

line no appliance shall be used to take or catch oysters other than the ordinary tongs worked by hand only; provided, however, that licensees holding licenses under the State law shall be permitted to work in other waters contiguous to said counties for the entire season, covered by the said State law in regard to tonging oysters; any citizen of St. Mary's or Calvert Counties desiring to take or catch oysters with tongs may apply to the Clerk of the County of which he is a resident for a license to take oysters in the Chesapeake Bay or Potomac river during the time allowed by the General Oyster Law, and such license shall be good for the entire oyster season; provided, however, that the provisions of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," shall apply as to the culling of oysters in St. Mary's County.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts, or parts of Acts, inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, so far as inconsistent, and that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 30, 1900.

CHAPTER 98.

AN ACT to provide for a State Subscription to Perkins' Annotated Maryland Report, and for an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, All the original volumes of the Maryland Reports published between the years 1851 and 1893 have been totally destroyed by fire, and Maryland Reports destroyed by fire

WHEREAS, A new annotated and revised edition of said reports is now in course of publication, for which the copyright of all the original reports has been secured by purchase, and which edition has been recommended by the Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Associate Judges of the State as well, as by the legal profession, and

WHEREAS, Said edition is a continuation of Brantly's Annotated Maryland Reports for which 100 sets for the use of all the courts of the city and the State Library was authorized by the Act of 1884, Chapter 244, and

WHEREAS, So far but thirty-five sets of Perkins' Annotated Maryland Reports have been subscribed for by the Act of 1898, Chapter 296.

SECTION, I. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Librarian be and he is hereby