

for their Direction in paying the Produce of such Prizes, and otherwise shall be aiding and assisting to the said Agents in all such Matters as shall be necessary. We do hereby further will and direct, that the following Regulations shall be observed concerning the One Eighth Part herein-before mentioned to be granted to the Flag, or Flag Officers, who shall actually be on Board at the taking of any Prize, or shall be directing or assisting therein: First, That a Flag Officer, Commander in Chief, when there is but One Flag Officer upon Service, shall have to his own Use the said One Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by Ships and Vessels under his Command: Secondly, That a Flag Officer, sent to command at Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken by Ships or Vessels employed there, before he arrives at the Place to which he is sent, and actually takes upon him the Command: Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag Officer is sent out to reinforce a superior Flag Officer at Jamaica, or elsewhere, the superior Flag Officer shall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken by the inferior Flag Officer, before the inferior Flag Officer shall arrive within the Limits of the Command of the superior Flag Officer, and actually receive some Order from him: Fourthly, That a Chief Flag Officer returning home from Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by the Ships or Vessels left behind to act under another Command: Fifthly, That if a Flag Officer is sent to command in the Out-ports of this Kingdom, he shall have no share of the Prizes taken by Ships or Vessels which have sailed from that Port by Order from the Admiralty: Sixthly, That when more Flag Officers than One serve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by any Ships or Vessels of the Fleet or Squadron, shall be divided in the following Proportions, viz. If there be but Two Flag Officers, the Chief shall have Two Third Parts of the said One Eighth Part, and the other shall have the remaining Third Part; but if the Number of Flag Officers be more than Two, the Chief shall have only One Half, and the other Half shall be equally divided amongst the other Flag Officers: Seventhly, That Commanders with Captains under them shall be esteemed as Flag Officers with respect to the Eighth Part of Prizes taken, whether commanding in Chief or serving under Command. And We do hereby further Order, That in the Case of Cutters, Schooners, and other armed Vessels commanded by Lieutenants, the Share of such Lieutenants shall be Three Eighth Parts of the Prize, unless such Lieutenants shall be under the Command of a Flag Officer or Officers; in which Case the Flag Officer or Officers shall have One of the said Three Eighths, to be divided among such Flag Officer or Officers in the Manner herein-before directed in the Case of Captains serving under Flag-Officers: Secondly, We direct that the Share of the Master or other Person acting as Second in Command, and the Pilot, (if there happens to be One on Board,) shall be One Eighth Part, to be divided into Three equal Parts; of which Two Thirds shall go to the Master or other Person acting as Second in Command, and the remaining One Third to the Pilot; but if there is no Pilot, then such Eighth Part to go wholly to the Master or Person acting as Second in Command: That the Share of the Chirurgurgeon, or Chirurgurgeon's Mate (where there is no Chirurgurgeon), Midshipmen, and Clerk and Steward, shall be One Eighth; That the Share of the Boatwain's, Gunner's, and Carpenter's Mates, Yeomen of the Sheets, Sail-maker, Quarter Master, and Quarter Master's Mate, shall be One Eighth; and the Share of the Seamen, Marines, and other Persons on Board, assisting in the Capture, shall be Two Eighth Parts. But it is Our Intention nevertheless, that the above Distribution shall only extend to such Captures as shall be made by any Cutter, Schooner, or armed Vessel, without any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War being present or within Sight of, and adding to the Encouragement of the Captors, and Terror of the Enemy: But in case any of His Majesty's

Ships or Vessels of War shall be present, or in Sight, that then the Officers, Pilots, Petty Officers, and Men on Board such Cutters and Schooners, or armed Vessels, shall share in the same Proportion as is allowed to Persons of the like Rank and Denomination, on Board His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-seventh Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the Twenty-first Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 29th of December, 1780.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it has been represented to His Majesty, that under the Authority of the Act passed last Session of Parliament, to protect Goods and Merchandize of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the Islands of Grenada and the Grenadines, on Board Neutral Vessels bound to Neutral Ports during the present Hostilities; and by Virtue of the Articles of Capitulation for the Islands of St. Vincent and Dominica, many Ships and Vessels belonging to the States General of the United Provinces have been, and may be cleared out with Goods and Merchandize of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the said Islands, designed for some Neutral Port, and may be now proceeding or shall proceed upon their respective Voyages: His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, and being actuated at all Times by Motives of humane Regard to the Interests of Individuals, and from a Desire to prevent their suffering by any Surprize, doth hereby declare, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, that all Ships and Vessels belonging to the States General of the United Provinces, which shall be employed in carrying Cargoes of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of either or any of the said Islands of Grenada, the Grenadines, St. Vincent and Dominica, shall, during the Space of Four Months from the Date hereof, be considered in all Respects as Neutral Vessels, going to Neutral Ports, within the Meaning and Spirit of the said Act of the last Session of Parliament, and of the said Articles of Capitulation above recited, and shall not be liable to be detained or molested by any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or Merchant Ships having Letters of Marque and General Reprizals, otherwise than they would have been antecedent to the Publication of His Majesty's Royal Manifesto of the 20th of this instant December, and His Majesty's Order for granting General Reprizals against the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the States General of the United Provinces.

Steph. Cottrell.

Whitehall, December 30, 1780.

THE following Accounts of the late Hurricane at Barbados, and in the Leeward and Charibbee Islands, have been received by Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, brought by Captain Hartwell, of His Majesty's Ship Brune.

Copy of a Letter from Major-General Vaughan, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the Leeward Islands, to Lord George Germain, dated Barbados, October 30, 1780.

MY LORD,

I AM much concerned to inform your Lordship, that this Island was almost entirely destroyed by a most violent Hurricane, which began on Tuesday the 10th Instant, and continued almost without Intermission for near Forty-eight Hours: It is impossible for me to attempt a Description of the Storm; suffice it to say, that few Families have escaped the general Ruin, and I do not believe that Ten Houses are saved in the whole Island; scarce a House is standing in Bridgetown; whole Families were buried