

section shall apply to all boats licensed to take oysters with scrape or scoop by any county in this State, except that the numbers for such boats shall be painted red instead of black ; and the numbers shall be delivered by the comptroller to the clerks of the courts as they may be ordered ; and at the end of the season all licenses not used shall be returned by said clerks to the comptroller ; and the said clerks shall also pay to the comptroller one-half of all moneys received by him for such licenses, which sum shall be placed to the credit of the oyster fund.

State v Applegarth, 81 Md. 297. Smith v School Commrs., 81 Md. 516

Dredging in Exempted Waters.

1894, ch 380, sec. 31

32. If any boat or vessel shall be seen sailing on any of the waters of this State which are exempted from dredging by law in the same manner in which they sail to take or catch oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge or similar instruments, the said boat or vessel shall be pursued by any officer authorized by this article to make arrests, and if said boat or vessel apprehended by said officer shall be found to have on board any wet oysters, or the dredges, or dredge line, or deck wet, indicating the taking of oysters at said time, and properly equipped for taking or catching oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge or similar instrument, such fact shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said boat or vessel has been used in violation of the provisions of this article ; and it shall be the duty of the officer to arrest the person in command of said boat or vessel, together with all her equipments, and bring the same before a judge or justice of the peace of the county having jurisdiction, or, if in the Chesapeake bay, in the county most accessible or convenient, to be dealt with according to law ; provided that nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit vessels from seeking harbor in any waters of this State. The provisions of this section shall extend to all boats licensed to take oysters with scoop or scrape by any county of this State.

State Fishery Force.

Ibid. sec. 32.

33. The board of public works are empowered and directed to purchase for each of the guard boats such arms and ammunition as may be necessary to make them efficient, and the officers of such boats shall be authorized to use such arms, in