

mand 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.

Twelfthly, 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 Ten Ships of the Line of battle or upwards, 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.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Seventh Day of July One thousand eight hundred and three, in the Forty third Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

PROCLAMATION FOR PARDONING DESERTERS FROM THE MILITIA.

*War Office, June 4, 1803.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to THE KING that there are at this Time many Men, who, having been sworn and enrolled in HIS MAJESTY'S MILITIA FORCES, have made Default, by not appearing and joining their respective Regiments, Battalions, Corps, or Independent Companies when ordered to be embodied, or by deserting or absenting themselves therefrom, and who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of HIS MAJESTY'S GRACIOUS PARDON, and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour; HIS MAJESTY has accordingly been graciously pleased to grant HIS FREE PARDON to all MILITIA-MEN having so made Default by not appearing, or by Desertion, or Absence from Duty, who shall return to and join their respective Regiments, Battalions, Corps, or Independent Companies, on or before the 14th Day of July next, or who shall deliver themselves up at the Head Quarters of any other Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Independent Company of Militia, or to any Detachment of HIS MAJESTY'S other Forces, or to any Military Post, on or before the said 14th Day of July next, and be from thence marched to their proper Regiments, Battalions, Corps, or Independent Companies.

Any Soldier who may desert from the Militia after these HIS MAJESTY'S gracious Intentions are made public, shall not be included in the above Pardon, but shall be proceeded against with the utmost Severity; as shall also all the said Defaulters, Deserters, and Absentees who shall not have joined their proper Regiments, Battalions, Corps, or Independent Companies of Militia, or delivered themselves up to some other Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Independent Company of Militia, or to some Detachment of His Majesty's other Forces, or to some Military Post, by the said 14th Day of July next.

And all Justices of the Peace, Magistrates, Constables, and Peace Officers, and all other Persons whatsoever, are hereby enjoined and required, in pursuance of the Act just passed, "for more speedily completing the Militia of Great Britain;" to apprehend, seize, take, and detain such Defaulters, Deserters, and Absentees, for the Purpose of