

yards at low water mark make into the land, the owner or other lawful occupant shall have the exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet, when the mouth of said creek, cove or inlet is one hundred yards or less in width ; and when the said creek, cove or inlet is more than one hundred yards in width at its mouth at low water, the said owner or other lawful occupant shall have exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet so soon as said creek, cove or inlet in making into said land or lands shall become one hundred yards in width at low water, for preserving, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell fish, although such cove, creek or inlet may not be included in the lines of any patent ; and in all such cases such rights of the riparian proprietor shall extend to the middle of such creek, cove or inlet.

Powell v. Wilson, 85 Md. 356.

1896, ch. 418.

48. It shall be unlawful, without authority from the owner, for any person or persons to take or catch planted or bedded oysters, knowing them to be so planted or bedded, or to remove, break off, destroy, or otherwise injure or altar any stakes, bounds, marks, buoys or other designation of any of said beds ; any person or persons violating the provisions of this section or section 47 of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before the circuit court or a justice of the peace for the county where the oysters were bedded, shall be liable to the fines and penalties in section 46 of this article.

1894, ch. 380.

49. Any person convicted before a justice of the peace under any of the preceding provisions of this article, shall in all cases have the right of an appeal to the circuit court for the county.

Messick v. State, 82 Md. 585.

Craighill Channel.

1894, ch. 380.

50. Any person dragging, raking or dredging for oysters within five hundred yards of either edge of the new channel at the mouth of the Patapsco river, known as the Craighill channel, extending from the seven-foot knoll to the mouth of the Magothy river, or within five hundred yards of either edge of the cut-off