

State in taking or catching oysters in any of the waters of this State with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge, shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, and upon conviction thereof by any Justice of Peace or in any Circuit Court for any county, or the Court of Common Pleas of the City of Baltimore, shall be condemned to be sold in the same manner and upon the same terms, and the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be disposed of as hereinbefore provided in section seventeen of this Article.

Officers may arrest with or without warrant.

Sec. 21. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of any Sheriff, constable or other officer created by this Article, with or without warrant, to arrest any person or persons, and to seize and take into custody, any canoe, boat or vessel whenever and wherever such person or persons, canoe, boat or vessel shall be found violating, or being used in violating any of the provisions of this Article, and to bring the offender or offenders before the nearest Justice of the Peace or Judge of a Circuit Court, to be dealt with as herein provided.

Duty of the Comptroller.

Sec. 22. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury, upon information given him of any violation of the provisions of this Article, and at such other times as he may think the interests of the State require it, to charter a steamer for a period not exceeding ten days at a time, and to commission and authorize some officer or other person, in whose charge the steamer so chartered shall be placed, to cruise in any of the waters of this State, to overhaul and examine the license of all boats or vessels engaged in taking or catching, buying and selling, oysters in the State, and to arrest all persons who may be found violating any of the provisions of this Article, and to seize all boats or vessels, together with their tackle, furniture, and all other property which may be found on board such boats or vessels so engaged, used or employed in violating said provisions, and the said officer so commissioned shall have power to summon to his aid such number of persons not exceeding twenty as may, in his judgment, be necessary to the proper and sale execution of his commission.