

and twenty-nine and twenty-six one hundredths inches from the inside chimb to the top; and all oysters measured in the shell, as required by law, shall be even or struck measure; and any person or persons engaged in the business of buying or selling oysters in this State, who shall own or have in his possession any instrument of measurement for oysters which differs in size or description from the measures hereinbefore mentioned, with intent to use the same for measuring oysters, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished accordingly by a court of competent jurisdiction; all tubs to be stamped by the proper officer of the locality where such tubs are used.

1888, ch. 281, sec. 8.

64. In addition to the charges herein mentioned for compensation to the general measurers of oysters, it shall be unlawful for the buyer of any cargo or part of a cargo of oysters sold in the shell to exact of, or retain from, the proceeds of said cargo or part of a cargo due the seller, a larger or greater sum or amount than one cent per bushel, in which shall be included the amount now allowed by law to be paid by the seller to the licensed measurer; and any person or persons charging or exacting a larger sum shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars upon conviction before any justice of the peace, one-half of said fine to be paid to the informer.

Propagation of Oysters.

1888, ch. 314, sec. 1.

65. The sum of five thousand dollars is appropriated, to be used and applied by the commander of the State fishery force, in the purchase of oyster shells to be planted or sown in the waters of the Chesapeake bay during the months of May and June, in such places as the commander may determine, for the purpose of catching spat and experimenting in the propagation of oysters; and the commander shall make a return of his work and an itemized account of his expenditure of said amount to the comptroller, and shall give notice of the location of the grounds so sown by him, in at least three newspapers published in Baltimore