

not be holden liable or responsible for more than three fourths of the amount of such loss or damage.

That the rates at which freight shall be paid for public and for private treasure respectively, and in peace or war respectively, and for different voyages, shall be as follows, viz.

For Tre- sure be- longing to the Crown.	For Tre- sure be- longing to other Parties.
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Peace. War.

Between any two ports in Europe on this side Gibraltar (Gibraltar included), and including also the Azores, Madeira, or Canaries

Between any two ports on the same foreign station, the navigable distance between which shall not exceed six hundred leagues, the Mediterranean Sea, Gibraltar included, being considered as one foreign station

Between any port in Europe out of the Mediterranean, and any port in the Mediterranean beyond Gibraltar, or any port on the West Coast of Africa, including Simon's Bay, or any port on the East side of America, North or South, or the West India or other Islands on the American Coast, including Bermuda and Newfoundland; or between any two ports in the same foreign station, the nearest navigable distance between which shall exceed six hundred leagues, or between any two ports on different stations not otherwise ordered

Between any port in the European or Atlantic Seas, North of the Equator, and any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn

Per Cent.	
$\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$ 2

Per Cent.	
1	2 $2\frac{1}{2}$

Per Cent.	
1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ 3

That in case of any difference on any question arising out of the above scale, or omitted in the said scale, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall have authority to decide what the freight shall be under the said scale, or adhering as nearly as possible in cases not specified, to the spirit and principles of the said scale.

That on the shipment of gold, silver, or jewels, or other articles received on board as treasure by special order, the rate of freight per centum according to the above scale shall be endorsed on the bill or bills of lading, or receipt or receipts of the Officer receiving the charge thereof, such endorsement or endorsements to be signed by the said Officer; but in case of any difference of opinion abroad, or when immediate reference cannot be

had to the Lords of the Admiralty, it may be expressed, "at such rate as the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall decide."

When treasure belonging to the Crown shall be shipped in any of His Majesty's ships or vessels with a commissary or conductor specially charged with the care thereof, the Officer commanding such ship or vessel shall not be required to give any receipt, nor to sign any bill of lading, and such Officer shall not receive any freight on account thereof, nor be liable to make good any loss or damage which may happen to the same.

That the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall have authority to direct at what time, and for what time, and within what limits the war freight shall be payable on private treasure received by special order.

And We do hereby further order and direct, that the whole amount of the said freight when received shall be divided into four parts and distributed as follows, subject to the proviso hereinafter mentioned, one-fourth to the Admiral or Admirals if more than one on the station, or in the squadron to which the ship receiving treasure on board may belong.

Two-fourths to the Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel, who shall give his receipt or sign the bill of lading for the treasure, and one-fourth to Greenwich-Hospital for the use of that institution.

That when there shall be more than one Flag-Officer on the station, the said one-fourth part shall be divided and distributed amongst the several Flag-Officers on the station in the following proportions, viz.

If there be but two Flag-Officers, the Chief shall have two-third parts of the said one-fourth, 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; but if there be no Flag-Officers on the station, or that the ship or vessel be not under the orders of a Flag-Officer, then that the Captain or Officer commanding the ship or vessel shall have three-fourths, and Greenwich-Hospital one-fourth, provided that such Admiral or Admirals shall not be entitled to claim his or their respective share or shares in such freight-money otherwise than on condition that he or they shall, before the gold, silver, jewels, treasure, or other articles as aforesaid shall be put on board such ship or vessel, have respectively given notice in writing to the Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel, or his agent, or have entered or cause to be entered in a public-order book on board the ship of the Commander in Chief, or the senior Flag-Officer commanding on the station or in the squadron to which such vessel belongs; or in case of a junior Flag-Officer absent from the Commander in Chief, unless such junior Flag-Officer shall have notified under his hand to the Commander in Chief to be entered in the said Order Book an engagement, in writing, in form or to the effect following;

I, A. B. am desirous of partaking in the advantages with the risks attendant thereon,