

Us for the future distribution of such proceeds and rewards, We do now make known to all our loving subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the advice and consent of Our Privy Council, that Our will and pleasure is, and We do hereby direct, that the distribution of such proceeds and rewards shall be made in the following manner, viz.

That the flag-officer or officers shall 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 provided and directed.

That the captain or captains, or commanders, of any of Our 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, shall have one sixth part of the remainder, and where there is no flag-officer one sixth part of the whole.

That the remainder shall be distributed into shares according to the annexed scale.

First class.—To the senior lieutenant, from first to fifth rates inclusive, or the commander acting as first lieutenant (where there is one), the master of the fleet, and field officer of marine (if embarked)—fifty-five shares each.

Second class.—To the other lieutenants, captain of marines, master, physician of the fleet, and secretary to the commander in chief—forty-five shares each.

Third class.—To the chaplain, surgeon, and other flag-officers, secretaries, purser, lieutenants of marines, boatswain, gunner, and carpenter—twenty-five shares each.

Fourth class.—To mates, second master, assistant-surgeon, schoolmaster, clerks, master at arms—eighteen shares each.

Fifth class.—To midshipmen, master's assistant, admiral's coxswain, ship's corporal, captain's coxswain, quartermaster, gunners' and boatswains' mates, captains of fore-castle and hold, coxswain of launch, caulker, sail-maker, carpenters' mates, armourer, captains of main and fore-tops, serjeant of marines—ten shares each.

Sixth class.—To captains of masts and after-guard, yeoman of signals, coxswain of pinnace, sail-makers', caulkers, and armourers' mates, cooper, rope-maker, volunteers of first class, ship's cook, corporals of marines—eight shares each.

Seventh class.—To seamen gunners, gunners' crew, carpenters', cooks', and sail-makers' crews, able seamen, yeomen of store-room, private and fifer of marines, above seven years—five shares each.

Eighth class.—To cook's mate, barber, ordinary seamen, captain's and purser's and ward-room stewards, captain's and ward-room cooks, private and fifer of marines, under seven years, and admiral's steward, cook, and domestics.—three shares each.

Ninth class.—To landsmen, stewards' mates, and others not described, including supernumeraries for victuals only, boys of first class—two shares each.

Tenth class.—To boys of the second class—half a share each.

When land forces are embarked to serve as marines—they are to share according to their respective ranks as marines.

Secondly.—In the cases of prizes captured from the enemy, and all other captures and seizures as aforesaid, made by the officers and men of cutters, schooners, brigs and other armed vessels of war, commanded by lieutenants, when not in company with other ships commanded by captains or commanders, the said lieutenants to share as captains, and where more small vessels than one shall be together, the lieutenants shall have equal shares of the one sixth part.

But a lieutenant or lieutenants commanding small vessels, when in company with captains or commanders, shall share only as commanders doing duty as first lieutenants, or first lieutenants of first to fifth rates inclusive, namely,—they shall have fifty-five shares.

The remainder to be shared as in the foregoing scale, with the exception of the clerk in charge, who is to share as purser, but if a ship or vessel bearing a purser be present, he is to share only as a clerk.

Thirdly.—In all cases in which supernumeraries, whether officers or men, shall be borne by order of the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, or by other proper authority, they shall share with the respective ranks in which they may be acting: Provided always, and We do hereby direct, that no flag officer or other person not actually present at the capture or destruction of any pirate vessel, shall be entitled to share in any distribution of the proceeds or bounty in respect of the crews of such piratical ships, vessels, and boats; and also that no flag officer or other person who shall not have been actually on board of any of Our ships, or ships of war, at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war, or privateers, belonging to the enemy, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any head or bounty-money granted as a reward for the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any such ship or vessel.

Fourthly.—The following regulations are to be established with respect to the share before mentioned, to be given to the flag officer or officers under whose command the capturing ship may be.

That a captain, commander, or commanding officer of a ship or vessel, shall be deemed to be under the command of a flag when he shall have actually received some order from, or be acting in execution of some order issued by, a flag-officer; and in the event of his being directed to join a flag-officer on any station, he shall be deemed to be under the command of such flag-officer from the time when he arrives within the limits of the station, and shall be considered to continue under the command of the flag-officer of such station, until he shall have received some order directly from, or be acting in execution of some order issued by, some other flag-officer duly authorised, or by the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being.

That a flag-officer, commander in chief, where there is but one flag-officer upon service, shall have to his own use the one sixteenth part of the proceeds of all prizes captured from the enemy, and of all other captures and seizures as aforesaid, made by ships and vessels under his command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, save and except as hereinbefore provided and directed.