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No. 18.

AN ACT to further amend "The Scab Act, A.D. 1873. 1870." [31 October, 1873.]

WHEREAS it is necessary to further amend "The Scab Act, 1870:" PREAMBLE.

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, 33 Vict. No. 2. by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :--

1 The Chief Inspector may issue to any owner of infected Sheep not Chief Inspector holding a renewed licence to cleanse the same, a licence to cleanse the may issue licences said Sheep; and there shall be paid to the said Inspector for such licence before the same is issued the sum of Three Pence for every infected Sheep possessed by such owner.

2 If any person is found in the possession of diseased or infected Persons in Sheep after the commencement of this Act, he shall, unless the owner of possession of such Sheep holds a licence to cleanse the same, be liable to a penalty of liable to penalty. not less than Ten Pounds nor more than Fifty Pounds.

3 If any Sheep are found to be diseased or infected after this Act Chief Inspector comes into force, it shall be lawful for the Chief Inspector to appoint a may appoint time time between the First day of October and the Thirty-first day of for shearing and dipping diseased January following within which period the said Sheep shall be shorn Sheep. and dipped, anything contained in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and if the owner of any such Sheep refuses or neglects to shear and dip the same within the time appointed, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Twenty Pounds nor more than One hundred

4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Act, Diseased or if any Sheep are found to be diseased or infected on or after the First infected Sheep day of December, 1873, it shall be lawful for an Inspector to seize and found on or after

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1 December, 1873, may be seized and detained

detain the same where found or in some secure place as he sees fit; and such Inspector shall forthwith report the same to the Chief Inspector in writing, who may direct such measures to be taken as he deems necessary for the purpose of cleansing such Sheep at the cost of the owner; and if the owner of any Sheep seized and detained as aforesaid neglects or refuses to dip such Sheep in such manner as the Chief Inspector directs, or to afford all reasonable assistance to the person appointed by the Chief Inspector to collect and dip the said Sheep, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Twenty Pounds nor more than One hundred Pounds; or the Chief Inspector may direct the said Sheep to be destroyed at the cost of the owner.

Contribution to Scab Act Fund in 1874.

5 The sum of money mentioned in and made payable by Section Six of "The Scab Act, 1870," to the Scab Act Fund is hereby increased from a sum not exceeding One Farthing to any sum not exceeding One Halfpenny during the year 1874 and no longer.

Proof of Sheep being infected under Sect. 14 of 33 Vict. No. 2.

6 In any information laid against any Sheepowner under the Fourteenth Section of "The Scab Act, 1870," it shall be sufficient to state that the Sheep possessed by such Sheepowner had been infected for more than Twenty-one days; and such statement shall, without proof by the informant that such Sheepowner was aware of their being infected, be deemed and taken to be true until the contrary is proved by the defendant.

Sheep not to be exported unless certified to be clean.

7 No person shall ship Sheep for the purpose of exporting the same from this Colony until he has given at least Three days notice in writing to an Inspector of his intention to ship Sheep for the purpose aforesaid, and has obtained from such Inspector a "Certificate of Cleanness" under "The Scab Act, 1870," in respect of the same Sheep; and any person who ships Sheep contrary to this Section shall be liable to a penalty of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty on persons concealing infected Sheep, &c.

8 Section Five of "The Scab Act Amendment Act, No. 3," is hereby repealed; and if any person, being the owner of any diseased or infected Sheep, separates by himself or by any other person such Sheep from any other Sheep which are not visibly diseased, and if such person afterwards by himself or by any other person drives the Sheep not visibly diseased along any road, or offers or exposes the same for sale in any manner by himself or by any other person, every person so offending shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not less than Ten Pounds nor more than Two hundred Pounds; and any person who knowingly aids or assists in doing any act in this Section mentioned shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Sheep dipped without notice to be deemed infected.

9 If any person dips or dresses Sheep without having first given at least Seven days notice to an Inspector of his intention so to do, the Sheep so dipped or dressed shall be deemed to be infected within the meaning of "The Scab Act, 1870."

Acts to be read together.

10 This Act and "The Scab Act, 1870," and every Act altering or amending the same, shall, save so far as the same may be altered or amended by this Act, be read and construed together as one Act.

Short title.

11 This Act may be cited as "The Scab Act Amendment Act, No. 4."