

sure 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 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 whereof shall be as follows:—The Whole of the Neat Produce being divided into Eight equal Parts,

Our Officer commanding any Hired Armed Vessel, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall have Two Eighths; but in case such Hired Armed Vessel shall be under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag-Officer or Officers being actually on board, or directing or assisting in the Capture, shall have One Third of the said Two Eight Parts; the said One Third of the Two Eighth Parts to be paid to such Flag or Flag Officers in such Proportions, and subject to such Regulations, as are hereinafter-mentioned.—In case there be acting on board such Hired Armed Vessel, besides Our Officer commanding the same, One or more of Our Commissioned Sea Lieutenants in Our Pay, such Lieutenant or Lieutenants shall take One Eighth—One Eighth shall belong to the Master and Mate; of which the Master shall take Two-Thirds, and the Mate One-Third: But in case there shall be acting on board such Hired Armed Vessel One or more Midshipmen, in that Case the Master shall take One-Half of the Eighth, and the other Half shall be divided equally between the Mate and Midshipmen.—The remaining Four-Eighth Parts shall belong to, and being divided into Shares, be distributed among the other Petty Officers, Men, and Boys, in the same Proportion as hereinbefore directed with respect to the Division of Prize-Money in Our Ships of War.—And, in the Case of Prizes taken by any Hired Armed Vessel not commanded by any of Our Commissioned Officers, One-Eighth shall belong to the Flag-Officers, to be divided as aforesaid, in case such Hired Armed Vessel shall be under the Command of a Flag.—One-Eighth shall belong to the Master and Mate; of which the Master shall take Two-Thirds, and the Mate One-Third.—Four-Eighths shall belong to and be divided among the Petty Officers and Crew in Manner aforesaid.—The Surplus, the Distribution of which is not herein directed, shall remain at Our Disposal; and, if not disposed of within a Year after final Adjudication, the same shall belong and be paid to Greenwich-Hospital.—And in the Case of Prizes taken jointly, by any of Our Ships of War and any Hired Armed Vessel, Our Commissioned Officer or Officers on board such Hired Armed Vessel shall share with Our Commissioned Officer or Officers of the same Rank on board Our Ship or Ships of War, being joint Captors; the Master of such Hired Armed Vessel shall share with the Warrant Officers; the Mate of such Hired Armed Vessel with the First Class of Petty Officers; and the Seamen, Landmen, and Boys of such Hired Armed Vessel with

Persons of the same Description on board Our said Ship or Ships of War; save and except, that, in case such Hired Armed Vessel shall be commanded by One of Our Commissioned Officers having the Rank of Master and Commander, and there shall be none of Our Lieutenants on board; or in case such Hired Armed Vessel shall be commanded by the Master, in both those Cases the Master of such Hired Armed Vessel shall share with the Lieutenants of Our Ships of War, and the Mate with the Warrant Officers.—And in Case any Difficulty shall arise in respect to the said Distribution, not herein sufficiently provided for, the same shall be referred to Our Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, whose Direction thereupon shall be final, and have the same Force and Effect as if herein inserted: 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 abovementioned Distribution, shall belong to his superior Commission or Office.—Provided also, that in all Prizes taken by any of Our Squadrons, Ships, or Vessels, while acting in Conjunction with any Squadron, Ship, or Vessel of any other Power that may be in Alliance with Us, a Share of such Prizes shall be set apart, and be at Our further Disposal, equal to that Share which the Flag and other Officers and Crews of such Squadron, Ships, or Vessels would have been entitled to if they had belonged to Us.

And we do hereby strictly enjoin all Commanders of Our Ships and Vessels of War taking any Prize, to transmit as soon as may be, 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, together with the Description of the Men, taken from the Description Books of the capturing Ship or Ships, and their several Ratings; 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 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) to 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 of such Prizes; and otherwise to be aiding and assisting to the said Agents, in all such Matters as shall be necessary.