

the Commanding Officer of the capturing Ship, authorizing him to institute proceedings against the said Prize.

VII. The Registrar of the said Court shall, as soon as possible after the said costs are taxed, and *before* the Proctor has drawn upon the Accountant-General of the Navy for the amount which may be due to him, transmit the account of the said costs, charges, and expenses in original, signed by himself and the Judge of the said Court, to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty of England, accompanied with a certificate stating the amount at which it has been taxed, whether the whole or what part thereof has been paid, and whether any and what part remains due, and for which the Proctor may draw upon the Accountant-General of the Navy, and if the proceedings have not been conducted by the Queen's Proctor, whether that officer has declined or refused to conduct them, and on what grounds.

VIII. The Accountant-General of the Navy shall, upon any such bill as aforesaid being presented to him for payment, forward to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty a statement showing the amount for which the bill is drawn, the name and description of the person by whom it is drawn, and the Prize in respect of which the same is payable, and the Registrar shall thereupon inform the Accountant-General whether the amount for which the bill is drawn agrees with the account received by him from the Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court, and whether there is any reason why the said bill should not be accepted and paid.

IX. Upon receiving the reply of the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, the Accountant-General of the Navy may accept the said bill, in whole or in part, to the extent of the amount which may appear to be properly due, and shall, if a condemnation has taken place, debit such amount against the Prize in respect of which the said costs, charges, and expenses have been incurred; and the bounties or other monies which have been or may thereafter be paid to the Naval-Prize Account in respect of the said Prize shall be applied, so far as they will extend, towards the reimbursement of the said amount.

X. But if there should be no such bounties or other monies, or if the bounties and other monies should be insufficient for the purpose, the amount which remains unsatisfied shall be placed to the debit of the Commanding Officer of the Ship of War who authorized the seizure, and shall be charged against any prize money or pay which may be or become due to him, unless the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being shall think proper to relieve him from the payment thereof.

XI. The Registrar of each Vice-Admiralty Court shall transmit at the end of each quarter to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty a return of all the Prizes in respect of which any proceedings have been taken during the said quarter, in the Form hereto annexed, marked No. 2., showing the name of the Prize, the names of the capturing Ship and of its Commanding Officer, the date of the adjudi-