

one to the seller and the other daily to the general measurer and inspector of the district where such inspection occurred. A charge of two cents per bushel is hereby levied, one-half of which is to help defray the expense of such inspection, and the other expenses of the State Fishery Force, and the other half of which is to be expended in re-shelling and otherwise cultivating and improving the natural oyster beds and bars in the waters of the State, 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, 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 two cents 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 six cents per barrel, containing not more than three bushels; on oysters in bag, a tax of four 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 to return to the general measurers and inspectors a certificate thereof, to be forwarded to the Comptroller, as is required in the case of the certificates for cargoes, and the payments of the amounts so found to be due shall be similarly enforced. All such special inspectors may be removed at any time by the Commander for neglect or malfeasance in office, and said Commander shall report to the Governor any neglect of a general measurer or inspector. The Commander of the State Fishery Force shall furnish to each of said special inspectors certificates in book form, supplied with carbon paper, so that each of said triplicate certificates shall be exactly the same. The form of the certificate shall be as follows: