

sous applying for scraping license for boats to dredge in the Chesapeake bay after the first day of January to the fifteenth day of March shall be required to pay only one dollar and fifty cents gross ton for such license.

#### **State Fishery Force.**

1900, ch 380.

**34.** The board of public works shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said force, who shall be known as the commander of the State fishery force, and shall command the one steamer that is regularly in commission as a part of the State fishery force, and to appoint a deputy commander for each sailing vessel for their respective districts from among persons of the counties whose waters comprise the different districts, who shall be commissioned by the Governor, and the said deputy commanders shall have power to appoint their subordinates and select their crews, and the terms of office of said commanders shall be for two years unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty; and if any of the said officers shall fail in the discharge of his duty by reason of collusion with parties interested in violating any of the provisions of this article, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court; no person shall be eligible to the office of commander of the State fishery force or deputy commander who is the owner of, or who has any interest in any scrape or dredge boat, and it is hereby made unlawful for the board of public works to appoint any such person as commander or deputy commander of any boat or vessel in the State fishery force; the steamers and boats belonging to the State fishery force are to be used only on business pertaining to its official duties or on State business.

Ibid.

**36.** The board of public works shall have power, and it shall be their duty to keep the steamers and said vessels in good repair, and for the purpose of reducing the expense of