

thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, has not in its application produced the full benefit and effect contemplated in our said Memorial, we beg leave, therefore, with all humility, to submit to your Majesty the following scheme of distribution of the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, of captures and seizures made by your Majesty's ships and vessels of war, under the several Acts passed for the prevention of smuggling, and the Acts relating to your Majesty's revenue of customs and to trade and navigation, for the abolition of the slave trade, and for the capture and destruction of piratical vessels, and of the rewards which have been conferred for the same; and we humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to annul your Majesty's said Proclamation of the nineteenth March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and, by your Royal Proclamation, to order and direct that the said distribution of proceeds of rewards shall in future be made in the manner following, viz.

" That the flag-officer or officers shall have one sixteenth part of the whole net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures and seizures as aforesaid, made by the ships and vessels under his or their command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, save and except as hereinafter provided and directed :

" That the captain or captains or commanders of any of your Majesty's ships or sloops of war, who shall have been actually on board at the time of any such capture or seizure, shall have one eighth part of the remainder divided equally among them, and where there is no flag-officer, one eighth part of the whole :

" That the remainder shall be distributed into shares according to the following scale, viz.

" To the sea lieutenants, field-officers of marines (when embarked), captains of marines and land forces, master of the fleet, physician of the fleet (provided such physician of the fleet be actually on board at the time of such capture or seizure), and masters—ten shares each :

" To the lieutenants and quartermasters of marines, and lieutenants, ensigns, and quartermasters of land forces, secretaries to admirals, chaplains, surgeons, pursers, mates, second masters, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, and first engineers—six shares each :

" To the assistant surgeons, midshipmen, masters' assistants, schoolmasters, junior engineers, clerks,

masters at arms, admirals' and captains' coxswains, quartermasters, gunners' mates, boatswains' mates, captains of forecastle, captains of the hold, coxswain of the launch, sail-maker, rope-maker, carpenters' mates, caulkers, armourers, captains of the main top, captains of the fore top, pilots, serjeants of marines—three shares each :

" To the ships' cooks and ships' corporal, captains of the mast, captains of the after-guard, yeoman of signals, coxswains of the pinnace, sail-makers' mates, coopers, caulkers' mates, armourers' mates, corporals of marines—two shares each :

" To the gunners' crew, seamen gunners, carpenters' crew, sail-makers' crew, coopers' crew, able and ordinary seamen, yeomen of store rooms, stokers in steam vessels, privates and fifers of marines, above seven years service—one share each :

" To the cooks' mate, barber, pursers' steward, captains' steward, ward or gun-room stewards, ward or gun-room cook, stewards' mate, landsmen and boys of first class, young gentlemen's steward, young gentlemen's cook, privates and fifers of marines, under seven years service—two thirds of a share each :

" Volunteers of the second class and boys of the second class—one third of a share each :

" That when land forces are embarked to serve as marines, they shall share, according to their respective ranks, as marines :

" That when captains and commanders share together, the captains shall receive double the amount of the commanders :

" That commanders doing the duty of first lieutenants, shall share like other commanders :

" That lieutenants commanding small vessels, when not in company with any captain or commander, shall share as captains :

" That the clerk in charge in small vessels shall share as a purser, unless a ship or vessel bearing a purser be present, when he is to share only as clerk :

" That in all cases in which supernumeraries, whether officers or men, shall be borne by order of the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, or by other proper authority, they shall share with the respective ranks in which they may be acting; provided always, that no flag-officer, or other person, not actually present at the capture or destruction of any pirate vessel, shall be entitled to share in any