

per centum mentioned in an Order in Council dated the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, or to such other abatement or discount as may for the time being be in force.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 8th day of March, 1886.

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 districts all or any of the things specified in that behalf in the said section :

And whereas the Sunderland Pilotage Commissioners, being the Pilotage authority for the Port of Sunderland within the meaning of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," have in exercise of the powers vested in them by that Act and by "The (Sunderland) Pilotage Order Confirmation Act, 1865," made, and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty, certain Bye-laws and Regulations which were approved by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two :

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 that portion of those approved by the aforesaid Order in Council which relates to Pilot Apprentices, Second-class Pilots, and Rates of Pilotage into or out of the Port :

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, from and after the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, for the Bye-laws and Regulations heretofore in force in the Sunderland Pilotage District with respect to Pilot Apprentices, Second-class Pilots, and Rates of Pilotage into or out of the Port.

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SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order refers.

BYE-LAWS made by the Sunderland Pilotage Commissioners, under section 333 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

I.—Preliminary.

1. The following new Bye-laws, made by the Sunderland Pilotage Commissioners, under section 333 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," are in lieu of those relating to "Pilot Apprentices;" "Second-class Pilots;" and the "Rates of Pilotage into or out of the Port," which were approved by an Order in Council, dated the 29th day of June, 1882; which said new Bye-laws shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1886, and thereupon the Bye-laws theretofore in force with respect to "Pilot Apprentices;" "Second-class Pilots;" and the "Rates of Pilotage into or out of the Port," viz. :—Bye-law, No. III, sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, of Bye-law No. IV, and Bye-law No. IX, set forth in the schedule annexed to the said Order in Council,

shall be repealed, except as to anything done thereunder, or any right, power, duty, obligation, penalty, or liability, acquired, or incurred, thereunder.

Interpretation.

2. Throughout these Bye-laws the expressions "the Port," "the District," and "the Commissioners," have the same meanings as are assigned to them by section 2 of Bye-law No. I set forth in the schedule annexed to the said Order in Council.

Pilot Apprentices.

1. Every Candidate for Pilot Apprenticeship before he can be considered eligible for the Pilotage Service must produce satisfactory testimonials as to character, with a Surgeon's certificate that he is of sound health and free from colour blindness; and must prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that he is not less than fifteen nor more than eighteen years of age; that he is able to read and write correctly, and that he has a competent knowledge of arithmetic.

2. After three months of probation, he may then, if approved by the Commissioners, be bound as an Apprentice for five years to a First-class Pilot, who has a licensed Pilot boat of his own; he must not leave the service of the Pilot to whom he is bound without the permission of his master and of the Pilot Ruler; and on his applying to be examined for a Pilot's Licence he must give proof of the full and satisfactory completion of his five years' term of service.

3. Each Apprentice, for twelve months of his term, shall serve as a seaman in the Home, Baltic, or Mediterranean Trades, or in such other trades as the Commissioners shall from time to time direct. The division of the twelve months of sea service between sailing vessels and steam vessels, or the performance of the whole of that service on board either sailing vessels or steam vessels, shall be entirely in the discretion of the Commissioners; and the Apprentice shall perform such sea service at such periods of his apprenticeship as shall be ordered by the Pilot Ruler.

4. The proposed Indentures of every Apprentice shall be submitted to the Commissioners for their approval; and after being signed by the Master and Apprentice shall not be cancelled without the permission of the Commissioners; but the Commissioners shall have power to cancel any such indentures at any time either at the request of the parties, or for misconduct on the part of the Apprentice; and all indentures shall contain a provision that they are made and entered into, subject to the exercise of this power by the Commissioners. At the expiration of each year the Pilot Ruler, if requested to do so by the Master, shall indorse on the indentures a record of the conduct of the Apprentice, stating the nature of his employment, and whether or not he has been absent from his duty at any time.

5. Subject to such modifications or alterations as may from time to time be made therein by the Commissioners, the following shall be the scale of pay for Apprentices, that is to say:—

For the 1st year one-third of a share.

" 2nd " one-half of a share.

" 3rd " ditto.

" 4th " two-thirds of a share.

" 5th " ditto.

After the 5th " one full share.

6. Each Apprentice shall on entering the Pilotage Service pay to the Commissioners such sum, not exceeding £10, as they shall from time to time fix, as a contribution to the Pilotage Fund; and during his apprenticeship, and until he shall have received a Second-class Pilot Licence, he shall