

sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, were issuing their own bank notes to the extent of sums amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £373,667 have ceased to issue their own bank notes.

(2.) That the total of the authorized issues of bankers who subsequently to the said sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, have ceased to issue their own bank notes including the above sum of £373,667 amounts to £3,693,904, whereof the proportionate part of two-thirds amounts to £2,462,602 13s. 4d.

(3.) That the aggregate increase of issues by the Bank of England of their own bank notes authorized by Orders of Her Majesty in Council, under the provisions of the hereinafter-mentioned Act, during the same period, have amounted only to £2,200,000, and

(4.) That the difference between such aggregate increase of issues by the Bank of England, and the proportionate part of two-thirds of the aforesaid lapsed issues by other banks is £262,602 13s. 4d.

And the said Governor and Company having thereupon humbly made application to be authorized under the provisions of the Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her Majesty cap. 32. intituled "An Act to regulate the issue of Bank Notes and for giving to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England certain privileges for a limited period," to increase the amount of securities in the Issue Department of the Bank of England and to extend the issue of their own bank notes to an amount not exceeding the above-mentioned difference between the increase of issues by the Bank of England that has been already authorized and two-thirds of the aggregate issues by the Banks that have lapsed subsequently to the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Now therefore it is this day ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the said Governor and Company shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to increase the amount of securities in the Issue Department of the Bank of England to the extent of £250,000 beyond the total sum or value of £14,000,000 in the said Act mentioned, and of the further sums of £475,000 £175,000 £350,000 £750,000 and £450,000 authorized by Her Majesty's Orders in Council dated the seventh day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five the twenty-sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one the third day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven and thereupon to issue additional Bank of England notes from the said Issue Department, in manner in the said Act mentioned, to the amount £250,000.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 8th day of *February*, 1890.

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

And whereas the North British Railway Company, being a Pilotage Authority within the meaning of the said Act, have, in exercise of the powers vested in them by that Act, made and submitted for the consent of Her Majesty Bye-laws fixing the rates to be henceforth demanded and received for pilotage, and the Regulations with respect to Pilots and pilotage to be henceforth observed within the Harbours of Leven and Methil, copy of which Bye-laws is set forth in the schedule hereto annexed:

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

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, as set forth in the schedule hereto annexed.

C. L. Peel.

SCHEDULE.

I. The North British Railway Company 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 take charge of any vessel as Pilot within said limits without a licence from the North British Railway Company, 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 as Pilot after a licensed Pilot has offered to take charge of her, or using a licence 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 the Company at their Head Office, No. 4 Princes-street, Edinburgh, an application in his own handwriting, 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.