

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William IV., intituled *An Act to regulate the Practice and Fees in the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, and to obviate Doubts as to their Jurisdiction*, Her Majesty is empowered to make such Rules and Regulations for the said Vice-Admiralty Courts, and to alter them from time to time as may be found expedient ; and whereas by an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of Her present Majesty's reign, intituled the "Navy Pay and Prize Act, 1854," it is further enacted, that "The Lords of the Admiralty may from time to time make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as may to them appear expedient for distributing the Proceeds of any Prize, or any Bounty, Salvage, or other monies, and for keeping the Accounts and Expenses in relation thereto ; provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall not have any force or effect until they have been previously approved by Her Majesty in Council;" and whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of October 1859, certain Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the several Courts of Vice-Admiralty abroad, touching the practice to be observed in the said Courts in proceedings instituted on behalf of Her Majesty's Ships, and as to the Costs incurred in such Proceedings, and for securing the transfer to the account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General on account of Naval Prize of the proceeds of any Prizes which may be condemned in the said Vice-Admiralty Courts to any of Her Majesty's Ships ; We, therefore, send you herewith a copy of the aforesaid Order in Council, and the Rules, Orders, and Regulations thereby established ; and We hereby desire and direct you to act in accordance with and to be guided by such Order in Council, Rules, Orders, and Regulations in all matters to which they relate.

(Signed) SOMERSET.  
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*To the Vice-Admirals, Judges, and  
other Officers and Practitioners in  
the several Vice-Admiralty Courts  
abroad.*

By Command of their Lordships,  
(Signed) W. G. ROMAINE.