

plement, whether penalty or dispute, shall be decided and adjudged by the said board within three days after application by the complainants.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every master of a vessel who shall refuse, when the same is required by the first applicant below the Horseshoe as aforesaid, or other pilot of the same company, or where no such applicant appears, by the first other applicant, to conduct his vessel as aforesaid, to give information of the tonnage thereof, by shewing her register or license, as the case may be, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the state, in the same manner as small debts are recoverable, one-half for the use of the said state, and one-half for the use of the informer.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize any pilot to conduct or pilot any vessel of greater actual draught than is expressly authorized by his warrant.

Explanatory

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the board of examiners be, and they are hereby authorized and required to refuse a warrant to any applicant who may be, in their opinion, incompetent from drunkenness, or any other depravity, to discharge the duties of pilot, any thing in the original act to the contrary notwithstanding; and for like causes to suspend the warrant of any pilot who may have obtained the same.

Warrant may be refused to.

CHAPTER 87.

AN ACT to promote the Preservation, Improvement, and increase of Shell Fish in this State.

Other laws are, 1830, ch. 58; 1831, ch. 249; 1832, ch. 265, 276; 1833, ch. 254; 1834, ch. 311; 1835, ch. 216, 260, 337; 1836, ch. 186; 1837, ch. 310.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful for any citizen of this state to locate and appropriate, in any of the bays, sounds, rivers, creeks, or coves, any area, not exceeding one acre in extent, for the purpose of depositing, bedding or sowing any oysters, or other shell fish, either for domestic use or exportation; and all oysters or other shell fish, so deposited, bedded or sowed, or contained therein, or upon the bottom of such area or superficies, shall be deemed and held in law as the proper estate and rightful property, of the person who caused the same to be so located or appropriated and deposited, bedded or sowed therein, as aforesaid; *Provided however*, that the same location or appropriation shall be indicated and distinctly defined by stakes, bushes, or other proper marks, or metes and bounds; which indication and definition

Location of oyster beds authorized.

Made individual property. Must be staked off, recorded.