

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. And We do hereby further Order, That in the 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 Flag Officers in the Manner hereinbefore 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 Boatwain'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, than 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. Lastly, It is Our Will and Pleasure, That this Our Declaration, and Order in Council

thereupon, shall extend not only to Captures from the French King, his Subjects, and others inhabiting his Countries, but also shall extend in the like Manner to all Ships and Goods now taken, and not finally adjudged and condemned, and divided, or to be taken hereafter, under the Act of Parliament of the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign; whereby it is enacted, That, for the Encouragement of Our Officers of Our Ships of War, the Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and the Scamen, Marines, and Soldiers on Board, shall have the sole Interest and Property of and in all and every such Ships and Goods as therein are recited, which they shall seize and take; but being first adjudged, that is to say, finally adjudged lawful Prize, and which are by the said Act declared forfeited to Us, and to be divided and disposed of in such Proportion and after such Manner as We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall by Proclamation or Proclamations Order and Direct.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Sixteenth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

St. James's, September 22.

THIS Day, being the Anniversary of Their Majesties Coronation, the Park and Tower Guns were fired at Noon, and in the Evening there were Illuminations, and all Publick Demonstrations of Joy.

Vienna, September 9. The Great Duke of Tuscany arrived here on Sunday Evening in good Health, and the Grand Dutchess is expected on the 23d Instant.

Admiralty-Office, September 19, 1778.

THE under-mentioned Second-Lieutenants in His Majesty's Marine Forces not having repaired to Quarters, in Pursuance of the Notice given them in the Gazette of the 25th of July last; the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby think proper to give them this farther Notice, That if they do not repair to the Head Quarters of the Divisions to which they respectively belong, within One Month from the Date hereof, their Commissions will be cancelled:

Chatham-Division.

Robert M'Cleverty.
William Robinson.

Portsmouth-Division.

Robert Gardner.
Alexander Wight.
Thomas Palmer.
Henry Purzer.

Plymouth-Division.

Robert Adair.
John Walsh.

And the following Gentlemen having been lately appointed Second Lieutenants in the said Forces, it is their Lordships Direction, That they do, without Fail, repair to their respective Head Quarters as under-mentioned, within One Month from the Date hereof:

Chatham-Division.

Henry Lee.
John Randall Mackenzie.
William Morgan.
Charles Proctor.

Portsmouth-Division.

John Drummond.
James Barclay.

Plymouth-Division.

Frederick Hamilton Montgomery.
James Price.

Ph. Stephens.

Navy-Office, August 18, 1778.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they are ready to treat for the Hire of Ships of 400 Tons Burthen and upwards,