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REPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PILOTAGE.

OFFICE OF THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PILOTAGE,  
Jersey City, January 5, 1853.

To his Excellency Governor George F. Fort,  
and the Senate of New Jersey:

The termination of another year calls on the Commissioners of Pilotage for New Jersey to make their annual report, in compliance with the requirements of the statute prescribing their duties. In performance of this duty, we have again the satisfaction to state, that our pilots, notwithstanding their perils and exposure, and arduous labors, have been spared from any untoward accident. Their success whilst in charge of vessels, inward and outward bound, has equalled our warmest hopes, and has given, so far as we can ascertain, general satisfaction.

Seven hundred and forty-nine (749) vessels have been brought in during the last year, (615) six hundred and fifteen of which have been boarded out of sight of land, thus proving the energy of our pilots; and (541) five hundred and forty-one taken to sea. The number for the year 1852 being (1290) twelve hundred and ninety; making a total aggregate of

(16,393) sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-three vessels in charge of New Jersey pilots. One new pilot boat, the "George Steers," has been added to the number of our sea-going boats, in the place of the "Thomas H. Smith, (sold or withdrawn from service) and has well sustained the hopes of her builder (after whom she is named) and owners for unexcelled speed and comfort.

Twenty-one (21) pilots and five (5) deputy pilots, have been in active service—two of the latter having been made, after due examination, the past year.

The apprentices have engaged the fostering care of the commissioners and pilots.

The commissioners cannot close this communication without expressing their sympathy in behalf of the pilots and crew who were lately lost in the New York pilot boat "Yankee," a few miles from Sandy Hook; and the crew of the New York pilot boat "Washington," stranded on the New Jersey coast, in the gale of Thursday night the 16th ultimo.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

JOHN F. ELLIS, *President.*

*Attest:*

W. T. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

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nation, been made full branch pilots. One additional pilot has  
been made for Elizabeth Port, and one license has been revoked.  
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fact that many complaints have been deposited by persons  
employed in dredging near Elizabeth Port in the channels near  
the Port and Spits Island, whereby their important chan-  
nels have been seriously injured, the principal facts in the pre-  
mises having been already reported by the Board to the Go-  
vernor on his personal examination of the channel.

PILOT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage for New Jersey, in  
fulfillment of the requirements of the statute, respectfully  
report to the Governor and Legislature, that during the past  
year the New Jersey pilots, acting under their supervision,  
have had in charge fourteen hundred and seventy-four ves-  
sels, six hundred and seventy of which have been brought  
into port, four hundred and sixty-nine of these having been  
boarded "off shore," and eight hundred and four taken out,  
making a total aggregate of twenty-four thousand two hundred  
and three (24,203) vessels thus far in charge, and the Board  
gladly renew their testimonial of the efficiency of their pilots,  
in stating the fact that to this large number no serious acci-  
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continue to give to our pilots their earnest support, and to the  
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lots. One pilot, of high esteem for long and faithful service,  
has deceased from disease incurred in the course of his duties.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE FOR N. J., }  
Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 5th, 1859. }

To His Excellency William A. Newell, Esq., Governor of  
New Jersey:

SIR:—The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage for New Jersey, in fulfillment of the requirements of the statute, respectfully report to the Governor and Legislature, that during the past year the New Jersey pilots, acting under their supervision, have had in charge fourteen hundred and seventy-four vessels, six hundred and seventy of which have been brought into port, four hundred and sixty-nine of these having been boarded "off shore," and eight hundred and four taken out, making a total aggregate of twenty-four thousand two hundred and three (24,203) vessels thus far in charge, and the Board gladly renew their testimonial of the efficiency of their pilots, in stating the fact that to this large number no serious accidents have occurred. Masters of vessels, consignees, and owners, continue to give to our pilots their earnest support, and to the Board frequent records of the meritorious services of our pilots. One pilot, of high esteem for long and faithful service, has deceased from disease incurred in the course of his duties.

Six deputies, having served their regular term, have, on examination, been made full branch pilots. One additional pilot has been made for Elizabeth Port, and one license has been revoked. The Board cannot close their report without referring to the fact that many obstructions have been deposited by persons engaged in dredging near Elizabeth Port in the channels, near the Port and Shuter's Island, whereby their important channels have been seriously injured, the principal facts in the premises having been already reported by the Board to the Governor, on his personal examination of the channel.

The Board would respectfully urge that some prompt action be taken by the Legislature to preserve intact the waters and channels of our State, and especially a channel so much passed over by multitudes of passengers and an immense quantity of valuable freight.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

WM. T. RODGERS, *Pres't.*

Attest,

J. M. CORNELISON, *Secretary of N. J. P. C.*

LETTER OF CAPT. MAGINN.

NEW YORK, November 23, 1858.

*His Excellency Wm. A. Newell, Governor State of N. J.:*

SIR:—I have taken the liberty of addressing you on a subject in which you have always taken a lively interest,—in the saving of life and property on our coast. I was witness to your efforts on the getting up of the surf-boats and life-saving apparatus for the coast of New Jersey, when you were in Congress, and that is one of my reasons for now addressing you as the Executive of the State of New Jersey, and to call your attention and raise your interest in behalf of the establishment of a light house at the south end of the Woodlands. I could say much in favor of it, which a letter will not admit, and will only call your attention to the fact that more vessels are run on shore and lost between Barnegat and the Highlands of Navesink, than on any other part of that coast from Sandy Hook to Cape May.

By a reference to a chart of the coast, you will see that there is no light between Barnegat and the Highlands; and vessels coming in from the South East, or from the North East or East, too often fall in between these two places of darkness and *deep coasting* soundings, and before they are aware of any