



Slave Trade Act 1873

1873 CHAPTER 88

Bounties

11 Bounty and other payments to seizers when British Cruisers.

Where a vessel (whether British or not) or slave, goods or effects, seized in pursuance of this Act by any commander or officer of any of Her Majesty's ships have been condemned by a slave courts there shall be paid to the commander, officers, and crew of such ship the following sums :

- (1) A slave bounty of five pounds for every slave so condemned who is delivered over, or, if the commander of the ship so elect, a tonnage bounty of four pounds for every ton of the tonnage of the vessel condemned :
- (2) That part to which Her Majesty is entitled of the appraised value of the vessel condemned, or, if such vessel was broken up and the materials thereof publicly sold in separate parts, of the net proceeds of such sale after deducting the charges of prosecution :
- (3) Where the condemned vessel
 - (a) was brought into port and was broken up in pursuance of the order of the slave court, and the materials thereof publicly sold in separate parts; or
 - (b) was abandoned or destroyed prior to condemnation, and the slave court by the decree of condemnation declared that, after full consideration by the court of the circumstances of the case, the seizers had satisfied the court that such abandonment or destruction was inevitable, or otherwise under the circumstances proper and justifiable,a further tonnage bounty at the rate of thirty shillings for every ton of the tonnage of the vessel; and
- (4) The net proceeds to which Her Majesty is entitled (after deducting the charges of prosecution) of any such goods and effects which the slave court ordered to be sold.

Where any slave so condemned is not delivered over in consequence of death, sickness, or other inevitable circumstances, the Treasury may, if they think fit, pay to

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the seizors of such slave one moiety of the slave bounty which would have been due in respect of such slave if he had been delivered over.