

Hughes;" John S. Smith, master of the vessel "Joshua Green," and John R. Heath, owner of the vessel "M. E. Lokey," all citizens of Somerset County, in the State of Maryland, were respectively fined each the sum of fifty dollars for an alleged violation of the local oyster law of Somerset County, for having in their possession unculled oysters by Herbert F. Waters, Esq., then a justice of the peace for Somerset County, which said fines and costs of suit they did each fully pay unto the said Herbert F. Waters, a justice of the peace, as aforesaid, all of which said fine the said Herbert F. Waters did pay over to H. Fillmore Lankford, Esq., clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County, who still holds the same; and whereas after the payment of said fines by the parties aforesaid, the Circuit Court for Somerset County in deciding certain cases before them, an appeal for a precisely like violation of said law did hold and decide the law under which the said parties were so fined as aforesaid, invalid, null, void and inoperative, and that all fines and penalties imposed thereunder by any justice of the peace for said county were unlawful and could not be enforced; and whereas the said H. Fillmore Lankford, clerk of the Circuit Court as aforesaid both refused and doth still refuse to refund unto the parties the said fines as aforesaid paid unto him without an act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland being first passed so directing him, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That H. Fillmore Lankford, Esq., clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County, be and he is hereby directed and required to pay and refund unto George A. Somers, George Smith, John S. Smith and John R. Heath, each the sum of fifty dollars now in his hands as clerk aforesaid; and paid to him by Herbert F. Waters, a former justice of the peace for Somerset County as a fine imposed by him on them for an alleged violation of the local oyster law of Somerset County, which said law in that respect, the Circuit Court for Somerset County subsequently held inoperative and of no effect. Refunding
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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 7th, 1892.