
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS,
OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FOR THE YEAR 1868.

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
NEW JERSEY AND SANDY HOOK PILOT COMMISSIONERS, }
JERSEY CITY, January 5, 1869.

To His Excellency, Marcus L. Ward, Governor of the State of New Jersey :

SIR—I have the honor to transmit the following report of the Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1868:

There are at this time employed seven boats, forty-nine pilots and seven apprentices.

During the year ending November 30th, there have been piloted in and out over Sandy Hook Bar steamers one hundred and eighty-nine, ships one hundred and sixty-one, barks three hundred and seventy-five, brigs four hundred and two, schooners one hundred and eighty-two, and yachts one. Total vessels of all classes, one thousand three hundred and ten.

During the year ending December 5th, twenty-one vessels arrived at Newark, New Jersey, from foreign ports, their capacity three thousand three hundred and thirty-nine tons; value of merchandise five thousand five hundred and nine dollars. Only five of these were American vessels, with a tonnage of six hundred and forty.

Three have been taken from our number of Pilots by death, viz: Charles B. Bennington, one of the oldest pilots, died February 27th; William M. Stocking, died September 5th, and Winslow Twichell, died September 9th, 1868.

The Board would respectfully call your attention to the second section of the supplement to an act entitled "An act to establish and regulate Pilots for the ports of Jersey City, Newark and Perth Amboy, by way of Sandy Hook," approved March 5th, 1867. This section cramps and controls the action of the Board, and destroys its efficiency.

Should the Board deem it necessary for the interest and protection of navigation to suspend or otherwise punish a pilot, he has only to appeal, and however derelict he may have been in the performance of his duties, without any further examination in his case, he at once resumes his duties.

The Board respectfully requests that the Legislature be advised to repeal the said section.

The Board would also state that they have been subjected to great embarrassment in their proceedings and operations by the refusal of the Secretary of the late Board to deliver the books, records or papers of the proceedings of said Board.

CHAS. S. BOGGS, *President.*

WM. M. GAMBLE, *Secretary.*