

measurement, from hinge to mouth of the shell, and provided also, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland during the season of the year above mentioned, and in addition thereto to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the area designated by this Act, the same to be delivered only upon lands which may have been leased under the provisions of this Act for said purposes of planting and cultivation.

"Sec. 23. Be it further enacted, That it shall not be necessary for any holder of oyster land under this Act to take out any license for dredging, scraping or tonging, and oysters on such land may be taken up in such manner as may be desired by the holder of such land.

"Sec. 24. Be it further enacted, That any person who shall wilfully and without authority take oysters from ground leased under the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully injure such ground in any manner, or injure the oysters thereupon situated, or interfere with the stakes, buoys or monuments marking the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in jail or the penitentiary, in the discretion of the Court, for a term not exceeding two years.

"Sec. 25. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of all officers and members of the State Fishery Force to arrest persons violating this Act.

"Sec. 26. Be it further enacted, That the revenues arising from the operation of this Act shall be applied in the following manner: First. To the payment of all salaries, expenses, surveys, outlays, and disbursements authorized by this Act. Second. The balance, if any, to be paid at the end of each year into the treasury of the State, leaving, however, a balance at the end of each year of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars with the Shell Fish Commissioner, to be applied to the current expense of his office for the ensuing year. All moneys so paid as aforesaid into the treasury of the State, shall be placed to the credit of a special fund, called the "Special Road Fund."

"Sec. 27. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall