

appropriating the same in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county wherein such land may be located; *and provided*, also, that such location and appropriation shall not injure, obstruct or impede the free navigation of such waters, but no such location and appropriation shall interfere with the rights reserved by sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of this article; *provided*, that no natural bar or bed of oysters shall be located or appropriated. See 22 Md. 380.

30. If any creek, cove or inlet not exceeding one hundred yards in breadth at its mouth make into the land or lands, the owner or owners or other lawful occupant or occupants shall have the exclusive right to use said creek, cove or inlet for depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell fish, although such creek, cove or inlet may not be included in the lines of any patent. Ibid. s. 30. Exclusive rights of owners.

31. Any person who shall take with a drag, dredge, scoop, scrape, rakes or tongs, or any instrument whatever, any oysters or other shell fish imbedded, planted or sown in accordance with the provisions of sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of this article, or shall carry or attempt to carry the same away, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and be liable to indictment, and on conviction thereof in any court in this state having criminal jurisdiction shall be sentenced by the judge of such court to the penitentiary for a term not exceeding five years and not less than one year. Ibid. s. 31. Penalties for taking oysters imbedded, &c.

32. The state's portion of all fines and forfeitures occurring under section — of this article shall be paid by the sheriff or other officer collecting the same to the clerk of the circuit court of the county or the clerk of the court of common pleas of the city of Baltimore, where such fine or forfeiture may occur, and such clerk shall account for the same to the comptroller of the treasury in his semi-annual returns. Ibid. s. 32. Disposition of fines, &c.

33. All licenses to take or catch oysters with scoops, scrapes, drag or dredge in the waters of the Chesapeake bay shall be numbered, and the owner Ibid. s. 33. Number of license to be displayed on boat, &c.