

HOUSE....No. 94.

[Reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT

In addition to acts, for Regulating the Pilotage of Vessels through the Vineyard Sound, to Nantucket.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SECT. 1. The fees to commissioned pilots, for
2 pilotage of vessels bound to the port of Nantucket, if
3 boarded outside of a line drawn from the south part
4 of Noman's Land to Saugkonnet Point, shall be two
5 dollars and twenty-five cents per foot of the draft of
6 water ; but if boarded within said line, there shall be
7 a deduction of twenty-five per cent. from said rate.

8 If not boarded before passing a line drawn south
9 southeast from the lighthouse at Tarpaulin Cove,
10 there shall be a deduction of fifty per cent., and in
11 case the master then declines taking a pilot, said
12 pilot shall be entitled to one-quarter pilotage, agreea-
13 bly to these regulations. And if no pilot shall have
14 offered his services, before any vessel liable to take a
15 pilot, shall have passed a line drawn from the West
16 Chop Lighthouse to the Nobska Lighthouse, there
17 shall be no obligation, on the part of the master nor
18 owners of said vessel, to pay pilotage, if the master
19 shall then decline receiving a pilot.

1 SECT. 2. The master of any vessel, bound to Nan-
2 tucket, may, if he think best so to do, discharge his
3 pilot at either Holmes' Hole or Edgartown; in which
4 case said pilot shall be entitled to three-fourths of the
5 amount of the regular fees for pilotage to Nantucket,
6 as herein prescribed; and also, to the farther sum of
7 two dollars per day, for every day which said pilot
8 may be detained by said vessel, after the day of an-
9 chorage, in case said pilot shall ultimately be dis-
10 charged at either of the ports of Holmes' Hole or
11 Edgartown.

1 SECT. 3. In case the master of any vessel, as afore-
2 said, shall have employed a non-commissioned pilot,
3 previous to being boarded by a branch pilot, said non-
4 commissioned pilot shall be entitled to receive, for his
5 services, whatever sum may be deducted from the
6 fees of the branch pilot, in accordance with the provi-
7 sions of the first section of this act.

1 SECT. 4. All acts, and parts of acts, heretofore
2 passed, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed;

3 and all regulations, heretofore existing, are hereby
4 annulled, excepting the provision that when the said
5 vessels, between the 15th of September and the 15th
6 of March, shall be boarded "from without a line, to
7 extend southeast by south, from Beaver-Tail Light-
8 house, till it intersects a line running south south-
9 west, from Noman's Land, twenty per cent., in addi-
10 to the established rate of pilotage," shall be paid.

