

scription whatever in taking or catching oysters for sale in the waters of this state, without having first obtained a license to so use or employ such canoe, boat or other vessel as hereinafter provided.

Ibid. s. 3.
Duty of comptroller.

2. The comptroller of the treasury shall, upon the application of any resident of the state of Maryland, being the owner of any boat or vessel licensed or enrolled in any custom house of the United States, in said state, issue to such resident license to catch or take oysters with scoop, drag, scrape, dredge or any other instrument, within the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and to buy and sell oysters in the state, *provided*, that said license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge between the first day of June and September in each year, which is hereby expressly forbidden; and *provided* also, that no steamboat or other vessel propelled by steam machinery, shall be used for taking or catching oysters in any of the waters of this state.

Proviso.

Time to catch.

Provisos.

Ibid. s. 4.
Licenses to residents of state.

3. No license shall be issued to any person who has not been a resident of the state for twelve months next preceding such application, and the owner, or owners, and masters of such vessel when making application for such license, shall each make oath before the comptroller or his authorized clerk that they are *bona fide* owner and master of the boat or vessel to be described in the license for which they are applicants; that they have been residents of this state for the time hereinbefore mentioned, and that there is no lien on such vessel held by a non-resident, and such applicant shall produce before said comptroller or his authorized clerk, the custom house enrolment or license of such boat or or vessel under such rules and regulations as the said comptroller may have previously prescribed.

Oath.

Ibid. s. 5.
Rate of license.

4. Every applicant before obtaining such license shall pay the comptroller or his authorized clerk, therefor, at the rate of three dollars per ton for every ton the boat or vessel for which he desires license, may measure according to its custom house enrolment or license; and it shall be the duty of every person thus obtaining license to exhibit the