

bombardier of marine artillery, head krooman:—Six shares each.

Eighth Class.—leading seaman, shipwright, second captain of the hold, able seaman, carpenter's crew, sailmaker's crew, cooper's crew, armourer's crew, yeoman of store rooms, steward's assistant, ordinary seaman, blacksmith's mate, private and fifer of marines, or of land forces doing duty as marines, gunner of marine artillery, painter, stoker, coal trimmer, second head krooman, sick berth attendant, bandsman, tailor, butcher :—Three shares each.

Ninth Class.—Cook's mate, ship's steward's boy, admiral's domestic, superintendent's domestic, admiral's steward and cook, captain's steward and cook, ward room and gun room steward and cook, subordinate officer's steward and cook, commander's servant, secretary's servant, second class ordinary seaman, assistant stoker, barber, boy of the first class, first and second class krooman, supernumeraries, except as hereinafter provided; persons borne merely as passengers and not declining to render assistance on any occasion of capture, seizure, &c. :—Two shares each.

Tenth Class.—Boy below the first class, one share.

All supernumeraries holding ranks in the service above the ranks or ratings specified in the fifth class of this Our Proclamation, who have been ordered to do duty in any of Our ships and vessels by the Lord High Admiral, by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, by the senior officer of the fleet or squadron, or, if none senior, then by the captain or commanding officer of the capturing ship or vessel, if not by special authority employed in higher capacities, shall share according to the ranks which they respectively hold in the service, but, in all cases, to qualify them for so sharing and not merely as supernumeraries in the ninth class, due notation of their being thus respectively ordered to do duty must have been made on the muster books.

And with respect to supernumeraries of ratings in the service below the denominations of those specified in the fourth class of this Our Proclamation, and who at full victuals are engaged in the ordinary duties of the ship, it is Our will and pleasure that they shall always share according to the ratings which they bear in the service.

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 the service of each person, together with the respective descriptions 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, and the separate list of persons absent, though belonging to the ship or vessel, shall have been verified on examination with the muster books, &c., lodged as official records, the Accountant General of Our Navy shall, upon request, grant to the agent or agents nominated or appointed by the

captors or seizors, &c., a certificate that such lists are correct, or have been corrected, as occasion may require, in order that distribution of the respective prize or other proceeds payable as prize money may be duly made.

And in the event of difficulty arising with respect to any of the regulations hereby ordered, or if any case should occur not herein provided for, or not sufficiently provided for, We are pleased hereby to authorise 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 April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, 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 respectively, and applicable thereto, which We are pleased hereby to direct accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and in the seventeenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of December, 1853.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the Poll at County Elections," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division, is insufficient, and praying, that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts, or division, of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division, and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divisions of counties, and the limits of cities and boroughs, in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

And whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Southampton, assembled in general