

and the several deputy commanders of sloops and vessels shall be required to visit the tributaries and streams of their respective districts at least once in two weeks between the first day of May and the first day of October, and at any other time when notified by citizens or others of violations, and they shall arrest and bring to trial all persons found violating any section of this article and cause them to be tried and punished as provided by law.

To enforce laws relating to fish.

45. The commander of said force shall have the control and direction of said force, under the supervision of the Board of Public Works, with power to direct their movements, and shall have an office, to which place all complaints and applications for assistance shall be addressed; and it shall be his duty to keep an itemized account of all expenses and disbursements of said force, and report monthly to the Board of Public Works; and the commander shall be permitted to have one clerk and the compensation of said clerk shall not exceed seven hundred dollars for acting as clerk to the commander.

Commander to have control of force.

46. The owner of any land bordering on any of the navigable waters of this State, the lines of which extend into and are covered by said waters, shall have the exclusive privilege of using the same for protecting, sowing, bedding or depositing oysters or other shell fish within the lines of his own land; and any owner of land lying and bordering upon any of the waters of this State, shall have power to locate and appropriate in any of the waters adjoining his lands one lot of five acres for the purpose of protecting, preserving, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters, or other shell fish; and any male or female citizen of full age, of the county wherein he or she resides, shall have power to locate and appropriate, and hold one lot of five acres, and no more, in any waters in this State not located or appropriated; provided, thirty days' notice in writing shall be given the owner or occupant of land bordering on said waters proposed to be located, that the owner or occupant may have priority of claim; and if such owner or occupant shall fail to locate or appropriate the water mentioned in said notice within thirty days after receiving the same, then it shall be open and free to any one, under the provisions of this section; provided also, that the said location or appropriation shall be described by stakes, bushes and with the name of the owner on a board fastened to a pole or stake on or within the appropriated oyster land, or by the proper and visible metes and bounds, which description shall be reduced to writing

Private oyster planting.

Notice to owner.

Bed to be marked off.