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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

For the Year Ending November 1st, 1879.

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,

FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 1879.

THOMAS S. NEGUS.....Jersey City, Hudson county.
JAMES PARKER.....Plainfield, Union “
ANDREW A. SMALLEY.....Newark, Essex “
DAVID COXJersey City, Hudson “
GEORGE W. JOHNSONKeyport, Monmouth “
ROBERT SIMONSON.....Orange, Essex “
WILLIAM M. GAMBLE.....Morristown, Morris “

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.....THOMAS S. NEGUS.
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.....JAMES PARKER.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 1st, 1879. }

HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, *Governor of New Jersey:*

SIR—I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual Report of the Board for the year ending November 1st, 1879.

By order of the Board.

Very respectfully,
JAMES PARKER,
Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 1st, 1879.

HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, *Governor of New Jersey*:

SIR—The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage has the honor to present its Annual Report, for the year ending November 1st, 1879, as follows:

It affords us pleasure to state that the pilotage system of our State is highly efficient, as is evidenced by the fact that no complaint, of any consequence, has been made to the Board during the past year, nor has there been any trouble between the pilots themselves during that period.

Our relations with the New York Board of Pilot Commissioners, and of our pilots with the pilots under their control, have also been harmonious.

No trouble with the New Jersey fisheries in the Hudson river has been brought to our notice, calling for interference by this Board.

Tables are hereto appended, showing the number of our pilot boats and pilots, and the details of their work during the year.

The increasing use of the New Jersey channels of the waters of New York bay, the Lower bay, the Hudson river, Raritan bay and river, and the Arthur Kill and Kill von Kull sounds, renders it proper that we should make to your Excellency some suggestions relative to the preservation of those channels.

During several years past, this Board has received complaints from pilots, tow-boatmen, and others, navigating vessels through our New Jersey channels, that those channels were being filled up and otherwise obstructed unlawfully. In all such cases we could only inform the complainants that this Board was without jurisdiction, and powerless in the premises.

In April, 1879, a formal complaint having been made to your Excellency that the channels near Elizabethport were being filled up by the contractors engaged in dredging out the coal docks at that point, to an extent seriously interfering with navigation, your Excellency directed this Board to investigate and report to you the facts in

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NEW JERSEY PILOT BOATS.

No.	Name	Tonnage
1.	Thomas S. Negus.....	71.85
" 2.	Ezra Nye.....	44.28
" 3.	Thomas D. Harrison.....	69.71
" 4.	Mary E. Fish.....	56.07
" 5.	William W. Story.....	52.20
" 6.	James Gordon Bennett.....	53.78
" 7.	Centennial.....	55.25
Total tonnage.....		403.14

By order of the Board.

JAMES PARKER, *Secretary.*