

Sec. 23. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of any officer having charge of or commanding such vessel, to take the person or persons so arrested, and the boat or boats, vessel or vessels, and other property so seized, into his custody, and cause the said person or persons to be taken before some Justice of the Peace for the county wherein the offense may have been committed; and if the offense shall have been committed outside of the limits of any county, then to take the said person or persons before some Justice of the Peace of the county most convenient or accessible from the place where such offense shall have been committed; and it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace before whom such person or persons shall have been taken by said officer, to take cognizance of the same and docket a case or cases in the name of the State against such person or persons, and the said boat or vessel, and the said Justice shall proceed to try the same and render judgment as provided by this Article. Arrest party.

Sec. 24. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the officer alluded to in section twenty-two of this Article, to return to the Commissioners of the Oyster Police Force, at the expiration of every month, a full and particular account of his proceedings. Make returns.

Sec. 25. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases arising under this Article, the Justice of the Peace before whom any person or persons may be brought, shall proceed to docket a case or cases in the name of the State against the person or persons so charged, and also against the boat or vessel employed or used, and shall proceed immediately to try the same, unless the party or parties so charged shall state, upon oath, that further time is necessary to enable him or them to prepare for his or their defense, and to procure attendance of witnesses, in which case the said Justice shall appoint a certain day for the trial of the same, and shall cause the said party or parties to enter into recognizance with sureties, approved by said Justice, in a sum not less than five hundred dollars, for his or their appearance on said day; said security or securities to be resident or residents of the county in which the Justice resides, and shall Docket case in name of State.