

to secure in the waters or bays an ebb and flow of the salt water for the breeding and cultivation of oysters in any manner deemed proper and not conflicting with the laws of this State or of the United States; and whereas, the Isle of Wight, Assawoman and Sinnepuxent bays aforesaid have from the closing of inlets formerly existing, been for many years past unhealthy fresh water, and unfit for the natural growth and cultivation of oysters; and whereas, the land bordering on said bays and tributaries have greatly depreciated in value from that cause; therefore,

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That in consideration of this cutting and making of the inlet aforesaid, and maintaining the same, and the great advantages tendered to the adjacent land thereby and the increased value to the State of Maryland, and to Worcester county, and to citizens thereof, by salting the Isle of Wight, Assawoman and Sinnepuxent bays by the regular ebb and flow of the tide through the inlet aforesaid, the State of Maryland does hereby grant and convey unto the said the Sinnepuxent Salt Water Inlet Company, all those bottoms of the bay or bays easterly or southeasterly of the following described line, to wit: Beginning at the most westerly point of the islands in Chincoteague bay, known as "Whittington Point," or Whittington Point on the maps of the Maryland Geological Survey; thence running northerly to the most easterly point of the islands known as "Robins Marsh" on said maps; thence running northeasterly to the most southerly point of Sinnepuxent neck, so called, known as "South Point" of said maps; thence running southeasterly on a line between said most southerly point of said Sinnepuxent neck, and the most southwesterly point of the islands known as "Great Egging Beach" on said map, to the middle point of said line; thence running northeasterly and northerly on a line midway between the east and west shore lines of Sinnepuxent, Isle of Wight and Assawoman bays, so called, to the northern boundary line of the State of Maryland.

Certain grants conveyed.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That whenever it can or shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the Land Office that the Sinnepuxent Salt Water Inlet Company have constructed the inlet connecting the bays aforesaid and the Atlantic ocean, so as to secure the ebb and flow of salt water through the said inlet in sufficient quantities to salt the