

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 14th day of *February*, 1883.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the three hundred and thirty-third section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for every Pilotage Authority, by Bye-law made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, to do within its districts all or any of the things specified in that behalf in the said section :

And whereas the Master and Brethren of the Trinity House of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, being a Pilotage Authority within the meaning of the said Merchant Shipping Act, have, in exercise of the powers in them vested by that Act, made and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty certain Bye-laws (which are set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed) with respect to pilots and pilotage within the jurisdiction of the said Pilotage Authority :

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the said Bye-laws so set forth are reasonable and proper :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve, and signify Her consent to, the Bye-laws set forth in the Schedule hereto.

C. L. Peel.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order refers.

BYE-LAWS made by the Corporation of the Trinity House of Newcastle-upon-Tyne for the Regulation and Government of the Sea and River Pilots of the Ports now within their jurisdiction, namely:—Whitby, Seaham Harbour, Blyth, Amble, Alnmouth, North Sunderland, and Holy Island.

1. From and after the promulgation of these Bye-laws, all and every the Bye-laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations heretofore in force with respect to the pilots and pilotage of the Ports within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Trinity House shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded, and in lieu thereof the Corporation of the Trinity House do hereby make and ordain the following Bye-laws :

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 services on which the Master and Brethren of the Trinity House, the Sub-Commissioners appointed by them, or the Pilot Superintendent aforesaid may require information.

To hear and determine such difference as may arise between the pilots or apprentices.

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 of the Harbour Master, and of the Sub-Commissioners of Pilotage, to any alterations in the state of the bar, or the 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 monthly returns from the pilots of the vessels piloted by them.

To see that pilots' cibles are properly numbered in figures of not less than fifteen inches in length commencing at number one, 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 Trinity House and Sub-Commissioners, 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 Trinity House and Sub-Commissioners, from time to time, in a book to be kept for that purpose, on all the above subjects, and also on all cases of mis-conduct 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 Trinity House and Sub-Commissioners, and the Pilot Superintendent shall not compromise any offence of a pilot.

Pilots.

3. There shall be two classes of pilots, namely, first and second class. First class pilots may conduct vessels of any tonnage. Second class pilots may (except in cases of necessity) conduct vessels not exceeding two hundred tons registered burthen. Any vessel exceeding the above tonnage which may from necessity take on board a second class pilot, shall, if possible, exchange him for a first class pilot out of any boat she may meet, and every pilot shall state his true position in the service to the master of any vessel which he may take in charge.

4. Every pilot shall use his utmost care and diligence to conduct the ships and vessels under his charge without damage or doing injury to others, and shall behave himself with strict sobriety and due respect towards the owners, masters, and officers thereof, and shall not leave his vessel until she is safely anchored or moored, and shall, within twenty-four hours after his leaving the ship, report to the Sub-Commissioners all accidents, if any, which may have happened to such vessel while under his direction. He shall always have with him, when on duty, a copy of these Bye-laws, his license, and pilot flag, as described in Bye-law No. 12. On taking charge of a vessel he shall, if required, exhibit his license to the officer in command. In the case of vessels outward bound from any dock or basin to within the district, he shall repair on board at least two hours before high water, to ascertain if the vessel of which he is about to take charge is ready for sea or to anchor in the river. He shall obey and execute all orders received from the Trinity House, Sub-Commissioners, or Pilot Superintendent.

No pilot shall be absent from duty without the permission of the Pilot Superintendent.

5. Every pilot shall, on receiving his license, pay to the Trinity House a fee of forty shillings, and