



OYSTER FISHERIES.

RIVER SHANNON, &c.

32 & 33 Vic., c. 92, and the Acts incorporated therewith.

BYE-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

WE, the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, acting under the authority of the above-named Acts, do make and ordain the following **Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations**, to be observed by all persons engaged in the Oyster Fishery, or in Fishing for or taking Oysters in the RIVER SHANNON, or in any of the BAYS or INLETS thereof, in the Counties of Kerry, Clare, and Limerick:—

“FIRST.—That during the Close Season for Oysters in the said River Shannon, or in any of the Bays or Inlets thereof, no Boat, in the said River Shannon, or in any of the Bays or Inlets thereof, shall have on board any Dredge or other Implement for the taking of Oysters; and if, between the periods aforesaid, there shall be on board any Boat any such Dredge or other Implement for the taking of Oysters, the Master or Owner of such Boat shall, for each such Offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

“SECOND.—All persons engaged in fishing for or taking Oysters in said River Shannon, or in any of the Bays or Inlets thereof, shall cull all such Oysters as may be taken or caught, and shall not remove, from any Fishing Ground or Oyster Bed, any Oyster of less dimensions than Two Inches and One-half, at the greatest diameter thereof; and shall immediately throw back into the Water all Oysters of less dimensions than aforesaid, as well as all gravel and fragments of shells as shall be raised or taken while engaged in such fishing; and no person shall take from any Rock, Strand, or Shore of said River Shannon, or of any of the Bays or Inlets thereof, by any means whatsoever, any Oyster of less dimensions than Two Inches and One-half, at the greatest diameter thereof; and any person offending in any respect against this Bye-Law, Rule, or Regulation, shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.** And in any proceeding for the recovery of the said last-mentioned Penalty, proof that such person had ~~the~~ Oysters of less dimensions than aforesaid in his custody or possession within the Petty Sessions Districts of Ballylongford or Tarbert, in the County of Kerry; Knock, Kildysart, Kilrush, Newmarket-on-Fergus, or Kilkee, in the County of Clare; or Glin, Foynes, or Pallaskenry, in the County of Limerick, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said Oysters of less dimensions than aforesaid were removed from the Fishing Grounds or Oyster Beds in said River Shannon, or from the Bays or Inlets thereof, in contravention of this Bye-Law.”

“THIRD.—All persons are hereby prohibited from throwing into the Water, on any Oyster Bed, or Oyster Fishing Ground, in said River Shannon, or in any of the Bays or Inlets thereof as aforesaid, the ballast of any Boat, or any other matter or thing injurious or detrimental to the Oyster Fishery; and all persons acting contrary hereto shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

“FOURTH.—No person shall, between sunset and sunrise, dredge for, take, or catch, any Oysters within said River Shannon, or within any of the Bays or Inlets thereof as aforesaid; and every person acting contrary hereto shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

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nor sell, expose for sale, give, transfer, or purchase, receive, carry, or have in his or her custody or possession any such Oysters so taken

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**THOS. F. BRADY,
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Dated at the Office of Irish Fisheries, Dublin,
this 31st day of July, 1875.