

only to 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 His Majesty's squadrons, ships, or vessels, while acting in conjunction with any squadron, ship, or vessel, of any other powers that may be in alliance with His Majesty, 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 His Majesty.

And We do hereby strictly enjoin all commanders of His Majesty's ships and vessels of war taking any prize, to transmit as soon as may be, or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of the Navy, a true list of the names of all the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others who were actually on board His Majesty's 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 the 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 such 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.

We do hereby further will and direct, that the following regulations shall be observed concerning the one third part of the two eighths hereinbefore mentioned to be granted to the flag or flag officers who shall actually be on board at the taking of any prize, or shall be directing or assisting therein.

First—That a captain of a ship shall be deemed to be under the command of a flag, when he shall actually have received some order directly from, or be acting in execution of some order issued by a flag officer; and in the event of his being directed to join a flag officer on any station, he shall be deemed to be under the command of such flag officer from the time that he arrives within the limits of the station, and shall be considered to continue under the command of the flag officer of such station until such captain shall have received some order directly from, or be acting in execution of some order issued by

some other flag officer, or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Secondly—That a flag officer commander in chief, when there is but one flag officer upon service, shall have to his own use the one third part of the said two eighths of the prizes taken by ships and vessels under his command.

Thirdly—That a flag officer sent to command on any station, shall have a right to share as commander in chief for all prizes taken by ships or vessels employed there from the time he arrives within the limits of such station; but if a junior flag officer be sent to relieve a senior, he shall not be entitled to share as commander in chief in any prizes taken by the squadron, until the command shall be resigned to him, but shall share only as a junior flag officer until he assumes the command.

Fourthly—That a commander in chief or other flag officer, appointed or belonging to any station, and passing through or into any other station, shall not be entitled to share in any prize taken out of the limits of the station to which he is appointed or belongs; by any ship or vessel under the command of a flag officer of any other station, or under Admiralty orders.

Fifthly—That when an inferior flag officer is sent to reinforce a superior flag officer on any station, the superior flag officer shall have no right to any share of prizes taken by the inferior flag officer, before the inferior flag officer shall arrive within the limits of the station, or shall actually receive some order directly from him, or be acting in execution of some order issued by him. And such inferior flag officer shall be entitled to his proportion of all captures made by the squadron, which he is sent to reinforce, from the time he shall arrive within the limits of the command of such superior flag officer.

Sixthly—That a chief flag officer quitting a station either to return home, or to assume another command, or otherwise, except upon some particular urgent service with the intention of returning to the station as soon as such service is performed, shall have no share of prizes taken by the ships or vessels left behind after he shall have surrendered the command to another flag officer appointed by the Admiralty to be commander in chief of such station; or after he shall have passed the limits of the station, in the event of his leaving the command without being superseded.

Seventhly—That an inferior flag officer quitting a station, when detached by orders of his commander in chief out of the limits thereof, upon a special service with orders to return to such station as soon as such service is performed, shall have no share in prizes taken by the ships and vessels remaining on the station, after he shall have passed the limits thereof; and in like manner the flag officers remaining on the station shall have no share of the prizes taken by such inferior flag officer, or by the ships and vessels under his immediate command, after he shall have quitted the limits of the station, except when detached as aforesaid.

Eighthly—That when vessels under the command of a flag, which belong to separate stations, shall