

CHAPTER 251.

AN ACT to refund to Levin S. McNamara, John W. S. Dean and John W. Dean, a certain part of the money paid by them to the Comptroller in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, for oyster license.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Levin S. McNamara, on the nineteenth of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, paid to J. Frank Turner, the Comptroller, the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents, for a license for his schooner the "Aerial," to dredge for oysters in Chesapeake and Eastern bays, with a pledge from this State that the license should hold good for one year from date, and John W. S. Dean and John W. Dean paid the Comptroller the sum of eighty-six dollars and sixty-two cents for a similar license to dredge for oysters in the schooner named "John W. Dean," under similar conditions and pledges, but in a short time after issuing of the license, to wit, in the January session of the General Assembly of said year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, by the passage of the general oyster act, chapter five hundred and eighteen, section three, all licenses previously issued were rendered null and void after April the first, of said year; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS the State received a double tax for several months by compelling the said Levin S. McNamara, John W. S. Dean and John W. Dean to take out new licenses at the beginning of the next oyster season for their respective boats, to catch oysters in said waters with scoops or dredges, and it is but reasonable and just that a sum of money equal to the amount paid for these licenses during the months they were not allowed to catch or take oysters under said licenses, should be returned to these individual vessel owners; therefore,