

trict shall have been declared open for oyster culture, the Shell Fish Commissioner shall offer, at public auction, to the highest responsible bidders, the right, subject to the provisions of this Act, to lease any remaining sections within said district. The same notice of said sale, or sales, shall be given as is required to be given, of the opening of any district for oyster culture. After said sales shall have taken place, and an effort shall have been made to dispose of the remaining sections of any district, the said commissioner may, in his discretion, declare another or other districts of said area under the waters of the bay, or its tributaries, open for oyster culture, if, in his judgment, he regards it as proper to be done.

"Sec. 13. Be it further enacted, That any person who may desire to plant and cultivate oysters in the area hereinbefore designated, shall file with the clerk of the Shell Fish Commissioner an application substantially in the form prescribed in section nine of this Act. The applicant shall indicate plainly the location of the land he desires to lease; the application shall be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace of this State. A fee of six (\$6) dollars shall be paid by the applicant to the Shell Fish Commissioner at the time of filing the application, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if his application, shall be for any reason declined.

"Sec. 14. Be it further enacted, That if such applicant be found to be a bona fide and responsible resident of the State of Maryland and a resident of the county within which the land desired to be leased may be, if it lie within the boundaries of any county and if no objections to the issuing of the lease asked for in any application may be filed with the Commissioner within the period of thirty days after such application shall be made, or as soon as any objections that may have been filed to the granting of such lease shall have been finally overruled by said Commissioner, the said Commissioner, upon payment by the applicant of a further fee of four (\$4) dollars in addition to the fee of six (\$6) dollars, which is to accompany his application, and the giving of the