

CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT for the protection of, and to regulate the time and manner of catching and taking Fish and Terrapins in that portion of the Potomac River, between Maryland Point, in Charles county, and Chiseldine's Island, in St. Mary's county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, except *bona fide* residents of Charles county, to take or catch terrapins, or to haul a seine in any of the inlets or tributaries of the Potomac River, lying in Charles county, nor within five hundred yards of the beach on the Potomac River, between Maryland Point, in Charles county, and Chiseldine's Island, in St. Mary's county, nor in the Wicomico River; *provided,* that persons owning or occupying lands on the Wicomico River, or on the Potomac River, or any tributaries thereof, in Charles county, shall have the right to rent or otherwise grant to non-residents of the county the privilege of fishing on their shores, or within the prohibited line on their water front; *provided further,* that any landowner desiring or intending to rent or grant the privilege to fish on his water front, shall ascertain and distinctly mark the line dividing his land and water front from that of the adjoining landowner; and the manner of marking said dividing line, shall be by fixing a substantial stake or buoy, immediately on his dividing line, five hundred yards from the beach, and another in the same line, half way between the beach and the outer stake or buoy; and where the water front is on a creek, the centre of the creek shall be marked in a similar manner, to prevent an infringement on the rights of persons owning the opposite shore.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no person or persons shall haul a seine more than eighty fathoms in length in that portion of the Potomac River, between Maryland Point, in Charles county and Chiseldine's Island in St. Mary's county; except from the fifteenth day of March to the first day of June inclusive.

Non-resid'nts
not to take or
catch terra-
pins.

Proviso.

Further
proviso.

Time in
which per-
sons may
haul seine.