

sent of the Senate, in each of the following districts: First, at St. Michaels; second, at Cambridge; third, at Deal's Island; fourth, at Crisfield; sixth, at Annapolis; seventh, five at Baltimore city. Bond, \$5,000; fees, fifty cents for each person shipped; twenty-five cents for each person discharged from a vessel, to be paid by the master of the vessel. The duties of the commissioners are to superintend the engagement and discharge of all persons engaged or employed in vessels or boats of ten tons or over, used for the catching of oysters in the waters of the State. No time given for appointment; to hold office for two years, or until his successor shall have qualified. Article 72, sections 67 to 76.

*State Fishery Force.*—The board of public works is empowered to appoint a suitable person as commander of the force; deputy commander for one steamer, and a deputy for each sloop in the respective districts. The waters of the State are divided into seven districts as follows: First, Kent and Queen' Anne's; second, Queen Anne's and Talbot; third, Talbot and Dorchester; fourth, Wicomico; fifth, Somerset; sixth, Anne Arundel; seventh, St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles.

The board is directed to arm the steamer and vessels; term of office of commanders and deputies, two years; they are punished for collusion with violators of the law; they are removable for neglect or incompetency; the board fills vacancies; the deputy commander in charge of steamer is to keep constantly on duty; the deputy commanders of the sloops are ordinarily to keep themselves to their districts; the salary of the commander is \$1,500; bond of commanders, \$10,000; bond of deputy commanders, \$3,000, to be approved by one of the judges of the Circuit Courts, and to be filed with the Comptroller; salary of deputy commander in charge of steamer, \$1,000, and he appoints one officer at a salary of \$600, an engineer at \$800, an assistant at \$500, two seamen at \$25 a month, one steward and one cook each at \$20 a month; the deputy commanders in charge of sloops have a salary of \$800, and they each appoint one officer at \$550, four seamen at a salary of \$40 per month during oyster season, \$30 the balance of the year; they are to be selected from the districts in which they serve; deputy commanders are to watch diligently and guard the oyster grounds, and arrest parties dredging unlawfully; they must enforce the law relating to fish; deputy commanders must visit at least once in two weeks, between the 1st of May and 1st of October, the tributaries and streams of their respective districts; the commander is to have control of the force under the supervision of the Board of Public Works; he is to plant oysters and inspect shipping articles of crew on oyster boats. Article 72 of the Code.