

PRIZE MONEY.

PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by Our Order in Council of this day's date We were graciously pleased to annul, from and after the thirty-first day of October next, Our Royal Proclamation of the third day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, regulating, according to the Scheme set forth therein or recognised thereby, the Distribution of the net Proceeds of Prizes captured from the Enemy, of Captures and Seizures under the several Acts of Parliament passed relating to the Revenues of Customs, and to Trade and Navigation, for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, for the Capture and Destruction of Pirates and Piratical Vessels, and of the Rewards conferred for the same, as also of the Awards for all Salvage granted to the Crews of our Ships and Vessels of War, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the Terms of the respective Awards and Allowances, and in consequence of certain Alterations in the Apportionment and Classification of the Shares being desirable, it is expedient that Provision should be made for the future Distribution of such net Proceeds and Salvage not otherwise specially apportioned, and all other Monies whatsoever granted to be shared among the officers and crews of our ships and vessels in the manner of Prize Money.

We do, therefore, now make known to all Our loving Subjects, and to all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, that Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby direct, That Ships or Vessels being in sight of a prize, as also of the captor, under circumstances to cause intimidation to the prize and encouragement to the captor, shall be alone entitled to share as joint captors, and that the distribution of all such net proceeds of prizes, rewards, allowances, salvage awards, and of all bounties and grants whatsoever distributable to our Royal Navy in the manner of Prize Money, shall be made as follows, viz. :—

That the flag officer or officers shall have one-thirtieth part of the whole net proceeds arising from prizes captured from the enemy, and from all other captures and seizures, &c., as aforesaid, made by any of the ships or vessels under his or their command, and of the rewards conferred for the same, according to the following conditions and modifications, save and except as hereinafter provided and directed, that is to say :—

When there is but one flag officer he shall have the entire one-thirtieth part; when two flag officers shall be sharing together, the chief shall have two-thirds, and the other flag officer shall have the remaining one-third of the one-thirtieth part; and when there shall be more than two flag officers, the chief shall have one-half of the said one-thirtieth part, and the remaining half shall be equally divided among the junior flag officers; commodores of the first-class and captains of the fleet to share as flag officers; 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, privateer 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 pirates or piratical ship, vessel, or boat, shall share in any distribution 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-thirtieth 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 regulations as to the apportionment of the flag share to the flag officer or officers are to be observed.

With reference to flag officers it is to be noted :—

That when an inferior flag officer is sent to reinforce a superior officer on any station, the superior flag officer shall not share in any prize taken by the inferior flag officer before he has arrived within the limits of that station, unless the inferior officer shall have received some order directly from, and shall be acting in execution of some order issued by such superior flag officer.

No chief flag officer quitting any station, except upon some definite urgent service, and with the intention of returning to the station as soon as such service is performed, shall share in any prize taken by Our ships or vessels left behind after he has passed the limits of the station, or after he has surrendered the command to another flag officer appointed by the Admiralty to command in chief upon such station.

An inferior flag officer quitting any station (except when detached by orders from his commander-in-chief upon a special service, accompanied with orders to return to such station as soon as the service has been performed) shall have no share in prizes taken by the ships and vessels remaining on the station after he has passed the limits thereof.

In like manner flag officers remaining on such station shall not share in the prizes taken by such inferior officer, or by ships or vessels under his immediate command, after he has quitted the limits of the station, except he has been detached as aforesaid.

A commander-in-chief or other flag officer belonging to any station shall not share in any prize or prizes taken out of the limits of that station by any ship or vessel under the command of a flag officer of any other station, or under orders from Our Commissioners of the Admiralty, unless such commander-in-chief or flag officer is expressly authorised by Our said Commissioners to take the command of that station in which the prize or prizes is or are taken, and shall actually have taken upon him such command.

Every commodore having a captain under him shall be esteemed a flag officer with respect to the thirtieth part of prizes taken, whether he be commanding-in-chief or serving under command.

Any officer on board any of Our ships of war at the time of capturing any prize or prizes who shall have more commissions than one shall be entitled only to share in such prize or prizes according to the share allotted to him by the above-mentioned distribution in respect to his superior commission or office.

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 authorised or by the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral.

Every commodore of the second class shall share as captain.

