

upon such recognizance being given, the party convicted and the vessel shall be discharged.

Compact of  
1785.

56. Nothing in the five preceding sections shall be construed in any way to impair, alter or abridge any rights which either State or the citizens thereof may be entitled to, either by, through, under or against the compact entered into between the States of Maryland and Virginia on the twenty-eighth day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty five, or any existing law of either of said two States.

General  
measurers  
and  
inspectors.

Bond.

57. The Governor at each session of the General Assembly shall appoint five persons for the city of Baltimore, and one person for each of all of the other ports or towns bordering upon the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries where there is a packing house or houses, to be known as the general measurers and inspectors of oysters for the city, town or port for which they shall respectively be appointed; each general measurer and inspector of oysters shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of three thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties, and the general measurer and inspector of oysters shall have the same power and authority over oysters sold in the waters adjacent to the port for which they shall be respectively appointed, as hereinafter given to the general measurer and inspectors over such city, town or port for which they are respectively appointed.

Licensed  
oyster  
measurers.

58. Any person or persons may obtain a license as a licensed oyster measurer and inspector from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Baltimore city or the clerk of the Circuit Court of any county wherein he is a citizen, by making application and by taking an oath that he will faithfully perform the duties of a licensed oyster measurer and inspector, and by paying a fee of twenty dollars for said license, which amounts shall be paid by said clerks, respectively, on or before the expiration of thirty days, to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund; the said license shall hold good for the oyster season. The said licensed oyster measurers shall be under the direction and control of the general oyster measurers and inspectors; the said licensed oyster measurers and inspectors shall fairly and impartially measure and inspect, as provided for in this article, all oysters in the shell, and shall receive for their services one-half cent per bushel, to be paid equally by the seller and buyer; any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on con-