

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to congratulate you on the favourable state of the revenue, and upon the thriving condition of all branches of the National industry; and she acknowledges with gratitude the loyalty of Her faithful subjects, and that spirit of order and that respect for the law which prevail in every part of Her dominions.

Her Majesty commands us to express Her confidence that on your return to your homes you will promote, by your influence and example, in your several districts, that continued and progressive improvement which is the vital principle of the well-being of Nations; and Her Majesty fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your steps, and prosper your doings for the welfare and happiness of Her people.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the seventh day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the seventh day of October next.

At the Court at Osborne-House, Isle of Wight, the 28th day of July 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by the 333d section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that, subject to the provisions contained in the fifth part of the Act, it shall be lawful for every pilotage authority, by bye-law made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, from time to time, amongst other things, to determine the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots, whether in respect of their age, skill, time of service, character, or otherwise; to make regulations for the approval and licensing of pilot-boats and ships; to make regulations for the government of the pilots licensed by them, and for ensuring their good conduct, and their constant attendance to, and effectual performance of their duty, either at sea or on shore; to fix the terms and conditions of granting licenses to pilots and apprentices, and of granting such pilotage certificates as thereinafter mentioned, to masters and mates, and to make regulations for punishing any breach of such regulations as aforesaid, committed by such pilots or apprentices, by the withdrawal or suspension of their licenses, or by the infliction of certain penalties as in the said Act mentioned; to fix the rates and prices, or other remuneration to be demanded and received for the time being, by pilots licensed by such authority; to make such arrangements with any other pilotage authority, for altering the limits of their respective districts, and for extending the powers of such other authority, or the privileges of the pilots licensed by such other authority, or any of them, to all or any part of its own district, or for limiting its own powers, or the privileges of its own pilots, or any of them, or for sharing the said last-mentioned powers and privileges with the said other authority, and the pilots licensed by it, and for delegating or surrendering such powers and privileges, or any of them,

to any other pilotage authority, either already constituted or to be constituted by agreement between such authorities, and to the pilots licensed by it, as may appear to such pilotage authorities to be desirable for the purpose of facilitating navigation or reducing charges on shipping; to establish, either alone or in conjunction with any other pilotage authority, funds for the relief of superannuated or infirm qualified pilots, or of their wives, widows, or children, or to make any new regulations with respect to any funds already applicable to the above purposes, or any of them.

And whereas the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith are the pilotage authority for the said port and harbour, according to the meaning of the said recited Act, and have certain powers in respect of the pilotage of the said port or harbour under certain Local Acts, and such pilotage authority have submitted for the consent of Her Majesty in Council, certain regulations (hereunto annexed) for the licensing and government of the pilots under their jurisdiction.

And whereas the Corporation of the Trinity House of Leith have, until further notice, approved of and concurred in the said regulations, in so far as they relate to matters within their jurisdiction.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the said regulations are proper and reasonable.

And whereas, among the said regulations, are contained certain regulations with respect to compulsory pilotage.

And whereas such last-mentioned regulations depend for their validity on the powers given to the said Commissioners by the said Local Acts.

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve of the said regulations so submitted as aforesaid; so, nevertheless, that no regulation by which any master of a ship or other person is required to employ a pilot or to pay for pilotage service, shall be valid, except in so far as the same may be authorized by the said Local Acts, or one of them.

C. C. GREVILLE.

REGULATIONS

Referred to in the foregoing Order.

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HARBOUR AND DOCKS OF LEITH do hereby, in virtue of the Acts 28 Geo. III, cap. 58, and 17 & 18 Vic., cap. 104, enact the following Regulations in regard to the piloting of vessels at the PORT OF LEITH, and appoint the same to be strictly enforced.

I. All pilots licensed and to be licensed for the port and harbour of Leith, and all others concerned, shall in every respect observe and be subject and liable to these and such other Bye-Laws and Regulations as the Commissioners may from time to time appoint, and also the provisions of that portion of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," which relates to Pilotage, in so far as incumbent on them.

II. It shall be optional to vessels belonging to the port, to regular traders coastwise, and to all vessels under 40 tons, to employ a pilot. Other vessels coastwise, above 40 and under 70 tons, must take a pilot, but not necessarily a pilot boat. All other vessels above 70 tons must take a pilot, and pilot boat, both inwards and outwards.

III. No person shall pilot, or take charge of any vessel as a pilot, or keep a boat for that purpose, without a license; and every person found so doing shall be prosecuted with rigour, and will be liable to be fined in five pounds sterling; but masters