

Bounds of one-half of beds of bay.

drawn from Keysis point, running eastwardly and one hundred yards northwardly from the Thoroughfare island until it strikes the main beach separating the said Isle of Wight bay from the Atlantic ocean, which line, to the extent it adjoins the plat hereby intended to be conveyed, shall be its southern boundary; thence running northwardly, as nearly as practical, through the middle of Isle of Wight and Assowoman bays to the dividing lines between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, and for the southeastern and southwestern corners of the plat hereby intended to be conveyed, establish points respectively east and west on said first described line, equidistant from the intersection of the said centre line with it for the northeast and northwest corner of said plat; establish points equidistant east and west from the intersection of said centre line with the dividing line between the States of Maryland and Delaware, which shall be the northern boundary of said plat, and the easterly lines of the plat conveyed shall be a direct line from the southeast to the northeast corner thereof according to the general bend of the beach, and the westerly line shall be a direct line from the southwest corner to the northwest corner thereof; and the said boundaries shall be so located in accordance with the provisions of this act so as to convey in fee unto the said Isle of Wight Inlet Oyster Planting Company one half of the beds of the said Isle of Wight and Assawoman bays, excepting and reserving to owners of land bordering on said bays, as well as to owners within the limits of said plat, if any there be, all rights acquired or that may hereafter be acquired by the laws of this State; and the county surveyor of Worcester county shall survey and locate said plat, with one commissioner to be appointed by the county commissioners of Worcester county.

Surveyor shall locate.

Commissioner of land office to issue patent.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That whenever it can or shall be shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the land office that the Isle of Wight Inlet and Oyster Packing Company have constructed the inlet connecting the bays aforesaid and the Atlantic ocean, so as to secure the ebb and flow of salt water through the said inlet, as provided by the provisions of this act, it shall be his duty, and he is hereby directed, to issue a patent to the company for one-half of the bed of said bay, as described in the previous