

ten nor more than twenty dollars, to be imposed, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace of the county, one-half to the informer and the other half for the use of the school fund of the county.

1886, ch. 489. 1888, ch. 338.

171. It shall be lawful for the citizens of Somerset county to catch or take oysters with a scoop, drag or dredge, upon obtaining a license therefor, as hereinafter directed, in any of the waters of said county not parcel of any creek, cove, river or inlet; and no person shall catch or take oysters in any of the waters of said county without first having obtained a license therefor, as hereinafter provided.

Ibid.

172. The clerk of the circuit court for Somerset county, upon the application of any person who has been a resident of said county for six months, and of this State for twelve months immediately preceding his application, and a *bona fide* owner of the vessel, or upon the certificate of any justice of the peace of said county certifying to the same, shall issue a license to such citizen, authorizing him to catch or take oysters with scoop, drag or dredge within said county, not parcel of any creek, cove, river or inlet, which license shall hold good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of October in any year and the first day of April next succeeding, on which last-mentioned day the dredging season shall close and end in said county and said license shall expire, which said license shall specify the kind of vessel to be used, the number and name, if any, of the canoe or other vessel on which the said license is to be used, and he shall pay for said scraping or dredging license at the rate of one dollar per ton for the vessel to be so employed; and the tonnage of vessels under five tons shall be ascertained in such manner as may be prescribed by said clerk of the circuit court for said county, but no vessel above ten tons burthen shall be licensed or employed in taking oysters with scoop, drag or dredge within the waters of Somerset county, unless at the time of applying to the clerk for license as aforesaid, the owner thereof shall produce to the clerk a State license in force authorizing said owner to employ the said vessel in taking oysters in the waters of this State, in which case it shall