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OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

FOR THE YEAR 1863.



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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
PILOTAGE FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
Jersey City, January 6th. 1864.

To His Excellency, JOEL PARKER, Governor of New Jersey:

The Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners, in making their annual report in accordance with the requirements of the statute, would respectfully represent to the Governor and Legislature of New Jersey, that during the past year, the pilots under their supervision have continued to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

On the morning of the 9th November last, the pilot boat Mary Taylor collided with the steamer Fair Haven, and the pilot boat was a total loss, but we are happy to say, no lives were lost.

The pilots with commendable energy have purchased a very good and substantial boat, the Favorita, and she is now in commission in place of the Mary Taylor.

During the past year thirty-one (31) branch pilots, including four (4) deputies and seven (7) whose duty is exclusively confined to the inland waters and seventeen (17) apprentices have been on duty.

They have brought in seven hundred and eighty-eight (788) vessels, boarded off shore five hundred and seventy-four (574) and taken out six hundred and ninety-four (694) vessels, while the inland pilots have piloted as follows: Newark thirty-seven, (37) Elizabethport sixty-nine, (69) Perth Amboy sixty-eight, (68) total one hundred and seventy-four (174); total aggregate thirty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (31,926).

Six (6) deputy pilots have upon examination received the full branch. The Board regrets to record the death of one of their members, William Ryder from disease contracted during the discharge of his duties.

The apprentices have been duly examined and most of them give flattering evidence of their improvement, and from this source the Board trusts that the New Jersey Pilot Establishment will continue to add men fully qualified to help forward the cause of humanity and

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who will reflect credit on our State for its exertion in behalf of the commerce of our nation.

The Board rely for the future usefulness of the Pilot Establishment on the fostering care of the Legislature and the good will evinced by the mercantile community in this increased employment of our pilots and in the character they have thus far so earnestly maintained.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the board.

J. M. CORNELISON, *President*.

Attest:

GEO. B. RAYMOND, *Secretary*.

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