

Chapter 112.

AN ACT to provide for the defence and indemnity of Henry Lloyd, J. Frank Turner, Stevenson Archer, Jacob H. Plowman and Jefferson D. Loker, who have been, or may be, sued in courts of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, for certain acts alleged to have been done by them, or any of them, as officers of the State of Maryland, in the enforcement of an act of Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, chapter two hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act to repeal chapter five hundred and eighteen of the acts of General Assembly of Maryland, at January session of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, being an act to repeal article seventy-one of the Code of General Laws, entitled 'Oysters,' " and re-enact the same with amendments, and provide further police regulations for the protection of oysters in the waters of this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the provisions of said act of eighteen hundred and eighty-six, chapter two hundred and ninety-six, certain duties were imposed upon the board of public works, the commander of state fishery force, and the officers under him, for the alleged performance of which duties a suit was instituted in the circuit court of the United States for the District of Maryland, against the said Henry Lloyd, J. Frank Turner, Stevenson Archer, Jacob H. Plowman and Jefferson D. Loker, who, as governor, comptroller of the treasury and treasurer, respectively, constituted the board of public works, and said Jacob H. Plowman, commander of state fishery force, and Jefferson D. Loker, deputy-commander of the steamer Governor Thomas; and,

WHEREAS it is the duty of the State of Maryland to protect its citizens in the performance of duties imposed on them by state authority; therefore,