

Duty of deputy
commander.

bay and its tributaries, and the waters of Talbot county as far down as Black Walnut point; and it shall be the duty of one of the deputy commanders of the third district to guard the waters of Choptank river and its tributaries, and the duty of the second to guard the waters of Little Choptank river, in Dorchester county; and of the third to guard the waters of Fishing bay, Honga river, Tar bay, Hooper's straits, Holland straits, and the waters of Dorchester county, up the line dividing Dorchester county from the counties of Wicomico and Somerset, and the remaining commanders to guard their respective districts; provided that the board of public works, or the commander of the fishery force are hereby authorized and empowered to order the deputy commanders to do duty in any of the waters in this state when, in the judgment of either, they may deem it necessary.

Board of public
works put force
in good condi-
tion.

SEC. 28. *And be it enacted*, That the board of public works shall put the boats of the force in good condition, and provide new sloops or vessels where it shall be necessary, so as to carry out the provisions of this act, and shall, in addition to the steamer Governor Hamilton, provide two new steam propellers, to be built of iron, with a speed not less than fourteen miles per hour, properly equipped for service, as guard boats, and not to cost a greater sum than thirty-five thousand dollars each, and the governor, together with E. E. Jackson and Joseph B. Seth, are hereby authorized to contract for and superintend the construction of such steamers, and the board of public works may sell the steamer Lelia and turn the funds arising from such sale over to the comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, and the sum of eighty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the money standing to the credit of the oyster fund for the purpose of building, repairing and equipping such boats; and the treasurer of the state is hereby required and directed, upon the warrant of the comptroller, to pay the sums of money as directed by the said board of public works, but no compensation shall be paid to said commissioners for such supervision; and the act of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, chapter two hundred and seventy-five, appropriating a sum of money for the purchase of two tugs or propellers, one of which has been received, and the other has not, is hereby repealed, and the

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hibited.