

five hundred dollars for each offense on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction; one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the other one-half to the comptroller to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, unless the informer be an officer of the State fishery force. And the general inspectors and measurers or special inspectors shall be on duty continuously during the working or delivery hours, viz: from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M.

1894, ch. 380, sec 12.

13. It shall be the duty of general measurers and inspectors of oysters and other officers of the police force to supervise the operation of this article and diligently to aid in the enforcement of its provisions, and they or any of them are authorized and empowered to enter into any house or boat or any other place where oysters may be dumped or stored to inspect the same at any time; and any packer, commission man or boatman who shall refuse to open his house or boat where oysters may be dumped or stored for the inspection thereof by the officer whose duty it shall be to inspect the same, and any person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this article or who shall connive at or participate in such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in section 12 of this article.

State v. Applegarth, 81 Md. 297. *Smith v. School Commrs*, 81 Md. 515

Ibid sec 13.

14. Any general measurer or inspector of oysters in this State who shall knowingly permit any evasion or violation of this article to take place without causing the arrest of the offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of the same, shall be dismissed from the service and be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace.

Time for Taking Oysters.

1894, ch 380, sec. 14. 1900, ch 380.

15. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before