

sure in any of the ships or vessels of the squadron (or in the particular ship as the case may be). And I hereby engage to make good to the Captain or Captains, Officers or Officer, commanding such ships or vessels respectively (or ship or vessel as the case may be), such part of any loss or damage for which he or they may be liable in respect to the gold, silver, treasure, or other articles so carried on freight, and which he or they respectively shall have actually paid and satisfied, as shall be in proportion to the share or interest in the said freight money to which I may be entitled. And that such share or shares of the Admiral or Admirals as aforesaid, to which he or they shall not be entitled on the conditions hereinbefore expressed, shall go and belong to the Captain or Officer commanding the ship or vessel in which the gold, silver, treasure, or other articles shall be carried on freight as aforesaid.

That in the event of loss or damage happening to the gold, silver, jewels, or other articles so received on freight exceeding the total freight-money, Greenwich Hospital shall not be entitled to receive any sum on account of such freight; and in cases in which the loss may not amount to the whole of the freight money, Greenwich Hospital shall be entitled only to its proportion of the balance of freight-money over and above such loss or damage.

That Commodores, with Captains under them, and Captains of the Fleet, are to be considered, agreeably to the rules of the service, as Flag-Officers, and Commodores, without Captains under them, shall with respect to freight be also considered as Flag-Officers, when in the command of a station.

That when the Captain or Commander, or his agent, shall have received the freight, he shall pay over to the senior Flag-Officer, and to the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital, without delay, their respective shares, and the Captain shall be held responsible to both for any loss which may occur, through his neglect or delay, in receiving or paying the same; but if there be any question or difficulty as to the payment, he is to apprise the Senior Flag-Officer and the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital respectively, of the causes of such delay.

That the Captain or Officer commanding, on receiving any treasure on board any of His Majesty's ships or vessels, shall transmit to the Senior Flag-Officer, when such Captain or Officer commanding shall be under a Flag-Officer, and in every case to the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital, and to the Secretary of the Admiralty, a return of the amount of such treasure, and of the freight paid or to be paid thereon.

That when the treasure shall, during the voyage, be transhipped into one or more ships, the freight shall be divided, pro rata itineris, among the Admirals and Captains and who may be entitled to share therein according to the services performed by the different ships respectively; and if any difficulty or dispute shall arise respecting such division or distribution, any party interested therein may refer the same to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; and the Decision or orders of the

Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, or any three of them, as to such division or distribution shall be final and conclusive thereon.

That in order to prevent any doubt or misunderstanding as to the rate or distribution of freight on gold, silver, jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, received on board flag-ships, or any other of His Majesty's ships and vessels, and to prevent any private agreements inconsistent with these regulations all Flag or other Officers are expressly forbidden to receive on board any of His Majesty's ships or vessels any gold, silver, jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, upon any agreement or condition different from these regulations, or to take, demand, or receive any sums, other than those established by these regulations.

That these rules and regulations shall be in force from the day on which they shall be received by His Majesty's Officers, and be thenceforward taken and understood to be the established rule and custom of His Majesty's naval service on the several particulars to which they refer till they shall be revoked or otherwise altered by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued by Us.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, this twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 17th of September 1819,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to direct the distribution of any reward awarded by the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise to the Officers of the Army, Navy, or Marines, for apprehending smugglers, in such manner as His Majesty shall be pleased to appoint," reciting, that by the laws now in force for the prevention of smuggling, it is lawful for the Commissioners of Customs or Excise in England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, and they are thereby required, in certain cases, to award, to every Officer or other person arresting any person for breach of those laws, so that he shall be convicted or committed to prison on account thereof, any sum not exceeding twenty-pounds for each man so convicted or committed to prison; and that it is expedient that His Majesty should be empowered, in certain cases, to direct the distribution of such reward, by His Order or Orders in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation in that behalf, in such manner as He shall be pleased thereby to appoint; and, therefore, enacting that in all cases wherein the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise of England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, shall award any sum not exceeding twenty pounds as aforesaid to any Officer