

"And whereas we have deemed it expedient to abolish the office of Superintendent of the Greenwich Hospital Branch at the Admiralty, the retirement of the officer holding that appointment taking effect from the seventeenth August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

"We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to authorize the grant to such officer of a pension at the rate of £566 13s. 4d. per annum to take effect from the date of retirement, and a gratuity of £1,500."

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. Peel.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 25th day of January, 1887.

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 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 Randolph Gordon Erskine Wemyss, Esquire, being the Pilotage Authority for the Port and Harbour of Leven and the Harbour of Methil within the meaning of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," has, in exercise of the powers vested in him by that Act and by "The Leven Harbour Act, 1876," and "The Methil Harbour Order, 1883," made and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty certain Bye-laws and Regulations:

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the proposed 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 Bye-laws and Regulations as set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed.

C. L. Peel.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order refers.

*Pilotage Regulations.*

I. Mr. R. Erskine Wemyss being the Pilotage Authority within the limits of the Port and Harbour of Leven, as defined by the "Leven Harbour Act, 1876," and within the limits of Methil Harbour, as defined by the "Methil Harbour Order, 1883," appoints the following enactments and regulations to be strictly enforced within the limits of the Pilotage Authority; and all Pilots licensed as hereinafter provided for, shall be subject to these and such other Bye-laws and Regulations as may be from time to time appointed, and also the provisions of that portion of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," which relates to the Pilotage in so far as incumbent on them.

II. The limits of the Pilotage Authority under the above-named Act and Order shall be the Port and Harbour of Leven, and Harbour of Methil, and shall include that portion of the Firth of Forth bounded by an imaginary line drawn one

thousand yards due south, from the point at which the boundary between the parishes of Scoonie and Largo is intersected by high-water mark of ordinary spring tides, thence westward in an oblique line, until it meets the southernmost point of an imaginary radius line six hundred yards from the southernmost point of the pier or breakwater, authorized by the said "Methil Harbour Order, 1883," and thence along the said radius line to the westmost point thereof.

III. No Ship-Master shall be bound to employ a Pilot either inward or outward.

IV. No person shall pilot or take charge of any vessel as Pilot within said limits without a License from Mr. R. Erskine Wemyss or his Factor, unless in the exceptional circumstances specified in the three hundred and sixty-second section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854." An unlicensed person assuming or continuing in the charge of any ship after a licensed Pilot has offered to take charge of her, or using a license which he is not entitled to use, for the purpose of making himself appear to be a qualified Pilot, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

V. Every person desirous of being licensed, shall lodge with Mr. Erskine Wemyss or his Factor, an application in his own hand-writing, setting forth his usual place of abode, his age, height, complexion, and any other circumstances or peculiarity descriptive of his person, and his employment during the three years preceding, and he shall also produce satisfactory certificates of character.

VI. Mr. Erskine Wemyss shall examine and inquire into the skill, ability, and character of any person who shall offer himself to be admitted as a Pilot for the harbours, and within the Pilotage limits, by such ways and means as to him shall seem proper, and if upon such inquiry the person so offering himself as a Pilot shall be approved of, a license may be granted, certifying that such person is duly qualified to act as Pilot within the Pilotage limits, which license shall be subscribed by the Factor, provided always that no person shall be appointed Pilot of the said limits unless he shall at least have been three years regularly engaged as fisherman or sailor at or frequenting the said harbours; and Mr. Erskine Wemyss, by granting such license or certificate to any Pilot, shall not be responsible for any accident, damage, or loss sustained, by any vessel, cargo, or person, by or through the inadvertence, negligence, or wilful act of the Pilot so licensed by him, provided that nothing herein contained shall exempt the harbours from the provisions of any existing or future general Act of Parliament relating to Pilots.

VII. Every person shall, on his first admission as a Pilot, pay for his first license the sum of 10s. 6d. (ten shillings and sixpence), and for every renewal of the said license, 5s. (five shillings). Every license must be renewed annually, but may be recalled as aftermentioned.

VIII. Masters and Mates of vessels may be licensed by Mr. Erskine Wemyss or his Factor, in terms of sections three hundred and forty and three hundred and forty-one of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854." The fees paid by the said Masters and Mates shall be ten shillings and sixpence each upon the granting of certificates, and five shillings upon each renewal thereof, and these fees shall be applied to cover the general expenses connected therewith.

IX. The rates for Pilotage services shall be those specified in the table annexed hereto, and must be paid to the Collector of Dues at the