

CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Board of Public Works to build and equip one new bugeye for the use of the State Fishery Force in place of the old sloop E. B. Groome, unseaworthy, and now used by said force on the Patuxent river, and also to provide for two local guard-boats during the oyster season, one at the mouth of Tred Avon river in Talbot County, and the other to assist in guarding Chester river and tributaries.

To build or
buy new
bugeye.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized to purchase or build one new bugeye for the use of the State Fishing Force, to take the place of the old sloop E. B. Groome, now in said service, and unseaworthy, and to name the same, and to sell said sloop so replaced, and to also provide for two small sailing vessels to serve during the oyster season, one to be stationed at the mouth of the Tred Avon river in Talbot county, and the other in Chester river.

To sell "E. B.
Groome."

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the said Board of Public Works be authorized to sell the said E. B. Groome, either at public or private sale, and to turn over the proceeds of said sale to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund.

To hire two
boats.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That the said Board of Public Works shall be authorized to rent or hire two suitable boats to assist in guarding the waters at the mouth of the Tred Avon river, and adjacent thereto, and the waters of Chester river and tributaries, at a cost not to exceed forty dollars per month for such hiring, and to appoint suitable persons to command such boats, at a salary of fifty dollars per month, from the fifteenth day of October to the fifteenth day of March, following, and the commander shall be authorized to select such number of seamen to serve on said boats as the said Board of Public Works shall authorize, not to exceed three in number for each boat; one of each crew shall receive a salary of forty dollars per month and the remainder thirty dollars per month, to serve from October fifteenth to March fifteenth, as before stated; provided, however, that the owners of such boats, so hired, shall keep the same in good order and repair; and provided also, that the clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county be and is hereby

Salaries of
crews.