CHAPTER clx.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, relating to the Pilotage district of Bristol. A.D. 1891.

[28th July 1891.]

WHEREAS a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, does not take effect unless and until it is confirmed by Act of Parliament: 25 & 26 Vict. c. 63.

And whereas it is expedient that the Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the said Act and set out in the schedule to this Act be confirmed by Act of Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Confirmation of Order in schedule.

1. The Order set out in the schedule to this Act shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof, in manner and form as they are set out in the said schedule, shall from and after the passing of this Act take effect and have full validity and force.

Provision as to compensation.

2. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of an arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade on the application of not less than one third of the pilots licensed before the commencement of this Act by the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the city of Bristol, herein-after called "the corporation,"

1. that a diminution in the employment of or other loss to pilots so licensed at Bristol has occurred; and
2. that such diminution or loss has been caused by the operation of the Order confirmed by this Act, and has not been

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adequately met by increased pilotage rates, or by provisions for superannuation, or by other means;

the corporation shall pay to any pilot licensed by them before the commencement of this Act, in respect of the loss which he may suffer by the operation of the Order confirmed by this Act, such compensation either by way of annual payment or otherwise, and during such period of time (not exceeding the lifetime of the pilot affected) as may be determined by the arbitrator so appointed.

No application to the Board of Trade for the appointment of an arbitrator under this Act shall be made before the expiration of two years nor after the expiration of three years from the commencement of this Act.

The costs of the arbitration shall be paid by the corporation.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Pilotage Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1891.

SCHEDULE.

BRISTOL.

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Order for Exempting from Compulsory Pilotage, except within the Port of Bristol, Vessels bound to and from that Port.

1. This Order may be cited as the Bristol Pilotage Order, 1891. Short title.

2. The Bristol Wharfage Act, 1807 (forty-seventh George the Third, session two, chapter thirty-three), as amended by this Order, and this Order shall be read and construed together as one Act or Order. Bristol Wharfage Act, 1807, and this Order to be read together.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bristol Wharfage Act, 1807, the masters and owners of all vessels sailing, navigating, or passing up or down the Bristol Channel to or from the port of Bristol, shall be, and they are by this Order exempted from all obligation to be conducted, piloted, or navigated by pilots authorised or licensed by the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the city of Bristol, except when within the limits of that port, which limits are as follows; namely, from the westwardmost part of the Flat and Steep Holms, up the course of the Bristol Channel eastward to Aust in the county of Gloucester, and from the said Holms southward athwart the channel to Uphill, and from thence along the coast eastward in the counties of Somerset and Gloucester to Aust aforesaid, and also from Holesmouth in Kingroad up the Avon to the city of Bristol, together with the several pills lying on the said river. Ships bound to or from Bristol exempt from pilotage, except within the port.

4. All existing byelaws, rules, and orders of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the city of Bristol relating to pilotage, shall be read and have effect in accordance with the provisions of the Bristol Wharfage Act, 1807, as amended by this Order. Byelaws, &c. to be construed in accordance with this Order.

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