

taken by any of His Majesty's ships or vessels of war (save and except when they shall be acting on any conjunct expedition with His Majesty's land forces, in which case We reserve to Ourselves the division and distribution of all prizes and booty taken, and also save and except as hereinafter mentioned) shall be for the entire benefit and encouragement of the flag-officers, captains, commanders, and other commissioned officers in His Majesty's pay; and of the seamen, marines, and soldiers on board His Majesty's said ships and 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 finally adjudged lawful prize to His Majesty, and not otherwise.

The distribution shall be made as follows; the whole of the net produce being first divided into eight equal parts.

The captain or captains of any of His Majesty's said ships or vessels of war, or officer commanding such ship or vessel, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any prize, shall have two eighth parts; but in case any such prize shall be taken by any of His Majesty's said 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 third of the said two eighth parts; the said one third of such two eighth parts to be paid to such flag or flag officers, in such proportions and subject to such regulations as are herein-after mentioned.

The sea lieutenants, captains of marines, and land forces, and master on board, shall have one eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them; but every physician appointed or hereafter to be appointed to a fleet or squadron of His Majesty's ships of war shall, in the distribution of prizes which may 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 before-mentioned officers with respect to 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, surgeons, chaplains, pursers, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, mas-

ter's-mates, and pilots on board, shall have one eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them. The other four eighth parts of the prize to be divided into shares, and distributed to the persons composing the remaining part of the crew, in the following proportions; viz. to the first class of petty officers, namely, the midshipmen, surgeon's-assistants, secretaries-clerks, captain's-clerks, schoolmasters, masters at arms, captain's-coxswains, gunner's-mates, yeomen of the powder room, boatswain's-mates, yeomen of the sheets, carpenter's-mates, quarter-masters, quarter-master's-mates, ship's-corporals, captains of the fore-castle, master sail-makers, master-caulkers, master rope-makers, armourers, serjeants of marines and of land forces, four and a half shares each.

To the second class of petty officers; viz. midshipmen, ordinary captains of the fore-top, captains of the maintop, captains of the after-guard, captains of the mast, sail-maker's-mates, caulker's-mates, armourer's-mates, ship's-cook, corporals of marines and of land forces, three shares each.

The quarter-gunners, carpenter's-crew, sail-maker's crew, coxswain's-mates, yeomen of the boatswain's store-room, gunsmiths, coopers, trumpeters, able seamen, ordinary seamen, drummers, private marines, and other soldiers, if doing duty on board in lieu of marines, one and a half share each.

The landsmen, admiral's domestics, and all other ratings not above enumerated, together with all passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, and doing duty and assisting on board, one share each, excepting officers acting by order, who are to receive the share of that rank in which they shall be acting.

And young gentlemen, volunteers by order, and the boys of every description, half a share each.

And We do hereby further order, that in the case of cutters, schooners, brigs, and other armed vessels, commanded by lieutenants, the distribution shall be as follows:

First—That the share of such lieutenants shall be two 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 third of the said two eighths to be divided among such flag-officer or officers, in the same manner as herein directed in the case of captains serving under flag-officers.

Secondly—We direct that the share of the sub-