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**State of New-York.**

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**IN ASSEMBLY, MAR. 8, 1857.**

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**TESTIMONY**

Reported by Mr. Wakeman from the committee on commerce and navigation in relation to the international bridge.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, }  
City of Buffalo, } ss:

Statement of Capt. Squires, thirty-two years engaged in navigating the lakes, the last three years engaged in running from Fort Erie to Buffalo harbor.

Abiram H. Squires being duly sworn deposes and says: I reside in that part of the city of Buffalo formerly known as Black Rock. I have been acquainted with the navigation of the lakes for thirty-two years, during that period I have acted in the capacity of sailor, mate and captain of sail and steam vessels, running between Buffalo and Chicago and the intermediate ports as well as Niagara river. I have often run down and up the river with steamers, and occasionally with sail vessels, to Tonawanda and Chippewa. I am now, and have been for the last three years, engaged in running a steam ferry boat from Waterloo and Fort Erie, in Canada, up the river through the rapids to Buffalo harbor. I consider that I am well acquainted with the navigation of the river, its shoals, currents and channels; the river is not generally used as a harbor of refuge, scarcely ever, for the last three years while I have been running the ferry (and I have been there constantly) I have not known a single vessel to run into the river for safety, if any had come in I should have known it; there is little safety in running

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