

And on motion of Mr. Dennis, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pigman from the committee on finance to which was referred the resolution in favor of Nancy and Lloyd Stallings, the message from the house of delegates relative thereto, reported favorably on said resolution.

It was then read the second time, and on motion of Mr Pigman, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the protection of oysters in the waters of the Easter shore of this state, was taken up for consideration, and the amendments heretofore reported, were read and assented to.

On motion of Mr. Page, the following amendments were read and assented to.

In the 8th line of the 5th section strike out the words "shall be confined to" and insert as follows "may be sentenced by the said justice of the peace to confinement in."

After the word 'days' in the 10th line of the same section, insert the words, "provided nevertheless the said owner or owners or any person concerned may appeal from the decision of the said justice by giving bond in the penal sum of \$200 conditioned for the preservation of said appeal with effect to the next court of the county, which appeal as aforesaid shall suspend the sentence for confinement"

In the 4th line of the 6th section, after the word "changed," insert insert the following:

"And if the said officer shall find on board any boat or boats, the owner or owners whereof have resided in the state of Maryland twelve months immediately preceeding any scoop, drag or any other instrument used for taking or catching oysters, except tongs or rakes, it shall be considered *prema facie* evidence of the violation of the 12th section of this act.

Add the following, as the 9th section.

"And be it enacted that in all cases when the owner or owners of any boat or boats shall think himself or themselves aggrieved by the judgment of any justice of the peace, he or they shall be at liberty to appeal to the next county court, before the justices thereof, who are hereby upon the petition of the appellant or appellants in a summary way empowered and directed to hear the allegations and proofs in the cause, without any unnecessary delay, and the same appellant or appellants may demand a trial by jury or leave