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**A**T the Court at *St. James's*, the 30th day of June 1827,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from His Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral, dated the fourth of June instant, in the words following, viz.

WHEREAS by various Orders in Council, dated the seventeenth September one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, thirty-first January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, nineteenth January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, twenty-third June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and second February one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, your Majesty was graciously pleased to declare and direct in what manner and proportions the rewards which, under the several Acts of Parliament at those respective periods in force, were payable to the officers, petty officers, and seamen of your Majesty's Navy, and to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the Royal Marines, for the apprehension of persons offending against the laws for the prevention of smuggling, and also the rewards of seizures made under the same laws, should be divided and distributed; and whereas the said Acts of Parliament having since been repealed, the Orders in Council before mentioned have become inoperative: and whereas by an Act, passed in the sixth year of your Majesty's reign, cap. 108, intituled "An Act for the prevention of smuggling," certain other rewards are established and directed to be paid and allowed to any officer or other person detaining any person liable to detention, under that or any other Act relating to your Majesty's Revenue of Customs, and in respect of the produce of seizures made under such Acts, which rewards respectively are thereby directed to be paid, divided, and distributed (so far as respects your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines) to and amongst the officers, petty officers, and seamen of your Majesty's Navy, and the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of Royal Marines

acting under the orders of the Lord High Admiral, or any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, in such proportions, and according to such rules, regulations, and orders as your Majesty shall, by your Order or Orders in Council, or by your Royal Proclamation in that behalf, be pleased to direct and appoint; I beg leave, therefore, most humbly to submit whether your Majesty will not be graciously pleased to revoke the several Orders above mentioned, and, by your Order in Council, to establish, declare, and direct, that from henceforth the several rewards which, under the laws now or hereafter to be in force for the prevention of smuggling, are or shall be payable to the officers, petty officers, and seamen of your Majesty's Fleet, and to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of Royal Marines acting under my orders, or under the orders of the Lord High Admiral, or of any Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of your Majesty's United Kingdom for the time being, as well for the detention of offenders against those laws, as for seizures made under the same (except in the several cases hereinafter mentioned, as to those persons stationed and employed on shore in the prevention of smuggling, and acting under my orders, or those of the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners as aforesaid, and for which especial provision is hereinafter proposed to be made) shall be divided and distributed in the proportions, and according to the regulations set forth and expressed in the following scheme, viz.

The amount of such rewards and produce of seizures so respectively payable as aforesaid to be divided into eight equal parts:

The captain or captains of any of your Majesty's ships, and the commander or commanders of any of your Majesty's ships or sloops of war, or the officer or officers respectively commanding such ships or sloops of war, who shall have been actually on board at the time of any such detention or seizure, shall have three of the said eighth parts. But in cases where captains and commanders shall be present together at any such detention or seizure, the said three eighth parts shall be so divided as that the captain or captains shall receive double the amount of the share or shares of the commander or com-