

S U P P L E M E N T  
TO  
GENERAL ORDERS.

SEPARATE No. 40 OF 1842.

BY THE HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,  
BOMBAY CASTLE, 14th SEPTEMBER 1842.

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Compilation of all existing orders under the head "Prize Property."

*By order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council,*

P. M. MELVILL, Lieut. Col.  
*Secy. to Govt.*

# PRIZE PROPERTY.

INCLUDING REGULATIONS FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION.

I. (*Extract from Hon'ble Court's Letter to Bengal, dated 31st October 1821. Para. XXXIV.*) Art. 1. "All Booty captured from an Enemy by the Company's Troops alone, becomes the property of the Company, by virtue of the Letters Patent from the Crown, dated 14th January 1758. All Booty captured from an Enemy by a Force of which His Majesty's Troops form a part, is the property of the Crown; and no right to any part of such Booty is, in either case, vested in the Troops capturing it, except by special grant from us in the first case, or the Crown in the second."

G. G. O. 15th  
June 1822.

II. (2.) (*Para. XXXV.*) "We accordingly think it proper to direct that, in future, no Booty taken from an Enemy, shall be called or considered as *lawful Prize*, or the Proceeds thereof in any way appropriated or distributed, without our previous sanction, (or that of the Crown in cases where the Royal Sanction is legally requisite); but that all such Booty, or the value arising from the Sale of it, be set apart and deposited in our Treasuries, and a correct Account taken of it and transmitted to us by the earliest practicable opportunity, to await our decision, or the decision of the Crown, as the case may require."

III. (3.) Grain, Cattle and Sheep, found in the Territory and Villages of the Enemy's Country, that have been deserted, are likewise to be considered as the Property of the Company.

G. O. C. 26th  
Dec. 1791.

IV. (4.) All Guns, and Military Stores, taken from the Enemy, are immediately to be delivered to the Commanding Officer of Artillery; but as the Company have considered them in the same light as other Property taken from the Enemy, a just valuation is to be made of their Amount as soon as possible. This Valuation is to be submitted to the Commanding Officer, and, if approved by him, to be delivered to the Prize Agents, who will debit the Company accordingly, provided Government is pleased to allow it.

(135 a 7.) *On the question submitted by the Bombay Government, relative to the Ornaments of Pagodas; Government directed that they were not to be considered as Prize, nor touched on any account.*

V. (5.) (*Extract from H. C. L. to Bengal, dated 31st October 1821.*) (*Para. XXXII.*) "We approve of your decision respecting the Ornaments of Pagodas."

G. G. O. 15th  
June 1822.

VI. The Prize Agents chosen by the different Detachments, and sanctioned and appointed by the respective Commanding Officers, shall, previous to the disposal of any Captured Property, lay before them a particular Account of the same; and Officers Commanding Detachments, are directed either to reserve such Stores and Provisions for the Company at a fair valuation, and giving a Receipt to the Prize Agents for the amount, provided they are required, for the use of the Army or Detachment; or if not required, to give their sanction for their disposal in any manner the Prize Agents may think proper.

G. O. C. 26th  
Dec. 1790.

VII. All Debts due to the Prize Funds of the several Detachments, are directed to be deducted from the Shares of the Individuals by whom they are due, previous to their Abstracts being discharged.

G. G. O. 29th  
Mar. 1821.

VIII. Experience having brought to notice, in numerous instances, the great loss that Soldiers suffer, more especially the Native Troops, from mistakes in names, omissions, and loss of Prize Rolls, the Commanding Officer of the Forces directs it may be observed as a standing regulation in time to come, that, whenever Corps or Detachments are employed on Field Service, and are called on to furnish Prize Rolls for Captured Property, that Copies thereof be sent to the Adjutant General's Office, as a Record to resort to in the event of necessity from either of the above causes, and to obviate in future the recurrence of such vexatious circumstances as have arisen from the want of such official Documents.

G. O. C. 23d  
Nov. 1808.

IX. The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish for general information the following Extract of a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 11th February 1824, together with the subjoined copy of His Majesty's Warrant for the distribution of the property captured during the operations against Russool Khyma and other places in the Persian Gulf in 1819 | 20.

