

Windsor Castle, June 28, 1865.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, of Edinburgh, accompanied by two of the Magistrates (the Mover and Seconder of the Address), waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:—

To the **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the city of Edinburgh, humbly approach your Majesty to offer our sincere congratulations on the birth of the infant Prince.

In the domestic happiness and virtue of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, your Majesty has the high satisfaction of witnessing at once the fruit and the reward of the careful culture which His Royal Highness has been privileged to receive. It is our humble and earnest hope that all the members of the Royal Family may be enabled to transmit to their offspring the lessons of piety and virtue which they themselves received from your Majesty and your illustrious Consort.

We earnestly pray that every addition to your Majesty's Royal House may prove a new source of happiness and comfort to your Majesty, and that your Majesty may long be spared to reign over a happy and a grateful people.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 20th day of June, 1865 years.

Chas. Lawson, Lord Provost.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

"I accept with much satisfaction your congratulations on the birth of the Prince, my grandson, and your assurances of loyal and affectionate interest in all that concerns the happiness of myself and my family.

"I earnestly join in your prayer that all the members of my Royal House may prove themselves worthy of their high station, by the practice of those virtues which are the best security for the loyal attachment of my faithful people."

They were very graciously received, and the Lord Provost and the Mover and Seconder of the Address had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

By the **QUEEN**,

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by Our Order in Council of this day's date, We were graciously pleased to annul, from and after the thirtieth day of September next, Our Royal Proclamation of the twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, regulating, according to the scheme set forth therein or recognized thereby, the distribution of the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, of captures and seizures under the several Acts of Parliament

passed relating to the revenues of customs, and to trade and navigation, for the abolition of the slave trade, for the capture and destruction of pirates and piratical vessels, and of the rewards conferred for the same; as also of the awards for all salvage granted to the crews of Our ships and vessels of war, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the terms of the respective awards and allowances; and, in consequence of several new ratings and denominations, and certain alterations having been introduced and made in Our Royal Naval Service since the date of Our said former Proclamation, and for other causes, it is expedient that provision should be made for the future distribution of such net proceeds and salvage not otherwise specially apportioned, and all other moneys whatsoever granted to be shared among the officers and crews of Our ships and vessels in the manner of prize money.

We do, therefore, now make known to all Our loving subjects, and to 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 ships or vessels being in sight of a prize, as also of the captor, under circumstances to cause intimidation to the prize and encouragement to the captor, shall be alone entitled to share as joint captors, and that the distribution of all such net proceeds of prizes, rewards, allowances, salvage awards, and of all bounties and grants whatsoever distributable to Our Royal Navy in the manner of prize money, shall be made as follows, viz:—

That the flag officer or officers shall have one-twentieth part of the whole net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures and seizures, &c., as aforesaid, made by any of the ships or vessels under his or their command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, according to the following conditions and modifications, save and except as hereinafter provided and directed; that is to say:—

When there is but one flag officer he shall have the entire one-twentieth part; when two flag officers shall be sharing together, the chief shall have two-thirds, and the other flag officer shall have the remaining one-third of the one-twentieth part; and when there shall be more than two flag officers, the chief shall have one-half of the said one-twentieth part, and the remaining half shall be equally divided among the junior flag officers; commodores of the first class and captains of the fleet to share as flag officers: Provided always, that no flag officer, unless actually on board any of Our ships or vessels of war, and at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war, privateer or privateers belonging to the enemy, shall share in the distribution of any head money or bounty money granted as a reward for the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any such ship or vessel of the enemy.

That no flag officer, unless actually present at the capture or destruction of any pirates or piratical ship, vessel, or boat, shall share in any distribution of the proceeds or bounty in respect of such pirates, or of the crews of such piratical ship, vessel or boat.

That no flag officer shall share in any remuneration or reward conferred or awarded to the crew of any of Our ships or vessels 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 and assisted in the transaction at the time the service was rendered.

That no flag officer commanding in any port in the United Kingdom shall share in the proceeds