

ever called upon to do so by any officer of the State of Maryland, or other person authorized to demand the same.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof by any Judge of a Circuit Court or Justice of the Peace, before whom such case may be tried, shall be fined not less than fifty, nor more than five hundred dollars, or forfeit the boat or vessel in possession of the party so offending, together with the papers, furniture and tackle on board of said boat or vessel at the time of her seizure, in the discretion of such Judge or Justice of the Peace; but nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit masters or owners of boats or vessels from other States from buying or purchasing Oysters within this State from any person or persons authorized by law to sell the same.

Forfeit for violation.

Purchase Oysters.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That any resident of this State owning or having in his possession any canoe or other boat under Custom House tonnage, and desiring to use the said canoe or boat in taking or catching Oysters for sale, with rakes or tongs, in any of the waters of this State, shall first obtain, by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county wherein he may desire or intend to use the said canoe or boat in taking or catching Oysters for sale, with rakes or tongs, a license therefor, and such license shall have effect from the first day of June in the year in which it may have been obtained, to the first day of June next succeeding; *Provided*, that such license shall not authorize the use of *said canoe or boat* in taking or catching Oysters in any creek, river, cove, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county, other than that wherein the license shall have been granted, and that the boundaries of the counties bordering upon navigable waters shall be strictly construed, so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch Oysters beyond the middle of the dividing channel; nor authorize the taking or catching of Oysters in the Patuxent river, between the twentieth day of April and the tenth day of October of each year, except the

Rakes or Tongs.

Canoe or boat.

Time of catching.