

ration per day of the quality and quantity such as is allowed by law to the officers and crew of the revenue marine of the United States, but no rations shall be allowed to officers or crews of sailing vessels.

SEC. 36. *And be it enacted*, That the officers and crews aforesaid shall be paid monthly by the treasurer, upon warrant of the Comptroller, and the certificate of the commanding officers that their duties have been performed as required by law.

Monthly payments.

SEC. 37. *And be it enacted*, That all oysters in the shell, disposed of in the State of Maryland, shall be measured in a sealed measure of any capacity, from half a bushel to three bushels, that may be agreed upon between the seller and purchaser; provided that the said measure or measures shall contain in quantity for each bushel thereof according to the following dimensions, that is to say: Sixteen and a half inches across from inside to inside at the bottom, eighteen inches across from inside to inside at the top, and twenty-one inches diagonal from the inside chime to the top, and the same shall be even or struck measure.

How measured.

Dimensions of measure.

SEC. 38. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the purchaser or seller to have and use said measure or measures duly inspected and sealed by the proper officers, and that no other measure shall be used under a forfeit of fifty dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace by action of debt, in the name of the State of Maryland, one half to go to the informer, the other half to be paid to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund.

Inspect and seal measure.

SEC. 39. *And be it enacted*, That if any boat or vessel shall be seen sailing over any of the waters of this State which are exempted from dredging by law, in the same manner in which they sail to take or catch oysters with scoop, scrape, drag, dredge or similar instrument, the said boat or vessel shall be pursued by any officer or officers authorized by this act to make arrests, and if said boat or vessel apprehended by said officer shall be found to have on

Officers to pursue.