

deputy commander of the first district to guard the waters of Chester river belonging to Queen Anne's county, and the waters of Kent county, including Swan point bar; and the duty of the first commander of the second district to guard the waters of Eastern bay and its tributaries; and the duty of the second commander of the second district to guard the tonging reservation of Poplar Island narrows and the waters of Talbot county as far down as Black Walnut point; and it shall be the duty of one of the deputy commanders of the third district to guard the waters of Choptank river and its tributaries as far as Cambridge; and the duty of the second to guard the waters of Little Choptank river in Dorchester county; and the third to guard the waters of Fishing bay, Honga river, Tar bay, Hoopers straits, Hollands straits and waters of Dorchester county, up to the line dividing Dorchester county from the counties of Wicomico and Somerset; and the fourth to guard the waters of the Great Choptank river from Cambridge up as far as oysters grow, and the remaining commanders to guard their respective districts; provided, that the Board of Public Works or the commander of the fishery force, are hereby authorized and empowered to order the deputy commander to do duty in any of the waters in the State, when, in the judgment of either, the same may be necessary.

34. The Board of Public Works shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said force; to appoint a deputy commander, who shall command either steamer as directed by the commander of the force; and to appoint the deputy commander for each sailing vessel for their respective districts, from among persons of the counties whose waters comprise the different districts, who shall be commissioned by the Governor; and the said deputy commanders shall have power to appoint their subordinates and select their crews; and the term of office of said commanders shall be for two years, unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty; and if any of said officers shall fail in the discharge of their duty, by reason of collusion with parties interested in violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on indictment and conviction in a court of law, shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court. No person shall be eligible to the office of commander or deputy commander, who is the owner or has any interest in any scrape or dredge boat, and it is hereby made unlawful for the Board of Public Works to appoint any such person to be

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