

or light dredges; and said examiner, as soon as notified and paid two dollars and traveling expenses, if any, by the managing owner of said boats, shall proceed to examine the same, and shall report, without unnecessary delay, in writing, under oath, to said clerk, and his report shall be filed in the clerk's office; if the report states the boat contains dunnage or contained dunnage when measured by custom-house measurer, the said clerk shall not issue a license for said boat to take or catch oysters with scrapes or light dredges, but the owner may remove all of said dunnage, and again have said boat remeasured by the proper custom-house measurer, and examined by the examiner; and if under ten tons, and if all other requirements and conditions prescribed in the two succeeding sections shall be complied with, the clerk shall issue a license for said boat.

1886, ch. 206.

255. The clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester county, upon the application of the managing owner, who has been a resident of said county for twelve months next preceding such application, and to no other person, shall issue a license to such resident, to employ his boat of a capacity of ten tons or under in taking or catching oysters with scrapes or dredges in the waters named, which license shall hold good for one season only, and shall authorize the catching of oysters from the first day of October to the first day of April, inclusive, on which day the license shall expire; but it shall be lawful for the owner of any such licensed boat to transfer this license to a *bona fide* resident purchaser of said boat; which license, when transferred, shall entitle said vendee, after he has taken before the clerk the oath or affirmation required of the vendor, to all the rights and privileges of said vendor; the clerk shall endorse the date and name of the vendee upon said license, and receive from said vendee the sum of twenty cents; every license shall state the name and residence of the person to whom the same is granted, the name, number and tonnage of the boat, if over five tons by custom-house measurement; and every owner of a boat shall pay two dollars per ton for every ton said boat shall measure; provided, that all boats measuring less than five tons shall pay eight dollars for said license.