

such ceiling and deck decreasing custom-house tonnage shall be considered dunnage, and the admeasurer to be appointed by the Governor as hereinbefore in Section 421 of this Article provided, shall examine and measure all boats over six tons gross (custom-house measurement) or smaller boats, if in their judgment they have reason to believe that such boats have been incorrectly measured prior to the granting by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County a license to catch oysters with scoops or dredges, and the said admeasurer acting together and in the presence of each other shall as soon as notified and paid two dollars each for each boat and traveling expenses and cost of certificate by the captain or managing owner of such boats, proceed to measure and examine the same; if after examining and measuring such boat or boats, the admeasurers find that such boat is under seven tons gross or under ten and fifty-two one-hundredths tons gross, if such boat was licensed to take oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in said waters for the season ending March 15, 1900, and no dunnage in any of said boats they shall, under oath, certify to the clerk of said court, giving the tonnage of such boat, and shall also give a duplicate certificate to the master or managing owner of said boat, to be by him produced for comparison to the said clerk at the time of applying for said license. It shall be the duty of the commander of the State Fishery Force or any officer under his command, whom he shall duly authorize and empower at any time that he or any such duly authorized officer shall deem it proper to inspect and verify the measurement of any boats and their gross tonnage, and the measurement ascertained by the said commander or officers shall be conclusive and final, and any license granted shall be corrected and amended in accordance with such measurement, and the appropriate license fee hereinbefore named, paid in accordance with such corrected measurements, and the right granted by any such license already issued shall be suspended until the full payment of such license fee is made; provided, however, that no certificate shall be required to procure a license for any boat whose tonnage does not exceed six tons, gross custom-house measurement; but should a license be issued to such boat, which afterwards on measurements by the admeasurers or said commander or his duly authorized officer as aforesaid, is shown to be of greater tonnage than permitted or allowed under the provisions of this Act, such license shall be null and void, and the party using such license after a notice given, shall be deemed guilty of taking oysters without a license, and shall be punished as is provided by Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws for that offense; after the certificate of the admeasurers shall be filed with the respective clerks, and the applicants shall present to such clerk the duplicate certificate hereinbefore provided for, the clerks shall issue to said applicants a license for said boat if all other requirements and conditions aforesaid herein provided shall be complied with; whenever a boat has once been measured and certified to by the admeasurers, no second measurement or certificate