

1884, ch. 463.

126. It shall not be lawful for any person, not a citizen of Charles county, to take or catch oysters with tongs, or any other instrument, in any of the tributaries of the Potomac river, adjacent to the shores of Charles county, without a license; and every applicant for a license to use any canoe or other boat in catching oysters with rakes or tongs shall be required to make oath or affirmation before the clerk of the court authorized to issue the same, or before some justice of the peace of Charles county, upon whose certificate of the taking of such oath or affirmation the said clerk of the court shall issue such license, that the applicant for the license has been a resident and citizen of Charles county for the twelve months next preceding said application; that he will not violate any of the provisions of any of the sections of this sub-title of this article; that he will arrest and seize, or assist in arresting and seizing, all persons and boats, vessels and equipments, engaged in violating the provisions of said sections, so far as it may be in his power so to do, and that he is the *bona fide* owner of the boat or canoe to be used, the length of which must also be stated. Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of said sections shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

Ibid

127. Every applicant for a tonger's license shall pay to the clerk of the circuit court for Charles county, for the same, the following fees, to wit: For a boat or canoe measuring in length twenty feet or less, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents; for a boat or canoe twenty feet long and not over thirty feet, the sum of four dollars; and for any boat or canoe over thirty feet in length, the sum of five dollars; the fees received by the clerk of the circuit court for licenses for tonging shall be paid by him to the school commissioners of said county, excepting the sum of sixty cents, which he shall retain out of the cost of each license as his fee for issuing the same; provided, however, that the sum received from the issuing of licenses to colored tongers shall be applied for the benefit of the colored schools of said county. No license to tongers shall be construed to permit the taking or catching of oysters on Sunday or at night, or between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of August, in each and every year,