

of oyster tax, a copy of their 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 the proper returns are made for the purpose of this section by such commission merchant or retailer, and in performance of their duty the said special inspectors are authorized and directed to visit places where oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland in less than cargo lots 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 certificates for cargoes, and the payments of the amounts so found to be due shall be similarly enforced. All oysters found within the State of Maryland shall be presumed to have been caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and the burden of proof shall be upon anyone claiming to the contrary to establish his said claim by clear and satisfactory evidence. All such general measurers and inspectors or special inspectors may be removed at any time by the Conservation Commission for neglect or malfeasance in office. The said Commission shall furnish to each of the said special inspectors certificates in book form, supplied with carbon paper, so that each of the said triplicate certificates shall be exactly the same; the form of the certificates shall be as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have this day inspected for captain schooner....., a cargo of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, sold to....., and found the same to contain.....bushels of merchantable oysters and.....bushels of unmerchantable oysters.

(Signed).....

The provisions of this section shall apply to all oysters caught within this State and about to be shipped outside of the State, and the tax shall be collected from the captain of the vessel or the owner of the cargo in all cases where oysters are about to be shipped out of the State. The inspection tax on oysters shall attach irrespective of actual sale of oysters and shall be effective prior to shucking and shipping same.

Section 71. The special inspectors provided for in Section 70 of this Article shall likewise inspect in the manner set forth in said Section 70 all oysters caught beyond the limits