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47 George III – Chapter 10

An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty fifth year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of Pilots and shipping in the Port of Quebec, and in the harbours of Quebec and Montreal, and for improving the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence; and for establishing a fund for decayed Pilots, their Widows and Children." (16th April, 1807.)

Whereas by an Act passed in the forty fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of Pilots and shipping in the Port of Quebec, and in the Harbours of Quebec and Montreal, and for improving the navigation of the river Saint Lawrence, and for establishing a Fund for decayed Pilots, their widows and children," a certain Fund was established for the relief of decayed Pilots, their Widows and Children, to be known by the name of the decayed Pilot Fund, and to which Fund the Pilots were obliged to contribute, according to the rates and in the manner therein mentioned; And Whereas the mode prescribed for enforcing the payment of the said contribution, has by experience been found expensive and ineffectual, and it is desirable that more certain and efficient means be provided for assuring the regular payment thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America;' and to make further provision for the government of the said Province:" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that, from and after the passing of this Act, the payment in the first instance to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Trinity House of Quebec of the contribution by branch Pilots to the said decayed Pilot Fund of eight pence in the pound for a certain period, and of one shilling in the pound thereafter out of the pilotage money, shall be discontinued, and in lieu thereof, it shall be lawful for the Naval Officer of the Port of Quebec, and he is hereby authorised and required, before clearing any ship or vessel from his office outwards, to ask, demand and receive from the master or commander of every such ship or vessel over and above the monies now by the said Naval Officer receivable under the abovesaid Act, a further sum of eight pence in the pound, during the term of five years from the passing of the abovesaid Act, and of one shilling in the pound after the expiration of the said term, out of every sum and sums of money which the Pilot of such ship or vessel has received, or is entitled to receive, for the pilotage thereof, from the said matter or commander as well for the preceding passage from Bic to or above Quebec, as for the passage from or above Quebec to Bic, as the case may be.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the matter or commander of every ship or vessel (not belonging to his Majesty) is hereby authorised and required to stop and retain eight pence in the pound during the term abovesaid, and one shilling in the pound thereafter, out of every sum and sums of money accruing and payable for the pilotage of the ship or vessel by him commanded, as well for the passage of the same from Bic to or above Quebec, as for the passage from or above Quebec to Bic; And every poundage so required to be stopped and retained, shall by every such matter or commander be paid over to the Naval Officer of the port of Quebec, before that the ship or vessel by him commanded shall be cleared outwards; and it shall be the duty of the Harbour Matter of Quebec to give or cause to be given notice to the master or commander of every such ship or vessel, which shall hereafter arrive at Quebec, that it is incumbent upon him to make such stoppage and retention of poundage upon pilotage. Provided always, that the poundage upon the pilotage of ships or vessels belonging to his Majesty, shall still continue to be paid and be payable to the Clerk of the abovesaid Corporation in the manner and form prescribed by the above recited Act. And Provided further, that the right of action for recovery of arrears of poundage which have already accrued and are become due, shall continue the same, as if this Act had not been made.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all sums of money received as abovesaid by the said Naval Officer for the said decayed Pilot Fund, shall by him be paid quarterly (first deducing and retaining therefrom for his trouble in receiving and paying the same, one shilling in the pound) to the Treasurer of the said Corporation of the Trinity House of Quebec, to be applied, in conformity to the provisions in the aforementioned Act, respecting such monies.