

respectively, shall be enabled so to do, put up Prayers and Thanksgivings to Almighty God for Her Majesty's safe delivery of a Princess.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, May 18, 1846.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birth-day will be celebrated on Tuesday the 9th of June next.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

**W**HEREAS by our Order in Council of this day's date, we were graciously pleased, for the reasons therein contained, to annul the Royal Proclamation of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, of the third day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, directing that distribution should be made of the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, of captures 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 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 flag officers or officer, commodores of the first class, and captains of the fleet, shall have one sixteenth of the net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures, seizures, head moneys, grants, and bounties as aforesaid, made by the ships and vessels under his or their command, save and except in the cases herein-after submitted.

That when two flag officers shall be serving together, the chief shall have two thirds of the said one sixteenth, and the other officer shall have the remaining third part

That when there be more than two flag officers, the chief shall receive one half of the said one sixteenth, and the remaining half shall be divided equally amongst the junior flag officers, commodores of the first class, and captains of the fleet.

That no flag officer, or commodore of the first class, or captain of the fleet, not actually present at the capture or destruction of any piratical vessel or privateers belonging to the enemy, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any head money or bounty granted in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, or boats.

That no flag officer as aforesaid shall share in any remuneration or reward conferred or awarded as salvage, unless he shall have been actually on board the ship or vessel to which the award shall be made, or have personally aided or assisted in the transaction at the time the service was rendered.

That no flag officer commanding in the ports of the United Kingdom shall share in the proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, nor in other captures or seizures as aforesaid, made by ships or vessels which may sail from such ports by order of the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, nor in the rewards, &c. conferred for the same.

That when ships or vessels under the command of several flag officers which belong to separate stations shall happen to be joint captors, each flag officer, under whose orders each ship or vessel may be, shall receive a portion of the flag share of one sixteenth of the net proceeds in proportion to the number of officers and men present under the command of each such flag officer; and the same regulation as to the apportionment of the flag share is to be observed when ships or vessels under orders from the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, shall be joint captors with ships or vessels under a flag or flags.

And we do hereby further direct, that the following regulations be observed in respect to the distribution of the remaining portion of the net proceeds of prizes, captures, seizures, and rewards before mentioned (after the deduction of the flag