

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 Eighth Parts*, 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 Chirurgeon or Chirurgeon's Mate (where there is no Chirurgeon) Midshipmen, and Clerk and Steward, shall be *One Eighth*; that the Share of the Boatswain's, Gunner's and Carpenter's Mates, Yeoman 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.

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