

Appointed a
commission.

and they are hereby appointed and constituted a commission to examine into this subject and report to the next General Assembly what legislation is necessary and proper to protect and foster the forest growth of Maryland, said commissioners to serve without pay.

No. 7.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the oyster interest of this State is one of its most important industries, giving employment to thousands of its citizens, and having millions of capital invested therein; and whereas it is reported that recent investigations have shown that the oyster beds of the State have been seriously impaired by over dredging and unwholesome laws, and are in danger of complete destruction at an early day unless checked by remedial legislation; and whereas it is impossible for the present legislature to adopt proper laws for want of time, and of reliable and sufficient information upon the subject, and it is important that the next General Assembly have laid before it the true condition of the oyster beds of the State, and such other information as will enable them to devise such laws for the immediate protection of the same; therefore, be it

Examine condition of oyster beds.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint, on or before the first day of June next, three citizens of this State, to examine the condition of the oyster beds of the State, and report the same to the next General Assembly, with such recommendation as will conduce to the protection of this important industry.

Compensation

Resolved, Second, that each of said commissioners shall receive the sum of five hundred dollars and actual expense for their service, the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the oyster funds.