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worcester county—Not lawful for any person to catch or take away oysters from the waters of Synnapuxent Bay, in Worcester county, between the last day of April and the first day of September, in any year, nor shall any oysters be taken from any part of said Bay during that time to plant in any other part of the waters thereof; nor shall it be lawful at any time to use rakes or dredges in taking or catching oys-

ters in this Bay.

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Before it shall be lawful for any one to catch or take oysters from said Bay, they are to first obtain a written permit from all the acting Justices of the Peace in District number three, so to do, which permit is to expire on the last of April annually, and shall limit the quantity to be taken in any one week to ten bushels, and to be granted only to residents of this State; and any person taking oysters from said Bay without such permit, or exceeding the quantity named therein, to deemed a violation of this act, each justice of the peace to be entitled to receive fifty cents for every permit so granted,

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Any person violating this act upon conviction, before a justice of the peace, for every offence to forfeit and pay to the informer the sum of ten dollars, with all costs of prosecution; and if a negro, and unable to pay the fine, the justice of the peace shall order the constable to inflict upon his person not over thirty-nine lashes.

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Act to take effect on and from the first day of July next,

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