

CHAPTER 502.

AN ACT to pay George E. Haddaway, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot county, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, as fees in certain cases.

WHEREAS, information upon oath was given to George E. Haddaway, 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 southwest extremity of Kent Point to northeast extremity of Poplar Island, and in St. Michael's River, during the months of February, March and April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; and—

WHEREAS, the said George E. Haddaway, 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, to the number of two hundred and ninety-one, under and by virtue of the thirteenth section of said act, and placed them in the hands of the Commander of the State Fishery Force for service; and

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

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—

WHEREAS, the suits docketed in the name of the State by the said justice of the peace, by virtue of the said warrants, to the number of two hundred and ninety-one, against the said vessels, their owners, masters and crew, had to be dismissed, only because the said warrants could not be served; and—