

The Captain or Captains of any of Our said Ships or Vessels of War, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall have Three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, shall have One of the Three Eighth Parts; the said One Eighth Part to be paid to such Flag or Flag Officers in such Proportions, and subject to such Regulations as are hereinafter mentioned.

The Captains of Marines and Land-Forces, Sea Lieutenants, and Master on board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: but that every Physician appointed, or hereafter to be appointed to a Fleet or Squadron of Our Ships of War, shall, in the Distribution of Prizes which shall hereafter be taken by the Ships in which he shall serve, or in which such Ships' Company shall be entitled to share, be classed with the Sea Lieutenants with respect to the said One Eighth Part, and be allowed to share equally with them: provided such Physician be actually on board at the Time of taking such Prizes:

The Lieutenants and Quarter-Masters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Ensigns, and Quarter-Masters of Land Forces, Secretaries of Admirals or of Commodores, with Captains under them, Second-Masters of Line of Battle Ships, Boatswains, Gunners, Purfers, Carpenters, Masters' Mates, Chirurgeons, Pilots, and Chaplains on board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them:

The Midshipmen, Captains' Clerks, Master Sail-makers, Carpenters' Mates, Boatswains' Mates, Gunners' Mates, Masters at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswains, Quarter-Masters, Quarter-Masters' Mates, Chirurgeons' Mates, Yeomen of the Powder-Room, Serjeants of Marines and Land Forces on board, shall have One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them:

The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters' Crew, Stewards, Cook, Armourers, Stewards' Mates, Cooks' Mates, Gunsmiths, Coopers, Swabbers, Ordinary Trumpeters, Barbers, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marines and other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty and assisting on board, shall have Two Eighth Parts to be equally divided amongst them.

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 same 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 Chirurgeon, or Surgeon's Mate (where there is no Chirurgeon), Midshipmen, Clerk, and Steward, shall be One Eighth:

That the Share of the Boatswain's, Gunner's, and Carpenter's Mates, Yeoman 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 Our 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 Our 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 of Our Ships and Vessels of War; and such Cutters, Schooners, or Armed Vessels, shall not, in respect to such Captures, convey any Interest or Share in the Flag Eighth to the Flag Officer or Officers, under whose Orders such Cutters, Schooners, and Armed Vessels, may happen to be.

And whereas it is judged expedient, during the present Hostilities, to hire into Our Service Armed Vessels, to be employed as Cruizers against the Enemy, which Vessels are the Property of, and their Masters and Crews are paid by, the Merchants of whom they are hired, although several of them are commanded by Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay; it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that the neat Produce of all Prizes taken by such Hired Armed Vessels (except as hereinafter mentioned) shall be for the Benefit of Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Masters and Crews on board the said Hired Armed Vessels at the Time of the Capture, and that such Prizes may be lawfully sold and disposed of by them and their Agents, after the same shall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful Prize, and not otherwise; the Distribution thereof shall be as follows: