

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 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 shall hereafter be taken 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, Second Masters of Line of Battle Ships, Boatswains, Gunners, Purfers, Carpenters, Masters'-Mates, Chirurgeons, Pilots, and Chaplains on board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them.

The Midshipmen, Captains' Clerks, Master Sail-makers, Carpenters'-Mates, Boatswains'-Mates, Gunners' Mates, Masters at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswains, Quarter-Masters, Quarter-Masters' Mates, Chirurgeons'-Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, Serjeants 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, Armourers, Stewards'-Mates, Cooks'-Mates, Gunsmiths, Coopers, Swabbers, Ordinary Trumpeters, Barbers, 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.

And We do hereby further order, that, in the Case of Cutters, Schooners, Brigs, and other Armed Vessels, commanded by Lieutenants, the Share of such Lieutenant 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 Officers, in the same Manner herein directed in the Case of Captains serving under Flag-Officers. Secondly, We direct that the Share of the Sub-Lieutenant, Master, and Pilot, shall be One Eighth; the said Eighth, if there be all Three such Persons on board, to be divided into Four Parts; Two Parts to be taken by the Sub-Lieutenant, One Part by the Master, and One Part by the Pilot; — if there be only Two such Persons on board, then the Eighth to be divided into Three Parts, of which Two Thirds shall go to the Person Second in Command, and One Third to the other Person; — if there be only a Sub-Lieutenant, or a Master, and a Pilot, then the Sub-Lieutenant or Master to take the whole Eighth. — That the Share of the Chirurgeon, or Chirurgeon's-Mate (where there is no Chirurgeon), Midshipmen, Clerk, and Steward, shall be One Eighth. — That the Share of the Boatswains, Gunners, and Carpenters'-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, Brig, or Armed Vessel without any of Our 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 Our Ships or Vessels of War shall be present, or in Sight, that then the Officers, Pilots, Petty Officers, and Men on board such Cutters, Schooners, Brigs, or Armed Vessels shall share in the same Proportion as is allowed to Persons of the like Rank and Denomination on board of Our Ships and Vessels of War; the Sub-Lieutenant and Master to be considered as Warrant Officers; and such Cutters, Schooners, Brigs, or Armed Vessels shall not, in respect to such Captures, convey any Interest or Share in the Flag Eighth to the Flag-Officer or Officers under whose Orders such Cutters, Schooners, Brigs, and Armed Vessels may happen to be.

And whereas it is judged expedient, during the present Hostilities, to hire into Our Service Armed Vessels, to be employed as Cruizers against the Enemy; which Vessels are the Property of, and their Masters and Crews are paid by, the Merchants of whom they are hired, although several of them are commanded by Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that the Neat Produce of all Prizes taken by such Hired Armed Vessels, (except as hereinafter-mentioned,) shall be for the Benefit of Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Masters and Crews on board the said Hired Armed Vessels at the Time of the Capture; and that such Prizes may be lawfully sold.