

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *January*, 1910.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the five hundred and eighty-second and five hundred and eighty-third sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that a Pilotage Authority may, by Bye-law made under Part X of that Act, do within its District all or any of the things specified in the first-named section, but that a Bye-law so made shall not take effect until it is submitted to His Majesty in Council and confirmed by Order in Council.

And whereas the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, being a Pilotage Authority within the meaning of the said Act, have recently made certain Bye-laws with respect to the regulation and good government of Masters and Mates of vessels who hold Pilotage Certificates for the Liverpool District, and to the contribution to be made towards the Pilotage Funds of the District by such Masters and Mates, which Bye-laws are in substitution for the Bye-laws for the same purpose already made by the said Pilotage Authority, and approved by Orders in Council of the twenty-sixth August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and first March, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Bye-laws so recently made by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, being the Bye-laws in the Schedule hereto, are reasonable and proper:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the power 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 signify His Consent to the said Bye-laws, as set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed.

Americ FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order in Council refers.

Bye-laws made by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, the Pilotage Authority of the Port of Liverpool, pursuant to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, section five hundred and eighty-two.

1. The following Bye-laws shall commence and take effect from the date of the Order of His Majesty in Council approving the same, on which day all Bye-laws previously made by the Board in relation to Masters and Mates holding Pilotage Certificates granted by them and approved by Orders in Council dated twenty-sixth August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and first March, one thousand nine hundred and seven, so far as the said Bye-laws or any of them are now in force, shall be revoked; but this revocation is not to interfere with the institution or prosecution of any proceedings in respect of any offence previously committed or any penalty thereby incurred.

2. Candidates for examination for Pilotage Certificates will be allowed three examinations only at intervals of not less than one month, in any six months from the date of the application to be examined in each case.

3. A person to whom a Pilotage Certificate shall be granted by the Board, under the five hundred and ninety-ninth section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894" (hereinafter called a Certificated person), shall not add to or in any way alter such Certificate, or make or alter any endorsement thereon, or at any time lend such Certificate.

4. A Certificated person who shall observe any alteration in any of the sandbanks or channels, or that any buoys, beacons, or light vessels of the Board have been driven away, broken down, damaged or are out of place, shall forthwith send a correct statement thereof, in writing, to the Superintendent of Pilotage (hereinafter called the Superintendent).

5. A Certificated person, whenever an accident has happened to or been caused by a vessel while in his charge, shall report the facts in writing, as soon as possible, on the approved form, to the Superintendent.

6. A Certificated person shall obey and execute all lawful orders given by the Board or the Superintendent, and shall also obey all lawful orders given by the Marine Surveyor and Water Bailiff and the Assistant Marine Surveyors and Water Bailiffs, and by the Harbour Masters, Dock Masters and Pier Masters, relative to the anchoring, docking, undocking, towing, transporting, or removing of vessels under his charge.

7. A Certificated person shall, when in charge of a vessel for which a Certificate may have been granted, exhibit from the vessel a distinguishing flag of the usual dimensions, and of two colours, the upper horizontal half white and the lower horizontal half red, in order to show that the vessel has on board a master or mate qualified to act as pilot thereof.

8. A Certificated person shall attend the meetings of the Board, or of their Pilotage Committee, upon being required so to do, by a notice, in writing, under the hand of the Superintendent, to answer any complaint or charge which may be made against him.

9. A Certificated person shall attend the Examination Committee, and submit himself for examination by them in respect of his physical efficiency to act as a pilot:—

(a) On being examined for a Pilotage Certificate for this Port, and

(b) Once in every two years.

10. A Certificated person who offends against, or contravenes any of the last seven preceding Bye-laws, shall for the first offence, on conviction before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and for any subsequent offence he shall also, in addition to or in substitution for a fine, be liable to have his certificate annulled or suspended at the discretion of the Board.

11. A certificated person shall contribute towards the Pilotage Fund of the Liverpool District, as follows:—

(a) On the granting or renewal of a Pilotage Certificate, enabling him to pilot any vessel or vessels therein specified, drawing seventeen feet of water and upwards, the sum of three pounds three shillings yearly, provided that such sum does not exceed five per cent. of the Pilotage dues which would be payable in respect of his ship if he had not held a Pilotage Certificate.

(b) On the granting or renewal of a Pilotage Certificate, enabling him to Pilot any vessel or vessels therein specified, drawing less than seventeen feet of water, the sum of two pounds two shillings yearly, provided that such sum does not exceed five per cent. of the Pilotage dues which would be payable in respect of his ship if he had not held a Pilotage Certificate.

The contributions above mentioned shall be payable to the Treasurer for the time being of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board at the time when the fee for the granting or for the renewal of the Certificate is payable.