

adjacent to the port for which they shall be appointed, as hereinafter given to the general measurers and inspectors over such city, town or port for which they shall be respectively appointed.

1900, ch. 380.

**58.** It shall be the duty of the commander of the State fishery force, at the commencement of or during the oyster season in each year, to appoint from the counties producing oysters for packing purposes in the State not exceeding seventy five measurers or special inspectors, namely, eight from Somerset county, seven from Wicomico county, twelve from Dorchester county, eight from Talbot county, seven from Queen Anne's county, six from Kent county, seven from Anne Arundel county, seven from Calvert county, seven from St. Mary's county and six from Charles county, at a salary of forty-five dollars per month during the eight months of the oyster season, fifty of whom shall be allotted to Baltimore city and the remainder to the other ports, and before assuming the duties of their offices the said measurers and special inspectors shall take an oath, to be administered by said commander, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their said offices; the said measurers and special inspectors shall measure all oysters sold in their respective districts, and, in the absence of a general measurer and inspector, shall inspect such oysters as his subordinate; upon the measurement of any such oysters such measurer or special inspector shall make a certificate of the number of bushels in triplicate, one of which shall be given to the purchaser, one to the seller and the other daily to the general measurer and inspector of the district where such measurement occurred; a charge of one cent per bushel is hereby levied to help defray the expenses of such measurement and other expenses of the State fishery force, to be charged equally to the buyer and seller, but to be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the State Treasury by the buyer; the certificates given the general measurer and inspectors shall be by them mailed weekly to the Comptroller, and in case the amounts of money shown to be due