taken by Ships or Vessels belonging to or hired by or in the Service of our Commissioners of Customs or Excise; the Disposition of which We reserve to our further pleasure; and also save and except, as hereinafter mentioned,) but subject to the payment of all such or the like Customs and Duties as the same are now, or would have been liable to if the same were or might have been imported as Merchandize; and that the same may be so given in the Proportion and Manner hereinafter set forth, that is to say; — That all Prizes taken by Ships and Vessels having Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprizals (save and except such Prizes as are or shall be taken by the Ships or Vessels belonging to or hired by, or in the Service of our Commissioners aforesaid) may be sold and disposed of by the Merchants, Owners, Fitters and others to whom such Letters of Marque and Reprizals are granted for their own Use and Benefit after final Adjudication and not before. — And we do hereby further Order and direct, that the net produce of all Prizes which are or shall be taken by any of our Ships or Vessels of War, (save and except when they shall be acting on any conjunct expedition with our Army, in which case we reserve to ourselves the Division and Distribution of all Prize and Booty taken; and also save and except as hereinafter mentioned;) shall be for the entire Benefit and Encouragement of our Flag Officers Captains, Commanders and other Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Seamen, Marines and Soldiers, on board our said Ships and Vessels at the Time of the Capture, and that such Prizes may be lawfully sold and disposed of by them and their Agents, after the same shall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful Prize, and not otherwise. — The Distribution shall be made as follows. — The whole of the net Produce being first divided into eight equal parts. — "The Captain or Captains of any of our said Ships or Vessels of War, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall have three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of our Ships or Vessels of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers, being actually on board or directing and assisting in the Capture shall have one of the three Eighth Parts; the said One Eighth Part to be paid to such Flag or Flag Officers in such Proportions, and subject to such Regulations as are herein-after mentioned. — The Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants, and Master on board, shall have one Eighth Part to be equally divided amongst them; But that every

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