

winder or any other machine or equipment for operating or handling scoops, scrapes or dredges during said oyster season, commencing on the first day of November eighteen hundred and eighty-four and ending on the first day of April eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and said boat was only employed in carrying buying and selling oysters, and said oath or affirmation, accompanied with the said license, if said license is lost or mislaid, a certificate from the Comptroller that such license was issued, and presented to said Board of Public Works, who shall without unnecessary delay examine said affidavit or affirmation and license or certificate thereof, and if there appear no reasonable grounds for doubt as to the truth of said oath or affirmation, the members of the Board of Public Works shall order the Comptroller to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for said amount named in said license in favor of the said owner or owners of said boat, according to their ownership as exhibited in said license; but if the members of the said Board of Public Works shall entertain reasonable doubts of the truth of said oath or affirmation, they shall require said master and owner to furnish other reasonable evidence corroborating their statements.

Evidence.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the master or owner of any boat, or any person, shall make a false oath or affirmation before said Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Board of Public Works in order to secure the money from the Treasurer on any such license, he or they shall be guilty of a felony, and shall, upon conviction of such offence in a Court of competent jurisdiction, be sentenced to the Penitentiary of Maryland for a term not less than two nor more than five years.

Perjury.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1886.