

speak a vessel outside the capes, before they received half pilotage.

10. Are you sufficiently advised as to the receipts of the pilots, to enable you to speak understandingly of the protection afforded by the act of 1853.

11. What were your reasons for your answer to the 6th interrogatory, to which you answer, "I do."

12. Do you, or do you not, believe the cruising at sea, by the pilots a protection to human life and commerce.

13. What is the business of a master of a vessel in approaching the coast.

14. Do you believe forty dollars, a sufficient compensation to pilots, in view of their service and the wear of their boats.

15. Do you, or do you not, know that there have been many disasters since 1853, outside and near cape Henry.

By Mr. Contee.—What are your reasons for your answer to interrogatory, No. 6, to which you answer, "I think not."

16. By Mr. Lynch.—State what have been your opportunities for forming an opinion upon this subject, and what effect the present pilot system, has upon the commerce of Baltimore, as compared with the old system.

17. By Mr. Baker.—State whether or not, in your judgment, the number of pilots might be decreased, without detriment to the commercial interests of Baltimore.

18. State what is your occupation, and whether or not you are interested in any ship or vessel.

19. Where did you usually speak vessels, under the regulations, prior to 1852, and where do you now usually speak them.

20. State whether it is not the constant practice of masters of vessels, to navigate their vessels up and down the bay, without any aid from the pilots.

21. Were you, or were you not, in favor of a change in the pilot laws of 1852.

22. Do you, or do you not, believe that an efficient number of pilots is absolutely necessary to the commerce of Baltimore.

23. What number of pilots in your opinion, are necessary to perform the pilot service of Baltimore.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 15th, 1858.

Proceedings had by Special Committee in relation to the Pilot Bill now pending before the Legislature, Mr. Goldsborough, Chairman, Mr. Contee, Mr. Dail, Mr. Baker and Mr. Lynch, present:

J. H. COOPER, Pilot, sworn.

To the first interrogatory he answers and says that he files statement marked A, purporting to be an answer as to the