

desire to contest the right of the applicant, or bidder, for any reason, shall pay to the Shell Fish Commissioners five dollars, and shall state in writing, the specific grounds of his objections; any such controversy shall be decided by the commissioners upon testimony presented to him after due notice to both parties. The commissioners shall, in such cases, be empowered to summon and examine witnesses under oath, and his decision thereof shall be final process for the purpose of citing parties to the cause or summoning witnesses shall be served by the sheriff of the county where the party or witnesses lives. Such costs as are layed by the clerks of the Circuit Court for similar services shall be allowed to the commissioners for docketing the causes arising under any section of this Act, and issuing process in the same. The same appeal shall be allowed from the decision of the Commissioners in such cases as is allowed under section 19 of this Act.

“Sec. 15. And be it enacted, That the relation of landlord and tenant stated in section 12, shall have all the incidents attaching to that relation as the same exists under the laws of Maryland, excepting only the following particulars :

‘First. The only remedy of the State for non-payment of the rent for oyster lands shall be the strict enforcement of the provisions set forth in section 7 of this Act. Upon the non-payment or any rent for the time therein mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Shell Fish Commissioners to declare the lease vacated by stamping the word “void” in distinct letters across the description in the register.

‘Second. Land leased under this Act shall be us only for the purpose of planting and cultivating oysters.

‘Third. No right shall exist to redeem or purchase any land of the State so leased.

‘Fourth. Any other modifications caused by the provisions of this Act.’

“Sec. 16. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall at once notify the lessee of the record in the register required by section 12, and the lessee shall, as soon thereafter as practicable not exceeding sixty days from