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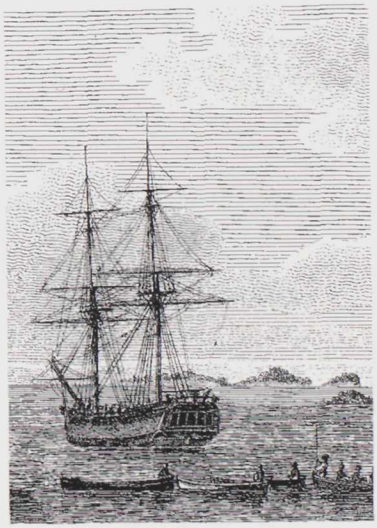

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WHEREAS, it is expedient to regulate the traffic of Boats or Vessels of less than One Hundred Tons burden, carrying Passengers and Freight between the Bays and Ports of Victoria and Esquimalt, or employed on the waters of either of the said Bays or Ports for any purpose, and to make Harbor Rules and Regulations to be observed by all Masters and Commanders of Ships or Vessels, and persons duly licensed or appointed to act as Pilots in the said Ports: Now I, the said Governor, by virtue of an Act entitled "The Customs Consolidation Act, 1855," and also an Act entitled "The Supplemental Customs Consolidation Act, 1855," do hereby publish, declare and make known the Harbor Rules and Regulations which are to be observed in the said Ports of Victoria and Esquimalt, and all other Ports in Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies, as hereinafter set forth.

FOR HARBOR RULES.

First.—Every Vessel or Ship arriving in the said Ports, shall cast anchor in a place pointed out by the Harbor Master, now appointed or to be hereafter appointed for either or both of said Ports and Harbors, or by any person acting under his or their authority; and every Master, and Commander, in charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall, whenever required so to do, by the said Harbor Master, or by any person acting under his authority, slacken down the ropes and chains, or any particular rope or chain, of such Vessel or Ship, in such manner as he or they shall be required to slacken the same.

Second.—Every Master, or Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship lying at any of the Wharfs of, or within the limits, of either said Harbors of Victoria or Esquimalt, shall, when required so to do by the said Harbor Master, or by any person acting under his authority, move the same Vessel or Ship to such other berth or place as he may fix and indicate for that purpose.

Third.—Every Master, or Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall, when required so to do by the said Harbor Master, or by any person acting under his authority, carry out under his or their directions additional fastenings in order to make such Ship or Vessel secure.

Fourth.—Every Master, Commander, or Pilot, having the charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall, when required so to do, act under the directions of and obey and carry into effect the orders of the said Harbor Master, or of any person acting under his authority, in relation to the place, and the manner of bringing the Vessel or Ship to anchorage; the manner of coming alongside or leaving Wharfs, or securing or mooring the Vessel or Ship in either of said Harbors of Victoria or Esquimalt.

Fifth.—No Master, Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship in either of the said Harbors of Victoria or Esquimalt, shall fire, or suffer to be fired, any cannon or gun, without the permission of the said Harbor Master, except Steamers employed for the carriage of Passengers, and Government Vessels of all descriptions.

Sixth.—No Master, Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall leave gun powder or combustible matter of any

kind on the Wharfs, or upon the deck of any Vessel or Ship lying at or near the Wharfs, after sunset.

Seventh.—Any Master, Commander, or Pilot, haying charge of any Vessel or Ship previously to loading or discharging Ballast, Coals, Cinders, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, or any loose matter or thing, shall be, and is hereby required, to fasten canvass or cloth, or a chute, to the Vessel or Ship, extended to the Wharf, Vessel or Ship to or from which such Ballast, Coals, Cinders, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, or other loose matter shall be conveyed, so as to prevent any part thereof from dropping into the Harbor, and shall place the same at the distance of six feet at least from the edge of every Quay or Wharf on which the same shall be placed to be loaded or discharged.

Eighth.—No Master, Commander, or Pilot, in charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall cast, throw, or put any Earth, Stones, Ballast, Rubbish, or other materials contained in the said Vessel or Ship, or shall knowingly permit the same to be cast, thrown, or put out of any Vessel or Ship, into any part of the Harbors of Vancouver's Island as aforesaid.

Ninth.—No Master, Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall moor any such Vessel or Ship to any Buoy or Beacon not being a mooring Buoy or Beacon, or in any manner hang on to any such Buoy or Beacon, not being a mooring Buoy or Beacon.

Tenth.—Every Master, Commander, or Pilot, having charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall, when required so to do by the said Harbor Master, or by any person acting under his authority, peak their yards, place sprit-sail yard fore and aft, run jib-boom in, get the anchors on the forecastle deck, rig in main and mizzen booms, and stern and quarter davits.

Eleventh.—No Master, Commander, or Pilot, in charge of any Vessel or Ship, shall be allowed to smoke any such Vessel or Ship for Rats or Vermin, without the authority of the said Harbor Master.

Twelfth.—That no Pitch, Tar, or other combustible matter, shall be heated or melted on board of any Vessel or Ship, or on the Wharfs, within the precincts of any of the Harbors of Vancouver's Island, by any Master, Commander, or Pilot, in charge of any Vessel or Ship.

