

of any of the provisions of this article, and to seize all boats or vessels, with their tackle and furniture, which may be found on board such boats or vessels so engaged, used or employed in violating said provisions, and the said officer so commissioned shall have power to summon to his aid such number of persons as may, in his judgment, be necessary and proper for the safe execution of his commission.

22. It shall be the duty of any officer having charge of or commanding such vessel, to take the person or persons so arrested, and the boat or boats, vessel or vessels, and other property so seized, into his custody, and cause the said person or persons to be taken before some justice of the peace for the county wherein the offense may have been committed; and if the offense shall have been committed outside of the limits of any county, then to take the said person or persons before some justice of the peace of the county most convenient or accessible from the place where such offense shall have been committed; and it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace before whom such person or persons shall have been taken by said officer, to take cognizance of the same and docket a case or cases in the name of the state against such person or persons, and the said boat or vessel, and the said justice shall proceed to try the same and render judgment as provided by this article.

Ibid s 23
Arrest of parties and seizure of boats, &c.

Duty of justice.

23. It shall be the duty of the officer alluded to in section twenty-one of this article, to return to the commissioners of the oyster police force, at the expiration of every month, a full and particular account of his proceedings.

Ibid s 24
Returns to commissioners of oyster police force

24. In all cases arising under this article, the justice of the peace before whom any person or persons may be brought, shall proceed to docket a case or cases in the name of the state against the person or persons so charged, and also against the boat or vessel employed or used, and shall proceed immediately to try the same, unless the party or parties so charged shall state, upon oath, that further time is necessary to enable him or

Ibid s 25
Proceedings before justice.