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$\qquad$ $+\cdots=$ 5 the Kearsarge, for sinking the pirate Alabauan.
The law on the subject of prizes taken by our
men-of-war is a peculiar one, and is of a char-
acter which seems to us neither warranted by sound reason nor justice. One-thirrd of the
value of a prize goes to the Goverriment, oove-
third to the commander of the squadron, and the captor, to be divided pro rata ascording to
their salaries. As the flabama was not
captured, a special appropriation is needed
 are certainly entitied to as mueh profit for
sinking the pirate as they conld have been had
they they captured the vessel. But we think that
the whole theory of sch ollamis bsased on an
assumed right, which will not bear investigaassumed right, which will not bear investiga-
tion. A naval officer is n paid servant of the
Government, -he is paid for perforning a cer-
tain work. That work is to cruise in pursnit of enemies of the Goverument and seek to
overcome them. When, therefore, he cap.
tures or sinks a Rebel gunloost or a forecign
foe, he is only doing that for whioh he so paid.
He is educated by the fovernment, in order He is educated by the fiovernment, in order
that he may be able to do this very thing
We do not think, therefore, that he deserve any extra compensation. It may be year
before they can do the Government any of tha service for which they are paid, whether the
are sucessful or not. When, therefore, th
time arrives when they can be useful, ca time arrives whea thay can be useful,
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## for any prize moneg, Nor does analogy

as other cilcers of the Government are co eerned, strengthen their claims. The pay
the army officers and the navy offier nearly the same. Yet our army officers don they do for lying idle in camp. Gettysburg brought no pecuniary reward to Meade : Lookout mourtain no extra pay the nowgh the Sonth anything

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