

scoop, drag or dredge, rakes, tongs, or any other instrument whatever, without having first obtained a license, as hereinafter provided.

By whom to
be issued, &c.

2. That such license, except such as may be issued to tongsmen, shall be issued by the Comptroller of the Treasurer, and shall specify the name of the vessel to be used in taking and catching oysters; the name of owner and master thereof; the county or city of which such owner and master are citizens; the tonnage of the vessel, and the amount paid for the license; and shall authorize said vessel to be used in taking and catching oysters with scoop, drag, dredge, and any other instrument, from the first day of September, of each and every year, to the first day June following; within the waters of the Chesapeake bay, and not within any other bay, river, creek, strait or sound, and not on any oyster bed or rock on or about Tally's Point, Sandy Point, Hackett's Point, Thomas' Point, the Three Sisters, on the western side of the Chesapeake bay, and not within the Chesapeake bay where the water is less than fifteen feet deep; *provided*,

Excepted.

Applicant re-
quired to make
oath.

3. That no license shall be issued to any person other than a resident of this State, and the applicant for such license shall first make oath before the Comptroller of the Treasury that he is a *bona fide* owner or master of the vessel to be described in the license for which he is an applicant, that he has been a resident of this State at least twelve months immediately preceding the day on which he applies for such license, and that he will well and faithfully obey and comply with all the provisions of the laws of this State, regulating the taking and catching of oysters, and that he will, to the best of his ability, aid in the enforcement of such laws, and shall also produce before the Comptroller the enrollment or license of such vessel, under such rules and regulations as the Comptroller may have previously prescribed.

Rate of li-
cense per ton.

4. That the applicant, before obtaining such license, shall pay therefor at the rate of five dollars per ton for every ton said vessel may measure, according to its Custom House enrollment or license; and it shall be the duty of every such applicant to have said license framed, and so set or