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is no Pilot then such Eighth Part to go wholly to the Master or Person acting as second in Command. — That the Share of the Chirurgeon, or Chirurgeon's Mate, (where there is no Chirurgeon), Midshipmen, Clerk and Steward, shall be One Eighth. — That the Share of the Boatswain's, Gunners, and Carpenters Mates, Yeomen of the Sheets, Sailmaker, Quarter Master, and Quarter Master's Mate, shall be One Eighth. — And the Share of the Seamen Marines and other Persons on board, assisting in the Capture, shall be two Eighth Parts. But it is Our Intention nevertheless that the above Distribution, shall only extend to such Captures as shall be made by any Cutter Schooner or — — — Armed Vessel, without any of Our Ships or Vessels of War being present, or within sight of, and adding to the encouragement of the Captors, and terror of the Enemy; but in Case any of Our Ships or Vessels of War shall be present or in Sight, that then the Officers, Pilots, Petty Officers and Men on board such Cutters and Schooners, or Armed Vessels, shall share in the same Proportion as is allowed to Persons of the like Rank and Denomination on board of Our Ships and Vessels of War and such Cutters Schooners or Armed Vessels, shall not in respect to such Captures convey any Interest or Share in the Flag Eighth to the Flag Officer or Officers, under whose Orders such Cutters, Schooners and Armed Vessels may happen to be: And Whereas it is judged expedient during the present Hostilities to hire into Our Service Armed Vessels to be employed as Cruizers against the Enemy, which Vessels are the Property of, and their Masters and Crews are paid by, the Merchants of whom they are Hired, although several of them are commanded by Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay; it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that the Net Produce of all Prizes taken by such hired Armed Vessels (except as hereinafter mentioned,) shall be for the Benefit of Our Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Masters and Crews on board the said hired Armed 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 whereof shall be as follows: The whole of the net Produce being divided into Eight equal Parts;

Our Officer commanding any hired Armed Vessel, who shall be actually on board at the Taking of any Prize shall have three

Eighths;