

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 fifiers 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, laudsmen and boys of first class, young gentlemen's steward, young gentlemen's cook, privates and fifiers 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 distribution of the proceeds or bounty in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, or boats ; and also that no flag-officer, or other person, who shall not have been actually on board of any of your Majesty's ships or ships of war, or at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war, or privateers belonging to the enemy shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any head or bounty money, granted as a reward for the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any such ship or vessel :

“ The following regulations, we submit, should 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 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, which circumstance is to be always carefully noted in the log-book, 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 duly authorised, or by the Lord High Admiral, or your Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being :

“ That when ships or vessels under the command of several flags, which belong to separate stations, shall happen to be joint captors, each flag-officer, under whose orders the ships or vessels are, shall receive a proportion of the flag share, according to the number of capturing ships or vessels belonging to each flag respectively :

“ Captains or commanders, or commanding officers of such ships or vessels as shall be under orders from the Lord High Admiral, or your Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, being joint captors with other ships or vessels under a flag or flags, the flag-officer is only to have his proportion of the flag share, according to the number of ships belonging to his squadron :

“ That if a flag-officer be sent to command in the ports of the United Kingdom, he shall have no share in the prizes captured from the enemy, nor in the other captures or seizures as aforesaid, made by ships or vessels which have sailed, or shall sail from that port by order of the Lord High Admiral,