Statement of Dredgers Giving Their Side fo the Case.

Messrs. Editors: An article appeared in the *Sun* of Monday, giving Captain Steven's account of what is called "A bloodless battle with dredgers off Rock Hall."

We think it due to ourselves as some of the parties attacked by Capt. Stevens in this "bloodless battle" that the public should be fully informed of the facts of the case, and therefore ask you to publish this communication:

There are between five and six hundred oyster dredgers in this State, who pay more than $40,000 per year for the license to dredge on the public oyster-beds of the Chesapeake bay. This body of men, is in the main, industrious and law-abiding; they do not belong to the criminal class; they are not 'cut-throats' and 'pirates' and they are entitled to certain rights, which ought to be respected even by the political oyster police, and which ought to protect them from unwarranted attack and their lives and property from destruction by the use of firearms in the hands of Capt. Stevens.

In the public article referred to Stevens is reported as saying that we were dredging on "Swan Point." That statement is untrue. We were dredging on what is known as "T Tree," which lies some four miles north of the government spar buoy, stationed at the end of "Swan Point Bar," and at least two and one-half miles from low water mark on "Swan Point." "T Tree" is an oyster bottom about one-half mile in extent, and is divided from the "Swan Point" oyster bar by a mud bottom, on which it is not possible to dredge oysters. The tongers who work on "Swan Point" enjoy the use of 3,300 acres of tonging land, and from the time of the commencement of dredging in this State "T Tree', has been used as a dredging ground without dispute until Captain Hyland, who preceeded Captain Stevens in the command of the police vessel Anna B. Smith three years ago, forcibly drove the dredgers off the ground, arresting some of them, whose cases, however, never came to trial. It is worthy of note that the Legislature never prohibited dredging on "T Tree."

A boundary determined by bringing in line three pine trees and a clump of gum trees on the shore, about two and one-half miles from Rock Hall, and which is known as the "Hunter Davis" line, divides "T Tree" from the end of the shore line where "Swan Point Bar" begins, and north of this "Hunter Davis" line has always been recognized as proper dredging ground. Capt. Howard, the present commodore of the oyster police, when he was in command of the steamer Governor Thomas, planted a buoy at the end of the 'Hunter Davis' line and always recognized the ground to the northward as legal dredging ground. Now, on last Saturday we, with other dredgers came on this "T Tree" dredging ground and commenced to dredge. At no time during the day were our vessels south of the "Hunter Davis" line. Captain Stevens brought the police vessel Anna B. Smith on that line between us and "Swan Point Bar" and deliberately fired on the fleet of oyster dredgers for more than an hour, doing great damage to the vessels and endangering the lives of the men. Not a single shot was fired by the dredgers, and the statement that "Buck" Sanford one of the signers of this letter, knew the police cannon was disabled is untrue; that further we banded together and attacked the police vessel is equally untrue in every particular. Captain Stevens made no arrests and attempted to make none, but destroyed the rigging and sails of the fleet of boats, so that, for example, the H. R. Price suffered fifty dollars, and the Mark Skinner about $20 damage.

Three weeks ago we brought our claims to the attention of the Governor of the State and promised that they should be inquired into, and Captain Howard agreed to come down and, if necessary, survey the land, but as yet, though party politics rage in Annapolis no attention has been given to the matter, much to our loss and danger

We appeal through your columns to the justice of the community, and ask whether, after paying a license to the State to dredge, and after having, from time immemorial, enjoyed the right to dredge on "T Tree," it is just that the arbitrary decision of a police captain should deprive us of that right, and that while peacefully pursuing our legitimate calling, we should be fired on, when our names and the number of our boats were fully exposed, when he actually sailed alongside of us and spoke to us personally, and when our arrests could be easily effected by information. on warrant, and we could have been punished, according to the due course of the law, if we had been found guilty of crime.

Such a system of police could not endure a day on shore, and surely no more arbitrary rule ought to apply to the waters of the bay.

