
PILOTAGE.

Anno Vicefimo Octavo GEORGII III. REGIS.

CHAP. V.

AN ORDINANCE,

*For regulating the Pilotage in the River Saint Lawrence, and
for preventing Abuses in the Port of Quebec.*

I.  HEREAS it is necessary for the encouragement of navigation, that the pilots in this province be properly regulated, be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor and the Legislative Council, and by the authority of the same, it is hereby enacted, That from and after the publication of

this ordinance, no person shall take charge of any ship or vessel as a pilot, without a licence under the hand and seal of His Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, on a certificate of his capacity from such person as His Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief may think proper to appoint from time to time to superintend or take charge of the pilots, and two experienced masters of vessels or pilots.

II. The pilots shall be divided into companies of two pilots and one apprentice at least to a company, and every company on or before the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall have and possess a proper pilot-boat, well fitted with sails, oars, and one anchor, and each company shall have one apprentice at least, not more than sixteen nor younger than fourteen years at the time of binding, and