G. G. O. 26th  
April 1825.

X. (*Extract of a Letter from H. C. D. dated 11th February 1824. Para LXXX.*) In our Letter in the Political Department, dated the 21st November 1821, we advised you of our intention to make application to His Majesty's Government for authority to appropriate the Booty captured during the operations against Russool Khyma in 1819 | 20 in favor of the Forces engaged, both Naval and Military, and towards defraying the expenses incurred by the Company in carrying on the expedition.

XI. (81.) We have now to apprise you that His Majesty's has been graciously pleased to grant one half of the Booty acquired during the operations, to the Company, for their own use, and the other half to the Forces by whom it was captured.

XII. (82.) You will receive as a number in the Packet, a copy of the Warrant of His Majesty issued on this occasion, and you will be pleased to give the necessary order for payment of the moiety which is granted to the Forces, to the Trustees appointed by the Crown (Major General Sir William Grant Keir, K. C. B. and Vice Admiral Sir Richard King K. C. B.) or their regular constituted Agents.

XIII. (83.) We have further to acquaint you, that in accordance with the practice which we have observed in cases like the present, of evincing our favorable disposition towards the Forces employed in our service, we have resolved to give up to the Forces, both Naval and



to the credit of either of the Funds herein before mentioned under the Directions of this Act, provided such person or persons shall have preferred his or their claims thereto to the said Court of Directors if such money shall have been paid over to the said Company in England, or shall have been carried over from their Funds at Home, or to the Governor in Council of the Presidency when the same shall have been paid over to the said Company, or carried over from their Funds in India, within six years, after the same shall have been so paid or carried over, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Public Act.* XIII. And be it further enacted, that this act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others without being specially pleaded.

No. 367.

FROM COLONEL W. CASEMENT:

*Secretary to Government  
Military Department.*

To,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

*Military Department,  
Bombay,*

SIR,

XXXI. The Hon'ble the Court of Directors having approved of a Scale of Distribution of Prize money, which was proposed by the General Prize Committee at this Presidency, for Europeans, Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates and having desired that a Copy thereof be sent to the other Presidencies for information and guidance, I am instructed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to transmit herewith a copy of the said document, in conformity with the Hon'ble Court's orders.

G. L. G. I.  
22d Aug. 1833.  
Mily. Dept.

I have &c.

(signed) W. CASEMENT, Col.  
*Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Fort William,  
22d Aug. 1833.

(True Copy)  
BRUCE SETON,  
*Secretary Genl. P. Com.*

XXXII. *Proposed scale of distribution of Prize Money to European Commissioned, Non-Commissioned Officers, Privates &c.*

Commander in Chief.....	1/2 of the whole.
General Officers.....	1500 Shares.
Colonels.....	600 Ditto.
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General * and Quarter Master General * of Her Majesty's, and the Hon'ble Company's * Troops, Commissary General, * Members of the Medical Board, Inspector of Hospitals of Her Majesty's Troops.....	360 Ditto.
NOTE. <i>The Inspector of Hospitals of Her Majesty's Troops in the Bhurtpoor Distribution received the difference between the Share of a Lieutenant Colonel and a Colonel under orders from the Court of Directors; vide Secretary Colonel Casement's Letter No. 342 of the 21st May 1830.</i>	
Majors, Deputy Adjutant General, and Deputy Quarter Master General, * of Her Majesty's and Hon'ble Company's Troops, Deputy Commissary General, * and Superintending Surgeons.....	240 Shares.
Captains, Surgeons, Assistant Adjutant General, * and Assistant Quarter Master General of Her Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops, Assistant Commissary General, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, * Quarter Master General and Commissary General, Paymaster, * Surgeon to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Brigade Majors, * Aids-de-Camp * to His Excellency the Commander in Chief and General Officers, and Commissaries of Ordnance.....	120 Shares.
Lieutenants, Assistant Surgeons, Cornets, Ensigns, Adjutants, and Quarter Masters, of Her Majesty's Dragoons and Infantry, Veterinary Surgeons, Deputy Assistant, and Deputy Assistant Commissaries of Ordnance....	60 Ditto.
Conductors, Riding Masters, Apothecaries, Stewards, sub-Assistant Veterinary Surgeons and Provost Martial.....	15 Ditto.
Sub-Conductors, Assistant Apothecaries, Assistant Stewards, Regimental Serjeant Majors, Staff Brigade and Farriers, Serjeants of Horse Artillery, Park Serjeant, Armourer and Serjeants of Artillery.....	3 Ditto.
Trumpet Majors, Paymaster Serjeants, Sadler Serjeants, Schoolmaster Serjeants, Hospital Serjeants, Drill Serjeants, Color Serjeants, Armourer Serjeants, Drum Majors, Rough Riders, Brigade and Staff Serjeants of Foot Artillery, Magazine Serjeants, Laboratory Serjeants and Serjeants..	2 Ditto.
File Majors, Corporals, Bombardiers, Trumpeters, Farriers, Rough Riders, Gunners, Drummers, and Privates.....	4 Ditto.
Volunteers.....	1 Ditto.

