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same, That the said Ordinance shall take place and be in force in the said Province of Quebec. But as it would be difficult to make the necessary preparations for Carrying it into Execution soon enough to render it of service to the Navigation of the said River Saint Lawrence during this present year; It is therefore Ordained and Declared by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of the same, that the said Ordinance shall take place and be in force in the said Province of Quebec only from and after the first day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine, and not before.

The said Ordinance is as follows.

"AN ORDINANCE for appointing Pilots and for establishing
"Certain Rules and Regulations to be observed by all Masters or
"Commanders of Ships, or Vessels, sailing up or down the River
"Saint Lawrence to or from the City and port of Quebec.—

Preamble.

"WHEREAS the Stationing at proper Seasons of the year a
"Certain number of able Pilots, under proper Regulations, at Bic and
"the Island of Coudre, in the River Saint Lawrence, will be of great
"advantage and Safety to Shipping, bound to or from the City of
"Quebec, and in order to render the same effectual, it will be
"necessary to establish Certain Rules & Regulations, to be observed
"by all Masters or Commanders of Ships or Vessels, on their Arrival
"at Bic and Coudre from Sea; or on their Return thither from
"Quebec. Be it therefore Ordained and Declared by His Honour the
"President of His Majestys Council and Commander in Chief of the
"Province of Quebec by and with the advice and Consent of His
"Majestys Council, and by the Authority of the same It is hereby
"Ordained and Declared, That as soon as the season will permit in
"the next Spring, Eight or Ten Branch or other Pilots who shall
"have passed an Examination before Competent Judges and have
"been found sufficiently qualified to take upon themselves the charge
"of the Pilotage of any Ship or Vessel Arriving at Bic or Coudre,
"bound to Quebec, and from thence down the River, and who shall
"respectively have Certificates of such their qualifications Signed by
"the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time
"being, shall be ordered to attend at Bic from the time aforesaid until
"the middle of October in every year at which place a Convenient
"Log house shall be built for their use and at least Ten pilots shall
"likewise be ordered to attend at Coudre from the time aforesaid
"until the middle of December in every year who shall respectively
"take charge of all ships or Vessels on their Arrival at either of the
"said places, That is to say, every Pilot taking upon himself the
"charge of any Ship or Vessel at Bic shall pilot the same from thence
"to Coudre, at which place if he is not qualified to proceed to
"Quebec, he shall be discharged and paid at the rate hereinafter
"mentioned, and the Ship or Vessel shall take in another pilot at
"Coudre who shall proceed from thence to Quebec, and on their
"return from thence to Coudre if the Pilot be not qualified to
"proceed to Bic the Master of such Ship or Vessel shall take in
"another Pilot there to proceed to Bic; and if any Pilot respectively
"appointed to attend at Bic or Coudre as aforesaid for the time, and
"in manner as is herein before directed, shall neglect, or Refuse so to