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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1918.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

RELATING TO THE GRANT OF PRIZE MONEY TO THE FLEET.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased by Her Royal Proclamation of the 17th September 1900 to regulate, according to the Scheme set forth therein or recognised thereby, the distribution of the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, &c. :

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the 28th August 1914, We were pleased to cancel the system of distribution described in the above-mentioned Proclamation as regards Prizes captured from the enemy, and to declare that in lieu thereof it was intended to substitute a system of Prize Bounties or Gratuities for more general distribution to the Officers and Men of Our Naval Forces :

And whereas by the Naval Prize Act, 1918, it is provided that if We are pleased to signify Our intention to make a grant of Prize Money to Our Fleet out of the proceeds of Prizes captured in the present War, such Prize Money shall be of such amounts and payable to such members of Our Naval and Marine Forces and in such manner as We by Proclamation or Order in Council may determine :

We do therefore now make known to all Our loving Subjects, and to all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, that Our Royal Will and Pleasure is and We do hereby order and direct that the net produce of all such Prizes captured during the present War as shall be declared by the Tribunal appointed under the said Act to be Droits of the Crown, and of all other sums which under that Act shall be paid into the Naval Prize Fund, shall be for the entire benefit and encouragement of the Officers and Men of Our Naval and Marine Forces as defined in the above-mentioned Act, and shall be distributable in accordance with the said Act, and further, that when the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall judge that there is a sufficient sum standing to the credit of the Naval Prize Fund to warrant it, a distribution shall be made in the shares and proportions and in the manner and in accordance with the Regulations We may hereafter announce by Our Royal Proclamation to such members of Our Naval and Marine Forces as may be qualified to share therein, or in case of their death to their representatives.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.