Thirteenth.—Every Master, Commander, or other person in charge of any Vessel or Ship lying in either of said Harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt, shall provide a sufficient number of persons to carry into effect any of the foregoing Regulations relating to the mooring, unmooring, removal, removing, or additional securing Vessels or Ships, on notice of the same being required, having been given by the said Harbor Master, or by any person acting under his authority; and in the event of the said Harbor Master, or other person acting under his authority, not finding the Master, or Commander, or officer in charge of any Vessel or Ship, on board to obey his instructions when the service is required without delay, it shall be lawful for the said Harbor Master, or any officer acting under his authority, to employ, at the usual daily wages of the Port, a sufficient number of persons to perform the required service, and to charge the amount of the same against the Vessel or Ship in the usual Port charges. The payment for the expense incurred will not absolve the Master, or Commander, from any fine that may be inflicted for his neglecting to act in compliance with these regulations.

Fourteenth.—That no person or persons shall let go, cut, or unfasten, any rope, chain or other fastening to or from any Vessel or Buoy, Anchor, Mooring Dolphin, or Wharf, or other place, connected with any Ship or Vessel in the said Harbors of Victoria or Esquimalt, unless authorized so to do by the said Harbor Master, or by some persons acting under his orders, or by the Pilot, Master, or Commander of any Vessel or Ship which may be in the act of mooring, unmooring, or removing.

Fifteenth.—No Boats, Lighters, or other crafts, shall be permitted to lie in places where they may injure Vessels, or interfere with mooring, unmooring, or removal, or navigation of Vessels.

Sixteenth.—Masters, Commanders, or the crews of Vessels or Ships, shall not impede by word or act the said Harbor Master, or any person acting under his orders, in the execution of their duties.

Any person or persons found guilty of a breach of these Rules shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Five Pounds, and not exceeding Thirty Pounds, on such offence being proved before one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

And for the Regulation of Vessels and Boats of less than One Hundred Tons burden, carrying Passengers or employed in the traffic between the Bays and Ports of Victoria and Esquimalt as aforesaid: all such Vessels and Boats shall be licensed as follows—

First.—A license may be granted by the Collector of the Customs to the owners and Captains of all such Vessels and Boats as shall comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, on payment to such Collector, per quarter year, in advance, as follows—

SCALE OF LICENSE.

Wherries and Skiffs plying for hire, and licensed to carry not exceeding six passengers, per quarter, Five Dollars.

Row Boats and Yawls plying for hire, and licensed to carry more than six passengers, and under ten tons burden, per quarter, Seven Dollars and Fifty cents.

Lighters and Scows employed in freighting or discharging vessels, or otherwise, for hire, under ten tons burden, per quarter, Ten Dollars.

Lighters and Scows exceeding ten tons burden, Ten Dollars per quarter, with Twenty-five cents additional for every ton exceeding ten tons, and up to one hundred tons burden.

Renewable quarterly, on production of a new certificate, as hereinafter directed, and shall not be transferable without permission of such Collector.

Second.—Any person or persons applying for such license, shall first produce to the Collector a certificate signed by the Port Warden of the Port of Victoria, stating,

First.—The name of such Vessel or Boat, and that such name has been painted on the stern of such Vessel or Boat, in white or yellow Roman letters, not less than two inches in length, on a black ground, and the Port or place to which she belongs, and also the name of the owner or owners, in like letters, not less than one inch in length, on the stern or transom of such Vessel or Boat.

Second.—The description and tonnages of such Vessel or Boat, and that she is a suitable and proper Vessel or Boat for such employment.

Third.—The name or names of the owner or owners, and Captain

or person in charge or management of such Vessel or Boat, and the place of residence of such owner or owners, the Captain or person in charge or management of such Vessel or Boat, the street and number of their respective places of residence, when any such exist.

Fourth.—The number of passengers such Vessel or Boat can safely carry.

Fifth.—All Vessels and Boats receiving license under these Regulations, shall not receive passengers, baggage and freight from, or deliver passengers, baggage and freight to, any Vessel or Steamer, until such Vessel or Steamer shall have been first duly entered or cleared at the Custom House of such Ports of Victoria and Esquimalt.

Sixth.—If any Vessel or Boat so licensed shall not comply with the conditions imposed by, or expressed in, any such license, or if any Vessel or Boat shall be found without having such license on board, such Vessel or Boat shall be liable to be forfeited, or in case any such Vessel or Boat shall be found having on board any goods—the importation of which is prohibited or restricted, shall be liable to seizure, and forfeited as provided in the Act entitled, "The Customs Consolidation Act, 1855," as well also "The Supplemental Customs Consolidation Act, 1855."

And I, the said Governor, do by this Proclamation further order, declare, and direct, that the Rules and Regulations above set forth shall take effect from the date hereof, and that the same shall be, and shall henceforth continue to be in full force and effect until the same shall be altered, amended, or repealed by me; and that the same shall be observed by all owners and Captains of such Vessels and Boats as shall be licensed by virtue of the foregoing order and Regulations, and by all Masters and Commanders of all Vessels and Ships, and by all persons duly licensed or appointed to act as Pilots for the Harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt, or employed on the waters of either of the said Bays or Ports, and all other Bays and Ports in Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Victoria, this Twenty-fifth day of August, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight, and in the Twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

JAMES DOUGLAS,
GOVERNOR. {L S}

By His Excellency's Command.
WILLIAM CHARLES, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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