

CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT to pay Alexander H. Seth, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot county, the sum of two hundred dollars as fees in certain cases.

Preamble. WHEREAS, information upon oath was given to Alexander H. Seth, Esq., a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot county, charging certain oyster dredging vessels, their owners, masters and crew, with violating the sixteenth section of chapter three hundred and sixty-four, of the Laws of Maryland, of eighteen hundred and seventy, by unlawfully dredging for oysters in Eastern Bay, inside of a line drawn from the south-west extremity of Kent Point to north-east extremity of Poplar Island, and in St. Michaels River, during the months of February, March, and April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the said Alexander H. Seth, as said justice of the peace was compelled to and did issue warrants for the arrest of the said vessels, their owners, masters and crew, under and by virtue of the thirteenth section of said act, to the number of one hundred and eighty, and placed them in the hands of the Commander of the State Fishing Force for service; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the said Commander of the said State Fishing Force was subsequently instructed that he had no legal authority to serve said warrants under and by virtue of said thirteenth section of said act; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the officers and other persons clothed with authority by the said thirteenth section of said act, to serve said warrants, were without the necessary physical force to serve them; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the suits docketed by the said justice of the peace to the number of one hundred and eighty by virtue of the said warrants, against the said vessels, their owners, masters, and crew, had to be dis-