

that the same may be so given in the proportion and manner herein-after set forth; that is to say,

That all prizes taken by ships and vessels having commissions of letters of marque and reprisals (save and except such prizes as are or shall be taken by the ships or vessels belonging to or hired by or in the service of the Commissioners aforesaid), may be sold and disposed of by the merchants, owners, fitters, and others, to whom such letters of marque and reprisals are granted, for their own use and benefit, after final adjudication, and not before.

And We do hereby further order and direct, that the net produce of all prizes which are or shall be 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 herein-after 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, master'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; *videlicet*, To the first class of petty officers, namely, the midshipmen, surgeons' assistants, secretaries' clerks, captains' clerks, schoolmasters, masters at arms, captains' coxswains, gunners' mates, yeomen of the powder-room, boatswains' mates, yeomen of the sheets, carpenters' mates, quarter-masters' mates, ships' corporals, captains of the fore-castle, master sail-makers, master caulkers, master rope-makers, armourers, serjeants of marines and land forces, four and a half shares each.

To the second class of petty officers; *videlicet*, midshipmen, ordinary captains of the foretop, captains of the maintop, captains of the after guard, captains of the mast, sail-makers' mates, caulkers' mates, armourers' 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, gun-smiths, 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 case of cutters, schooners, brigs, and other armed vessels commanded by lieutenants, the distribution shall be as follows: First, that the share of each lieutenant 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 amongst 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-lieutenant, master, and pilot, shall be one 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 sur-