

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 16th day of *November*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the five hundred and eighty-second section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that a Pilotage Authority may, by Bye-laws made under Part X of that Act, do all or any of the things specified in section five hundred and eighty-two:

And whereas by the five hundred and eighty-third section of this Act it is provided that Bye-laws so made shall not take effect until they are submitted to His Majesty in Council and confirmed by Order in Council:

And whereas the Commissioners for improving the Port and Harbour of *Burntisland* as the Pilotage Authority for that Port have made and submitted for the consent of His Majesty the proposed Bye-laws set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed:

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

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

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Him by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to approve of and doth by this Order confirm the Bye-laws set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE. Regulations.

I. All Pilots to be licensed for the Harbour of *Burntisland*, 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 said Commissioners may from time to time appoint, and also the provisions of that portion of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," which relates to Pilotage in so far as incumbent on them.

II. No Ship Master or other person shall be bound to employ a Pilot either inwards or outwards.

III. No person shall pilot, or take charge of any vessel as Pilot, or keep a boat for that purpose, without a Licence; and every person found so doing shall be prosecuted, and will be liable to be fined in Five Pounds sterling; but Masters and Mates of vessels will, on being found qualified, obtain Licences to pilot their own vessels, which will be in force for one year, and renewable annually by endorsement thereon.

IV. Every person applying to be licensed as a Harbour Pilot must be able to read and write, and must set forth in his application his usual place of abode, his age, height, complexion, and any other circumstances or peculiarity descriptive of his person, and produce a satisfactory certificate of moral character, and must be examined and be found skilful and qualified to act as Pilot for the Harbour.

V. The Harbour Pilots to have a sufficient number of boats satisfactory to the Commissioners or Harbour Master, with *Burntisland* Pilots marked in large white letters on bow.

VI. Harbour Pilots must always be in readiness with a boat approved of, and licensed, and manned, and must take charge of any vessel when required, and attend exclusively on the vessel they have charge of, and on no account whatever go to any other while so engaged, unless in cases of great necessity; bad weather;

or extreme danger, and then only with the consent of the captain on whose vessel they are attending.

VII. No Harbour Pilot already licensed shall (unless he holds a *Leith Trinity House Firth Pilot's Licence*) proceed in search of vessels, or go on board thereof, with a view to Harbour Pilotage, at any place beyond a distance of one mile and a half from the Pier Heads of the Harbour; and no Firth Pilot shall be entitled to go on board of a vessel bound for *Burntisland Harbour* at any place within these limits, unless required to do so for the purpose of Pilotage in the Firth, at the full fees payable for that service.

VIII. Firth Pilots, not licensed for the Harbour, when approaching the Harbour Pilots' limits are directed by the Commissioners to require the vessels of which they are Pilots (if bound for *Burntisland Harbour*) to display and keep flying the usual signal for a Pilot; and if a Harbour Pilot is within hail, or is approaching and within half-a-mile, such Firth Pilots are by heaving to in proper time, or shortening sail, or by any practicable means consistent with safety to facilitate the Harbour Pilots getting on board. If no Harbour Pilot appear, Firth Pilots may continue in charge of vessels until they reach *Burntisland Roads*, but on no pretence are Firth Pilots, not licensed for the Harbour, to be at liberty to bring vessels into the Harbour (extreme cases of necessity alone excepted).

IX. When a vessel is bound to *Burntisland Roads* for orders, any Firth Pilot is entitled to pilot her into the Roads, and to stay by her as Pilot, if required by the Master, until the orders are obtained; but if the vessel is ordered to the Harbour the Firth Pilot, if not licensed for the Harbour, is immediately thereafter to cease to act as Pilot.

X. Inward vessels waiting for the tide shall be so placed as to be ready to come in immediately on the proper signal being made, and the duty of the Pilot and his Assistants shall not be fully discharged until the vessel is moored where the Harbour Master may direct at the tide or time she enters.

XI. The Rates of Pilotage payable are those specified in the annexed Table, and the inward Pilotage shall be paid by the Owners, Masters, Consignees, or Agents of the vessel piloted, to the Collector of the Harbour dues, and to no other person, for behoof of the Pilots. The Master of every vessel shall sign and deliver to the Pilot a certificate stating the number of feet of water which his vessel draws, and her tonnage, and whether she was towed by a steamer; and no Pilot shall ask or take payment for inward or outward Piloting otherwise than through the Collector of Harbour Dues.

XII. Masters and Mates licensed for their own vessels shall pay a fee of *ten shillings and sixpence* for their licence, and *five shillings* for every renewal thereof; other Pilots shall pay a fee of *ten shillings and sixpence* for their licence, and these fees shall be applied by the Commissioners to cover expenses incurred in connection therewith.

XIII. All fees for harbour pilotage shall be paid over by the Harbour Dues Collector to the licensed Pilots, subject to deduction of five per cent. to cover expenses of collection.

XIV. Pilots are required to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the signals of the Harbour, and the Bye-laws and Regulations, and also frequently to inspect the entrance of the Harbour, and the Harbour itself, at low water spring tides, especially after storms or land floods; and when, through ignorance, negligence,