

Proceedings. county, as the case may be, most convenient of access, from the place where the offense may be committed, shall have jurisdiction thereof; and all proceedings, whether before a justice of the peace, or before the circuit court for any county, shall be in the name of the state, and if the party or parties accused shall be acquitted, the comptroller of the state shall pay the cost out of the fund created by this article.

Ibid s 20.  
Seizure of boats  
of non-resi-  
dents

19. Any boat or vessel, owned either wholly or in part by any non-resident of this state, which may be used or employed by any resident or non-resident of this state in taking or catching oysters, in any of the waters of this state, with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge, shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, and upon conviction thereof by any justice of the peace, or in any circuit court of any county, or the court of common pleas of the city of Baltimore, shall be condemned to be sold in the same manner and upon the same terms, and the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be disposed of as hereinbefore provided in section sixteenth of this article.

Sale.

Ibid. s. 21.  
Arrest without  
warrant.

20. It shall be the duty of any sheriff, constable, or other officer created under this article, with or without warrant, to arrest any person or persons, and to seize and take into custody any canoe, boat or vessel, whenever and wherever such person or persons, canoe, boat or vessel, shall be found violating or being used in violating any of the provisions of this article, and bring the offender or offenders before the justice of the peace or judge of a circuit court most convenient or accessible to be dealt with as herein provided.

Ibid. s. 22  
Duty of oyster  
police.

21. It shall be the duty of the officer in charge of the oyster police of the state, hereinafter provided for, to cause the vessel under his command to cruise daily (unless the condition of said vessel or the inclemency of the weather prevent) in any of the waters of this state, to overhaul and examine the licenses of all boats or vessels engaged in taking or catching oysters in the state, and to arrest all persons who may be found violating, or who may have been guilty of any violation