

of being trained and exercised in the present year, be suspended; and that no training or exercising of the said militia do take place in the present year.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 19th day of March 1834,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the thirty-first of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, in the words following, viz.

HAVING had under our consideration the several existing modes in which the net proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy by your Majesty's ships or vessels of war, and of captures and seizures made by such ships and vessels, under the several Acts passed for the prevention of smuggling and other Acts relating to your Majesty's Revenue of Customs, and to Trade and Navigation, for the abolition of the slave trade, and for the capture and destruction of piratical vessels, and of the rewards which have been conferred for the same, have been distributed to the several ranks and classes of officers and men serving on board your Majesty's said ships and vessels, which distribution differs in all of them and from each other, and being of opinion that an alteration in the several modes at present in force would be productive of beneficial effects to the Naval Service, if the whole were arranged under one uniform system by equalising the mode of distributing the said proceeds and rewards; and having had at the same time under our consideration the great disproportion in the present mode of distribution between the higher ranks of officers and the warrant and two classes of petty-officers, seamen, and marines, and being also of opinion that it would bestow upon your Majesty's Naval Service a most important benefit and tend greatly to the encouragement of petty officers and able seamen entering voluntarily on board your Majesty's ships of war if the shares of the proceeds and rewards above mentioned were considerably increased beyond what those valuable officers and men do now receive.

We would, therefore, most humbly submit, that your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to cause the Royal Proclamation of

the twenty-ninth of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for granting the distribution of the proceeds of prizes captured from the enemy, and the Order in Council of the thirtieth June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, for the distribution of the proceeds and rewards arising from the several other captures and seizures before mentioned, to be annulled, and that in lieu thereof your Majesty would cause your Royal Proclamation to issue, directing the distribution of the proceeds of all such captures and seizures and rewards henceforth to be made and conferred among the officers, seamen, and marines of your Majesty's Fleet in the manner following, viz.

First.—By taking a reasonable sum from the flag-officers, captains, and commanders, and commanding officers' shares of two eighths, as at present allowed, and adding it to the shares of the other commissioned and warrant and petty officers, seamen, and marines.

Secondly.—By giving to the flag-officers, captains, and commanders, and commanding officers, definite shares of the whole sum to be distributed respectively, without making the flag-officers' share dependent on that of the captains and commanders.

Thirdly.—By giving to the first lieutenant or commander doing the duty of a first lieutenant (where there is any), a specific number of shares.

Fourthly.—By adding a third class of petty officers, and dividing the boys into two classes, by which the present number of classes, namely eight, will be increased to ten.

Fifthly.—By throwing the whole, after deducting the parts allotted to the flag officers, captains, and commanders, into specific shares to each individual of the several classes, instead of appropriating a fractional portion to each class collectively.

Should your Majesty be graciously pleased to accede to these general principles, we would humbly submit that the flag officers or officers should have one sixteenth part of the whole net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures and seizures as aforesaid, made by the ships and vessels under his command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, save and except as hereinafter mentioned.

That the captain or captains, 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 capture or seizure,