

miral for the time being, or by boats or officers belonging to and detached from your Majesty's ships and vessels, are to be shared by the officers and men of the ship or vessel to which such boat or officers belong, in the same manner as if the seizure was made by the said ship or vessel.

Fourthly.—In all cases in which supernumeraries, whether officers or men, shall be borne by any such order as aforesaid, they shall share with the respective ranks in which they may be acting.

Fifthly.—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 ship may be.

That a captain, commander, or commanding officer of a ship or 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 he shall have received some order directly from, or be acting in execution of some order issued by, some other flag-officer, or by my order, or that of the Lord High Admiral, or any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being.

That a flag-officer, commander in chief, where 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 ships or vessels under the command of several flags, which belong to separate stations, shall happen to be joint captors, the captain or commanding officer of each ship and vessel, and the commander in ships which shall have a commander on board with the captain, shall pay one third of the share or shares to which he or they may be respectively entitled to the flag-officer or officers of the station to which such ship or vessel shall belong; but the captains or commanders, or commanding officers of such ships or vessels, as shall be under orders from me, or the Lord High Admiral, or any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, being joint captors with other ships or vessels under a flag or flags, shall retain the whole of their share.

That if a flag-officer is sent to command in the ports of this kingdom, he shall have no share in the seizures made by ships or vessels that have sailed or shall sail from that port by my order, or that of the Lord High Admiral, or any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral.

That when more than one flag-officer shall be serving 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 of the first class shall be esteemed as flag-officers with respect to the one third of the three eighth parts of the seizures made, whether commanding in chief or serving under command.

That a captain of the fleet 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.

Sixthly.—And with respect to the cases hereinbefore proposed to be excepted, as to the officers, petty officers, and seamen belonging to your Majesty's Fleet, and officers and non-commissioned officers and privates of Royal Marines, who shall be stationed and employed on shore in the prevention of smuggling, commonly called the Coast Blockade Service, and acting under my orders, or those of the Lord High Admiral, or of any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being, I beg leave most humbly to submit that 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