
R E P O R T
OF THE
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FOR THE YEAR 1867.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
NEW JERSEY PILOT COMMISSIONERS, }
JERSEY CITY, January 15, 1868.

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

SIR—The Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners, in compliance with the statute, respectfully submit the following annual report:

The New Jersey pilot organization consists at this date of

Pilots—Full branch,	35
Pilots—Deputies,	4
Apprentices,	12
Pilot boats,	6

During the past year this force has piloted into the harbor of New York and Jersey City 785 vessels; out of the harbor of New York and Jersey City 674 vessels. Of these 592 were boarded off shore. And the Commissioners have much satisfaction in the fact that no serious accident has occurred to any vessel in charge of a New Jersey pilot.

One case of drunkenness and bad conduct has been brought to the notice of the Board, and, after a careful investigation of the facts, the license of the offender was revoked by the Commissioners.

The Board were also under the necessity of suspending the license of one pilot for the space of three (3) months, for jeopardizing a vessel under his charge, by attempting to take her into the harbor of New York, in thick weather, thereby running her ashore.

The Board take much pleasure in testifying to the high standing and worth of the New Jersey pilots and of the efficiency which characterises the organization.

The Commissioners of Pilotage of New York have recently addressed a note to this Board stating that an order has been issued by them to the effect that no more pilots shall be licensed until an increase of business shall demand the same, and ask that the Commissioners of New Jersey shall issue a similar order.

The expediency of such a course seems at the present reduced state of trade to be proper, and this Board have the matter still under consideration.

The Board regret to be obliged to record the death of Theophilus Bube, an old and experienced pilot. At the time of his death he was Captain of Pilot Boat No. 5.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board,

HENRY W. MILLER, *President pro tem.*

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