

To the 3d, 4th, he has no knowledge.

To the 5th, he says he believes it would not.

To the 6th, he has no knowledge.

To the 7th, he says he has.

To the 8th, 9th, 10th, he has no knowledge.

To the 11th, he says he believes the cruising at sea of Pilots, 40 or 50 miles from the capes, would be beneficial.

To the 13th, he says it is the captain's business to make the capes before he gives up the ship, if the weather be foul, prudence requires he should not run in.

Of the 33d, he has no knowledge.

James Hooper, sworn.—To the 1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th, he has no knowledge.

To the 5th, he says he thinks they receive sufficient protection under the present law, without the compulsory feature.

To the 6th, he says he thinks the best interests of commerce would be subserved by a system open to competition.

To the 7th, he says he thinks it would lessen the amount of trade.

To the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, he has no knowledge.

To the 13th, they do not own as many boats as required; as to the balance of the 13th interrogatory, he knoweth not.

To the 14th, 15th, he has no knowledge.

To the 16th, he says he has been actively engaged in trade for many years, thinks the present Pilot system beneficial compared to the old one, because it invites vessels coastwise and foreign, and also invites competition.

To the 17th, he says he thinks they could be decreased.

To the 18th, he says he was a merchant, but at present is engaged in the shipping business.

To the 19th, he has no knowledge.

To the 20th, he says five-sixths or nine-tenths of the masters navigate their vessels without the aid of a Pilot.

To the 21st, he says he was not in favor of a change of the Pilot laws of 1852.

To the 22nd, he says he believes it would.

To the 23d, about 40.

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To the 10th, he says he is.

To the 12th, he says he thinks it would be.

To the 14th, he says he thinks forty dollars a month is sufficient compensation for a Pilot, exclusive of the wear of his vessel.

To the 15th, he knows there has been many disasters outside of and near cape Henry.