

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, shall have one sixth part of the remainder and where there is no flag officer, one sixth part of the whole.

That the remainder should 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 surgeons, schoolmaster, clerks, master at arms—eighteen shares each.

Fifth class.—To midshipmen, master's assistant, admiral's coxwain, ship's corporal, captain's coxwain, quartermaster, gunners' and boatswains' mates, captains of fore-castle and hold, coxwain 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 afterguard, yeomen of signals, coxwain 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', coopers', 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, captains' and pursers' and ward-room stewards, captains' 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 the 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; save and except, 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 save and except, that no flag-officer or other person, who shall not have been actually on board of any of your Majesty's 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 to be established with respect to the share before mentioned, 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 the 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 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 aforesaid.

That when ships or vessels under the command of several flags which belong to separate stations shall happen to be joint captors, each flag-officer under whose orders the ships or vessels are, shall receive such proportion of the flag share to which he shall be entitled, according to the number of ships belonging to each respectively.

Captains or commanders, or commanding officers, of such ships or vessels as shall be under orders from the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for