

muster books of any such ships and vessels and annexed lists, as the agents shall find requisite for their direction in making distribution to the parties entitled to share in the produce of such rewards and seizures, and shall otherwise be aiding and assisting to the said agents all such matters as shall be necessary.

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the thirtieth of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, your Majesty was graciously pleased to declare and direct that the bounty in respect of the crews of piratical ships and vessels given by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the sixth year of your Majesty's reign, ch. 49, intitled "An Act for encouraging the capture or destruction of piratical ships and vessels," and the produce of all ships, vessels, boats, goods, and other property of and taken from pirates, and also the bounty in lieu of salvage given by the said last mentioned Act, should be paid, divided, and distributed in the manner, form, and proportion expressed in the said Order in Council of the twenty-third day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, hereby proposed to be revoked.

I do, therefore, further most humbly submit, whether your Majesty will not be graciously pleased also to revoke the said Order of the 30th of September 1825, and further to declare and direct that the produce of all such ships, vessels, boats, goods and other property of and taken from pirates, and likewise the several bounties payable under the said last mentioned Act, in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, and boats, and also in lieu of salvage, or in any other respect, shall be paid to and divided and distributed amongst the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others, who shall have been actually on board any of your Majesty's ships or vessels of war, or hired armed ships, at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying of any ship, vessel, or boat, manned by pirates or persons engaged in acts of piracy, in the same manner, form and proportion as is expressed in the general scheme hereinbefore proposed for the distribution of rewards payable under the laws for the prevention of smuggling; save and except that no flag officer, or other person not actually present at the capture or destruction of the pirate vessel, shall be entitled to share in any distribution of the bounty in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, and boats.

And whereas by another Order in Council, dated

the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, your Majesty was graciously pleased to order and direct, that the proceeds, bounties, and other sums of money, payable under an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the fifth year of your Majesty's reign, cap. 113, intitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the abolition of the slave trade," to the commanders, officers, and crews of your Majesty's ships and vessels should be distributed and divided according to the rules and regulations directed and provided by the said Order in Council of the twenty-third day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, which is hereinbefore proposed to be revoked; I do, therefore, further most humbly propose, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased also to revoke the said Order in Council of the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; and further to declare and direct, that all and every the proceeds, bounties, and other sums of money, which shall become payable to the officers, seamen, marines, and soldiers, on board your Majesty's ships and vessels of war, or hired armed ships, under and by virtue of the said Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the abolition of the slave trade, in respect of captures and seizures made under the said Act, shall be divided and distributed amongst such officers, seamen, marines, and soldiers, in the same manner, form, and proportion, as is expressed in the general scheme hereinbefore set forth.

His Majesty, having taken the said report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and also of the scheme therein submitted for the future distribution of seizures amongst the officers, seamen, and marines of His Majesty's Fleet.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and His Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Jas. Buller.*

*Admiralty-Office, July 5, 1827.*

This day, in pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure, John Bazeley, Esq. was promoted to be Vice-Admiral of the Blue, taking rank next after Vice-Admiral William Nowell; and Shuldham Peard, Esq. and Man Dobson, Esq. to be Rear-Admirals of the Red, the former taking rank next after Rear-Admiral William Windham, and the latter next after Rear-Admiral Robert Dudley Oliver.