\* *These Officers share in their Brevet or Regimental Rank, Should such Rank be superior to those herein stated.*

XXXIII. The Honorable the Court of Directors having approved of a scale of future distribution of Prize Money for the several classes and ranks of Natives serving with the

G. G. O. 17th  
July 1829.

Bengal Army, and directed its adoption at all the three Presidencies, the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the same for the observance of the Army of this Presidency.

XXXIV.

Scale of Distribution.

Shares.

Subedar, Syrang, .....	}	6
Woordee Major, Russaldar, .....		
Jemodar, Tindal, .....		2
Naib Russaldar, .....	}	1
Havildar, Native Doctor, .....		
Naik, Drummer, .....	}	3
Trumpeter, Gun Lascar, .....		
Privato, Puckallio, .....		
Native Farrier, Duffadar, .....		
Nishan Burder, Nuggurchee, .....		
Vakeel and Hirkarrab, .....		
Gun Driver, Rheestie, .....		
Nakeeb, .....		

XXXV.

Ranks assigned to the Marine Officers comparatively with those of the Army as follows.

Commodore, .....	Colonel.
Senior Captains .....	Lieut. Colonels.
Junior Captains .....	Majors.
Commanders and 1st Lieutenants, .....	Captains.
Second Lieutenants, .....	Lieutenants.
Midshipman, .....	Ensign.

And the Petty Officers below the Midshipmen would appear to have the following comparative rank.

Boatswains, .....	}	Serjeants.
Gunners, .....		
Carpenters, .....		
Stewards, .....	}	Corporals.
Qr. Masters, .....		
Boatswains Mates, .....		
Petty Officers, .....		
Seamen, Ordinary, .....		Privates.
Lascars, .....		Depoys.

Supt of Navy's Letter 11th Aug. 1835.

XXXVI. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council having sanctioned the following Scale of Prize Money for the Indian Navy, the same is hereby published for the General information of the service.

Class 1st	}	Commodore, If the vessel he commands or assist in his ship in taking the Prize, to share .....	}	One sixth of the whole.
		If the Prize is captured by a ship or vessel under his command, to share .....		Do. Do.
		Captains, Commanders or other officers in command if not serving under the orders of a Commodore, to share .....		Do. Do.
Class 2d	}	If serving under a Commodore after deducting his share to have remainder .....	}	One sixth
Class 3d		Lieutenants, Surgeons, Captains of Marines, .....		Each fifty shares.
Class 4th	}	Pursers, Assistant Surgeons, Chaplains, Lieutenants of Marines and Mates, .....	}	Do. forty do.
Class 5th		Midshipmen, Clerks, Subedars, Jemadars, Gunners, Boat-swains, Carpenters and Native Commanders, .....		Do. thirty do.
Class 6th	}	Serjeants, Conductors, Apothecaries, Havildars and European Petty Officers, .....	}	Do. twelve do.
Class 7th		Corporals, Naikes, Syrans and European Seamen, .....		Do. ten do.
Class 8th	}	Tindals, Native Caulkers, ships Cook, Captain and Officers	}	Do. four do.
Class 9th		Buttlers, Native Seamen and Privates, .....		Do. four do.
Class 9th		Servants, Cooks and European Boys, .....		Each two shares.
Class 10th		Native Boys and Toppasses, .....		Do. one do.
Class 11th		Supernumeraries, .....		Do. according to the corresponding rank.

