

The lieutenants and quarter-masters of marines, and lieutenants, ensigns, and quarter-masters of land forces, secretaries of admirals or of commodores (with captains under them), second masters of line of battle ships, surgeons, chaplains, pursers, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, master's mate, and pilots, on board, shall have one-eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them.

The other four-eight parts of the prize to be divided into shares, and distributed to the persons composing the remaining part of the crew in the following proportions; viz. To the first class of petty officers, namely, the midshipmen, surgeons, assistants, secretaries clerks, captains-clerk, schoolmasters, masters at arms, captains-coxswains, gunners-mates, yeomen of the powder room, boatswains-mates, yeomen of the sheets, carpenters-mates, quarter-masters, quarter-masters-mates, ship's corporals, captains of the fore-castle, master sailmakers, master caulkers, master ropemakers, armourers, serjeants of marines and of land forces, four and a half shares each.

To the second class of petty officers; viz. midshipmen, ordinary, captains of the fore-top, captains of the maintop, captains of the after guard, captains of the mast, sailmakers-mates, caulkers-mates, armourers-mates, ships cook, corporals of marines and of land forces, three shares each.

The quarter gunners, carpenters-crew, sailmakers-crew, coxswains-mates, yeomen of the boatswains store room, gunsmiths, coopers, trumpeters, able seamen, ordinary seamen, drummers, private marines, and other soldiers, if doing duty on board in lieu of marines, one and a half share each.

The landsmen, admirals domestics, and all other ratings not above enumerated, together with all passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, and doing duty and assisting on board, one share each, excepting officers acting by order, who are to receive the share of that rank in which they shall be acting.

And young gentlemen volunteers by order, and the boys of every description, half a share each.

And we do hereby further order, that, in the case of cutters, schooners, brigs, and other armed vessels, commanded by lieutenants, the distribution shall be as follows: First, that the share of such lieutenants shall be two-eighth parts of the prize, unless such lieutenants shall be under the command of a flag-officer or officers, in which case the flag-officer or officers shall have one-third of the said two eighths to be divided among such flag-officer or officers, in the same manner as herein directed in the case of captains serving under flag-officers:—Secondly, We direct that the share of the sub lieutenant, master, and pilot, shall be one-eighth; the said eighth, if there be all three such persons on board, to be divided into four parts, two parts to be taken by the sub-lieutenant, one part by the master, and one part by the pilot: if there be only two such persons on board, then the eighth to be divided into three parts, of which two thirds shall go to the person second in command, and one-third to the other person; if there be only a sub-lieutenant, or a master, and no pilot, then the sub lieutenant or master to take the whole eighth; if there be only a pilot, then such pilot to have one-half of the eighth, and the other half to go to Greenwich Hospi-

tal:—Thirdly, That the share of the surgeon or surgeon's assistant, (where there is no surgeon), midshipmen, clerk, and steward shall be one eighth:—Fourthly, That the remaining four-eighths shall be divided into shares, and distributed to the other part of the crew, in the following proportions: viz. the gunners, boatswains, and carpenters mates, yeomen of the sheets, sailmaker, quarter-master, and quarter-masters mates, and serjeant of marines, to receive four and a half shares each. The corporals of marines three shares each. The able seamen, ordinary seamen, and marines, one and a half share each. The landsmen, together with passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, doing duty and assisting on board, to receive one share each. Boys of all descriptions, half a share each.

