

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 6th day of September, 1880.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the 333rd section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for every Pilotage authority, by Bye-laws made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, from time to time to do within its district all or any of the things specified in that behalf in the said section :

And whereas the Tyne Pilotage Commissioners, being the Pilotage Authority for the River Tyne within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, have in exercise of the powers vested in them by that Act from time to time made and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty, certain Bye-laws and Regulations which were approved by Orders in Council dated respectively the thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, the eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, the twenty-eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and the eleventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven :

And whereas the said Pilotage Commissioners have made and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty certain new Bye-laws and Regulations in lieu of those approved by the aforesaid Orders in Council.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the proposed new Bye-laws and Regulations are proper and reasonable :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to approve of and signify Her consent to the said new Bye-laws and Regulations, as set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed, and to approve of their substitution, on and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty, for the Bye-laws and Regulations heretofore in force with respect to the Pilots and Pilotage of the Tyne.

*C. L. Peel.*

SCHEDULE.

BYE-LAWS made by the Tyne Pilotage Commissioners for the Regulation and Government of the Pilots of the Tyne.

1. From and after the promulgation of these Bye-laws, all and every the Bye-laws heretofore in force, with respect to the Pilots and Pilotage of the Tyne, shall be, and the same are hereby rescinded, except as to anything done thereunder or any right, power, duty, obligation, penalty, or liability acquired or incurred thereunder. In lieu thereof the Commissioners do hereby make and ordain the following Bye-laws for the Government of existing and future Pilots which shall come in force on the first day of October, 1880.

*Pilot Superintendent.*

2. The duties of the Pilot Superintendent shall be as follows :—

To exercise supervision and control, under the Board, over all the Pilots and Apprentices, so as to see that the Act and these Bye-laws are duly observed.

To obtain from the Pilots a report of all occurrences affecting the service on which the Commissioners, or himself, may require information.

To hear and determine such differences as may arise between the Pilots or Apprentices.

To prevent the employment of unlicensed Pilots. To inquire into complaints made against Pilots by Masters and Owners of Vessels and others interested, and into circumstances attending cases of collision or loss, when vessels have been under charge of a Pilot.

To take soundings of the Bar and Channel from time to time, and especially to draw the earliest attention to any alteration in the state of the Bar or Deep Water Channels.

To keep a daily Journal, and to enter therein daily, the direction and nature of the wind, the marking of the Barometer and swell of the Bar.

To assist in obtaining the returns from the Pilots of the vessels piloted by them.

To see that Pilots' Cobles are properly numbered in figures of not less than 15 inches in length, commencing at No. 1, and continuing in numerical order.

To keep a Register and Character Book, in which shall be recorded the name and description of each Pilot's Apprentice, the date of his entering the service and any particulars of conduct during the service.

To introduce steady, sober, and qualified young men, as they stand in the Register Book, for Examination for Licenses.

To assist in the examination of persons applying for Licenses.

To carry out all orders and regulations of the Board or the Nautical Committee, which may be from time to time issued, relative to the piloting of vessels, or other matters within the scope of his duties.

To report to the Nautical Committee and to the Board, from time to time, in a book to be kept for that purpose, on all the above subjects, and also on all cases of misconduct or breach of the Bye-laws, that may come to his knowledge, on the part of any of the Pilots, and to record the sentence or punishment passed or imposed for the same.

All instances of neglect of duty shall be brought before the Board, and the Pilot Superintendent shall not compromise any offence of a Pilot.

The time of the Pilot Superintendent shall be wholly devoted to the service of the Board.

*Pilots.*

3. From and after the 1st day of October, 1880, and as to Pilots to be hereafter licensed by the Commissioners, the distinction heretofore existing between Sea and River Pilots shall be abolished and there shall be but one class of Pilots hereafter licensed, who upon qualifying as hereinafter mentioned shall be licensed, and during the continuance of their licenses empowered to Pilot vessels to and from and throughout any part of the Tyne Pilotage District as defined by Clause 10 of the Provisional Order confirmed by and set out in a Schedule to the Tyne Pilotage Order Confirmation Act, 1865.

4. Sea and River Pilots licensed prior to the 1st day of October, 1880, shall be competent but not compellable to qualify themselves to Pilot vessels beyond the Sea and River Districts, respectively, and on their, or any of them, qualifying as hereinafter mentioned, shall be at liberty to pilot ships to and from and throughout any part of the said Tyne Pilotage District.

5. There shall henceforth only one class of Pilots, who may conduct vessels of any tonnage.

6. Every Pilot shall use his utmost care and diligence to conduct the ships and vessels under his charge without damage or doing injury to