NOTE. A. Captains and Commanders when not under Orders of a Commodore to have equal Shares of one sixth of the whole.

When under the Orders of Commodore after deducting his sixteenth to share equally one sixth of the remainder.

G. L. 2d May 1829.

XXXVII. The Governor in Council has resolved to remodel the Prize Committee established at Bombay, and to declare it to be in future a General Prize Committee, composed entirely of Military Officers, with a Secretary on a Salary of Rupees 175 per mensem.

G. G. O. 2d May 1829.

XXXVIII. The General Prize Committee will henceforth be composed of the following Officers:—

- The Adjutant General.
- The Quarter Master General.
- The Town Major.

NOTE. The Orders respecting Prize Property in the Concan, Deccan &c. are not inserted, as they are specially applicable to each case of Distribution.

to the said Land Forces employed on the Expedition shall be distributed between the Commanders in Chief, Officers and Privates composing the same according to the rule heretofore used and observed by the Army in India under the aforesaid Scheme or Schedule.— And that the portion of the said Booty, so as aforesaid, belong to the Naval Forces employed in the said Expedition be distributed amongst the Commander in Chief, Flag and other Officers, and Men belonging to the said Naval Forces employed in the same Expedition agreeably to our Proclamation aforesaid and to the practice of our Navy respecting the Ships or Vessels in the Service of the United Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies sharing with them.— And we are graciously pleased further to order and direct, that in case any doubt shall arise respecting the claims to share in the distribution of the moiety hereby granted to the said Land and Naval Forces, or respecting any demand upon the said captured Booty the same shall be determined by the said Major General Sir William Keir Grant, and Vice-Admiral Sir Richard King, K. C. B., and the Flag and General Officer or such of them as can be conveniently assembled, or by such Person or Persons, to whom they, or a Majority of them, shall agree to refer the same, which determination thereupon made, shall with all convenient speed be noticed to the Commissioners of our Treasury and the same shall be final and conclusive to all intents and purposes unless within three months after the receipt thereof at the Office of the Commissioners of our Treasury. We shall be pleased otherwise to order hereby reserving to ourselves to make such order therein as to us shall seem fit.— Given at our Court at Carlton House this tenth day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-three in the Fourth Year of our Reign.

XXIII. (No. 65 of 1827.) Referring to the G. O. bearing date the 26th April 1825, No. 152, the Governor in Council has much satisfaction in publishing in G. O. the following despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Military Department, dated the 12th April 1826, granting in addition to the Prize property realized by the Agents the full valuation of all Boats captured and destroyed by the Forces employed against the expedition against the Pirates in the Persian Gulf in 1819.

G. G. O. 17th  
Feb. 1827.

(Paras 2 and 7.) In carrying into effect the Royal Warrant for the grant of the Booty taken by the Forces employed on the expedition against the Pirates in the Persian Gulf doubts have arisen as to whether the value of Piratical Vessels claimed by the captors should, altho the amount has not been realized, be considered as Booty payable to the Company.

XXIV. (Political Despatch dated 30th April 1825. Para 2d.) We direct that the captors shall be compensated, for all the Vessels which, having belonged to the enemies, and captured from them, were either taken into the public service, or given up under the direction of the constituted authorities to the Arab Chief, our allies; and that all such Vessels shall be considered as Booty within the meaning of His Majesty's grant;

but we think that those vessels which were not captured, but destroyed in the course of the operations cannot be considered as Booty.

XXV. (3.) You will accordingly in virtue of His Majesty's grant of the Trustees one Moiety of the amount of the estimated value of such Vessels as were actually taken by the Forces engaged in the operations in the Persian Gulf.

