

creek, cove or inlet, when the mouth of said creek, cove or inlet is one hundred yards or less in width, and when the said creek, cove or inlet is more than one hundred yards in width at its mouth, the said owner or owners or other lawful occupant or occupants, shall have exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet so soon as said creek, cove or inlet in making into said land or lands, shall become one hundred yards in width, for preserving, 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.
Taking planted
oysters

29. If 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-seventh and twenty-eighth 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.

Penalty

Ibid s 31.
State's portion
of fines and
forfeitures.

30. The state's portion of all fines and forfeitures accruing under 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 court of common pleas of the city of Baltimore, where such fine or forfeiture may accrue, and such clerk shall account for the same to the comptroller of the treasury in his quarterly returns.

Ibid s 32.
Number on
mainsail.

31. All licenses to take or catch oysters with scoops, scrapes, drags or dredge in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay shall be numbered, and the owner or master of every boat or vessel so licensed shall be required to have or cause to be printed on the fore or main sail of such boat or vessel, above the reefing point or upon a white flag, to be displayed upon some prominent part of said vessel, at least six feet above the deck, the