

(No. 3761.)

“ EARNMOOR ” (S.S.)

FINDING and Order of a Naval Court held at the British Consulate, Philadelphia, on the 8th day of March 1889, to investigate the circumstances attending the stranding of the steamship “ EARNMOOR,” of Newcastle-on-Tyne, official No. 92,856, in the Delaware River, by striking a sunken rock on the evening of January 10th, 1889; and as to the conduct of the master, officers, and crew at the time of the occurrence.

The Court, having heard the evidence placed before it, and carefully considered said evidence, find:—

1st. That the stranding of the s.s. “ Earnmoor,” on January 10th last, was entirely due to the incompetency of the pilot, Edward Southard, licenced by the State of Delaware, and who was in charge as pilot, together with the master.

2nd. That the master was in great fault in allowing the pilot to leave the bridge on two occasions, although individually he is considered to have afterwards done all in his power to save ship, cargo, and human life.

3rd. That the log book has not been well kept, the master not having made the proper entries with reference to the casualty.

4th. That in accordance with the powers contained in Section 263 of 17 and 18 Vict., c. 104, the sum of \$22.16, being a portion of the costs of the proceedings before the said Court, be paid by C. Erickson, A.B., one of the parties thereto, and who at the time of the casualty was at the helm, and having come ashore and being ordered back to the ship (he claiming his discharge), refused to comply with the consular order, stating at the same time that if his evidence was needed he would have to be paid extra for it. On March 7th he was personally served with a summons to appear at 11.30 sharp a.m., and replied that he would be there. Said seaman having failed to comply with the summons the Court therefore orders as above, and directs the master to pay the said amount accordingly, and that he is hereby empowered to deduct the same from the wages of C. Erickson.

5th. The Court further directs that the certificates be returned to the master and such of the officers and crew holding certificates.

The expenses of this Court, fixed at \$33.47, are approved.

(Signed) ROBERT CHAS. CLIPPERTON,
H.M.'s Consul,
President of the Court.

G. MORRELL,
Commanding s.s. “ British Prince,”
ANGUS MACNICOL,
Commanding s.s. “ Carthaginian,” } Members.

Dated at the British Consulate, Philadelphia, this
8th day of March 1889.