XXVI. (4.) The remaining Moiety you will likewise pay to the Agents as a Donation from us, to the Forces, in conformity with the intention announced in our Military despatch of the 11th February 1824.

XXVII. In conformity to the above Orders, and those previously published in General Orders of the 26th April 1825. The Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct, that the following further sums to be paid over to Messrs. Shotton Malcolm & Co. for distribution under His Majesty's Warrant, after payment of the per centage due to the Prize Agents, and with Interest at 6 per cent per annum from 30th September 1820, vizt.

Rupees..... 1,34,625  
1,32,000

Total Rupees..... 2,66,625

XXVIII. In accordance with instructions received from the Government of India, regarding the practice which is in operation there, of admitting claims to Prize Monies, notwithstanding that the time allowed for the distribution thereof has expired, all parties belonging to the Hon'ble Company's Native Troops in the Bombay Establishment, having claims on the Java, Columbo, Isle of France, Egypt, Russal Khyrna, Deccan, or any other Prize Monies, may continue to bring forward their claims to participate therein, through Commanding Officers of Corps &c. to the General Prize Committee at the Presidency for adjustment, until further orders.

G. G. O. 9th  
Sept. 1837.

XXIX. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that the following copy of Act 9th, Geo. IV. Cap. 50, be published in General Orders:

G. G. O. 10th  
Augt. 1832.

Anno Nono.  
Georgii IV Regis.  
Cap. L.

XXX. An Act for regulating the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Shares of Prize Money acquired by Soldiers or Seamen in the service of the East India Company. Whereas by an Act made and passed in the first and second years of the Reign of His present Majesty, 1 and 2 Geo. IV. Cap. 61, intituled an Act to regulate the appropriation of unclaimed Shares of Prize Money belonging to Soldiers or Seamen in the service of the East India Company, Provisions are made for regulating the appropriation of all such unclaimed Prize Money, belonging to Soldiers or Seamen in the service of the United Company of

Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, as had accrued at the time of the passing of the said Act, and as was then remaining in the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents, or of any other person or persons whomsoever. And whereas it is expedient that Provisions should be made for regulating the appropriation of all sums of Money belonging to Officers and Soldiers employed in the service of the said United Company, and of all sums of Money belonging to Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Ships hired by or belonging to the said United Company, which, since the passing of the said Act have come into the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents, or any other person or persons whomsoever, or which since the passing of the said Act, have severally arisen from or have become distributable, or shall hereafter arise from or become distributable in respect of any capture made or other Warlike service already performed, and which shall hereafter come to the hands of Prize Agents and other persons, and that all unclaimed Shares of such Prize Money should be appropriated as hereinafter is provided. Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty's, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in the present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same that all and every Share of Booty, Prize Money, Head Money, Bounty Money, and Salvage Money, and of Money arisen or to arise from or distributable, or hereafter to become distributable, in respect of any capture made or other Warlike Service whatsoever performed belonging to or to belong to Officers or Soldiers in or to any Officer or Soldier in or having been in the Service of the said Company in whatever Service the same may have accrued, which since the passing of the said recited Act, has come into and is now remaining in the hands or shall hereafter come into the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents, or any other person or persons whomsoever shall be paid over to the said United Company in London, or at any of their Settlements Abroad, according to the residence of the Party or Parties paying the same, or as the Court of Directors, of the said United Company shall direct, all sums of *Application of the Money so paid over.* money, when so paid over, and shall be applied to the Fund established by the Right Hon'ble Robert, late Lord Clive, for the relief of persons and the Widows of persons in the Military Service of the said United Company, commonly called Lord Clive's Fund, for the purpose and objects of the said Fund, according to the Rules and Regulations for the time being thereof; subject nevertheless to be refunded, without interest to any person or persons entitled to the same, and establishing his, her, or their claim or claims thereto to the satisfaction of the Court of Directors of the said Company or of the Governor and Council of the Settlement where the same shall have been paid over to the said Company.

