

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That if any creek, cove or inlet, not exceeding one hundred yards at low water in breadth at its mouth, make into the lands, or that if any creek, cove or inlet of greater width than one hundred yards at low-water mark, make into the lands, the owner or owners, or other lawful occupant or occupants, shall have the exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet when the mouth of said creek, cove or inlet is one hundred yards or less in width; and when the said creek, cove or inlet is more than one hundred yards in width at its mouth, at low water, the said owner or owners, or other lawful occupant or occupants, shall have exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet so soon as said creek, cove or inlet, in making into said land or lands, shall become one hundred yards in width at low water, for preserving, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell-fish, although such cove, creek or inlet may not be included in the lines of any patent. And in all such cases such right of the riparian proprietor shall extend to the middle of such creek, cove or inlet.

Right to use
creek, &c.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That the board of public works is empowered and directed to purchase for each of the guard boats such arms and ammunition as may be necessary to make them efficient, and the officers of such boats shall be authorized to use such arms in their discretion for the enforcement of the provisions of this act.

Directed to purchase
boats.

SEC. 27. *Be it enacted*, That for the more efficient working of the state fishery force, the waters of this state shall be divided into seven districts, of which the waters of Kent county and Queen Anne's shall be the first; the waters of Queen Anne's and Talbot shall be the second; the waters of Talbot the third; the waters of Wicomico the fourth; the waters of Somerset county the fifth; the waters of Anne Arundel county the sixth; the waters of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert the seventh; each of the said districts shall be guarded by one sailing vessel, except the third, which shall be guarded by three, and the sixth and seventh, which shall be guarded by two; and it shall be the duty of the deputy commander of the first district to guard the waters of Chester river, belonging to Queen Anne's county and the waters of Kent county, including Swan point bar; and the duty of the commander of the second district to guard the waters of Eastern

Divided into
districts.

Duty of deputy
commander.