

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 no pilot, then the sub-lieutenant or master to take the whole eighth; if there be only a pilot, then such pilot to have one half of the eighth, and the other half to go to Greenwich Hospital.

Thirdly—That the share of the surgeon or surgeon's-assistant (where there is no surgeon), midshipmen, clerk, and steward, shall be one eighth.

Fourthly—That the remaining four eighths shall be divided into shares, and distributed to the other part of the crew in the following proportions; viz. the gunner's, boatswain's, and carpenter's-mates, yemen of the sheets, sail-maker, quarter-master, and quarter-master's-mates, and serjeant of marines, to receive four and a half shares each.

The corporals of marines three shares each.

The able seamen, ordinary seamen, and marines, one share and a half each.

The landmen, together with passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, doing duty and assisting on board, to receive one share each.

Boys of all descriptions half a share each.

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 His Majesty's 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 such 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 His Majesty's 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 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 His Majesty's 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 owners of whom they are hired, although several of them are commanded by commissioned officers in His Majesty's pay; it is Our further will and pleasure, that the net produce of all prizes taken by such hired armed vessels (except as hereinafter-mentioned) shall be for the benefit of such commissioned officers in His Majesty's 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 His Majesty finally adjudged lawful prize, and not otherwise; the distribution whereof shall be as follows:

The whole of the net produce being divided into eight equal parts, the officer commanding any hired armed vessel aforesaid, 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 eighth 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 the officer commanding the same, one or more commissioned sea lieutenants in His Majesty's 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 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 herein-before directed with respect to the division of prize-money in His Majesty's ships of war. And in case of prizes taken by any hired armed vessel not commanded by any of His Majesty's commissioned officers, one eighth shall