

PILOT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE FOR N. J.,)
Jersey City, January 2d, 1861. }

To his Excellency CHARLES S. OLDEN, *Governor of New Jersey:*

SIR:—The Board of Pilot Commissioners of New Jersey respectfully report to the Governor and Legislature, that during the past year their every effort has been used to sustain the character of the establishment. The pilots have been assiduous in their duties, and the board have the gratification to report that no serious accidents have occurred to any vessels under their charge.

During the past year, thirty (30) pilots, including six whose duty is exclusively confined to navigating the inland waters, have been on duty; and they have brought in seven hundred and eight (708), and boarded off shore five hundred and fifty-three (553), and taken out six hundred and seventy (670); in charge of inland pilots, two hundred and fifty-nine (259), making a total aggregate thus far in charge of the establishment of twenty-six thousand nine hundred and two (26,902).

Two of our apprentices, after a rigid examination, were licensed as deputy pilots.

In the month of July last, our worthy president, William T. Rodgers, departed this life, much lamented by a large circle of friends, and deeply regretted by the Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners. Capt. Rodgers was appointed a commissioner in the infancy of the establishment, in the year 1833. He was appointed secretary in the year 1840, and on the death of Mr. John F. Ellis, the then president, he was appointed to fill that vacancy, in which capacity he served until the time of his death.

His thorough business tact, his general knowledge of commercial affairs, gained for him a justifiable reputation in the position he occupied. His uniform courtesy, his social virtues, endeared him to the individual members of the Board of which he was so long an honored member.

The commissioners have to regret that the evils complained of in their previous reports, in regard to obstructions in the channels of our inland waters, have not been abated, and they feel that unless some authority is placed in the hands of some efficient tribunal for their removal, some of our channels will become useless for navigating purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

J. M. CORNELISON, *Pres't.*

Attest,

J. L. BOGGS, *Sec'y.*