

that is to say, one at each corner of said ground ; and in case of storms or ice taking up said stakes, bushes, or buoys, or a part of them, one stake, bush, or buoy shall be sufficient notice that oysters have been planted there until the owner or owners have sufficient time thereafter to re-stake said oyster grounds; and if any person or persons, through mistake or ignorance, should plant upon a natural rock, or part of a rock, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of said county, upon the sworn statement of any informant, to appoint and commission three disinterested men, on oath, to go on said oyster ground with the owner or owners and examine and determine the same; and if they shall find a rock in said oyster ground so staked more than twenty feet square in any one place in said ground they shall value the same upon oath, and the person or persons so planting shall pay the amount of said valuation to the county commissioners for the use of said county, and also pay the expense of said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case; and in case said commission shall not find a rock in said ground so planted more than twenty feet square in any one place, then the informer shall be held bound to pay the expense of said commission, which may be collected as all other claims are collected, or the county commissioners may require the informant to deposit the amount required to pay said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case.

Duty of commissioners.

How collected

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to work in or among any planted oysters, or within the stakes, bushes or buoys, or where oysters are known to be planted, with any tongs, rakes or any other instrument by which oysters can be taken from the bottom other than the owner or owners, or their agent or agents, employe or employes, who shall have a perfect right to so work with any instrument required in said work. Any person or persons caught at work on any planted oysters in the Synepuxent bay, or its tributaries, without proper authority from the owner or owners, upon sufficient proof and conviction before a justice of the peace, or the

Not lawful.