

TESTIMONY.

Record of the oath and interrogatories propounded by the committee on Pilot laws, viz :

OATH.

"The evidence which you shall give before us, a select committee of the House of Delegates of Maryland, to whom was referred the memorials of the Pilots for an amendment of the Pilot laws, shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God."

INTERROGATORIES.

1. State the name and amount paid by each vessel for the Pilot license, since the first day of June, 1853 ; also, the amount of full pilotage collected by the Pilots, in the way of penalty, where there was a failure to renew a license as required by law, and for which there was no service rendered ?
2. State the name of each ship or vessel piloted since 1st of January, 1856. the amount paid therefor, in each case, and the name of the Pilot performing the service ?
3. State the amount received by the association of Pilots, from any other source than pilotage ?
4. State the number of boats, and the names of the Pilots to whom they belong. How many have they owned heretofore, and since the 1st of June, 1853 ?
5. State whether in your opinion the present law of 1853, does not sufficiently protect the Pilots, without any compulsory feature being engrafted thereon, such as is now petitioned for, in the memorial of the Pilots to the present Legislature ?
6. State whether in your judgment, the best interest of commerce, foreign and domestic, would not be subserved by a system, open to the competition of all men, under such rules and regulations as might be adopted by a board of trade ?
7. State what effect, in your judgment the granting of the present application of the Pilots for compulsory pilotage, would have upon the commerce of the city of Baltimore ?
8. State the number of Pilots, who are in active service, who