

27. The citizens of Caroline county may catch oysters in the Great Choptank and Nanticoke Rivers and their tributary creeks, for the use of the citizens of said county, but not for exportation out of the State, in the same manner as the citizens of Talbot and Dorchester counties may.

28. No person shall under any pretext whatever rake or take away any shells from any of the rocks or flats whereon oysters grow within the limits of Worcester county, and any person violating this section shall be liable to the penalty and forfeiture imposed for violation of the first section of this article, and shall be proceeded against in the same manner; but if the person so violating be a negro, and not able to pay the fine imposed, then the justice may order him to be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes.

29. If any offence under this article be committed within a county, the justices or Circuit Court of that county shall have jurisdiction; if committed in a river or creek which divides two counties, the justices or Circuit Court of either county shall have jurisdiction; or if the offence be committed within the waters of this State, but not within the limits of any county, then the justices or Circuit Court of any county lying opposite where the offence was committed shall have jurisdiction, and all proceedings, whether before a justice or before the Circuit Court, shall be in the name of the State, and if the party accused be acquitted, the county in which the proceedings were had shall pay the costs.

ARTICLE LXXII.

Partnerships—Limited.

SEC. 1. Limited partnerships, for the transaction of any mercantile, mechanical, or manufacturing business within this State, may be formed by two or more persons, upon the terms, with the rights and powers, and subject to the conditions and liabilities herein prescribed; but the provisions of this article shall not be construed to authorize any such partnership for the purpose of banking, or making insurance.