

Sixthly—In all cases in which supernumeraries, whether officers or men, shall be borne by order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, they shall share with the respective ranks in which they may be acting.

Seventhly—The following regulations to be established with respect to the share before-mentioned to be given to the flag officer or officers under whose command the capturing vessel may be.

That a captain of a ship or commander of a vessel shall be deemed to be under the command of a flag, when he shall have actually 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 when 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 or other commander 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.

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 three eighths of the seizures made by ships and vessels under his command.

That when vessels under the command of several flags, 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.

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

That when more flag officers than one serve together, the one third part of the three eighths of the seizures made by any ships or vessels of the fleet or squadron shall be divided in the following proportions, viz.

If there be but two flag officers, the chief shall have two third parts of the said third of three 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 amongst the junior flag officers.

That commodores, with captains under them, shall be esteemed as flag officers, with respect to the one third of the three eighth parts of seizures made, whether commanding in chief or serving under command.

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 ships of the line of battle, or upward, shall be deemed and taken to be a flag officer, and shall be entitled to a part or share of seizures, as the junior flag officer of such fleet or squadron.

Eighthly—In case any difficulty shall arise in respect to the aforementioned scheme for general distribution, not herein sufficiently provided for, the same shall be referred to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, whose direction thereupon shall be final, and have the same force and effect as if herein inserted.

Lastly—With regard to the preparations of the lists for the distribution of seizures;

That the captains and commanders of His Majesty's ships and vessels of war, and of the revenue cruisers, shall, on making any seizure, transmit as soon as may be, or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of the Navy, or in the case of revenue cruisers, to the Commissioners of Customs or Excise in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, according to the department from which they may receive their pay, a true list of the names of all the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others who were actually on board of His Majesty's ships or vessels of war, or the said revenue cruisers, under their command at the time of the seizure, and also those who were absent on duty as before-mentioned; 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 vessel or vessels, and their several ratings, and be subscribed by the captain or commanding officer, and three or more of the chief officers on board.

And the Commissioners of the Navy, or any three or more of them, or the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, shall examine, or cause to be examined, such lists, by the muster-books of such ships and vessels of war and revenue cruisers, and lists annexed thereto, to see that such lists do agree with such muster-books, and annexed list, as to the names, qualities, or ratings of the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others belonging to such ships and vessels of war and revenue cruisers, and upon request, shall forthwith grant a certificate, signed by any three or more of them, of the truth of any list transmitted to them, to the agents nominated and appointed by the seizers; and also upon application to them, the said Commissioners shall give or cause to be given to the said agents, all such lists from the muster-books of any such ships of war and revenue cruisers, and annexed lists, as the said agent shall find requisite for their direction in making distribution to the parties entitled to share in the produce of such seizures, and otherwise be aiding and assisting to the said agents in all such matters as shall be necessary.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to cause His Royal Highness's pleasure, hereby signified, to be duly complied with.

Jas. Buller.