

by Law, partly in the summer season,—that there are only thirty-three branch pilots, acting as such below *Quebec*; he knows that there are several persons resident in *Lower-Canada*, who have a sufficient knowledge of the River *St. Lawrence*, and of navigation generally, to act as pilots below *Quebec*, but who have not served the apprenticeship required by Law, and therefore cannot obtain licences if inclined to become such; that he thinks fifteen additional pilots would be sufficient for the river below *Quebec*; that the clause in the Act of the 45th, Geo. 3d. cap. 12, enacting, that persons acting as pilots, even in cases of necessity shall incur a penalty, has a pernicious effect; and that the regulation contained in the Act which preceded it, for the payment and removal of such persons, on meeting with a branch pilot ought to be revived — That, if the pilots had boats, and remained always ready to embark when vessels bound up the River, arrive, it would be just and right that the first on board should be employed; but not otherwise—that the pilots have as much trouble in piloting a small vessel as a large one, to and from *Montreal*; and that the pilotage ought to be the same—that he does not think the pilots entitled to the same sum for bringing down a vessel as taking her up to *Montreal*; that the voyage from thence is performed in a shorter time, but the navigation is more difficult; that a pilot sent from *Quebec*, to bring a ship from *Montreal*, should be paid his travelling expences, and daily wages until he gets to the ship; that the same pilot who takes up a ship, if he brings her down, should have the full pilotage; if another pilot, he should have one half—that no pilot should be kept more than 48 hours at *Montreal*, without being paid, for further delay; that one of the pilots lives at *Berthier*, in the district of *Montreal*, the others at *Quebec*, and from thence to *Dechambault*; that pilots are victualled on board the ships and vessels in the way to and at *Montreal*, and during the fourteen days they are detained; that the wages paid to masters of river craft, having a similar knowledge of the navigation as the pilots is 15 or 16 dollars per month, and the navigation is open from 6 to 8 months;—that if he were obliged to send to *Father Point*, for a pilot to take a ship from *Quebec*; he cannot say if daily wages ought to be allowed, to such pilot, from the time he left *Father Point*, until he reached the ship; that he does not know that in any country the pilotage of large and small vessels is the same, that the

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