

Lib. C B. them to the Agent nominated and appointed by the Captors to take Care or dispose of such Prize and also upon Application to them to give or Cause to be given unto the Agents who shall at any time or times be appointed as aforesaid by the Captors of any Prizes taken by any of Our Ships of War, all such Lists from the Muster Book of any such Ships of War, and annexed Lists as the Agents shall find requisite for their direction in the paying the Produce of such Prizes, and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents as shall be necessary And Whereas We have empowered the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to grant Letters of Marque or Commissions for Privateers to such Persons as they shall think fitly qualified in that behalf according to the Treaties between us and our Allies, We do for Encouragement of such Privateers further declare, that all Privateers taken by any Privateer, brought unto Port according to our Instructions in that behalf shall unless otherwise decreed by the Court of Admiralty, be continued in the Possession of the Privateer having only custom house Officers on Board as is usual in Merchant Ships to secure the Duties, and such Ships

p. 230 Vessels and Goods, being condemned as Lawful Prize and duly inventoried and appraised by such Persons as shall be lawfully Authorized in that behalf the same shall be delivered to or remain with the Captor thereof, or such Persons as are intrusted therein to be disposed of by him or them as he or they shall think fit, they first Satisfying paying or securing to us such Customs and duties as aforesaid, And in regard Privateers are set forth and manned at the Charges of the particular Owners thereof who make Agreements with their Seamen what Shares and Proportions each Man on Board such Privateer shall have of any Prize which shall be taken, and it will not be reasonable that any Seaman or Person on Board such Privateers should be entitled to any thing, otherwise than according to the particular Agreement he shall have signed to such Owner or Owners, We do hereby ratify and confirm all and every such Contracts and Agreements which shall be entered into upon the putting forth any such Privateer, And we do hereby declare that every Article and Thing, which shall be contained in such Contract Stipulations and Agreements relating to the distribution of such Prizes among themselves, shall be as firm valid and effectual as if they had been set forth in this declaration; And We do hereby further declare and direct that public Notification shall be given, by the Persons or Agents so appointed for Prizes taken by any of Our Ships of War, of the day appointed for the Payment of the several Shares to the Captors after which public Notification if any Mens shares shall remain in the