

would be a reasonable salary. That if the captain dismisses his pilot, without sufficient reason, at *Montreal*, in order to take another to bring him down, it would be right that he should pay him two thirds of the price fixed for taking the vessel up, and pay the half to the other pilot, which he takes to bring her down. That he thinks the pilot should be discharged from the vessel within forty-eight hours after her arrival at *Montreal*, and if he is longer detained, he ought to be paid five shillings per day and maintained, until his departure; and, that the pilot who shall be requested to bring a vessel from *Montreal*, should be paid his travelling expences for going to take charge of the vessel.

Mr. *Lindsay*, Registrar of the Trinity House, appeared before the Committee, and being examined, said:—He had a knowledge that the pilots went frequently below the limits fixed for their *rendez-vous*, for which several of them had been fined; but in two or three instances only the fines were recovered, as the defaulters reside so far from town, the levying of them is attended with great trouble and expence. That there is now due from different pilots, fines to the amount of thirty-one pounds, imposed in 1806 and 1807, which, on account of the above circumstances, remain unpaid. He informed the Committee that, twenty-six square rigged vessels arrived at *Quebec* last Summer, conducted by persons who were not Branch Pilots; and that, twenty square rigged vessels arrived at *Quebec* during the same season, without any assistance whatever from Pilots or others. That he conceives this might have arisen from two causes; the first, from the Pilots going so frequently below the *rendez-vous*, and thereby missing the ships bound up; the second, from the number of Branch Pilots not being sufficient, when a fleet or squad of vessels come in at the same time. That the pilotage paid by the trade of *Lower Canada* in 1807, amounted to £4583 currency, and 1808, to £5509 currency, exclusive of the twenty ships that came up without assistance. That the number of Pilots who exercised their profession between *Quebec* and *Bic* last Summer, did not exceed thirty three. He knows that several apprentice Pilots have been examined within these three years, and found very defective; some of them were remanded for further instruction; and it is not likely that the number of Pilots will be soon augmented from among the apprentices. He has a knowledge of five or six persons having applied in writing, and verbally, to the Corporation