

the Amount of every Dividend, or Payment in Part, or on Account, will be calculated in Proportion to the total Amount of Claims not then rejected, and the Amount of the divisible Fund at the Time, additional Dividends or Payments will afterwards of course be made, in Proportion to the Diminution of the total Amount of Claims, by Rejections or Disallowances, under the Decisions or Adjudications of the Board, or the Increase of the divisible Fund, by the Receipt of another Instalment under the Convention; and that in all Cases where Orders for Dividends or Payments are made, immediate Notice thereof will be given to the Claimants, or their respective Agents, that they may severally attend for the Purpose of receiving the same, on such Terms as the Board, under the Authority of the Act, shall see Cause to prescribe.

March 18, 1805.

Resolved—That in every Case where it shall appear from the subsequent Investigation that a Claimant has, by Means of any Order or Orders from the Board for a Dividend, or Payment in Part, received more than such Claimant was then entitled to receive, the Board, in ascertaining the Amount of the next Dividend, Proportion, or Sum of Money to be paid to the Claimant, will deduct such Excess in the former Payment or Payments, so as that the Amount of the Sums in such Case awarded and received may not, in the Whole, exceed the Compensation to which such Claimant was justly entitled.

27th May 1805.

Resolved—That from the Misapprehensions which still appear to prevail, respecting the Losses for which British Creditors were entitled to expect Compensation under the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Peace, the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Amity, and the Convention, as if Claimants had a Right to Compensation for the Amount of all the Debts which were due to them by Citizens or Inhabitants of the United States at the Peace, and still remain due, it is expedient thus distinctly to declare, what from the obvious Reason of the Case, and plain Terms of the said Articles, as well as the various Notices and Explanations from the Board, might have been inferred, that there never was any ground for claiming Compensation, and that none can be obtained.

1st, For Loss of Debts, however fairly contracted, and still justly due, which were not good at the Peace, or the Period when they might have been recovered, if lawful Impediments had not operated against them.

2dly, For Loss occasioned by Circumstances arising in the Course of the War, such as the Loss of Books, Vouchers, or other Papers, the Effect of which could not be ascribed to any Breach of the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Peace.

3dly, For such Loss arising to Creditors from the Dishonesty or Embarrassments and Speculations of their Debtors, and the Practices of dilatory Litigation, as no Compliance on the Part of the United States with the said Fourth Article of the Treaty of Peace would have prevented.

4thly, For Loss occasioned by such Negligence or Mismanagement, and irrational Conduct in Creditors or their Agents, as shall, on due Consideration of all Circumstances, be held by the Board to come within the Meaning and Description of the Pro-

vision against the Effect of "Negligence and wilful Omission," which was expressly stipulated in Favour of the United States by the said Sixth Article of the Treaty of Amity; and which Provision, wherever it applied, would have barred all Compensation under that Article, and must therefore bar Compensation under the Convention.

And that wherever Loss appears to have arisen from any of the above Causes, the Board will make such equitable Deduction or Allowance, as a fair Construction of the said Sixth Article would have entitled the United States to demand.

Resolved further—That the Conduct of Claimants before the Board, either on the one Hand in fairly disclosing Facts within their Knowledge, and making the necessary Enquiries; or on the other, in concealing or misrepresenting Facts within their Knowledge, and professing total Ignorance of Circumstances, without some Knowledge of which, no precise Claim could ever, from the plain Meaning of the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Peace, the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Amity, and the Convention have been honestly made; or in delaying or abstaining from all Enquiry respecting such Facts as the Notices published so far back as the Year 1797, and repeated, by this Board required, will be held by the Board as strong Evidence, sufficient, in different Degrees, to turn the Course of Presumption and Inference either for or against such Claimants accordingly.

THO. MACDONALD.
HENRY PYE RICH.
J. GUILLEMARD.

Admiralty-Office, May 28, 1805.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held at Justice-Hall, in the Old Bailey, London, on Saturday the 29th Day of June next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

W. Marlden.

Navy-Office, May 20, 1805.

MR. JOHN STOCK, late of Hampstead, in the County of Middlesex, having given to the President, Treasurer, and Governors of Christ's Hospital, London, a Sum of Money for the Maintenance and Education of Four Boys to be brought up in the Schools of that Hospital for the Purposes mentioned in his Will, Two whereof are to be Sons of Lieutenants in the Navy, under the following Description, viz.

To be between the Age of Seven and Ten Years, the Sons of Lieutenants, who have been killed by the public Enemy, or in the Service, who had been at least Four Years in that Station, of approved good Courage, and of good private Character, to be born in Wedlock of honest and respectable Parents, to be free from Lameness or Disorder, and their Mother a Widow then in low Circumstances. And as there are now Vacancies for Two Boys to be presented by the Comptroller, or in his Absence by the Surveyor of the Navy, having been first chosen by a full Board of the Honorable Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, or at least Five of the said Commissioners. They do hereby give Notice, that they are ready to receive (until Wednesday 12th June next,) Applications from the Parents or Friends of Boys entitled under this Description to, and desirous of the Be-