PHILIP F. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR, 1849.

State aforesaid, of the other part, be and the same is CHAP. 217. hereby rendered and made valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the said deed had been duly and legally acknowledged; provided nevertheless, that nothing contained in Proviso this act shall operate or be construed to affect, or in any manner interfere with any right or title at law or in equity of, in or to the property, or any part thereof, mentioned in said deed, of any person or persons, acquired subsequent to the date of the execution of said deed, and previous to the recording of the same.

CHAPTER 217.

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A further supplement to the acts of assembly, passed at Passed Feb. 23
December Session, eighteen hundred and thirtythree, chapter two hundred and fifty-four, and eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter three hundred
and ten, passed for the protection of Oysters in the
waters of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for any offence committed against violating the provisions of the first section of the act of Assembly, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, chapter two hundred and fifty-four, the offender or offenders shall be subject to presentment and indictment by the grand jury of the county, where the offence may have been committed, and on conviction thereof in the county court of the said county, the captain of the boat or vessel shall be fined not less than fifty, nor more than two hundred dollars, and each hand on board shall be fined not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court, for every offence, which said fine shall be paid over to the commissioners of the county, for the benefit of the school fund of the county; provided honever, Proviso, that in case any person or persons indicted or presented by virtue of this act, shall prove at the trial of the presentment or indictment, that he or they have been punished as provided by the said act of assembly of eighteen hundred and thirty-three, chapter two hundred and fifty-four, he or they shall be discharged from further prosecution under the said presentment or indictment.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That whenever in the take vessel into discharge of his duty under the said acts of the General custody