

land forces, secretaries of admirals, or of commodores with captains under them, second masters of line of battle ships, surgeons, chaplains, pursers, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, master's mates, and pilots on board, shall have one eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them.

The other four eighth parts of the prize to be divided into shares and distributed to the persons composing the remaining part of the crew, in the following proportions; *videlicet*, To the first class of petty officers, namely, the midshipmen, surgeons' assistants, secretaries' clerks, captains' clerks, schoolmasters, masters at arms, captains' coxswains, gunners' mates, yeomen of the powder-room, boatswains' mates, yeomen of the sheets, carpenters' mates, quarter-masters' mates, ships' corporals, captains of the fore-castle, master sail-makers, master caulkers, master rope-makers, armourers, serjeants of marines and land forces, four and a half shares each.

To the second class of petty officers; *videlicet*, midshipmen, ordinary captains of the foretop, captains of the maintop, captains of the after guard, captains of the mast, sail-makers' mates, caulkers' mates, armourers' mates, ship's cook, corporals of marines and of land forces, three shares each.

The quarter gunners, carpenter's crew, sail-maker's crew, coxswain's mates, yeomen of the boatswain's store-room, gun-smiths, coopers, trumpeters, able seamen, ordinary seamen, drummers, private marines, and other soldiers, if doing duty on board in lieu of marines, one and a half share each.

The landmen, admiral's domestics, and all other ratings not above enumerated, together with all passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, and doing duty and assisting on board, one share each, excepting officers acting by order, who are to receive the share of that rank in which they shall be acting.

And young gentlemen, volunteers by order, and the boys of every description, half a share each.

And We do hereby further order, that in case of cutters, schooners, brigs, and other armed vessels commanded by lieutenants, the distribution shall be as follows: First, that the share of each lieutenant shall be two 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 third of the said two eighths to be divided amongst such flag officer or officers, in the same manner as herein directed in the case of captains serving under flag officers.

Secondly—We direct that the share of the sub-lieutenant, master, and pilot, shall be one eighth; if there be all three such persons on board, to be divided into four parts, two parts to be taken by the sub-lieutenant, one part by the master, and one part by the pilot; if there be only two such persons on board, then the eighth to be divided into three parts, of which two thirds shall go to the person second in command, and one third to the other person; if there be only a sub-lieutenant or a master, and

no pilot, then the sub-lieutenant or master to take the whole eighth; if there be only a pilot, then such pilot to have one half of the eighth, and the other half to go to Greenwich-Hospital.

Thirdly—That the share of the surgeon, or surgeon's assistant (where there is no surgeon); midshipmen, clerk, and steward, shall be one eighth.

Fourthly—That the remaining four eighths shall be divided into shares, and distributed to the other part of the crew, in the following proportions, viz. the gunners, boatswains, and carpenter's mates, yeomen of the sheets, sail-maker, quarter-master, and quarter-masters' mates, and serjeants of marines, to receive four and a half shares each.

The corporals of marines, three shares each.

The able seamen, ordinary seamen, and marines, one and a half share each.

The landmen, together with passengers and other persons borne as supernumeraries, doing duty and assisting on board, to receive one share each.

Boys of all descriptions, half a share each.

But it is Our intention, nevertheless, that the above distribution shall only extend to such captures as shall be made by any cutter, schooner, brig, 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 such ships or vessels of war shall be present or in sight, that then the officers, pilots, petty officers, and men on board such cutters, schooners, brigs, or armed vessels; shall share in the same proportion as is allowed to persons of the like rank and denomination on board of His Majesty's ships and vessels of war, the sub-lieutenant and master to be considered as warrant officers; and such cutters, schooners, brigs, or armed vessels shall not, in respect to such captures, convey any interest or share to the flag officer or officers under whose orders such cutters, schooners, brigs, and armed vessels may happen to be.

And whereas it may be judged expedient, during the present hostilities, to hire into His Majesty's service armed vessels to be employed as cruisers against the enemy, which vessels are the property of, and the masters and crews are paid by the owners of whom they are hired, although several of them are commanded by commissioned officers in His Majesty's 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 such commissioned officers in His Majesty's 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 His Majesty finally adjudged lawful prize, and not otherwise; the distribution whereof shall be as follows:

The whole of the neat produce being divided into eight equal parts, the officer commanding any hired armed vessel aforesaid, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any prize, shall have