

Oyster Police. of the State, hereinafter provided for, to cause the vessels under his command to be on constant duty, (unless the condition of said vessels, or the inclemency of the weather prevent,) in the waters of this State, to overhaul and examine the licenses of all boats or vessels engaged in taking or catching Oysters in the State, and to arrest all persons who may be found violating, or who may have been guilty of any violation of any of the provisions of this Article, and to seize all boats or vessels, with their tackle and furniture, which may be found on board such boats or vessels so engaged, used or employed in violating said provisions, and the said officer so commissioned shall have power to summon to his aid such number of persons as may, in his judgment, be necessary and proper for the safe execution of his commission.

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Sec. 23. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of any officer having charge of or commanding such vessels, 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 or a Judge of the Circuit Court for the county wherein the offense may have been committed, and if the offense shall have been committed outside the limits of any county, then to take the said person or persons before some Justice of the Peace or Judge of the Circuit Court 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 or Judge 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 or Judge shall proceed to try the same and render judgment as provided for in this Article.

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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 two months, a full and particular account of his proceedings.