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By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Tuesday the third day of January next, We, with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare that the said Parliament shall be further prorogued, on the said third day of January next, to Tuesday the thirty-first day of January next; and We have given order to Our Chancellor of that part of our United Kingdom called Great Britain, to prepare a Commission for proroguing the same accordingly: and We do hereby further, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday the thirty-first day of January next, assemble and be holden for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs; and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly, at Westminster, on the said Tuesday the thirty-first day of January next.

Given at Our Court at Westminster, this twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and in the seventeenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

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WHEREAS by Our Order in Council of this day's date, We were graciously pleased to annul, from and after the thirty-first day of March next, Our Royal Proclamation of the thirtieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, regulating, according to the scheme set forth therein or recognized thereby, the distribution of the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, of captures and seizures under the several Acts of Parliament passed relating to the revenues of Customs, and to trade and navigation, for the abolition of the slave trade, for the capture and destruction of pirates and piratical vessels, and of the rewards conferred for the same; as also of the

awards for all salvage granted to the crews of Our ships and vessels of war, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the terms of the respective awards and allowances; and in consequence of several new ratings and denominations, and certain alterations having been introduced and made in Our royal naval service since the date of Our said former Proclamation, and for other causes, it is expedient that provision should be made for the future distribution of such net proceeds and salvage not otherwise specially apportioned, and all other monies whatsoever granted to be shared among the officers and crews of Our ships and vessels in the manner of prize-money.

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 and consent of Our Privy Council, that Our royal will and pleasure is, and We do hereby direct that the distribution of all such net proceeds of prizes, rewards, allowances, salvage awards, and of all bounties and grants whatsoever, distributable to Our royal navy in the manner of prize-money, shall be made as follows, viz:—

That the flag officer or officers shall have one-twentieth part of the whole net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures and seizures, &c., as aforesaid, made by any of the ships or vessels under his or their command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, according to the following conditions and modifications, save and except as hereinafter provided and directed; that is to say:

When there is but one flag officer he shall have the entire one-twentieth part; when two flag officers shall be sharing together, the chief shall have two-thirds, and the other flag officer shall have the remaining one-third of the one-twentieth part; and when there shall be more than two flag officers, the chief shall have one-half of the said one-twentieth part, and the remaining half shall be equally divided among the junior flag officers. Commodores of the first class and captains of the fleet to share as flag officers. Provided always, that no flag officer, unless actually on board of any of Our ships or vessels of war, and at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war, privateer or privateers, belonging to the enemy, shall share in the distribution of any head-money or bounty-money granted as reward for the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any such ship or vessel of the enemy.