

repealed, and said section second re-enacted to read as follows :

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester and Talbot counties, respectively, shall, upon the application of any person who has been a resident of such counties for twelve months next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ any boat of the capacity of ten tons or under such capacity, to be ascertained by custom house measurement, in taking or catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale, to any person, between the first day of October in each year and the first day of April next following ; provided that nothing in this act shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as " Thomas " wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bawdle house, on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite or in any tributary of said river above or below said line from said Thomas wharf, on said Dorchester shore, to said Bawdle house, on said Talbot shore ; and provided further, that the applicant shall pay to said clerk, before issuing of license, the sum of two dollars per ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed ; provided, that all boats measuring less than five tons shall pay eight dollars for said license, which said license shall be good for twelve months from the day of its issue, and until such licenses is obtained it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching oysters as herein before described ; provided, that the waters of Talbot county lying between Black Walnut point and a line drawn from Tilghman's point to the southwest point of Parson's island, except the waters between Poplar island and the main land lying within a line drawn from a point of land lying on the north side of Ferry cove known as Law's point to the northern extremity of Poplar island, on the north, to a line from the northwest extremity of Tilghman's island to the southern extremity of south bar of Poplar island on the south, which are hereby reserved for the use of tongmen, shall be opened to the citizens of Talbot county licensed under this act between the first day of October and the first day of April next following ; but it shall be unlawful to take oysters with

Issue license to residents.

Prohibited.

Cost of license.

Waters to be reserved.