

commander or deputy commander of any boat or vessel in the State Fishery Force. The steamers and boats belonging to the State Fishery Force are to be used only on business pertaining to its official duties or on State business.

Removals for neglect of duty. 35. The Board of Public Works shall have power to remove any officer of said force for neglect of duty or incompetency; and the commander of the force shall have power to suspend any officer of the force for a period not exceeding thirty days for any neglect of duty; and any officer commanding in said force shall have power to remove any subordinate under his command and to appoint a person to fill the vacancy whenever the interest of said service may, in his judgment, require him so to do.

Repairs to steamers. Reducing expenses. 36. The Board of Public Works shall have power and it shall be their duty to keep the steamers and sail vessels in good order and repairs; and for the purpose of reducing the expenses of the State Fishery Force, the said board is authorized and hereby required to lay up and put out of commission one steamer, and under no circumstances shall the said steamer be placed in commission, except during the dredging season, and only then in such emergency as the Board of Public Works may judge is necessary that both steamers are required to enforce the provisions of this article; and in such cases the commander shall take command of said steamer and ship a crew, and as soon as the emergency is passed, the said commander shall discharge said crew and place said steamer out of commission again, retaining her engineer and pilot, the first named to keep in good order the engine and machinery of said boat, and the second named to act as watchman. The Board of Public Works is further authorized and required to reduce the number of employes on the sailboats, from the fifteenth day of April until the fifteenth day of September of each year, to three, viz., captain, mate and cook, excepting the schooner Nellie Jackson, the Folly and the Baughman, of which shall consist of the three above-named crew and a seaman, making four men to each of the above-named boats; and the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to contract for sloops or vessels to guard the line from the first of October to the first of April, between the tongers and dredgers, from the long wharf at Cambridge to Bowdle's house in Talbot county, and to rent or hire suitable boats to guard the waters of Herring bay, Manokin river, St. Mary's river, Holland and Hooper's straits, and Pocomoke river and sound, the price to