

before set forth, it is further humbly submitted to your Majesty's consideration,

That the three-eighth equal parts appointed by the said scheme to be distributed amongst the said three classés (after the deduction of one-tenth part, as above proposed), shall be united, and, being subdivided into equal parts or shares, shall be distributed in the following proportions, viz.

To each individual in the class of sea lieutenants five shares.

To each individual (except assistant-surgeons) in the class of warrant-officers, including mates and pilots, three shares.

And to the assistant-surgeons, and each individual in the class denominated the first class of petty-officers (except mates and pilots), two shares.

And that in all other respects, save as herein excepted, the distribution of rewards for the detention of smugglers, and for seizures under the laws relating to the Revenue of Customs, shall be made according to the general scheme before set forth.

And to prevent any misunderstanding of these regulations, it is further most humbly proposed, that all the officers and crews belonging to any of your Majesty's ships or vessels employed in the service usually denominated the Coast Blockade Service, and on the muster-books of which ships or vessels the persons stationed and employed on shore shall be borne, shall, whether actually on shore or afloat, be considered as part of the force employed on shore within the meaning of these regulations.

Ninthly.—In case any difficulty shall arise in respect to any of the regulations hereby proposed, and not herein sufficiently provided for, the same shall be referred to me, or to the Lord High Admiral, or to the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, and my directions, or those of the Lord High Admiral, or of such Commissioners as aforesaid for the time being, thereupon shall be final, and have the same force and effect as if herein stated.

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

I beg most humbly to propose, that the captains and commanders of your Majesty's ships and vessels of war shall, on making any seizure, transmit as soon as may be, or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of the Navy a true and perfect 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 under their command at the time of the seizure, and also those who were absent on duty at such time; 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 ships 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, shall examine, or cause to be examined, such lists by the muster books of such ships and vessels 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; and upon re-

quest 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 seizors; 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 and vessels and annexed lists, as the agents shall find requisite for their direction in making distribution to the parties entitled to share in the produce of such rewards and seizures, and shall otherwise be aiding and assisting to the said agents all such matters as shall be necessary.

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the thirtieth of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, your Majesty was graciously pleased to declare and direct that the bounty in respect of the crews of piratical ships and vessels given by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the sixth year of your Majesty's reign, ch. 49, intituled "An Act for encouraging the capture or destruction of piratical ships and vessels," and the produce of all ships, vessels, boats, goods, and other property of and taken from pirates, and also the bounty in lieu of salvage given by the said last mentioned Act, should be paid, divided, and distributed in the manner, form, and proportion expressed in the said Order in Council of the twenty-third day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, hereby proposed to be revoked.

I do, therefore, further most humbly submit, whether your Majesty will not be graciously pleased also to revoke the said Order of the 30th of September 1825, and further to declare and direct that the produce of all such ships, vessels, boats, goods and other property of and taken from pirates, and likewise the several bounties payable under the said last mentioned Act, in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, and boats, and also in lieu of salvage, or in any other respect, shall be paid to and divided and distributed amongst the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others, who shall have been actually on board any of your Majesty's ships or vessels of war, or hired armed ships, at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying of any ship, vessel, or boat, manned by pirates or persons engaged in acts of piracy, in the same manner, form and proportion as is expressed in the general scheme hereinbefore proposed for the distribution of rewards payable under the laws for the prevention of smuggling; save and except that no flag officer, or other person not actually present at the capture or destruction of the pirate vessel, shall be entitled to share in any distribution of the bounty in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, and boats.

And whereas by another Order in Council, dated the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, your Majesty was graciously pleased to order and direct, that the proceeds, bounties, and other sums of money, payable under an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the fifth year of your Majesty's reign, cap. 113, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the abolition of the slave trade," to the commanders, officers, and crews of your Majesty's ships and vessels should be distributed and