We have in the past remained silent and endured official wrongs no other class has been subjected to. We have been treated as criminals and denounced in the public press as such, and all but driven outside the pale of the law. We think the time has come when, if the State licenses us in our employment, we have a right to demand that it at least afford us protection from the ungovernable passion and willful caprice of its police officers.

We are, your obedient servants,

ARTHUR HANSEN,
THOMAS D. GIBBONS,
FREDERICK WALTERS,
BENJAMIN DIXON,
JEFFERSON DAVIS,
CHARLES H. GIBSON, JR.,
BENJAMIN T. MANN,
WILLIAM J. HOWARD,
ARTHUR M. ROTEN,
WILLIAM H. SANFORD.

ONE of our young sports has received a letter from a young lady which contained four ribbon bows of the following colors, red, blue, yellow and pink, and they were attended by the following verses:

If to me you wish to wed,
Send me back my bow of red.
If to me you will be true,
Send me back my bow of blue.
If you are another's fellow,
Send me back my bow of yellow.
If of me you sometimes think,
Send me back my bow of pink.

The letter also containd the words, "Leap Year, '96," which showed the writer is not going to let this golden opportunity pass, which will not present itself in again eight years.

It Made Him Tired.

The station agent at Canon City had a half grown cinnamon bear chained up to a post as a pet and a curiosity, and while the train waited there for the east bound to come along many of the passengers crossed the tracks to gaze at the living curosity. Among them was a girl faced young man with a lisp, who viewed the bear for awhile and then went back to the agent and asked:

"Thir, I see you have a bear over there."

"Yes, sir."

"Is ith a real bear?"

"Of course."

"If I should kill him could I telegraph to my Ma in New York that I had thlain a savage monster of the west?"

'You could."

"How much to let me thoot at him thix times?" continued the young man as he fished up a small revolver.

"Twenty dollars for six shots," replied the agent. "I will accept, and here is your moneth. Now, then, everybody than back while I slay the monster in his tracks."

We moved back and he advanced to within ten feet of the bear and opened fire. The beast stood broadside on, eating some nuts thrown to him, and while the six shots were being fired he did not even raise his head. One bullet carried away a bit of his fur, but everyone of the others went over him.

"Have I thlain him?" asked the young man as he stood with empty weapon in hand.

"He doesn't appear to be slain," replied the agent. "Want to try six more at the same price?"

"No, thir, I guess not. I will go and telegraph to ma thath I started outh to thlay a monster of the west, but he refused to be thlain and tired me outh."

"THERE was no address on the letter, Bridget, and you mailed it!"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

MARY A. WILMER,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 18th day of August, 1896, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1896.

PHILIP G. WILMER,
Executor.

Feb. 15. 1896—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

HYLAND P. SMITH,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 18th day of August, 1896, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1896.

RUTH A. SMITH,
JONATHAN R. SMITH,
Administrators.

Feb. 15, 1896—4t.

Order Nisi.

Carolene L. Hynson and Richard D. Hynson, executors of Richard Hynson, deceased,
versus
James J. Spear and Sarah E. Spear, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 13th day of February, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate mentiond in these proceedings, made and reported by CAROLENE L. HYNSON and RICHARD D. HYNSON, Executors of Richard Hynson, deceased, under power of sale contained in the mortgage, copy of which was filed in the above entitled case, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of April next:—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 15th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $7,500.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.

True copy—Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.

Feb. 15. 1896—4t.

Order Nisi.

R. Oscar Roe and Carrie B. Roe, administrators c. t. a. of Emily F. Edwards, deceased, plaintiffs,
versus
John L. Smith, administrator of James A. Edwards, deceased, Charles Edwards and Frank Yates Edwards, defendants.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 13th day of February, 1896, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity and by the authority of said court that the sale made and reported by JOHN W. TEMPLE, Trustee, for the sale of the real estate decreed to be sold in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of April next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 13th day of March, next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,009.00.

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