

CHAPTER 426.

AN ACT to refund to the owners or captains of vessels engaged in the business of catching oysters with scoop or dredge, for money paid into the Treasury in excess of the amount due by them for State license for the catching of oysters for the oyster season of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four and eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and to appropriate a sum of money for the payment thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue his warrants upon the Treasury for amounts of money due the owners or captains of vessels licensed to dredge oysters, who were required by chapter five hundred and eighteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, to take out a license at the beginning of the oyster season of eighteen hundred and eighty-four and eighteen hundred and eighty-five, for the privilege of dredging oysters in the waters of this State for that season, but for which privilege for a portion of said season they had already paid a license to the State.

To repay.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the amounts to be paid such owners or captains of vessels shall be such a proportion of the whole amount of the license fee as the time for which they were already authorized to catch oysters is to the whole oyster season for dredging for that year.

Amount.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Comptroller is hereby authorized to ascertain the respective amounts due, and the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the payment of the same.

Appropriation.