CHAPTER 272.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854.

AN ACT to provide for the more effectual protection of oysters in the waters of Dorchester county.

Citizens only allowed to catch oysters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person other than citizens of Dorchester county, to take, catch, or carry away between the first day of May and the first day of October, in any year hereafter, any oysters from any rock oyster bar, shoal or place of natural deposite or growth; or at any time for citizens of other counties to take and carry away oysters found in said waters, for the purpose of burning them into lime, bedding or planting.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all persons violating the provisions of this act, shall be liable to arrest, seizure of their persons and vessels, and upon conviction before a justice of the peace of any of the election districts in said county, shall suffer the same penalties and forfeitures as if they had been convicted of unlawful dredging, as provided in the various acts of Assembly on that subject now in force, and in case of conviction they shall have the same right of appeal.