

northern boundary line at one fourth the width of the water way at that point from the center line. For the western boundary commencing at a point on said southern line distant one-fourth of the width of the bay from the said center line, thence northwardly following the general trend of the shore, and at every point distant from aforesaid center line one-fourth of the width of the water way until it intersects the said northern boundary line at one-fourth width of the water way at that point from the center line, and all of aforesaid boundaries shall be so located in accordance with the provisions of this act as to grant and convey in fee unto the said Isle of Wight Inlet and Oyster Planting Company one-half of the beds of the said Isle of Wight Bay the said Assawoman Bay and the said Synepuxent Bay excepting and reserving to owners of land bordering on said bays; as well as to owners within the limits of said tracts, if any there be, all rights acquired or that may hereafter be acquired by the laws of this State; and the County Surveyor of Worcester County shall survey and locate said tracts, with one commissioner to be appointed by the County Commissioners of Worcester County.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That whenever it can or shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the Land Office that the Isle of Wight Inlet and Oyster Planting Company have constructed the inlet connecting the bays aforesaid and the Atlantic Ocean, so as to secure the ebb and flow of salt water through the said inlet, in sufficient quantities to salt the water of the said bays for the planting, cultivation and growth of oysters in said bays, as provided by this act; it shall be his duty, and he is hereby directed to issue a patent of said company for one-half of the beds of said bays as described in the previous section of this act, for the cultivation and planting of oysters; provided said patent shall convey no further title than the right to plant, cultivate and produce oysters and other shell fish, but said patent shall secure to the said company the right to the full, complete and exclusive privilege and profits of planting, cultivating and producing oysters and other shell fish, so long as said company shall maintain, and keep said inlet open, so as to salt the waters for the above named purposes; provided, however, that the said land herein described shall be forfeited by said company and revert to the State of Maryland in case said inlet from any cause should be closed; provided the said company shall have two years to reopen said inlet before forfeiture shall take effect by this act; and it is further specially provided that said waters covering said ground shall at all times be free and open to navigation, and the right of fishing and shooting.

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land office.