

county, and also pay the expense of said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case; and in case said commission shall not find a rock in said ground so planted, more than twenty feet square in any one place, then the informer shall be held bound to pay the expense of said commission, which may be collected as all other claims are collected; or the county commissioners may require the informer to deposit the amount required to pay said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case.

1888, ch 246.

173. It shall not be lawful for any person, other than the owner, his agent or employee, to work in or among any planted oysters, or within the stakes, bushes or buoys, or where oysters are known to be planted, with any tongs, rakes or any other instrument by which oysters can be taken from the bottom. Any person caught at work on any planted oysters in the Synepuxent bay or its tributaries, without proper authority from the owner, upon sufficient proof and conviction before a justice of the peace, or the circuit court for said county, shall be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence, and shall stand committed till fines and costs are paid.

1876, ch. 277.

174. No person shall catch, take or remove any shells or oysters from the natural beds in the waters of Synepuxent bay or its tributaries, with scrapes, scoops, dredges or drags, or with any instrument in the working of which any other than hand power is used; and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars for each offence, with costs.

1880, ch. 214.

175. It shall be lawful for any citizen of said county to stake off, not exceeding five acres in any one place in the waters of Synepuxent bay and its tributaries, except upon the natural rocks of said bay and its tributaries, and to plant and lay down oysters in said waters so staked off; and no person except the owner of said planted or laid down oysters, or his employee, shall work upon or among said oysters, or in the waters so staked off; pro-