

counties; three each from Dorchester, Somerset and Queen Anne's counties, and one each from Kent, Calvert and Charles counties, at a salary of forty-five dollars per month, during the oyster season, and they shall be stationed at such places as in the judgment of the Commander of the State Fishery Force their services may be needed. Before assuming the duties of their offices the said special inspectors shall take an oath, to be administered by the Commander, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their said offices; the said special inspectors shall inspect all oysters in the district to which he is assigned; upon the inspection of any such oysters, each special inspector shall make a certificate of the number of bushels in triplicate, one of which shall be given to the purchaser, one to the seller, and the other daily to the general measurer and inspector of the district where such inspection occurred; a charge of one cent per bushel is hereby levied to help defray the expenses of such inspection and the other expenses of the State Fishery Force, upon all oysters unloaded from vessels at the place where said oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, to be charged equally to the buyer and seller, but to be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the State Treasury, or his agent, by the buyers; the certificate given the general measurer and inspector shall be by him mailed weekly to the Comptroller or his agent, and in case the amounts of money shown to be due be not paid in one week thereafter to the Comptroller or his agent, which is hereby required to be done, the properties of the parties so indebted may be levied on and sold by the said Comptroller or his agent, as in cases of taxes in default, without other process of law; the tax of one cent per bushel hereby levied is also made a charge on oysters sold by commission merchants and others selling by less than the cargo, and also a tax of three cents per barrel containing not more than three bushels; on oysters in bags a tax of two cents per bag containing not more than two bushels; and all transportation companies carrying oysters in the shell, consigned to Baltimore, shall furnish to the oyster inspector or collector of oyster tax a copy of his manifest, showing the number of bushels on board on arrival of steamer and to whom consigned, and the special inspectors are charged with the duty of seeing that proper returns are made for the purpose of this Act by such commission merchants or retailers; and in the performance of the duty the said special inspectors are authorized and directed to visit the places where oysters less than cargoes are sold and get from such sellers a statement, under oath, as to the number of bushels sold from time to time, and return to the general measurers and inspectors a certificate thereof, to be forwarded to the Comptroller, as required in the case of the