

and seizures under the several Acts passed relating to the revenues 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 conferred for the same, according to the scheme therein set forth; and it is expedient, that provision should be made by Us for the future distribution of such proceeds or rewards, We do now make known to all our loving subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the advice and consent of Our Privy Council, that Our Royal will and pleasure is, and We do hereby direct, that the distribution of such proceeds and rewards shall be made in the following manner, 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 Our 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.:

First class.—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.

Second class.—To the lieutenants, and quarter-masters of the marines and lieutenants, ensigns, and quarter-masters of land forces, secretaries to admirals, chaplains, surgeons, pursers, mates, second masters, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, and first engineers—six shares each.

Third class.—To the assistant-surgeons, midshipmen, masters' assistants, schoolmasters, junior engineers, clerks, masters at arms, admirals' and captains' coxswains, quarter-masters, gunners' mates, boatswains' mates, captains of the fore-castle, captains of the hold, coxswain of the launch, sail-makers, rope-makers, carpenters' mates, caulkers, armourers, captains of the main-top, captains of the fore-top, pilots, serjeants of marines—three shares each.

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

Fifth class.—To the gunners' crew, seamen generators, 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.

Sixth class.—To the cook's mate, barber, purser's steward, captains' steward, ward or gun-room stewards, ward or gun-room cook, steward's 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.

Seventh class.—Volunteers of the second class and boys of the second class—one third of a share each.

And We do further Order, 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 Our 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 Our ships or vessels of war, or at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war or privateer 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.

And We do hereby further direct, that the following regulations shall be observed, 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 Our 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