

a pilot to conduct or pilot his vessel, and shall continue the same pilot to the capes, or pay half pilotage to the capes to the first applicant; and the master of every vessel having no pilot on board, who shall follow another vessel that has a pilot on board, shall pay him half pilotage; and every pilot shall be exempt from militia duty during the time he shall act as pilot.

By 1790, ch. 27, all vessels belonging to persons not citizens of any of the United States arriving from sea at any port in this state, shall be obliged to take a pilot, if one offers; and pay one third additional pilotage above the fees allowed. The same fees to be paid on the refusal of the commander to take the pilot.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every pilot cruising or standing out to sea, shall offer his services first to the vessel nearest the land or in most distress, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money; and if any pilot, not being hindered by sickness or other lawful cause, shall refuse to go on board any vessel, when required by the master, to execute his office, such pilot shall forfeit and pay fifty pounds current money; and in either case, upon complaint and conviction before the board of examiners, such pilot shall be liable to be suspended by them for such time as they shall think fit; and every pilot, on offering his services to the master of any vessel, shall produce and shew to such master his warrant of appointment and licence granted him in virtue of this act, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every neglect.

Pilot to offer first to the vessel nearest land, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any pilot shall negligently or carelessly lose any vessel under his care, and be thereof convicted by due course of law, he shall for ever after such conviction be incapable of acting as a pilot in this state, and shall be also liable by action at common law to pay all such damages as any person shall sustain by such negligence or carelessness; and if any pilot shall run any vessel on shore, he shall be entitled to no pilotage, and if by negligence, he shall also be liable by action at common law to pay all damages occasioned thereby.

Penalty for negligence, &c.

XIII. AND, for preventing exorbitant demands for pilotage, BE IT ENACTED, That no greater reward for pilotage shall be taken than is allowed by this act, to wit: For every vessel from the capes to Baltimore-town, eight shillings and nine-pence current money, and from Baltimore-town to the capes, seven shillings and six-pence current money, for every half foot of water which such vessel shall draw; and from the mouth of Patowmack (a) to George-town, and *vice versa*, there shall be an addition of one fifth to the above sums, and so in proportion for any less distance from any other port of this state to the capes, or from the capes to any other port of this state, such distance to be ascertained by the said board of examiners; but no pilot shall receive any reward for any supernumerary inches under six.

Rates of pilotage, &c.

(a) By 1790, ch. 27, one fifth added to the pilotage from the capes to Baltimore shall be considered as the full pilotage from the capes to George-town, and so in proportion for any less distance.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any vessel bound to sea, or to any of the ports within this state, and under the direction of a pilot appointed under this act, shall touch at Hampton road, and from any other cause than distress of weather, the said pilot may demand and receive from the master of such vessel the sum of thirty shillings current money for carrying in any such vessel, and for bringing her out again the sum of twenty shillings current money; and if any vessel bound to sea, or any of the ports above or below the mouth of Severn, shall touch at the port of Annapolis, for any other cause than distress of weather, the pilot may demand and receive from the master thereof the sum of ten shillings for every day he is detained with such vessel.

Allowance for vessels touching at Hampton road, &c.

XV. AND, to the end that strangers may not be imposed on in the rates of pilotage, as settled by this act, BE IT ENACTED, That every pilot appointed in pursuance of this act, shall be obliged, when he receives his pilotage, to produce a copy of this act to the master of the vessel, to shew that he demands no greater reward than is allowed by this act; and if any pilot shall neglect to shew such copy at the time of receiving his pilotage, he shall forfeit and pay five pounds current money, and if he shall refuse, on request, to produce such copy, he shall forfeit and pay twenty pounds current money.

Pilot to produce a copy of this act, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any master of any vessel shall carry any licensed pilot to sea against his inclination, such master shall pay to a first rate pilot seven pounds ten shillings current money per month, if his boat be with him, if not, five pounds per month, until his return or death; to a second rate pilot six pounds per month, if his boat be with him, if not, four pounds per month, until his return or death; to a third rate pilot five pounds per month, if his boat be with him, if not, three pounds per month, until his return or death; and if any master of any vessel shall carry any licensed pilot to sea against his inclination, when his boat or any other boat is ready and offers

Wages allowed to pilots carried to sea, &c.