

## OYSTERS.

494\*. All oysters carried to the city of Baltimore for sale, shall be sold by the sealed half bushel, and measured on board the boat carrying the same; and each and every person offending against the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered before a justice of the peace of the city of Baltimore by action of debt in the name of the State of Maryland, one-half to the informer and the other half to the use of the State.

## TOBACCO.

495\*. There shall be elected, by the joint ballot of the Senate and House of Delegates, three persons to be styled Tobacco Commissioners, and who shall hold their offices for two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

496\*. The persons so elected shall be chosen from Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Calvert, Howard, Carroll, and Anne Arundel counties, shall qualify by taking the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, before the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars each, to be paid semi-annually by the Treasurer, on the warrant of the Comptroller, out of the tobacco fund.

497\*. The duties of the tobacco commissioners shall be as follows: they shall on the first Monday of May in each year, after three weeks' public notice thereof by advertisement in two of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, who will publish the same for a reasonable compensation, lease for the term of two years from the said first day of May, at public auction, to the highest bidder, each of the tobacco warehouses in the city of Baltimore belonging to this State, together with all the machinery, fixtures and materials therein of every description (except tobacco) belonging to this State; *Provided*, that the said highest bidder be a bona fide citizen and resident of this State, and a fit and proper person, in the opinion of the said commissioners, to be a lessee of said warehouses; and if such bidder be not a bona fide citizen and resident of this State and a fit person, in the opinion of the said commissioners, to rent said warehouses, then the said commissioners shall reject his bid, and