

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *October*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, it is provided that money distributable among the Officers and Crews of any of His Majesty's Ships of War in respect of Awards made in the several cases therein mentioned, so far as full provision respecting the distribution thereof is not made by or under any Act of Parliament other than that Act, shall be distributed under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in the shares in that behalf specified in any Royal Proclamation or Order in Council:

And whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased, by Her Royal Proclamation of the 17th September, 1900, to regulate, according to the Scheme set forth therein or recognised 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 His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the terms of the respective awards and allowances:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 28th August, 1914, His Majesty was pleased to cancel that part of the above-mentioned Proclamation which related to the distribution of the net proceeds of Prizes captured from the Enemy:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 29th February, 1916, His Majesty was pleased to declare that money distributable as Prize Bounty for the taking or destroying of any armed Ship of any of His Majesty's enemies should be distributed in the shares mentioned in the said Order:

And whereas it is expedient that certain modifications should be made with respect to the manner in which Commanders serving under Captains in His Majesty's Ships should share, and further that there should be one scale for the distribution of all net proceeds and awards distributable in the nature of Prize Money, arising from all Services as aforesaid, other than the distribution of the proceeds of the capture of Prize of War:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to cancel the above-mentioned Proclamation of the 17th September, 1900, and the Order in Council of the 29th February, 1916, and to authorize the distribution under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of all Prize Bounty, also the net proceeds 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, and also of the Awards for all Salvage granted to the Crews of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the Terms of the re-

spective Awards and Allowances, and all other Monies whatsoever granted to be shared among the Officers and Crews of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the manner of Prize Money, except those arising from Prize of War, in the shares and under the Regulations set forth below.

1. The Flag Officer or Officers to have one-thirtieth part of the net amount distributable according to the following conditions and modifications:—

When there is but one Flag Officer he shall have the entire one-thirtieth 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-thirtieth part; and when there shall be more than two Flag Officers the Chief shall have half of the said one-thirtieth part and the remaining half shall be equally divided among the Junior Flag Officers.

Commodores of the First Class, including Captains of the Fleet, to share as Flag Officers.

Every Commodore having a Captain under him may be esteemed a Flag Officer whether he is Commanding-in-Chief or serving under Command.

No Flag Officer shall share in any distribution of Prize Bounty unless he was in fact on board one of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War actually present at the taking or destroying of the armed enemy Ship in question.

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.

No Flag Officer shall share in any remuneration or award conferred or awarded to the Crew of any of His Majesty's 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.

2. Any Officer on board any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War actually present at the taking or destroying of any armed Ship of His Majesty's enemies or otherwise entitled to share in any award who shall have more Commissions than one shall be entitled only to share according to the share allotted to him by the above-mentioned distribution in respect to his superior Commission or Office.

3. Every Chief of the Staff not of Flag Rank shall share as Captain in Command or Captain not in Command as the case may be.

4. The Officer or Officers actually in Command of His Majesty's Ships and the Commander next in command in Ships commanded by Captains may divide one-tenth part of the remainder, or, if there is no Flag Officer to share, one-tenth part of the whole amount distributable, in the following proportions:—

Where the Officer is in command of a Ship singly entitled to an award, and has not a Commander as Second in Command under him, he shall take the whole one-tenth part.

Where Commanding Officers of various Ranks, and Commanders serving under Captains as aforesaid share jointly, the one-tenth part shall be so divided into parts as to provide for each Captain Commanding receiving six parts, each Commander Commanding or Commander serving as Second in Command