*Prize Money belonging to Seamen in the hands of Agents and others to be paid over to the East India Company.* } 11. And be it further enacted, that all and every share and shares of Booty, Prize Money, Head Money, Bounty Money, and Salvage Money, and of Money arisen or to arise from or distributable, or hereafter to become distributable, in respect of any Capture made, or other Warlike service whatsoever already performed, belonging, or to belong to Commanders, Officers, and Soldiers, or other persons, or to any Commander, Officer, Soldier or other person serving or who may have served on Board of any Ship or Vessel in the Service of the said Company, whether hired or belonging to the said Company in whatsoever service the same may have accrued, which since the passing of the said recited Act, has come into and is now remaining in the hands or shall hereafter come into the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents or any other person or persons whomsoever shall be paid over to the United Company in London, or at any of their Settlements Abroad, according to the residence of the party or parties paying the same or as the Court of Directors of the said United Company shall direct, and all sums of *Application of such Money.* of Money when so paid over, shall be applied to the Hospital Fund established for the relief of persons and Widows of persons belonging to the Ships and Vessels in the Service of the said United Company, commonly called "Popular Hospital," for the purposes and objects of the said last mentioned Fund, according to the Rules and Regulations for the time being thereof; subject nevertheless, to be refunded, without interest, to any person or persons entitled to the same, and establishing his, her, or their claim or claims thereto to the satisfaction of the Court of Directors of the said Company, or of the Governor and Council of the settlement where the same shall have been paid over to the said Company.

*Nothing herein to give to the Company any right to Prize Money of any Soldier or Sailor on account of Services in His Majesty's Forces or Ships.* } 111. Provided always and be it further enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give to the said United Company or any person or persons, on the behalf of the said Company any Right, Title or Interest in or to any Booty, Prize Money, Head Money, Bounty Money, Salvage Money, or to any forfeited or Unclaimed Share or Shares thereof, which now is or are or hereafter shall be due or payable to any Officer, Soldier, Sailor, or other person on account of Services in His Majesty's Army, Royal Artillery, Block, Provincial or other Troops in the Pay of His Majesty or on Board of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels or in any other Service to the forfeited and unclaimed Shares of which the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich or the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at Chelsea, the respective Treasurers thereof are entitled or shall become entitled, by the Laws now in Force nor to give any powers or authorities to the said United Company over such last mentioned Booty, Prize Money, Head Money, Bounty Money, or Salvage Money, or in respect thereof.

*Times within which payments to the Company are to be made.* } 1V. Provided also and be it further enacted, that all Money now remaining in the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents, or any other person or persons whomsoever and which is hereby directed to be paid over in London, shall be paid within six Calendar months next after the passing of this Act; and all such money which shall be, to be paid over at any of the Set-

lements abroad of the said United Company, shall be paid within six Calendar months next after the Governments of the said Settlements respectively shall have caused the Provisions of this Act, in that respect to be notified in the way in which General Orders for the Army are usually published at the said Settlements respectively; and that all money which shall hereafter come into the hands of any Prize Agent or Prize Agents, or any other person or persons whomsoever, and which is hereby directed to be paid over to the said United Company, and which shall be to be paid in London, shall be paid within six Calendar months next after the receipt thereof by such Prize Agent or Agents, or other person or persons, and that all such money which shall be to be paid over to any of the Settlements abroad of the said United Company, and which shall be in the hands of such Prize Agent or Agents, or other person or persons at the time when Governments at the said Settlements respectively shall have caused the Provisions of this Act in that respect to be notified in the way in which General Orders for the Army are usually published at the said Settlements respectively shall be paid over within six Calendar months next after such notification; And that all such money which shall after such Notification come to the hands of any Prize Agent or Agents or other person or persons whomsoever shall be paid within six Calendar Months next after the receipt thereof by such Prize Agent or Agents or the person or persons.

