

Appropriation
to build vessels

Arm and equip

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated from the oyster fund of this State, to purchase or build six suitable sail vessels, and arm and equip the same for the service hereinafter specified, which, together with other vessels now in the service of the State, shall be styled the "State Fishery Force," and the Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Commissioner of the Land Office, and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, shall constitute a Board, to be styled the Commissioners of the State Fishery Force; and they are directed to purchase, arm and equip said vessels; provided, that the Board aforesaid shall, under no circumstances, exceed the above appropriation; and the Treasurer of the State, upon the requisition of said commissioners, and the warrant of the Comptroller, is hereby directed to pay the sum or sums necessary, not exceeding this and any other appropriation hereinafter mentioned, for the purposes herein specified.

Purchase
cannon.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That said commissioners are empowered and directed to purchase for each of the guard boats belonging to said force, one suitable cannon, and such other arms and ammunition as may be necessary to make them efficient.

Divided into
districts

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted*, That for the more efficient working of said Fishery Force, the waters of the State shall be divided into six districts, of which the waters of Somerset county shall constitute the first district; the waters of Wicomico and Dorchester counties the second; the waters of Talbot county the third; the waters of Kent and Queen Anne's counties the fourth; the waters of Anne Arundel county the fifth; the waters of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties the sixth; each of which said districts shall be guarded by one sailing vessel, except the second and sixth districts, which shall be guarded by two sailing vessels, the vessel to be designated by the Commissioners of said Fishery Force, and shall be under the general supervision of the commander of said force.

Power to
appoint

SEC. 28. *And be it enacted*, That the Board of Commissioners of the State Fishery Force, shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said