

ART. 72.] OYSTERS—NUMBERS ON DREDGING VESSELS. 1041

sheriff of said city, to the highest bidder for cash, after twenty days' notice of the time and place of sale; such notice to be published at least three times in a newspaper having the largest circulation, printed in Baltimore city, or in the county where condemned; one-fourth of the proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the party making the capture, including the officers and crews of the State fishery force, and the balance shall be paid into the treasury of the State, to be credited to the oyster fund.

Painted Numbers for Dredging Vessels.

1886, ch. 296, sec. 16.

12. The comptroller shall have painted in black figures, on white canvass, two sets of numbers corresponding to the license to catch oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge or any other similar instrument; each figure shall be twenty-two inches in length and of proportionate width, and the figures at least six inches apart, and he shall give to each person taking out such license two numbers thereof, one of which shall be firmly sewed upon the starboard side, and in the middle of that part of the mainsail which is above the close-reef, and the other number on the port side, and in the middle part of the jib, which is above the bonnet and reef; these numbers shall be placed in an upright position, and worn at all times during the dredging season, and returned at the end of the season, and shall not be concealed or defaced; and no other number shall be exposed to view or used, than that which is furnished by the comptroller; any person who shall violate the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court in this State, or before a justice of the peace, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the house of correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than two years; provided, the court or justice of the peace trying the same, shall be convinced that the provisions of this section have been intentionally violated; and in any such case, the boat or vessel shall be forfeited, and may be condemned, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace, in the manner provided in section 10.