But it is our intention, nevertheless, that the above distribution shall only extend to such captures as shall be made by any cutter, schooner, brig, or armed vessel, without any of our ships or vessels of war being present, or within sight of, and adding to the encouragement of the captors, and terror of the enemy; but in case any of our ships or vessels of war shall be present, or in sight, that then the officers, pilots, petty officers, and men, on board such cutters, schooners, brigs, or armed vessels, shall share in the same proportion as is allowed to persons of the like rank and denomination on board of our ships and vessels of war; the sub-lieutenant and master to be considered as warrant officers; and such cutters, schooners, brigs, or armed vessels shall not, in respect to such captures, convey any interest or share to the flag-officer or officers under whose orders such cutters, schooners, brigs, and armed vessels may happen to be: And whereas it is judged expedient, during the present hostilities, to hire into our service armed vessels, to be employed as cruizers against the enemy, which vessels are the property of, and their masters and crews are paid by the owners of whom they are hired, although several of them are commanded by our commissioned officers in our pay, it is our further will and pleasure, that the neat produce of all prizes taken by such hired armed vessels, (except as herein after mentioned), shall be for the benefit of our commissioned officers in our pay, and of the masters and crews on board the said hired armed vessels at the time of the capture; and that such prizes may be lawfully sold and disposed of by them and their agents, after the same shall have been to us finally adjudged lawful prize, and not otherwise; the distribution whereof shall be as follows:—The whole of the neat produce being divided into eight equal parts,

Our officer commanding any hired armed vessel, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any prize, shall have two eighths; but in case such hired armed vessel shall be under the command of a flag or flags, the flag-officer or officers being actually on board, or directing or assisting in the capture, shall have one third of the said two eighth parts; the said one third of the two eighth parts to be paid to such flag or flag officers in such proportions, and subject to such regulations, as are herein after mentioned.—In case there be acting on board such hired armed vessels, besides our officer commanding the same, one or more of our commissioned sea lieutenants in our pay, such lieutenant or lieutenants shall take one eighth.—One eighth shall belong to the master and mate; of which the master

shall take two-thirds, and the mate one-third: But in case there shall be acting on board such hired armed vessel one or more midshipmen, in that case the master shall take one-half of the eighth, and the other half shall be divided equally between the mate and midshipmen.—The remaining four eighth parts shall belong to, and, being divided into shares, be distributed among the other petty officers, men, and boys, in the same proportion as herein before directed with respect to the division of prize-money in our ships of war.—And, in the case of prizes taken by any hired armed vessel not commanded by any of our commissioned officers, one-eighth shall belong to the flag-officers, to be divided as aforesaid, in case such hired armed vessel shall be under the command of a flag.—One-eighth shall belong to the master and mate, of which the master shall take two-thirds, and the mate one-third.—Four-eighths shall belong to and be divided among the petty officers and crew in manner aforesaid.—The surplus, the distribution of which is not herein directed, shall remain at our disposal; and, if not disposed of within a year after final adjudication, the same shall belong and be paid to Greenwich Hospital.—And in the case of prizes taken jointly, by any of our ships of war, and any hired armed vessel, our commissioned officer or officers on board such hired armed vessel shall share with our commissioned officer or officers of the same rank on board our ship or ships of war, being joint captors; the master of such hired armed vessel shall share with the warrant officers; the mate of such hired armed vessel with the first class of petty officers; and the seamen, landmen, and boys of such hired armed vessel with persons of the same description on board our said ship or ships of war; save and except, that, in case such hired armed vessel shall be commanded by one of our commissioned officers having the rank of master and commander, and there shall be none of our lieutenants on board; or in case such hired armed vessel shall be commanded by the master, in both those cases the master of such hired armed vessel shall share with the lieutenants of our ships of war, and the mate with the warrant officers.—And in case any difficulty shall arise in respect to the said distribution, not herein sufficiently provided for, the same shall be referred to our Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, whose direction thereupon shall be final, and have the same force and effect as if herein inserted: Provided that if any officer, being on board any of our ships of war at the time of taking any prize, shall have more commissions or offices than one, such officer shall be entitled only to the share or shares of the prizes which, according to the above-mentioned distribution, shall belong to his superior commission or office.—Provided also, that in all prizes taken by any of our squadrons, ships, or vessels, while acting in conjunction with any squadron, ship, or vessel of any other power that may be in alliance with us, a share of such prizes shall be set apart, and be at our further disposal, equal to that share which the flag and other officers and crews of such squadron, ships, or vessels would have been entitled to, if they had belonged to us.

(To be concluded in our next.)