

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 take 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 happen to be joint captors; the captain of each ship shall pay one third of the share, to which he is entitled, to the flag officers of the station to which he belongs; but the captains of vessels under Admiralty orders, being joint captors with other vessels under a flag, shall retain the whole of their share.

Ninthly—That if a flag officer is sent to command in any of the out ports of this kingdom, he shall have no share of the prizes taken by ships or vessels which have sailed, or shall sail from that port by order from the Admiralty.

Tenthly—That when more flag officers than one serve together, the one third part of the two eighth parts of the prizes taken by any ships or vessels of the fleet or squadron shall be divided in the following proportions; videlicet, if there be but two flag officers, the chief shall have two third parts of the said third of two eighths, and the other shall have the remaining third part: but if the number of flag officers be more than two, the chief shall have only one half, and the other half shall be equally divided among the junior flag officers.

Eleventhly—That commodores with captains under them shall be esteemed as flag officers with respect to the one third of the two eighth parts of prizes taken, whether commanding in chief or serving under command.

Twelfthly—That the first captain to the admiral and commander in chief of His Majesty's fleet, and also the first captain to a flag officer appointed or hereafter to be appointed to command a fleet or squadron of ten or more ships of the line of battle, shall be deemed and taken to be a flag officer, and shall be entitled to a part or share of prizes as the junior flag officer of such fleet or squadron.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

Westminster, July 11, 1815.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Deputy Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, for declaring His Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor*