

Hawkers,  
&c. to pay  
\$40, &c. for  
license.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first day of August next for each and every license that shall be granted to any hawker and pedlar who vends any kind of wares, either of foreign or domestic manufacture, to travel and trade by virtue of this act, there shall be paid the sum of forty dollars, exclusive of the customary clerks fee for making out or renewing the same.

DECEMBER, 1820.—CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT to prevent the destruction of Oysters in this State.

Other laws are, 1820, ch. 107; 1821, ch. 107; 1829, ch. 87; 1830, ch. 58; 1831, ch. 249; 1832, ch. 265, 276; 1833, ch. 254; 1834, ch. 311; 1835, ch. 216, 260, 337; 1836, ch. 186; 1837, ch. 310.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to the general assembly, that a great number of large vessels from the northern and middle states frequent our waters for the purpose of transporting oysters to those states: And whereas, well grounded apprehensions are entertained of the utter extinction of oysters in the state, as well in consequence of the immense quantity thereof exported, as the destructive instruments used in catching them; therefore,

SEC. 1. Merged in 1833, ch. 254, sec. 1.

By 1829, ch. 87, sec. 10, drags, or rakes, or tongs, are not to have more than six teeth.

Penalty for  
putting  
oysters on  
board any  
vessel not  
owned by  
citizens of  
this state.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall put oysters caught or gathered in the waters, bays, rivers or creeks of this state, on board of any canoe, flat, scow, boat or other vessel, not wholly belonging to and owned by some person or persons who have resided within this state twelve months previously to such oysters being so put on board of such canoe, flat, scow, boat or vessel, and every person so offending, and being thereof convicted before a justice of the peace of either of the counties adjoining the waters, bays, rivers or creeks, in which the offence has been committed, shall forthwith pay the sum of twenty dollars, or in case of failure so to do, shall be committed by a justice of the peace to the public gaol of the county, there to remain without bail or mainprize for sixty days, unless such fine of twenty dollars be sooner discharged, one-half of which fine shall go to the state, and the other to the use of the informer, in case the evidence without his or her testimony was sufficient to convict the offender, if not, the whole of such fine shall go to the state; *Provided* nothing in this section contained shall be construed to extend to the basin and harbour of the city of Baltimore.

Proviso.

See 1837, ch. 310.

Justice to  
issue  
warrant on

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of every justice of the peace, upon his own view, or the information of any person on oath, to issue his warrant to one or more consta-