And we hereby direct, that the captain appointed as chief of staff, captain, commander, lieutenant commanding, staff commander commanding, or any other officer duly commanding any ship 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-tenth of the remainder, or, if there is no flag officer to share, one-tenth of the entire net proceeds, except that if the single capturing ship be a classed ship having a commander under the captain the commander shall take a portion of the one-tenth part according to the proportion herein-after 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-tenth shall be equally divided between them; but when captains, commanders, lieutenants, and staff commanders 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-tenth shall be so divided into parts for a graduated apportionment as to provide for each captain receiving six parts; each commander commanding, or commander under the captain in a rated ship, three parts; and each lieutenant commanding, or staff commander commanding, or other officer actually commanding, a vessel of war, two parts, which We hereby direct shall be the proportion in which they shall respectively share; colonel of marines (artillery or light Infantry) or of land forces serving as marines, doing duty with a battalion or force employed on shore for naval operations to share as captains; lieutenant-colonel of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces serving as marines, employed on shore for naval operations, if in actual command of a battalion or force to share as captains, if second in command to share as commanders; major of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces serving as marines employed on shore for naval operations, if in actual command of a battalion or force to share as commanders. 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 eleven classes, so that each officer, man, and boy composing the rest of the complements of Our ships and vessels of war, and actually on board or absent on duty in a prize (who it is Our will and pleasure shall be the only absentees entitled to share) 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.—Staff captain, deputy inspector general of hospitals, and fleets when borne on ship's books, secretary to Admiral of the fleet or to commander-in-chief, paymaster-in-chief in the event of such an officer being employed afloat, chief inspector of machinery and inspector of machinery, when borne on ship's books other than harbour ship, forty five shares each.

SECOND CLASS.—Senior Lieutenant of a classed ship, not bearing a commander under the captain, staff commander, major of marines (artillery or light Infantry) or of land forces, doing duty as marines if the

senior military officer of a fleet or squadron, chaplain over fifteen years seniority, fleet surgeon, secretary to an admiral or commodore of the first class not commanding-in-chief or to a captain of the fleet, fleet paymaster, fleet engineer, naval instructor over fifteen years' seniority, forty shares each.

THIRD CLASS.—Lieutenant over eight years' seniority major of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, whether having higher brevet rank or not, quartermaster of marines with honorary rank of major, chaplain over eight and under fifteen years' seniority, staff surgeon, staff paymaster, paymaster, chief engineer, naval instructor over eight and under fifteen years' seniority, thirty-five shares each.

FOURTH CLASS.—Lieutenant under eight years' seniority, captain of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, whether having higher brevet rank or not, quartermaster of marines with honorary rank of captain, chaplain under eight years' seniority, surgeon, secretary to commodore second class, assistant paymaster over twelve years' seniority, assistant paymaster over six years' seniority, engineer over six years' seniority, engineer under six years' seniority, naval instructor under eight years' seniority, also lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service afloat), chief officer of cruiser in the coast guard, chief officer of a coast guard station, who has been in command of a cruiser (when embarked for service afloat) senior engineer of the Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service afloat), engineer of the Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service afloat) thirty shares each.

FIFTH CLASS.—Sub-lieutenant, lieutenant of marines, quartermaster of marines with honorary rank of lieutenant (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, assistant paymaster under six years' seniority, assistant engineer, chief gunner, chief boatswain, chief carpenter, gunner, boatswain, carpenter, head schoolmaster, artificer engineer, also sub-lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service), assistant engineer of the Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service), senior mate of a cruiser in the coast guard, chief officer of a coast guard station who has never commanded a cruiser (when embarked for service) twenty shares each.

SIXTH CLASS.—Midshipman, clerk, pilot, chief petty officer (seaman class), chief yeoman of signals, warrant officer of marines (if embarked) (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, staff sergeants and colour sergeants of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, master-at-arms, naval schoolmaster, chief writer (old system), chief writer (new system), chief engine room artificer (old system) chief engine room artificer, first and second classes (new system), chief carpenter's mate (new system), chief carpenter's mate (old system) chief armourer, engine room artificer (old system), engine room artificer, first, second, third and fourth classes (new system), ship's steward, ship's steward for general mess, instructor in cookery, chief cook, ship's cook for general mess, chief bandmaster, chief sick berth steward, chief stoker, draughtsman, admiral's or commodore's steward or cook, general messman, captain's and cabin steward, captain's and cabin cook, and all other chief petty officers, also midshipman of Royal Naval Reserve (when embarked for service), second mate of a cruiser in the coast guard service, chief boatman of the coast guard in charge, (when embarked for service), twelve shares each.

