

increase and magnify both ; and all that is now wanted to place us, as a commercial city in the rank our natural position justifies ; is to increase and foster our foreign commerce and communications.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Baltimore, April 2, 1853.

Extract from Records at the Merchants' Exchange, of Vessels arriving from Northern and Southern Ports, in January, February and March of the years 1852 and 1853, respectively.

1852.				1853.			
January,	10	vessels,	South.	January,	22	vessels,	South.
"	18	"	North.	"	23	"	North.
Feb'ry,	30	"	South.	Feb'ry,	24	"	South.
"	39	"	North.	"	27	"	North.
March,	27	"	South.	March,	25	"	South.
"	43	"	North.	"	33	"	North.
Total,	187			Total,	154		

Extract from Records, of Vessels from Baltimore, coastwise bound outside of the Capes of Virginia, 1st three months of 1852 and 1853.

January,	14	vessels,	South.	January,	27	vessels,	South.
"	7	"	North.	"	21	"	North.
Feb'ry,	40	"	South.	Feb'ry,	27	"	South.
"	23	"	North.	"	26	"	North.
March,	41	"	South.	March,	36	"	South.
"	31	"	North.	"	31	"	North.
Total,	156			Total,	168		

REMARKS.

The small business done in January, 1852, is easily accounted for by the fact of the river at that time being much obstructed by ice ; but it will be seen that the other months, February and March of 1852, are in excess of the same period in 1853, though the half-pilotage was exacted in 1852, and not exacted in 1853.

By the House of Delegates,
April 6th, 1853.

Ordered, That the committee raised on the subject of the Pilot Laws, have the documents and testimony now in their possession, on that subject, printed for the use of this House.