

equally to the buyer and seller, but to be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the State Treasury or his agent, by the buyers; the certificate given the general measurer or inspector shall be by him mailed weekly to the Comptroller or his agent and in case the amounts of money shown to be due be not paid in one week thereafter to the Comptroller or his agent, which is hereby required to be done, the properties of the parties so indebted may be levied on and sold by the said Comptroller or his agent, as in cases of taxes in default, without other process of law; the said inspection charge of two cents per bushel hereby levied is also made a charge on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and sold by commission merchants and others selling by less than the cargo; and also an inspection charge of six cents per barrel containing not more than three bushels of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland; on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland contained in bags an inspection charge of four cents per bag containing not more than two bushels; and all transportation companies carrying oysters in the shell caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, consigned to Baltimore, shall furnish to the oyster inspector or collector of oyster tax, a copy of their manifest showing the number of bushels on board on arrival of steamer and to whom consigned, and the special inspectors are charged with the duty of seeing that the proper returns are made for the purpose of this section by such commission merchant or retailer, and in performance of their duty the said special inspectors are authorized and directed to visit places where oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland in less than cargo lots are sold, and get from such sellers, a statement under oath as to the number of bushels sold from time to time and return to the general measurers and inspectors a certificate thereof to be forwarded to the Comptroller as required in the case of certificates for cargoes, and the payments of the amounts so found to be due shall be similarly enforced. All oysters found within the State of Maryland shall be presumed to have been caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and the burden of proof shall be upon any one claiming to the contrary to establish his said claim by clear and satisfactory evidence. All such general measurers and inspectors or special inspectors may be removed at any time by the Conservation Commission for neglect or malfeasance in office. The said Commission shall furnish to each of the said special inspectors certificates in book form, supplied with carbon paper, so that each of the said triplicate certificates shall be exactly the same; the form of the certificates shall be as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have this date inspected for Captain..... schooner....., a cargo of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, sold to....., and found the same to contain.....bushels of merchantable oysters and.....bushels of unmerchantable oysters.

Signed.....