

same out of any funds in their hands unproportioned to special purposes; and should said Commissioners of Oxford not have the necessary funds to meet such drafts, then the said Commissioners of Oxford are authorized to borrow upon the faith and credit of the town, or to raise by a special tax, the funds necessary to meet such deficiency.

1927, ch. 464, sec. 8.

**366.** Said Oxford Utilities Commission shall have the right to open streets for extending water mains without special permit, but notice must be given the Commissioners of Oxford in writing, of an intention to make such openings and to extend such mains, and the said Utilities Commission is required to have the openings carefully guarded to avoid accident, and to restore and to comply with the requirements of the town as to restoring the road bed or sidewalk in its normal condition.

1927, ch. 464, sec. 9.

**367.** Said Utilities Commission shall have full authority to sell to the Commissioners of Oxford and to the inhabitants of Oxford and vicinity the product of said Water System.

#### OYSTERS.\*

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 155. 1884, ch. 468. 1896, ch. 417. 1900, ch. 674, sec. 244.  
1902, ch. 180. 1916, ch. 403.

**368.** The Clerks of the Circuit Courts for Talbot and Dorchester Counties, respectively, shall, upon application of the managing owner, who has been a resident of the county in which he shall apply for one year next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ his boat, of a capacity of seven gross tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by rules of the custom-house measurement, as hereinafter provided, in taking and catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank River, in said counties, for sale from the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last named day the license shall expire; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as Thomas' Wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bawdle House on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river, above or below said line; provided further, that the applicant shall pay such clerk the sum of one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage; and all boats measuring less than five tons gross shall pay eight dollars for said license, which shall be good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of November

\*See Art. 72 of Annotated Code for general laws relating to oysters, as some of the provisions of this article have probably been repealed or superseded by later general laws.