SEVENTH CLASS.—Naval cadet, assistant clerk, first class petty officer (seaman class), yeoman of signals, sailmaker, ropemaker, sergeant of marines (artillery or light infantry), or of land forces doing duty as marines, ship's corporal first class, ship's corporal second class, carpenter's mate (new system), carpenter's mate (old system), caulker, blacksmith, armourer, plumber, painter first class, cooper, leading stoker first class, sick berth steward, ship's cook, bandmaster, head krooman in classed ships, tindal or head man of seedies in classed ships, domestic first class of five years' service and all other first class petty officers,

also chief boatman of the coast guard (when embarked for service), ten shares each.

Eighth Class.—Second class petty officer (seaman class), second yeoman of signals, sailmaker's mate, leading shipwright, leading seaman, corporal of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, bombardier of marine artillery, second cooper, armourer's mate, blacksmith's mate, painter second class, plumber's mate, leading signalman, leading carpenter's crew, shipwright (new system), leading stoker second class, second sick berth steward, second ship's cook, band corporal, musician, second writer, head krooman (in other than classed ships), tindal or head man of seedies (in other than classed ships), ship's steward's assistant after three years' service as such domestic first class under five years' service, and domestic second class of three years' service as such, and all other second class petty officers, also commissioned boatman and divisional carpenter of the coast guard (when embarked for service), seven shares each.

Ninth Class.—Yeoman of store room, second captain of the hold, sailmaker's crew, able seaman, qualified signalman, ordinary seaman, signalman, gunner of marine artillery, private of marines, drummer and bugler of marines (artillery or light infantry) or of land forces doing duty as marines, shipwright (old system), stoker and coal trimmer, blacksmith's crew, armourer's crew, plumber's crew, cooper's crew, third writer, lithographer, stoker second class, carpenter's crew, domestic second class, under three years' service as such, and domestic third class, over 18 years of age, bandsman, ship's steward's assistant with less than three years' service as such, sick berth attendant after three years' service if qualified for promotion, tailor, shoemaker, butcher, second head krooman, second tindal or second head man of seedies, also boatman of the coast guard (when embarked for service), and dock and victualling yard apprentices (if embarked for service), four shares each.

Tenth Class.—Bakers, sick berth attendant (under three years' service or if not qualified for promotion), assistant baker, cook's mate, second cook's mate, assistant butcher, krooman, seedie, supernumeraries, except as herein-after provided, and persons borne merely as passengers, and not declining to render assistance on any occasion of capture, seizure, &c., two shares each.

Eleventh Class.—Signal boy, boy first class, boy second class, ship's steward's boy, band boy, boy writer, domestic third class, under 18 years of age, one share each.

And with respect to supernumeraries, We do hereby direct:—

1st. That all supernumeraries holding ranks in the service above the ranks or ratings specified in the sixth 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 tenth class, due notation of their being thus respectively ordered to do duty must be made on the victualling lists and prize lists.

2nd. That all supernumeraries holding ratings in the service below the denominations of those specified in the fifth class of this Our Proclamation, and who at full victuals are engaged in the ordinary duties of the ship, shall always share according to the ratings which they bear in the service.

3rd. That no interpreter, unless holding some rank or rating in the service shall share in any proceeds, bounties or awards as aforesaid, except by the special permission of the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being.

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 made, 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, with a notation thereon, stating whether any other of Our ships or vessels was in sight at the time of the capture, 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, with 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, with the separate list of persons absent, though belonging to the ship or vessel, shall have been verified on examination with the ship's books lodged as official records, the Accountant-General of Our Navy shall grant 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 or salvage money may be duly made in the department of the Accountant-General of Our Navy.

And in the distribution of such prize, or other proceeds payable as prize and salvage money, We hereby direct that all officers, seamen, marines, soldiers, and others holding acting appointments superior to their substantive ranks or ratings, and who are in receipt of pay of such acting appointment, shall share in the classes to which the ranks and ratings in which they are acting, may belong; and further that all persons temporarily employed in Our Navy shall share in the classes to which the ranks and ratings to which they are temporarily appointed may belong.

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 specially 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 herein before 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 November one thousand nine hundred; 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 Balmoral, this seventeenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and in the sixty-fourth year of Our reign

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.