

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to examine the Fisheries of the State with a view to their improvement and protection, and to report thereon to the next General Assembly, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense thereof.

WHEREAS, both the marine and inland fisheries of this State have of late years much deteriorated, and a vast source of food supply for the people has been greatly injured by causes, the removal of which appears to be entirely within the reach of legislation; therefore,

Inspect fish-
eries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two competent persons, whose duty it shall be to inspect the bay, marine and river fisheries of the State, and to report upon the same to the General Assembly as soon after its next meeting as practicable, suggesting such legislation as may be most conducive to the protection and improvement of the said fisheries.

Continue in
office.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the commission hereby authorized, shall continue in existence for two years from the date of its appointment, and shall cease and determine upon the presentation of its report, as herein required, unless its existence be further prolonged by future legislative action.

Appropriation

Sec. 3. *Be it enacted,* That the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the actual expenses of the said commissioners incurred in the performance of their duty, to be paid by the Treasurer of the State on the presentation of their accounts, when approved by the Governor, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

In force.

Sec. 4. *Be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.