

Provided always, that no flag officer, unless actually on board any of our ships or vessels of war, and at the actual taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any ship or ships of war, or privateers belonging to the enemy, shall share in the distribution of any head-money or bounty-money granted as a reward for the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying any such ship or vessel of the enemy :

That no flag officer, unless actually present at the capture or destruction of any pirate ship, vessel, or boat, shall be entitled to share in any distribution of the proceeds or bounty in respect of the crews of such piratical ship, vessel, or boat :

That no flag officer shall share in any remuneration or reward conferred or awarded to any of our ships or vessels as salvage, unless he shall have been actually on board the ship or vessel to which the award shall be made, or have personally aided and assisted in the transaction at the time the service was rendered.

That no flag officer commanding in any port in the United Kingdom shall share in the proceeds of any prizes captured from the enemy, nor in other captures, seizures, rewards, or any distributive proceeds as aforesaid, made by any ships or vessels which shall sail from, or leave such port, by order of the Lord High Admiral, or of Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral :

That when ships or vessels under the command of several flag officers belonging to separate stations shall be joint captors, &c. each flag officer shall receive a proportion of the one-sixteenth, according to the number of officers and men present under the command of each such flag officer : and when ships or vessels under orders from the Lord High Admiral, or from Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, are joint captors, &c. with other ships or vessels under a flag or flags, the like regulation as to the apportionment of the flag share to the flag officer or officers is to be observed.

And with reference to these regulations it is to be noted that a captain, commander, or other commanding officer, of a ship or vessel, shall be deemed to be under the command of a flag, when he shall actually have received some order from, or be acting in the execution of some order issued by, a flag officer, whether he be or be not within the limits of the station of such 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, which circumstance is always to be carefully noted in the log-book ; and it shall be considered that he continues under the flag officer of such station until he shall have received some order directly, from, or be acting in the execution of some order issued by, some other flag officer, duly authorized, or by the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral.

And we hereby direct that the captain, commander, lieutenant commanding, or master commanding, or any other officer commanding any ship, sloop, or vessel of war, singly making a capture, or seizure, or otherwise entitled to the distributive benefit arising from any proceeds, reward, grant, bounty, salvage, or award, as aforesaid ; that is to say, the officer actually in command at the time, shall have one-eighth of the remainder, or if there is no flag, one-eighth of the entire net pro-

ceeds ; and if more than one commanding officer of the same rank of command shall be entitled to share as joint captors, &c. the one-eighth shall be equally divided between them ; but when captains, commanders, lieutenants commanding, and masters commanding, respectively, our ships, sloops, and vessels of war, shall share together, in whatever variety of combination, the one-eighth shall be so divided into parts for a graduated apportionment as to provide for each captain receiving six parts, each commander of a sloop three parts, and each lieutenant commanding, or master commanding a vessel of war, two parts, which We hereby direct shall be the proportion in which they shall respectively share : commodores of the second class, and field officers of marines, or of land forces serving as marines, doing duty as field officers above the rank of major, to share as captains : and field officers of marines, or of land forces serving as marines, and doing duty in the rank of major, to share as commanders of sloops.

And We hereby further direct that, after provision shall thus have been made for the flag share (if any) and for the portion of the commanding officer or officers, the remainder of the net proceeds shall be distributed in ten classes, so that each officer, man, and boy, composing the rest of the complements of our ships, sloops, and vessels of war, and actually on board at the time of any such capture, seizure, &c. as aforesaid, and every person present and assisting, shall receive shares, or parts of shares, according to his class, as set forth in the following scale :

First Class—Commanders under captains in rated ships, masters of the fleet, medical inspectors, inspectors of steam machinery afloat in or with any ship or ships above the sixth rate,—forty shares each.

Second class—First lieutenants in rated ships, not bearing commanders, secretaries to admirals of the fleet, or to admirals commanding in chief, deputy medical inspectors, inspectors of steam machinery afloat in or with any ship or vessel below the fifth rate,—twenty-five shares each.

Third class—Sea lieutenants, masters, captains of marines, of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines, whether having higher brevet rank or not, secretaries to admirals or to commodores of the first class, not commanding in chief, chief engineers of the first class,—twenty shares each.

Fourth class—Lieutenants or quartermasters of marines, lieutenants of marine artillery, lieutenants, quartermasters, or ensigns of land forces, doing duty as marines, secretaries to commodores of the second class, chaplains, surgeons, paymasters and pursers, naval instructors, mates, assistant surgeons, second masters, chief engineers of the second and third classes, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, assistant engineers, engineers not yet on the establishment as regulated by the Order in Council of 1847, clerks in charge, passed clerks,—twelve shares each.

Fifth class—Midshipmen, master's assistants, clerks (not passed), naval cadets, assistant clerks,—seven shares each.

Sixth class—Seamen's schoolmasters, masters at arms, chief boatswain's mates, admiral's and captain's coxswain's, ship's corporals, quartermasters, gunner's, boatswain's, and carpenter's mates, captains of the fore-castle, of the after-guard, of the hold, of the main-top, and of the fore-top, coxswains of the launch, sailmakers, ropemakers, caulkers, leading stokers, ship's cooks, blacksmiths, pilots, serjeants of marines,