*Agents and other persons to deliver upon Oath, accounts of unclaimed shares.*

v. And be it further enacted, that all and every person or persons whomsoever, who are required by this Act to pay over any money

to the said United Company, shall, and they are hereby required without further requisition or notice, to be delivered and caused to be delivered to the Secretary to the United Company in London, or to the several Secretaries of the respective Governments at the Settlements abroad where such money shall be to be paid over to the said United Company respectively, a true and correct account of all the monies remaining in his, or their hands, and so to be paid over with a list or lists of the Names, Rank, Regiment, or other sufficient description of persons entitled thereto, which accounts and Lists shall be verified by the affidavit on Oath of the Party, or one of the Parties required to deliver the same, such oath to be taken before any Magistrate or other person authorized by any Court of Law or Equity to administer oaths, and which oath such Magistrate or other person hereby required to administer accordingly.

*The Court of Directors and Governments abroad empowered to call for General Prize Accounts on Oath.*

vi. And be it further enacted that upon the reasonable request and notice of the Court of Directors of the said United Company, and the Governments of the settle-

ments of the said Company abroad respectively, all and every person and persons whomsoever, who are required by this Act to pay over any Money to the said United Company shall make out and deliver, or cause to be made out and delivered to the Secretaries of the said Court of Directors and of the said Government respectively requiring the same, full, true, and particular accounts in writing of all the Receipts, Payments, Dealings, and Transactions of such person or persons; and if they shall be Executors, Administrators, Agents, or Representatives, then, full, true, and particular accounts in writing of their several Testators, Intestates, and principals, any way relating to any Booty, Prize money, or other matter in respect of which such money so to be paid over shall have arisen, with the dates of all and every such Receipts, Payments, Dealings, and Transactions, and true and correct Lists and Descriptions of all grants, Deeds, Writings, Books of Account, Letters, Papers whatsoever in the Custody or Power or whichever shall have been in the Custody or power of the Persons respectively required to make out and deliver the same or of their respective Testators, Intestates, or Principals, any way relating to such Booty, Prize money, or other matter; which accounts and Lists shall be verified by Affidavit on Oath, to the best of the knowledge, Information, and Belief of the person or persons required to make out and deliver the same, such Oath to be taken before any Magistrate or other person authorized by any Court of Law or Equity to administer Oaths, and which Oath such Magistrate or other person is hereby required to administer accordingly; and all the Grants, Deeds, Writings, Books of Account, Letters, and Papers relating to the matters aforesaid, and in the Custody or power of the Person or Persons required to pay over any such money as aforesaid, shall be produced and shewn at all reasonable times, at the place or places where such Grants, Deeds, Writings, Books of Account, Letters, and papers shall be usually kept and deposited, or in some other reasonable and convenient manner to such person and persons as the said Court of Directors or to the said Governments respectively, shall direct or authorize to inspect the same; and such person or persons shall have full liberty to inspect, and take and cause to be taken, such Copies, Extracts, an Abstract thereof, as he or they, or the said Court of Directors, or the said Governments respectively, shall see fit.

*Not to require accounts which have been legally closed.*

Provided always that this Act, or any thing herein contained or the production, inspection, or Examination of the Accounts Books and Papers before mentioned, shall not in any way be deemed or construed to extend to open any account which shall have been conclusively closed and settled by the order, Judgment, sentence or Decree of any Court of competent Jurisdiction, or in any other manner by which the parties interested therein would have been concluded if this Act had not passed, nor to prevent any Court of competent Jurisdiction to order any such Account to be opened, or to give liberty for surcharge or falsification thereof upon just cause and ground shewn for that purpose.

*Persons taking false Oath Guilty of Perjury and Persons suborning liable to penalties of Perjury according to the Law of England.*

vii. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons whatsoever shall be convicted of making a false Oath touching any of the matters directed or required by this Act to be testified on Oath, such person or per-

sons so convicted as aforesaid shall be deemed guilty of Perjury and shall be liable to the pains and penalties to which persons guilty of Perjury are liable by any Law in Force in that part of the United Kingdom called England, and if any persons shall corruptly procure or suborn any other person or persons to swear falsely in any such Oath such person being duly convicted of such procuring and suborning shall for every such offence incur and suffer such Penalties, forfeitures, Pains and disabilities as persons convicted of Perjury are respectively liable unto by any Law in Force, in the said part of the said United Kingdom of England.

