propriated to pay Ridgely and Melvin, for printing and binding one thousand copies of the annual report of the Comptroller of the Treasury for the fiscal year ended September thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Appropriation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1886.

CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to protect oysters in the waters of the tributaries of the Potomac river bordering upon the shores of Saint Mary's county.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to employ any canoe, boat or vessel in catching or taking oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge, or any similar instrument, within the waters of the tributaries of the Potomac river bordering upon the shores of Saint Mary's county in this State, from the eastern side of Breton's bay, known as Higgin's, to the most north eastern point of Blackistone's Island, thence in a northern and eastern direction with the shore of said island to the ridge of Sheep's Head Bar, thence in a southwestern direction to the buoy on Coade's Flats, thence in a northwestern direction to the southernmosti point of Saint Catherine's, now known as Shank's Island; nor shall any person or persons take or catch ovsters for sale within said waters, otherwise than with tongs, as restricted and regulated by the provisions of the General Oyster Law in force in this State.

To define limits for dredgers,&c.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That any person or persons violating the provisions of this act, shall be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and be sentenced to the House of Correction for not less than six months for each and every offense.

Fine.