

1886, ch. 206.

256. The managing owner of such boat shall make oath or affirmation before the clerk that he is the *bona fide* managing owner of such boat described in the license; that he has been a resident of said county for the time before mentioned; that the boat is wholly owned by residents of said county; that there is no lien, interest or claim on said boat held by a non-resident of Dorchester county; that the said boat is not held with an intention to violate the provisions of sections 253 to 262, inclusive; that said boat has been owned in whole by residents of said county the six preceding months, if it is of six or more months old; and the master of said boat shall also make oath before said clerk that he has been a resident of said county for twelve months next preceding the time of taking such oath, and that he will comply with and obey all the laws of this State and county, regulating the catching of oysters; and at the time of taking such oath or affirmation he shall exhibit to the clerk the custom-house license of said boat, if over five tons.

Ibid.

257. Any master or person in charge of any boat, canoe or vessel, who shall take or catch oysters in the waters of said county with scoops or dredges, without first having obtained license as provided in the preceding sections, or any managing owner who shall fraudulently obtain such license, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before a justice of the peace or judge of the circuit court for said county, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and stand committed until fine and costs are paid, or be imprisoned in the house of correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than one year.

Ibid.

258. Any person who shall use any boat, canoe or vessel, to catch oysters with scrapes or dredges in any of the waters of said county not authorized by section 253, or refuses to exhibit the custom house or dredging license whenever called for by any officer of the State of Maryland, or for catching oysters before the season commences, or after it has closed, or for any other