*Power of Recovery of the Money directed to be paid over.* } VIII. And be it enacted that the said United Company shall have and be entitled to the same Rights, Powers, Remedies and Methods of the suit at Law or in Equity or by any Admiralty Process to be commenced and prosecuted in the name of the said United Company, in the several Courts of Justice in the United Kingdom, and in the East Indies and elsewhere so ever for Discovery and Recovery of the Monies hereby directed to be paid over to the said Company as the original

*Courts of Justice invested with the same Powers as they now have with respect to Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals.* } owners thereof now have or are entitled to use or exercise, and all Courts of Law and Equity, and of Admiralty Jurisdiction, in the United Kingdom and on the East Indies shall have and exercise the same Jurisdiction, Powers and authorities for compelling all and every person and persons to account for and pay over the monies hereby directed to be paid over to the said United Company as any Court of Law or Equity, or of Admiralty Jurisdiction may now lawfully exercise with respect to any unclaimed Balances payable to the Treasurers of Greenwich Hospital and Chelsea Hospital respec-

*Court of Directors &c. to exercise similarly authority to what may be exercised by the Treasurer of Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals.* } tively by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament or any Law, Usage or Custom whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Directors of the said United Company and the several Governments of the Settlements abroad of the said United Company; and the several Governments, to exercise the same or the like powers and authorities for the robbery of the money hereby directed to be paid over to the said United Company, as may now be exercised by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force relating to Prize Money by the Treasurers of Greenwich Hospital and Chelsea Hospital respectively so far as such powers and authorities extends to the recovery by them, and the discovery of the Unclaimed Shares of Prize Money due and belonging to any Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, in the service of His Majesty, and shall be applicable to the object of this Act, and all and every Agent or Agents shall be subject to the like penalties for neglect or default in not accounting for or paying over the Share or Shares, which by the said recited Act or by this Act, is or are made payable to the said United Company, as Agents are made liable to by any Act or Acts now in force for not accounting for, or for not paying over Shares and Balances to the Treasurers of Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals respectively.

*Not to affect the Interests of Chelsea or Greenwich Hospitals.* } IX. And be it further enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to affect the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at Chelsea nor the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich nor to take away repeal, diminish or interfere with any claim, Right, or Interest which by virtue of any Law or Laws now in force may have been given, or are now existing, or may hereafter by virtue of the said acts become vested in the said Royal Hospitals, or in the Treasuries thereof, on any unclaimed and forfeited shares of Prize money or for the recovery thereof for the benefit of the said Institutions or for the Benefit of the Person or Persons entitled to any unclaimed or forfeited Shares of Prize money, but the same shall continue and remain in the said Commissioners and in the said Treasuries, as if this Act had not been made.

*Acquitting Persons paying over Prize money.* } X. And be it further enacted. That all and every Person and Persons who shall pay over to the said Company, or to any other person or persons by their order or for their use any sum or sums of money required to be paid under the Provisions of this Act shall from and after such payment, be absolutely acquitted and discharged from all claims and Demands whatsoever of all and every other person or persons to the same monies which shall be so paid over.

*Expenses of Carrying this Act into execution to be defrayed out of the Monies recovered.* } XI. And be it further enacted, that all expences incurred or to be incurred in executing this Act, and the sums paid in remunerating the Officers or Persons employed on behalf of the said United Company for their care, pains and trouble in performing the Regulations and Directions thereof, shall so far as the same relate to those Officers or Persons be subject to the Discretion of the Court of Directors for managing the affairs of the said Company, and shall be paid out of the Principal Monies to be recovered and discovered as aforesaid on account of such shares respectively, Provided nevertheless that no Person employed by the said United Company in executing the Regulations of this Act, shall act as an Agent for Prizes or be concerned directly or indirectly in the business thereof under the Penalties of five hundred pounds.

*Not to prevent persons trying rights to Prize money.* } XII. Provided also and be it further enacted that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any person or persons from resorting to any Remedy at Law or Equity against the said Company for the Recovery of Principal without interest of any money to which he, she, or they may be entitled and which shall have been paid to the said Company, or which shall have been carried over by the said Company