

of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines,—six shares each.

Seventh class—Captains of the mast and mizen top, yeomen of signals, coxswains of the barge, pinnace, and cutter, second captains of the fore-castle, of the main-top, of the fore-top, and of the afterguard, sailmaker's and caulker's mates, paymaster's and purser's stewards, musicians, coopers, armourers, corporals of marines or of land forces doing duty as marines, bombardiers of marine artillery, head kroomans,—four shares each.

Eighth class—Able seamen, carpenter's, sailmaker's, and cooper's crew, yeomen of store-rooms, ordinary seamen, privates and fifers of marines, or of land forces doing duty as marines, gunners of marine artillery, painters, stokers, coal-trimmers, second head kroomans, sick berth attendants, bandsmen,—two shares each.

Ninth class—Cook's mates, paymaster and purser's steward's mates, paymaster and purser's steward's boys, admiral's domestics, the stewards and cooks of admirals, of captains, of the ward-room, of the gun-room, and of sub-officers, second class ordinary seamen, assistant stokers, barbers, tailors, landsmen, ship's boys of the first class, engineer boys, first and second class kroomans, supernumeraries borne for victuals only, not specially authorized to do duty, persons borne merely as passengers, and not declining to render assistance on any occasion of capture, seizure, &c.—one share and one quarter of a share each.

Tenth class—Ship's boys below the first class,—three-quarters of a share each.

Seamen gunners to share in all captures, seizures, rewards, &c. as aforesaid, in the class immediately above that in which their rating is mentioned.

And in all cases in which supernumeraries, whether officers or men, shall be ordered to do duty on board any of Our ships or vessels by the Lord High Admiral, or by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, or by other proper authority (the orders of the captain or commanding officer, if no senior be present, to be deemed sufficient authority), of which due notation as to fact and authority is to be made in the muster-books, they shall share according to the class of the ranks or ratings which they respectively hold in the service, if not ordered to do duty in a higher capacity.

And in order that Our royal intentions herein may be duly carried into effect, We further direct that, when any capture or seizure is made, or service performed, for which a distributable grant or reward is to be, or is expected to be, conferred or awarded to any of Our ships or vessels of war, the captain or commanding officer shall transmit, or cause to be transmitted, as soon as may be, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, a true and perfect list of all the officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others, who were actually on board on the occasion—accompanied by a separate list, containing the names of those belonging to the crew who were absent on duty or otherwise at the time, specifying the cause of such absence,—each list to contain the quality of service of each person, together with the description of the men taken from the description book of the ship or vessel, and their several ratings, to be subscribed by the captain or commanding officer, and three or more of the chief officers on board. And when the list of those actually on board shall have been verified on examination with the muster-books, &c. the Accountant-General of Our Navy shall, upon request, grant to the agent or agents, nominated

or appointed by the captors or seizers, &c. a certificate that such list is correct, or has been corrected, as occasion may require, for the due distribution of the respective prize or other proceeds distributable as prize-money.

And in the event of difficulty arising with respect to any of the regulations hereby proposed, or if any case should occur not herein provided for, or not sufficiently provided for, We are pleased hereby to authorize the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being, to issue such directions thereupon as may appear just and expedient, which directions shall have the same force and effect as if specially provided for in this Our Royal Proclamation.

Provided always that the distribution hereinbefore ordered shall take effect only with respect to the proceeds of captures, seizures, and services, as aforesaid, which shall be made and performed on and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty. And that the proceeds arising from all captures, seizures, and services as aforesaid made or performed prior to that date shall be distributed in accordance with any proclamation or proclamations now in force, or in force at the time of such captures, seizures, or services, and applicable thereto: which We are pleased hereby to direct accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Osborne-House, Isle of Wight, this thirtieth day of July in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the thirteenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to provide for a new silver coinage, and to regulate the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm," the Master and Worker of Our Mint, in London, was authorized and empowered to coin, or cause to be coined, silver bullion into silver coins, consisting of crowns, half crowns, shillings, and sixpences, of the standard of eleven ounces and two pennyweights of fine silver and eighteen pennyweights of alloy to the pound troy; and in weight after the rate of sixty-six shillings to the pound troy:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the twelfth and thirteenth years of our reign, intituled "An Act to extend an Act of the fifty-sixth year of King George the Third for providing for a new silver coinage and for regulating the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm," the Master and Worker of Our Mint, in London, was authorized and empowered to coin, or cause to be coined, silver bullion into silver coins of the standard of fineness above mentioned, and in weight after the rate of sixty-six shilling to every pound troy, whether the same be coined in crowns, or in any pieces of a lower denomination. And whereas We have thought fit to order that certain pieces of silver money should be coined to be called Florins or tenths of a pound, and to be of the value of two shillings: And whereas, pursuant to Our said Order, and in virtue of the power given by the said recited Acts, a coinage of the said florins or