

violation of sections 253 to 262, inclusive, the penalty for which is not otherwise provided for, shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or judge of the circuit court for Dorchester county, upon indictment by the grand jury, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and stand committed until the costs and fines are paid; provided, that before a justice of the peace shall proceed to try any case under said sections, he shall require the person charged with such violation to make his election either to be tried before said justice or before the circuit court for Dorchester county, and said election shall be entered upon the record of the said justice; if he elects to be tried before the circuit court, he shall be required to give bond with approved security to the State, in double the amount of the fine named for said offence, for his appearance at the first term of said circuit court held in said county; if any one or all of such defendants shall elect to be tried before said justice of the peace, the justice shall proceed to docket the case in usual form, and hear and decide the same.

1886, ch. 206.

**259.** The master of said boat shall have painted in black figures on two sets of white canvas, the numbers corresponding to the license to catch oysters; each figure shall be ten or more inches long and of proportionate width, and at least four inches apart, one of which the master shall have firmly sewed upon the starboard side and near the middle of that part of the mainsail which is above close-reef; and the other number on the port side and near the middle of the jib, above the bonnet and reef; these numbers shall be placed in an upright position and worn at all times during the dredging season, and shall not be concealed or defaced, and no other number shall be used or exposed to view except the true number on said license; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before any justice of the peace in the county, or judge of the circuit court, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and stand committed until costs and fines are paid; and all fines arising from any violation of sections 253 to 262, inclusive, shall be paid by the defendant, to the justice of the peace trying said