

Penalty for violation of said Articles.

Articles relating to the catching of oysters in the Choptank River shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction before any justice of the peace or Judge of the Circuit Court of either of said counties, shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars, and the license of the master of the boat which shall have been issued to him to take or catch oysters shall be forfeited and cancelled, and if said master and person in charge of said boat be the owner thereof, then, in such case, the said boat so unlawfully used shall not again be used in said waters for the remainder of the season for which said master was so licensed to use the same.

Unlawful for damaged boat, etc., to be used in catching oysters.

251 of Article 10 and 162 of Article 21. It shall not be lawful for any damaged boat, canoe or vessel to be employed to catch oysters with scoop, scrape, or dredges in the waters in common between Dorchester and Talbot Counties; and all timbers, more than five and one half inches in depth, used in the construction of said boat, to which her bottom is fastened or any and all other materials used to make the space between the ceiling and bottom planks, over five and one half inches, and all ceiling over two inches thick, and any, or all materials used between such ceiling and deck, decreasing custom-house tonnage, shall be considered damaged.

Governor shall appoint admeasurers. Duties of

The Governor of this State shall, on or before the first day of July in each year, appoint two competent persons, one from Dorchester County, and one from Talbot County, to be known as admeasurers, to examine and measure all boats over six gross tons, (custom-house measurements) or smaller boats, if in the judgement of said admeasurers they have reason to believe such boats have been incorrectly measured, prior to the granting, by the Clerks of said Circuit Courts, a license to catch oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, and the said admeasurers acting together, as soon as notified, and paid one dollar each for each boat and traveling expenses, and the cost of certificate and revenue stamp by the captain or managing owner of such boats proceed to examine and measure the same, if after examining and measuring such boat the admeasurer finds that such boat is under seven tons gross or under ten and fifty-two one-hundredths tons gross, and if such last-mentioned boat was licensed to take oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge on said waters for the season ending March 15th, 1900, and no damage in any of said boats, they shall under oath so certify to the Clerk of the Court of the county to which application for license is to be made, giving the tonnage of such boats, and shall also give a dupli-