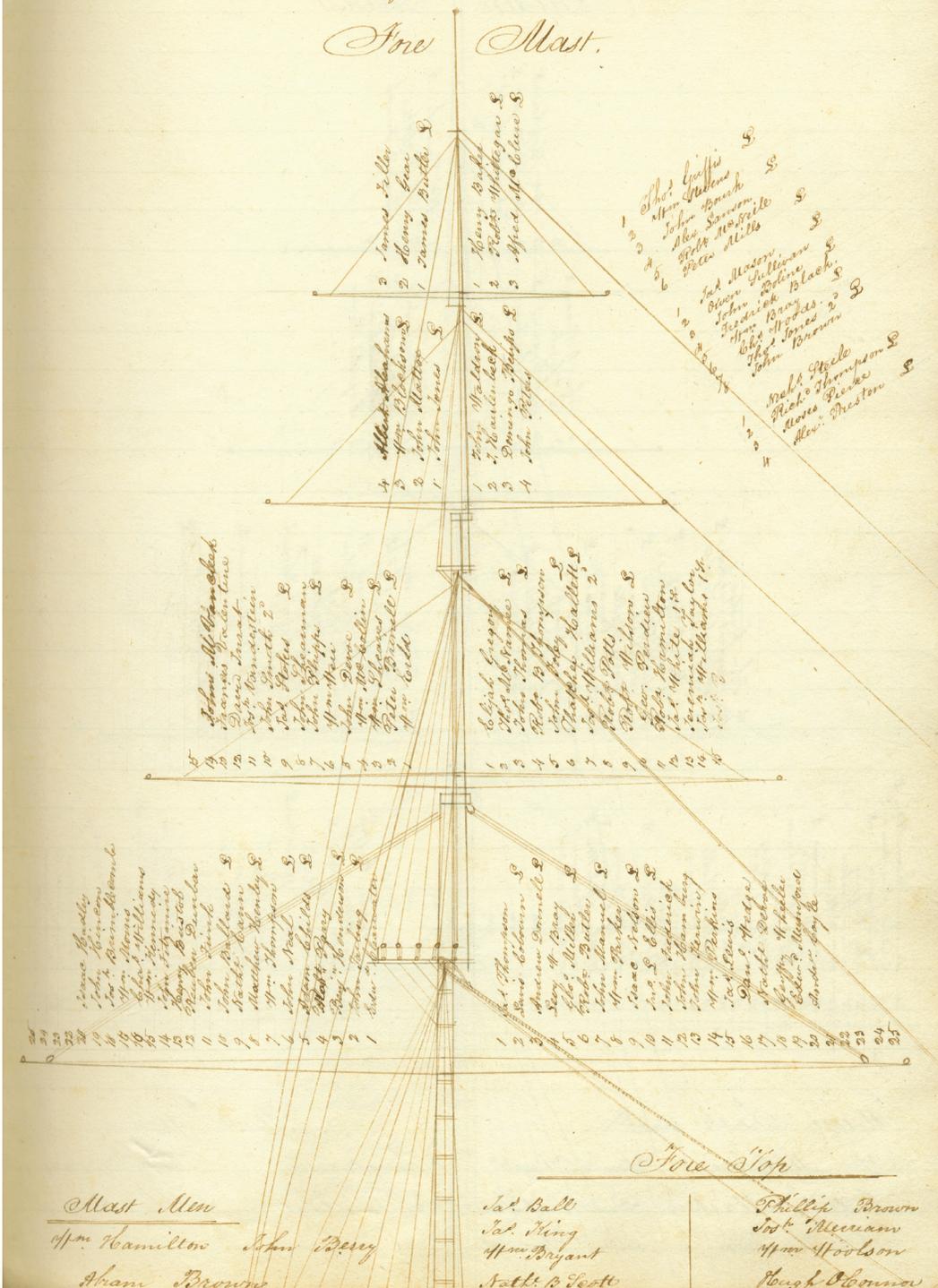


ACTIVITY

All Hands Shorten Sail, Ahoy!

In 1824, USS *Constitution's* First Lieutenant Ellie Vallette drew each sailor's exact position aloft in his logbook. When the officer in charge ordered all hands to shorten sail, each of these men scampered to their assigned position to heft in the heavy canvas sails. This image shows Vallette's diagram of the masts and spars with the names of sailors written at their positions on the footropes. Can your students count how many men were needed to reef, or pull up and tie, each sail?

Fore Mast.



Mast Men

John Hamilton John Berry
 Adam Brown

Fore Slop

Jas. Bell
 Jas. King
 Wm. Bryant
 Nathl. B. Scott

Phillip Brown
 Jos. Merriam
 Wm. Woodson
 Hugh DeGruen

Fore Mast

Lt. Elie Vallette's Record Book

Drawn by Constitution's first lieutenant between 1824 and 1828

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