

## OYSTERS.

See 1833, ch. 254, ante page 1123, and 1837, ch. 310, ante page 1263.

AN ACT to amend an Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters, in the Waters of this State, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter three hundred and ten, so far as the same relates to Caroline County.—1838, ch. 35.

WHEREAS, it has been found by experience that the law Preamble. passed at the last session of the legislature to protect oysters in the waters of this state, is unequal and oppressive to the citizens of Caroline county, for it has been conceded in all past time that the navigable waters of a state are free to all her citizens; *And whereas*, by the act to which this is a supplement, any vessel or vessels bound to, or from Baltimore, or elsewhere, out of the great Choptank river, whose owners reside in Caroline county, and whose hands shall be found catching oysters within five hundred yards of the shores of either Talbot or Dorchester counties, any such vessel or vessels and cargoes shall be forfeited, &c.; therefore,

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* Privilege extended to citizens of Caroline county. the citizens of Caroline county shall have, enjoy and possess the same rights and privileges to take or catch oysters in the great Choptank and Nanticoke rivers and their tributary creeks, waters or streams, for the consumption of the citizens of said county, and not for exportation out of this state, as the citizens of the adjoining counties of Talbot and Dorchester have, any thing in the act to which this is an additional supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

## POOR.

1788, ch. 14, and supplements, are repealed by 1817, ch. 102.

AN ACT for the relief of the Poor of Caroline County.—1817, ch. 102.

The modifications of this law will be found in the succeeding acts on this subject.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the Preamble. petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, that the existing law for the support of the poor of said county does not answer the purpose for which it was intended; therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Trustees appointed; oath; powers. That for the time being the several persons hereafter named, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees for the poor within the said county, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts, reposed in and required of them, by virtue of this act; that is to say, Col. William Potter, Edmond Pendleton, James Houston, Richard Hughlett, Peter Willis, Jeremiah Rhodes and John