

posed of by the Merchants, Owners, Fitters and others to whom such Letters of Marque and Reprizal are granted, for their own Use and Benefit, after final Adjudication, and not before. And We do hereby further order and direct, that the neat Produce of all Prizes, which are or shall be taken as aforesaid by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, shall be for the entire Benefit and Encouragement of Our Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders and other Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Seamen, Marines and Soldiers on Board Our said Ships and 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 shall be made as follows; the Whole of the neat Produce being first divided into Eight equal Parts.

The Captain or Captains of any of Our said Ships or Vessels of War, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, shall have Three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on Board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, shall have One of the said Three Eighth Parts, the said One Eighth Part to be paid to such Flag or Flag Officers in such Proportions and subject to such Regulations as are hereinafter mentioned.

The Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Master on Board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; but that every Physician appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, to a Fleet or Squadron of Our Ships of War, shall, in the Distribution of Prizes which are or shall be taken as aforesaid by the Ships in 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, Boat-swains, Gunners, Purser, Carpenter, Masters Mates, Chirurgeon, Pilot and Chaplain on Board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them.

The Midshipmen, Captain's Clerk, Master-Sail-maker, Carpenter's Mates, Boat-swains Mates, Gunner's Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Cockswain, Quarter-Masters, Quarter-Masters Mates, Chirurgeon'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, Carpenter's Crew, Stewards, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marines, and other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty and assisting on Board, shall have Two Eighth 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, Soldiers 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, Soldiers 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