

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 14th of October 1816,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the making more effectual provision for the prevention of smuggling, and rewarding officers and persons making seizures and capturing smuggling vessels, for licencing-luggers employed in the North Sea fishery, and obliging exporters of exciseable goods, on drawback, to give notice of shipment," it is amongst other things enacted, that every such reward, or part or share of such seizure, or of the value thereof, as shall under, or by virtue of this or any other Act, be payable to any officer or officers, non-commissioned officers, petty-officers, seamen, or privates, of His Majesty's army, navy, or marines, or acting under the orders of the Lord High Admiral, or of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be divided and distributed in such proportions, and according to such rules, regulations, and orders, as His Majesty shall, by His Order or Orders in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation in that behalf, be pleased to direct or appoint :

And whereas by an Act, passed in the third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the further improvement of His Majesty's revenue of customs, and for the encouragement of officers making seizures, and for the prevention of the clandestine running of goods into any part of His Majesty's dominions :

And whereas by another Act, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for granting certain duties in the British colonies and plantations in America, for continuing, amending, and making perpetual an Act, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for the better securing and encouraging the trade of His Majesty's sugar colonies in America, for applying the produce of such duties, and of the duties to arise by virtue of the said Act, towards defraying the expenses of defending, protecting, and securing the said colonies and plantations ;" for explaining an Act made in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of King Charles the Second, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland trade, and the better securing the plantation trade ; and for altering and disallowing several drawbacks on exports from this kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine conveyance of goods to and from the said colonies and plantations, and improving and securing the trade between the same and Great Britain ;" by which last recited Acts powers were given to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, to direct and appoint the moiety, or any other part of all and every seizure or seizures, made at sea, under the provisions of

the said Act and other Acts therein mentioned; by any of His Majesty's ships or vessels, to be divided amongst the officers and seamen of such ship or vessel of war who shall make any such seizure, in such proportions, and in such manner, as His Majesty, His Heirs and successors, shall think fit to order and direct, by any Order or Orders in Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations, to be made or issued from time to time :

And whereas in pursuance of the powers so vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and successors, His Majesty was pleased, by Order in Council, bearing date the twelfth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, to order, direct, and appoint a scale of distribution accordingly :

And whereas it will be expedient that the scale of distribution so ordered, directed, and appointed for seizures under the revenue laws, and also for seizures under the navigation laws, shall be revoked and annulled ; and that the rules and regulations hereinafter ordered, directed, and appointed, shall be substituted and adopted in lieu thereof ; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having taken the same into consideration, is thereupon pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, directed, and appointed, that the said before-mentioned Order in Council be henceforth revoked and annulled, and the same is hereby revoked and annulled accordingly :

And it is further ordered, directed, and appointed, that all shares of any such seizures as are or shall, by virtue of the aforesaid Acts, or either of them, or any other Acts relating to the trade or revenues of His Majesty's dominions, be payable to and among the commanders, officers, and crews of any of His Majesty's ships or vessels of war, shall be divided and distributed in the following manner, viz.

That the produce of such seizures, so payable as aforesaid, shall be divided into eight equal parts.

The captain or captains of any of His Majesty's ships or sloops of war, or officers commanding such ships or vessels who shall be actually on board at the time of making any such seizure, shall have three of the said eighth parts ; but if such ships or vessels shall be under the command of a flag or flags, the flag-officer or officers so commanding shall have one of the said three eighth parts, and the captain or captains the other two. The sea lieutenants, captains of marines, and land forces serving as marines, and master on board, shall have one eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them.

The lieutenants and quarter masters of marines, and lieutenants and ensigns and quarter masters of land forces serving as marines, secretaries or admirals or of commodores, with captains under them, such secretaries being present at the seizure, second masters, chaplains, pursers, surgeons, boatswains, gunners, carpenters, master's mates, and pilots, who shall be on board, shall have one eighth part, to be equally divided amongst them.