

## **HMS Victory - Lines to Take**

- The Ministry of Defence Police can confirm that their investigation into the alleged theft of a cannon from the wreck of HMS Victory has concluded.
- Although the cannon was seized by the Dutch police from a vessel which landed the cannon at a Dutch port, and handed over to MOD Police for return to Britain, it has been decided that there will be no prosecution, because of international jurisdictional complications.
- The police investigation has not uncovered any evidence or information which might affect the granting of licences or salvage rights in the future.
- Once the necessary Dutch legal processes are finally concluded, MOD Police will be able to release the cannon to the National Maritime Museum.

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