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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.

No. 4.

*By His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the advice of the Legislative Council.*

## *AN ACT to regulate the slaughtering of Sheep and Cattle.*

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to regulate the slaughtering of Sheep and Cattle—  
**PREAMBLE.**

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** by His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies with the advice of the Legislative Council that if any person after the first day of March next shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any sheep or cattle for sale or shall sell or cause to be sold any meat being the carcass or part of the carcass of any sheep or cattle without having obtained a proper annual license the duration of which license shall without reference to the time when granted be until the first day of January next ensuing the date thereof and no longer from the Police Magistrate of the district in which such person resides who is hereby authorised and required to grant such license under his signature in the Form as near as may be to this Act annexed marked A and to charge and receive for the same the sum of five shillings such person shall pay a fine of not less than ten pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Persons slaughtering cattle &c. or selling meat without license.

Magistrates to grant such license.

Penalty.

**II. AND BE IT ENACTED** that if any person shall slaughter or

Penalty on per-

sons slaughtering without giving notice and information to the Inspector.

cause to be slaughtered any sheep or cattle for sale without giving sufficient notice thereof to the Inspector of Stock or other person appointed to act as Inspector of Stock in or for the district in which such person resides to enable him to inspect the same before the same shall be slaughtered or without giving opportunity and permission to such Inspector or person so to inspect such animals or shall refuse or neglect to give to such Inspector or person immediately upon being by him requested so to do the Christian and surnames and residences respectively as well of the owner or owners of such animals as of the person or persons from whom he or she received the same animals such person shall pay a fine of not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Persons may slaughter for their family and servants.

III. PROVIDED ALSO AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that nothing hereinafter contained shall extend to or affect any person who shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any sheep or cattle for the consumption of the family servants or hired workmen of such person.

Fees to be taken by Inspector.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall be lawful for each such Inspector of Stock or person appointed to act as such Inspector to demand and receive from the person giving such notice to him as aforesaid for inspecting each head of cattle the sum of sixpence and no more and for inspecting each score of sheep the sum of ten-pence and no more and so in proportion for a less number and if such person shall not immediately upon demand pay the amount of such charges he or she shall over and above the amount of such charges pay a fine of not less than twenty shillings nor more than five pounds unless such person shall show a reasonable cause or excuse for his neglect to the satisfaction of the sitting Justices before whom the offence shall be enquired into.

Penalty.

Lieutenant-Governor to appoint public slaughter-houses.

Penalty on persons slaughtering elsewhere.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or person for the time being administering the Government of this Colony by any Proclamation or Proclamations for that purpose issued from time to time to declare and appoint one or more public slaughter-house or houses for the slaughtering therein of sheep pigs and cattle in and for any town or place and if any person shall thereafter slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any sheep or cattle for sale in any such town or place or any pigs for sale in Hobart Town or Launceston excepting in some public slaughter-house so appointed in or for such town or place such person shall pay a fine for each offence of not less than ten pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Animals wounded excepted.

VI. PROVIDED ALWAYS AND BE IT ENACTED that nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend to or affect any person in respect of any animal slaughtered in any case where humanity enjoins its imme-

diate death—PROVIDED that in every such case the person so slaughtering shall as soon as possible afterwards give notice thereof to the nearest Inspector or person appointed as such Inspector and shall produce to him the ears and entire skin of such animal.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall bring or cause to be brought any sheep or cattle into Hobart Town or Launceston respectively intended to be slaughtered for the supply of such town or of any vessels near such town or intended for exportation or sale in either of such towns without giving or causing to be given within six hours after the arrival of such sheep or cattle in the said town or shall sell or cause to be sold in either of such towns any sheep or cattle without giving or causing to be given at the least six hours before the intended sale sufficient notice of such arrival or intended sale as the case may be to the Inspector of Stock or other person appointed to act as Inspector of Stock in or for such town so as to enable such Inspector to inspect the same before the same shall be slaughtered or sold or without giving opportunity and permission to such Inspector or person so to inspect such animals or shall refuse or neglect to give to such Inspector or person immediately upon being by him requested so to do the Christian and surnames and residences respectively as well of the owner or owners of such animals as of the person or persons from whom he or she received the same animals such person shall pay a fine of not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Persons bringing sheep or cattle into Hobart Town or Launceston.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall bring or cause to be brought into Hobart Town or Launceston respectively any meat intended for sale being the carcass or part of the carcass of any sheep or cattle not having been killed in some public slaughter-house appointed in or for such town or if any person shall sell or cause to be sold in such town any such meat as last aforesaid such person shall pay a fine of not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Carrying meat for sale to Hobart Town or Launceston.

