

tribution of the proceeds or bounty in respect of such pirates, or 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 the crew of 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 prize captured from the enemy, or 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-twentieth part, 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, master commanding, or any other officer duly 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 other 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 proceeds, except that if the single capturing ship be a rated ship, having a commander under the captain, the commander shall take a portion of the one-eighth part as if he were commander of a sloop according to the proportion hereinafter set forth; 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 and vessels of war, and commanders under captains, in rated ships 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, or commander under the captain, in a rated ship, three parts; and each lieutenant commanding, or master commanding, or other officer actually commanding a small 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 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, and others as above specified, 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 a share, according to his class as set forth in the following scale:

First Class.—Master of the fleet, inspector of steam machinery afloat, when embarked with a fleet, medical inspector or deputy medical inspector, when embarked with a fleet:—Forty-five shares each.

Second Class.—Senior lieutenant of a rated ship, not bearing a commander under the captain, secretary to the admiral of the fleet, or admiral commanding in chief:—Thirty-five shares each.

Third Class.—Sea lieutenant, master, captain of marines, of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines, whether having higher brevet rank or not, secretary to an admiral, or to a commodore of the first class, not commanding in chief, chief engineer:—Twenty-eight shares each.

Fourth Class.—Lieutenant or quarter-master of marines, lieutenant of marine artillery, lieutenant, quarter-master, or ensign of land forces doing duty as marines, secretary to a commodore of the second class, chaplain, surgeon, paymaster, naval instructor, mate, assistant surgeon, second master, clerk in charge, passed clerk, assistant engineer, gunner, boatswain, carpenter:—Eighteen shares each.

Fifth Class.—Midshipman, master's assistant, pilot, clerk (not passed), master at arms, chief gunner's mate, chief boatswain's mate, chief carpenter's mate, chief captain of the fore-castle, admiral's coxswain, chief quarter-master, seamen's schoolmaster, ship's steward, ship's cook:—Ten shares each.

Sixth Class.—Naval cadet, clerk's assistant, captain's coxswain, ship's corporal, quarter-master, gunner's mate, boatswain's mate, carpenter's mate, captain of fore-castle, captain of the after-guard, captain of the hold, captain of the main top, captain of the fore top, coxswain of the launch, sailmaker, ropemaker, caulker, leading stoker, blacksmith, serjeant of marines, of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines:—Nine shares each.

Seventh Class.—Captain of the mast, captain of the mizen top, yeoman of the signals, coxswain of the barge, coxswain of the pinnace, coxswain of the cutter, second captain of the fore-castle, second captain of the main top, second captain of the fore top, second captain of the after-guard, sailmaker's mate, caulker's mate, musician, cooper, armourer, corporal of marines or of land forces doing duty as marines,