

deputy commanders of the third district to guard the waters of Choptank river and its tributaries; and the duty of the second to guard the waters of Little Choptank river, in Dorchester county; and the third to guard the waters of Fishing bay, Honga river, Tar bay, Hooper's straits, Holland straits, and the waters of Dorchester county, up to the line dividing Dorchester county from the counties of Wicomico and Somerset; and the remaining commanders to guard their respective districts; provided, that the board of public works, or the commander of the fishery force, are hereby authorized and empowered to order the deputy commander to do duty in any of the waters in the State, when in the judgment of either the same may be necessary

1886, ch. 296, sec. 25.

27. The board of public works shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said force; to appoint a deputy commander for each steamer; to appoint the deputy commander for each sloop, for their respective districts, from persons of the counties whose waters comprise the different districts, who shall be commissioned by the governor; and the said deputy commanders shall have power to appoint their subordinates and select their crews; and the term of office of said commanders shall be for two years, unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty; and if any of said officers shall fail in the discharge of their duty, by reason of collusion with parties interested in violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on indictment and conviction in a court of law, shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

Ibid. sec. 26.

28. The board of public works shall have power to remove any officer of said force for neglect of duty or incompetency; and any officer commanding in said force shall have power to remove any subordinate under his command, and appoint a person to fill the vacancy, whenever the interest of said service may, in his judgment, require him to do so.

Ibid. sec. 27. 1886, ch. 375.

29. The board of public works shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to keep the steamers and sail vessels in good