

Chapter 375.

AN ACT to repeal sections twenty-seven and thirty-two of chapter two hundred and ninety-six of the acts passed by the General Assembly of Maryland and eighty-six, entitled "Oysters," and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add an additional section thereto, to be numbered section forty-seven.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections twenty-seven and thirty-two of chapter two hundred and ninety-six of the acts of the general assembly passed at the January session, eighty-six, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows, and also to add an additional section to said chapter, to be numbered section forty-seven:

Sec. 27. *And be it enacted,* That the board of public works shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, to keep the steamers and sail vessels in good order and repair; and for the purpose of reducing the expenses of the fishery the said board are further authorized, in their discretion, to sell one of the steamers and to turn the funds arising from such sale over to the controller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund; and also to establish such rules and regulations as they may think proper for reducing the number of employes and otherwise curtailing the expenses of said force; and the said board shall also have power to purchase or build two suitable sailing vessels to take the place of and the said board of public works shall have power to assign the said sloops Mary Compton and Nannie Merriman, or some other suitable sailing vessel, to guard the line now established between the tongs and scrapers in the Great Choptank river running from the long wharf, known as the Maryland Steamboat Company's wharf, at Cambridge to the Bowdler House in Talbot county, and to guard the waters of Poplar island narrows in Talbot county;

Reducing expenses.

Repealed and re-enacted.