Selling meat in Hobart Town or Launceston not killed in a public slaughter-house. Penalty.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall convey or cause to be conveyed or receive or cause to be received on board any ship or vessel any sheep pigs or cattle without giving sufficient notice thereof to the Inspector of Stock or other person appointed to act as Inspector of Stock in or for the place nearest to which such ship or vessel may then be to enable him to inspect the same before their embarkation or without giving opportunity and permission to such Inspector or person so to inspect such animals or shall refuse or neglect to give such Inspector or person immediately upon being by him requested so to do the Christian and surnames and residences respectively as well of such person giving notice as of the owner or owners

Conveying or receiving cattle on board ships.

Penalty. of such animals such person shall pay a fine of not less than ten pounds nor more than twenty pounds.

Power to enter the premises of licensed persons. X. AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or any Chief District Constable or any Inspector of Stock either alone or attended by petty constables or other officers upon demand to enter and search the house or premises of any person licensed under this Act at any hour by day or night and if admittance be refused or wilfully delayed such person shall pay a fine of not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds.

Inspector may seize suspected sheep or cattle. XI. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any such Inspector shall have reasonable cause of suspicion that any sheep or cattle he is inspecting have been stolen such Inspector may seize and detain such sheep or cattle and he is hereby directed forthwith to report such seizure and the grounds thereof to a Justice of the Peace who shall make such order as the justice of the case may require and if any action or suit be brought against any Inspector for so seizing any such sheep or cattle such Inspector may plead the general issue and give this Act and the special matter in evidence and if the plaintiff be nonsuited or discontinue his or her action or a verdict shall pass against him or her or judgment shall be had for the defendant upon demurrer the defendant shall have treble costs.

If action against Inspector the general issue may be pleaded.

Allowing offal &c. to remain in or near any public place. XII. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person licensed under this Act shall put place or throw or shall cause or suffer to be put placed or thrown or shall permit to remain any skins offal horns or blood or other part whatsoever of any animal in or on any public street or place or in or on his or her own premises or any other place whatsoever where the same shall occasion or be likely to occasion public annoyance such person shall pay a fine of not less than twenty shillings nor more than fifty pounds.

Penalty.

Cattle &c. to be driven through Campbell-street. XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall drive or cause to be driven into Hobart Town any sheep or cattle from the direction of New Town except through Campbell-street such person shall pay for every animal so driven a fine of not less than five shillings nor more than twenty shillings.

Proceedings under this Act to be in a summary way. XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED that all offences against this Act not otherwise provided for shall or may upon information in that behalf exhibited be in a summary way heard and determined by any two Justices of the Peace and all fines and penalties in respect of the same be awarded and imposed by any two Justices and that if any person shall

feel aggrieved by the summary judgment or conviction of any Justices under this Act such person shall be entitled to appeal from such judgment or conviction in the manner in that behalf provided by an Act intituled *An Act to regulate summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace*. Appeal allowed.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED that the amount of all and singular the fees or sums of money paid or payable for licenses under and by virtue of this Act shall be reserved and the same fees and sums are hereby reserved to His Majesty his heirs and successors for defraying the expense of erecting slaughter-houses and for defraying other expenses which shall be occasioned by the provisions of this Act and shall go to and be applied in aid of the Colonial Fund of this Island for that purpose accordingly. Application of duties.

GEORGE ARTHUR.

Passed the Legislative Council this twentieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty,

W. T. PARRAMORE, *Clerk of the Council*.

### FORM A.

WHEREAS A. B. of \_\_\_\_\_ hath applied to me for a License to slaughter sheep pigs and cattle and sell meat at his house situate in \_\_\_\_\_ and the said A. B. hath also paid to me the sum of five shillings being the duty on such License therefore I do in pursuance of the Act of His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR intituled *An Act to regulate the slaughtering of Sheep and Cattle* grant to the said A. B. this License to slaughter sheep pigs and cattle under the provisions of the said Act and to sell meat at his house situated in \_\_\_\_\_ and not elsewhere and this License is to continue in force from the date hereof until the thirty-first day of December and no longer.

