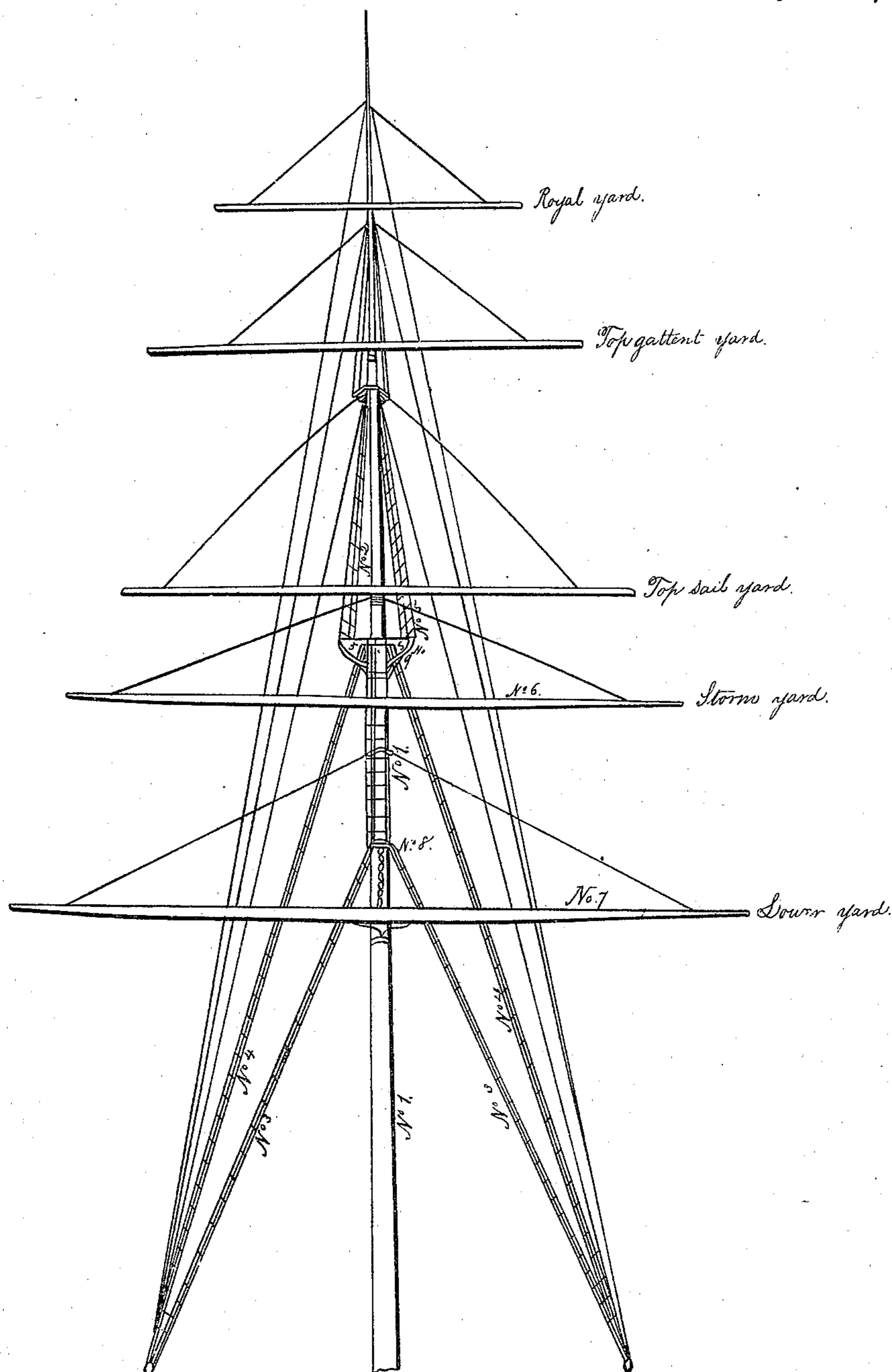


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## RIGGING VESSELS.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 16,890, dated March 24, 1857.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. TRESCOT, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, have invented a new and Improved  
5 Mode of Rigging Vessels and for a Better Security of the Masts and Sails; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and  
10 to letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my improvement consists in the lengthening out of lower mast No. 1 above the hounds No. 8 so as to allow a storm sail and yard No. 6 to be hung in a  
15 similar manner to the lower yard No. 7 under the top No. 5 and in reducing the top-mast No. 2 in reverse proportion to increase of lower mast and by a division of the lower rigging or shrouds Nos. 3 and 4 to given

points Nos. 8 and 9 or hounds of lower mast. 20  
The top No. 5 to be reduced in size suitable proportions to the mast.

I do not claim the dividing the top sail, as in Forb's or How's rig, so as to form a storm sail, but 25

I claim—

A separate and distinct sail and yard which I call a storm yard and sail on the lower mast so that in event of a ship losing her top mast or head of lower mast, would 30 still have her storm sails to work of a lee shore and by the division of the shrouds the masts are better secured though longer and no more weight aloft than usual.

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