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REPORT

OF THE

Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners,

FOR THE YEAR 1872.

TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE.

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ANDREW J. DRAKE, of Essex County.

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ANDREW J. DRAKE, Commander U. S. Navy, *President*.

HENRY W. MILLER, *Secretary*.



## REPORT.

*To His Excellency the Governor, and the Legislature of the State of  
New Jersey:*

The Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners herewith present their report for the year ending November 1, 1872.

Your commissioners have held regular monthly meetings, and special meetings when it has been deemed necessary for the more prompt execution of the business before them. Their executive committee has held perpetual sittings in New York, which has authority to examine and certify bills, to transact other business in the name of the commissioners, and to report its action at each regular meeting of the board.

This, it is believed, has met all requirements, and claims have been promptly adjusted without improper delegation of the authority of the board to a limited number of its members.

It is with pleasure that your commissioners testify to the good conduct of the New Jersey pilots, and as an evidence of their energy, they would refer you to the appended record of services performed by them since the last annual report of the commissioners; and that the arduous duties of the pilots have been rendered to the satisfaction of their employers, your commissioners beg to call your attention to the fact that but one case has been reported to them of incompetency, which, upon investigating, the board not only exonerated the pilot accused, but approved of his conduct throughout.

Your commissioners would invite the attention of your honorable body to the number of vessels spoken and piloted from "off shore ground," as a proof of the zeal with which the New Jersey pilots perform their duties and hazard the numerous perils of the open ocean.

The extra compensation which the laws of the State provide for "off shore" services, we deem eminently just and proper, it being but a very slight return for the full assurance to the ship-master that a skillful hand will be found to guide him into the harbors over which our pilots have authority to act. Indeed, we believe it is mainly in the provision of the act governing pilots giving extra compensation for "off shore" and "spoken" pilotage, which secures to these harbors an advantage possessed by no others in the world; and for this



It is the painful duty of the commissioners to report the death of pilot William C. Lucy, drowned by the swamping of a boat off Sandy Hook, while in the discharge of his duty. Pilot Lucy was an old and experienced pilot, and his loss will be deeply felt.

HENRY W. MILLER, *Secretary.*