

which he shall serve, or in which such ship's company shall be entitled to share, be classed with the Sea Lieutenants, with respect to the said *One Eighth Part*, and be allowed to share equally with them, provided such Physician be actually on board at the time of taking such prizes. 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, Boatswains, Gunners, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mates, Chirurgion, Pilot, and Chaplain on board, shall have *One Eighth Part*, to be equally divided amongst them :

The Midshipmen, Captain's Clerk, Master Sailmaker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Cockswain, Quarter-Masters, Quarter-Masters Mates, Chirurgion's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, Sergeants of Marines, and Land Forces on board, shall have *One Eighth Part*, to be equally divided amongst them :

The Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Stewards, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seaman, Ordinary Seaman, and Marines and other Soldiers, and all other persons doing duty and assisting on board, shall have *two eight parts* to be equally divided amongst them :

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. And we do hereby strictly enjoin all commanders of our ships and vessels of war taking any prize, as soon as may be to transmit or cause to be transmitted to the Commissioners of our Navy, a true list of the names of all the officers, seamen, marines, foldiers, and others who were actually on board our ships and vessels of war under their command at the time of the capture; which list shall contain the quality of the service of each person on board, and be subscribed by the captain or commanding officer, and three or more of the chief officers on board. And we do hereby require and direct the Commissioners of our Navy, or any three or more of them, to examine or cause to be examined such lists by the muster books of such ships and vessels of war, and lists annexed thereto, to see that such lists do agree with the said muster books and annexed lists, as to the names, qualities, or ratings of the officers, seamen, marines, foldiers, and others belonging to such ships and vessels of war, and upon request forthwith to grant a certificate of the truth of any list transmitted to them, to the agents nominated and appointed by the captors to take care and dispose of such prize; and also upon application to them (the said Commissioners) they shall give or cause to be given to the said agents all such lists from the muster books of any such ships of war and annexed lists, as the said agents shall find requisite for their direction in paying the produce of such prizes, and otherwise shall be aiding and assisting to the said agents in all such matters as shall be necessary. We do hereby further will and direct, that the following regulations shall be observed concerning the *one eighth part* herein before mentioned to be granted to the flag or flag officers, who shall actually be on board at the taking of any prize, or shall be directing or assisting therein: First, that a flag officer, commander in chief when there is but one flag officer upon service, shall have to his own use the said *one eighth part* of the prizes taken by ships and vessels under his command—Secondly, that a flag officer, sent to command at Jamaica or elsewhere, shall have no right to any share of prizes taken by ships or vessels employed there, before he arrives at the place to which he is sent, and actually takes upon him the command—Thirdly, that when an inferior flag officer is sent out to reinforce a superior flag officer at Jamaica, or elsewhere, the superior flag officer shall have no right to any share of prizes taken by the inferior flag officer before the inferior flag officer shall arrive within the limits of the command of the superior flag officer, and actually receive some order from him:—Fourthly, That a chief flag officer returning home from Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no share of the prizes taken by the ships or vessels left behind to act under another command:—Fifthly, That, if a flag officer is sent to command in the out-ports of this kingdom, he shall have no share of the prizes taken by ships or vessels which have sailed from that port by order from the Admiralty:—Sixthly, That, when more flag officers than one serve together, the eighth part of the prizes taken by any ships or vessels of the fleet or squadron, shall be divided in the following proportions, viz.

If there be but two flag officers, the chief shall have *two third parts* of the said one eighth part, and the other shall have the remaining *third part*; but if the number of flag officers be more than two, the chief shall have only *one half*, and the other *half* shall be equally divided amongst the other flag officers:—Seventhly, That commodores, with captains under them, shall be esteemed as flag officers with respect to the eighth part of prizes taken, whether commanding in chief, or serving under command:—Eighthly, That the first captain to the Admiral and Commander in Chief of our fleet, and also the first captain to our flag officer appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, to command a fleet or squadron of twenty ships of the line of battle, and also the first captain to our flag officer appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, to command a fleet or squadron of fifteen ships of the line of battle, (provided such last-mentioned fleet or squadron shall be composed of his Majesty's own ships,) shall be deemed and taken to be a flag officer, and shall be entitled to a part or share of prizes as the junior flag officer of such fleet or squadron. And we do hereby further order, That, in case of cutters, schooners, and other armed vessels, commanded by lieutenants, the share of such lieutenants shall be *three 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 of the said three eighths*, to be divided among such flag officer or officers in the manner herein before directed in the case of captains serving under flag officers:—Secondly, we direct that the share of the master, or other person acting as second in command, and the pilot, (if there happens to be one on board,) shall be *one eighth part*, to be divided into three equal parts, of which *two thirds* shall go to the master, or other person acting as second in command, and the remaining *one third* to the pilot; but if there is no pilot, then such eighth part to go wholly to the master or person acting as second in command:—That the share of the chirurgion or chirurgion's mate, (where there is no chirurgion,) midshipmen, and clerk and steward, shall be *one eighth*; that the share of the boatswain's, gunner's, and carpenter's mates, yeomen of the sheets, sailmaker, quarter-master and quarter-master's mate, shall be *one eighth*; and the share of the seamen, marines, and other persons on board, assisting in the capture, shall be *two eighth parts*. But it is our intention, nevertheless, that the above distribution shall only extend to such captures as shall be made by any cutter, schooner, or armed vessel, without any of his Majesty's 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 his Majesty's ships or vessels of war shall be present or in sight, that then the officers, pilots, petty officers, and men on board such cutters and schooners, or armed vessels, shall share in the same proportion as is allowed to persons of the like rank and denomination on board his Majesty's ships and vessels of war.

Given at our Court at St James's, the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and in the thirty-seventh year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

WHITEHALL, January 28.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable William Pitt, Richard Earl of Mornington of the kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Illustrious Order of St Patrick, John Thomas Townshend and John Smyth, Esqrs. and the Right Honourable Sylvester Douglas, to be Commissioners for executing the office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

ST JAMES'S, Jan. 26.

This day the Count de Woronzow, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of Russia, had a private audience of her Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Morton, Lord Chamberlain to her Majesty, and conducted by Sir Stephen Cottrell, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

WAR-OFFICE, Jan. 28.

19th regiment of Foot—Major General Samuel Hulke, from the 56th foot, to be Colonel, vice Græme, deceased.

56th Ditto—Hon. Major-General John Chapel Norton, from the 81st foot, to be Colonel, vice Hulke, appointed to the command of the 19th foot.

81st Ditto—Major-General Gordon Forbes, from the late 105th foot, to be Colonel, vice Norton, appointed to the command of the 56th foot.

4th Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Captain-Lieutenant William Leatham to be Captain, vice Head, resigned. Lieutenant H. Aldborough Head to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Leatham, promoted. Cornet Arthur Carden to be Lieutenant, vice Head, promoted.