

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 hereinbefore 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 Captain of a Ship shall be deemed to be under the Command of a Flag when he shall actually have received some Order directly from, or be acting in Execution of some Order issued by, a Flag Officer; and shall be deemed to continue under the Command of such Flag so long as the Flag Officer by whom the Order was issued, or any other Flag Officer acting upon the same Station, shall continue upon such Station; or until such Captain shall have received some Order directly from, or be acting in Execution of some Order issued by, some other Flag Officer, or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Secondly, 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.

Thirdly, That a Flag Officer, sent to command on any Station, shall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken by Ships or Vessels employed there before he arrives within the Limits of such Station, and actually takes upon him the Command, by communicating Orders to the Flag Officer previously in Command; save only that he shall be entitled to a Share of Prizes taken by those particular Ships to which he shall actually have given some Order, and taken under his Command, within the Limits of such Station.

Fourthly, That a Commander in Chief, or other Flag Officer, appointed or belonging to any Station, and passing through or into any other Station, shall not be entitled to share in any Prize taken out of the Limits of the Station to which he is appointed or belongs, by any Ship or Vessel under the Command of a Flag Officer of any other Station, or under Admiralty Orders, unless such Commander in Chief, or Flag Officer, is expressly authorized by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to take upon him the Command in that Station in which the Prize is taken, and shall actually have taken upon him such Command, in Manner aforesaid.

Fifthly, That when an inferior Flag Officer is sent to reinforce a superior Flag Officer on any Station, 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 Station, and, moreover, shall actually receive some Order directly from him, or be acting in Execution of some Order issued by him.

Sixthly, That a Chief Flag Officer quitting a Station either to return Home, or to assume another Command, or otherwise, except upon some particular urgent Service, with the Intention of returning to the Station as soon as such Service is performed, shall have no Share of Prizes taken by the Ships or Vessels left behind, after he shall have passed the Limits of the Station, or after he shall have surrendered the Command to another Flag Officer appointed by the Admiralty to be Commander in Chief upon such Station.

Seventhly, That an inferior Flag Officer quitting a Station, except when detached by Orders from his Commander in Chief out of the Limits thereof upon a special Service, with Orders to return to such Station as soon as such Service is performed, shall have no Share in Prizes taken by the Ships and Vessels remaining on the Station, after he shall have passed the Limits thereof; and in like Manner the Flag Officers remaining on the Station shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by such inferior Flag Officer, or by the Ships and Vessels under his immediate Command, after he shall have quitted the Limits of the Station, except when detached as aforesaid.

Eighthly, That when Vessels, under the command of a Flag, which belong to separate Stations, shall happen to be Joint Captors, the Captain of each Ship shall pay One Third of the Share to which he is entitled to the Flag Officers of the Station to which he belongs; but the Captains of Vessels under Admiralty Orders, being Joint Captors with other Vessels under a Flag, shall retain the Whole of their Share.

Ninthly, 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, or shall sail, from that Port by Order from the Admiralty.

Tenthly, 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, 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 among the other Flag Officers.

Eleventhly, 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.

