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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, We have ordered and directed, that the net proceeds of all prizes taken during the present war with Russia, by any of Our ships or vessels of war, after the same shall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful prize, shall be for the entire benefit of the officers and crews of such ships and vessels of war (save as therein excepted); in which Proclamation We have directed in what proportion the land forces, doing duty as marines, shall be entitled to share: and whereas, in the said Proclamation, We have reserved to Ourselves the division and distribution of all prize and booty taken on any conjunct expedition of Our ships and vessels of war with Our Army; and it is desirable that We should provide for the division and distribution of all prize and booty taken on such conjunct expedition, as also by Our Army alone: We, therefore, hereby order and direct that, in such cases, the net proceeds of the share which shall be assigned by Us to Our Army, under Our Royal Sign Manual, shall be divided and distributed in the following manner and proportions, viz. :—

Commander of the Forces.—

One-fourth of one-tenth part of the net proceeds.

General Officers.—

First Class.—General officers commanding divisions, and other officers, &c., holding equivalent staff appointments :

Second Class.—Other general officers, and all other officers, &c., holding equivalent staff appointments :—

The remaining three-fourths of one-tenth part of the net proceeds ; the same to be so divided that a general officer, &c., of the first class shall receive one-half more in amount than a general officer, &c., of the second class.

Field Officers.—

First Class.—Colonels, lieutenants-colonels, and brevet lieutenant-colonels, and the other officers holding staff appointments equivalent thereto :

Second Class.—Brevet lieutenant-colonels not holding an appointment qualifying them to share in the preceding class of field officers, and all majors, regimental or brevet, and all other officers holding appointments equivalent thereto :—

One-eighth of the remainder of the net proceeds ; the same to be so divided that a field officer, &c., of the first class, shall receive one-half more in amount than a field officer, &c., of the second class.

The remainder of the net proceeds shall be distributed in the following classes, so that every officer, non-commissioned officer, &c., shall receive shares, or a share, according to his class, as set forth in the following scale :—

First Class.—Captains, and all other officers entitled according to the usage of Our Army to share in that rank :—Thirty-five shares each.

Second Class.—Subalterns, and all other officers entitled according to the usage of Our Army to share in that rank :—Twenty shares each.

Third Class.—Serjeant-majors, quartermaster-serjeants, and all other staff serjeants, and others holding equivalent rank :—Ten shares each.

Fourth Class.—Serjeants, and others holding equivalent rank :—Eight shares each.

Fifth Class.—Corporals :—Four shares each.

Sixth Class.—Private soldiers, trumpeters, drummers, &c. :—Three shares each.

And in the event of any difficulty arising with respect to the class in which any officer, &c., shall be entitled to share, Our will and pleasure is that the same shall be determined and adjusted by the Commander-in-Chief of Our land forces for the time being.

Given at Our Court, at Buckingham-Palace, this eleventh day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.