

be the duty of the clerk to issue said license to the said owner, authorizing him or the said master thereof, to employ the said vessel in the waters of Somerset county for the current oyster catching season, subject to the provisions aforesaid, upon his complying with all the provisions of this section; and no canoe or other vessel shall be employed in taking oysters with scoop, drag or dredge, within the waters of Somerset county, unless the owner thereof shall have first obtained a license as above provided; and the said license shall not allow or authorize the taking or catching of oysters in any vessel over ten tons burthen, at any time when by the general oyster laws of this State it may be unlawful to take or catch oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge; and if at any time hereafter the said State law shall be changed, then it shall not be lawful to take or catch oysters in the said vessel at any time when it shall be unlawful to take the same under the provisions of the said State law; and the possession of any oysters in the shell by any person within the season that may be the closed season, under the provisions of this section, on his said vessel, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the same have been caught by the person in possession of the same contrary to the provisions of this and the preceding section; and any person having license for any vessel under this section shall also provide a number on canvas, to be prescribed and furnished by the said clerk of the circuit court for said county, of the same size as that required by the State law, in red figures corresponding with the number of said license, and shall fix the same on the same sail and on the opposite side thereof from that required by the said State law, and keep the said number in proper position at all times during the dredging season; and the provisions of this section shall not apply to the waters of Pocomoke river and sound, in which said waters it shall be unlawful to take oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge; and such license shall not be transferable.

P. L. L., (1860,) art 19, sec. 96.

173. The person so applying for a license shall first be required to make oath that he is a *bona fide* owner of the vessel to be licensed, that he has been a *bona fide* citizen of the State for one year immediately preceding said application, and six