

limits aforesaid, of any ship exempted from compulsory pilotage any rate less than the rate for the time being demandable by law in respect of such ship, and no master of any such ship shall incur any penalty for offering or paying, in respect of the pilotage of any such ship within the limits aforesaid, any rate less than the rate for the time being demandable by law in respect of such ship, anything contained in the 358th section of "The Merchant Shipping Act 1854," to the contrary notwithstanding:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty having taken the said bye-law into consideration, and deeming the same to be reasonable and proper, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, to declare Her consent to the same, and the said bye-law is hereby approved accordingly.

T. M. Biddulph.

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *February*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by the 333rd 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 amongst other things, "to determine the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots," and "to fix the terms and conditions of granting licenses to pilots."

And whereas it is expedient to make regulations to determine the qualifications to be required from persons so applying to be licensed, and to fix the terms and conditions of granting such licenses:

And whereas it has been made to appear to the Corporation of the Trinity House, of Deptford Strand, being the pilotage authority for the port of London and the seas and channels leading thereto, according to the meaning of the said recited Act, that certain persons have for a long period of time been employed in piloting ships up and down the river Thames, between London-bridge and Gravesend, without being duly licensed as pilots by the said pilotage authority.

And whereas it has been resolved by the said Corporation of the Trinity House that such a number of the said persons as the Corporation shall from time to time see fit shall be licensed as pilots by the Corporation, for the purpose of piloting ships exempted from compulsory pilotage up and down the river Thames, between London-bridge and Gravesend, on and after the 1st day of January, 1873:

And whereas it has been deemed expedient that the qualification to be required from such last-named persons, and the terms and conditions of granting licenses to them should differ and be distinct from the qualifications, terms, and conditions which apply to the appointing and licensing of pilots for the general service within the said London district, and it is intended to designate such persons to be so licensed as "pilots for exempted ships:"

And whereas the said Corporation have submitted for the consent of Her Majesty in Council certain regulations (hereunto annexed) for the licensing of persons as pilots, and whereas the said regulations appear to be proper and reasonable:

Now therefore Her Majesty, by virtue of the power 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.

T. M. Biddulph.

*Regulations referred to in the foregoing Order.*

I. All persons applying for licenses as pilots for such exempted ships on the river Thames between London-bridge and Gravesend, shall produce such certificates as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Trinity House previously to examination, as in the said Act provided, on the following points, viz.:-

- (1.) Their qualification by previous service under the rule hereinafter provided;
- (2.) Their previous good conduct and habits of sobriety;
- (3.) That they are in good health, and not afflicted with any bodily complaint or infirmity, rendering them unfit to perform the duties of a pilot, which last certificate shall be under the hand of a duly authorised medical practitioner.

II. Any person who shall be able to prove to the satisfaction of the Trinity House that he has piloted ships on the River Thames, between London-bridge and Gravesend, for a period of two years previously to the date of this bye-law, or that he is otherwise eligible by practical experience in the navigation of vessels within that district, shall be deemed qualified, after examination, as in the said Act provided, to be licensed as a pilot for the navigation up and down the River Thames between London-bridge and Gravesend, subject to the following terms and conditions, viz.:-

- (1.) That such license shall authorise him to act as pilot only on board such exempted ships, and no others; all pilots so licensed, being intended to be designated "Pilots for exempted ships;"
- (2.) That such license shall not authorise him to supersede, in the charge of any ship, any other pilot duly licensed by the Trinity House for the said navigation between London-bridge and Gravesend;
- (3.) That he shall be subject to all bye-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, made, or hereafter to be made by the Trinity House, for the government of pilots generally, and to all penalties thereby imposed and provided, unless specially exempted therefrom;
- (4.) That he shall pay the like sums of money as are payable by pilots licensed for the London district on their appointment, and on the annual renewal of their licenses, but shall not be required to pay to the Pilot's Fund the poundage of sixpence in the pound upon the pilotage earnings of pilots licensed by the Trinity House, as provided by the 385th section of the said Act, nor shall he or his widow or children, be entitled to any benefit from the said Pilot's Fund.

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *February*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present