

any canoe or other boat under Custom House tonnage, and desiring to use said boat or canoe in taking or catching oysters for sale, with rakes or tongs, in any of the waters of the aforesaid counties, shall first obtain, by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for that county wherein he may reside, a license, such as is now prescribed by the General Law, and which said license shall give him a right to take or catch oysters in the waters of either Queen Anne's or Kent county; and such license shall have effect from the first day of October, in the year in which it shall have been obtained, to the first day of October next succeeding, subject to the provisions of the General Law, as to the time in which oysters shall be caught or taken with tongs; *provided*, that such license shall not authorize the use of said canoe or boat in taking or catching oysters in any creek, river, cove, inlet, bay or sound, within the limits of any county other than Queen Anne's and Kent; and that the bounderies of the counties bordering on navigable water shall be strictly construed, so as not to permit the residents of either of these counties to take or catch oysters beyond the channel of the creeks or rivers lying between these and other contiguous counties; and *provided farther*, that this Act shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters from grounds already located or appropriated for the purpose of preserving, depositing or bedding the same, in the waters of said counties, under the provisions of the General Laws.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.