

the codification of the laws in 1888, said sections being co-ordinate sections of law applicable to the waters of the Choptank river in common between Dorchester and Talbot counties."

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That sections 244, 245, 248, 249, 250 and 251, of Article 10, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title 'Dorchester County,' and sections 155, 156, 159, 160, 161 and 162, of Article 21, of said Code of Public Local Laws, title 'Talbot County,' sub-title (in both Articles) 'Oysters,' and all amendments and re-enactments of said sections by the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland since the codification of said Articles in 1888, said sections being co-ordinate sections of said Article in relation to the taking of oysters in the waters in common between Dorchester and Talbot counties, be and the said sections are hereby repealed and re enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

"244 and 245. The clerks of the Circuit Court for Dorchester county and Talbot county, respectively, shall, upon application of the managing owner who has been a resident of the country in which he shall apply for one year next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ his boat of a capacity of seven gross tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by rules of Custom House measurement as hereinafter provided in taking and catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river in said counties, for sale from the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March, next, succeeding, both inclusive, on which last named day the license shall expire; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as 'Thomas' Wharf,' on the Dorchester shore to the bowdle house on the Talbot shore immediately opposite; or in any tributary of said river above or below said line; and provided further, that the applicant shall pay such clerk the sum of one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessels to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage, and all boats measuring less than five tons gross, shall pay eight dollars for said license, which