

your Majesty may be graciously pleased to establish the following regulations, viz.

That the whole amount of the reward payable for the arrest of smugglers, which shall be made by the officers and men stationed and employed on shore, whether such arrest be made on the water or on the land, shall, if the same be made by only one person, be paid to the person actually making the arrest.

But where there shall be more than one person actually making the arrest, or acting in especial concert or co-operation for that purpose, whether the same be made on the water or on the land, such reward to be divided into equal shares, and to be distributed amongst the several persons actually making the arrest, or acting together in especial concert or co-operation for that purpose, in the following proportions, viz.

To the captain twelve shares.

To the commander eleven shares.

To the sea lieutenants, captains of marines, and masters, ten shares each.

To lieutenants and quartermasters of marines, second masters, pursers, surgeons, boatswains, gunners, carpenters, mates, and pilots, nine shares each.

To assistant-surgeons, and all persons comprehended in the general scheme before set forth, under the denomination of the first class of petty officers (except mates and second pilots), eight shares each.

To all persons comprehended in the said general scheme, under the denomination of the second class of petty officers, seven shares each.

And to all able seamen, ordinary seamen, landmen, and all other persons, six shares each.

Seventhly.—And with respect to seizures to be made by the officers, seamen, and marines employed on shore for the prevention of smuggling, under such orders as aforesaid, it is further humbly submitted that, in order to encourage the exertions of individuals in the vigilant performance of their duty, one tenth part of the whole reward, payable in respect of such seizures, shall be set apart for, and paid to, the individual making the seizure, over and above his share of the general distribution. And if there shall be more than one person, such tenth part shall be divided and distributed amongst the persons actually making the seizure, or present thereat, and co-operating therein, over and above their respective shares of the general distribution, in the following proportions, viz.

To the sea lieutenants, captains of marines, and masters, ten shares each.

To lieutenants and quartermasters of marines, second masters, pursers, surgeons, boatswains, gunners, carpenters, mates, and pilots, nine shares each.

To assistant-surgeons, and all other persons (except mates and pilots) comprehended in the said general scheme, under the denomination of the first class of petty officers, eight shares each.

To all persons comprehended in the same scheme, under the denomination of the second class of petty officers, seven shares each.

To all able seamen, ordinary seamen, landmen, marines, and all other persons, six shares each.

Eighthly.—And it having been found expedient, for the more effectually carrying on the said service on shore, to increase the number of sea lieutenants,

and to diminish the number of mates and midshipmen employed therein; and it being therefore expedient, in order to give an adequate proportion of seizures to the lieutenants, that an apportionment should be made of the shares of seizures amongst the commissioned and warrant officers, and first class of petty officers, employed on shore as aforesaid, different to what is proposed in the general scheme 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 classes (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.