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## VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 15.

*By His Excellency SIR JOHN EARDLEY EARDLEY-WILMOT,  
Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's  
Land and its Dependencies.*

*AN ACT to regulate the Slaughtering of Sheep and  
Cattle imported into this Colony and the Sale thereof  
and to prevent the Sale of unwholesome Meat.*

**W**HEREAS it would conduce to the Public health to prevent the slaughtering for sale as human food of Sheep and Cattle imported into this Colony until such Sheep and Cattle shall have been landed a certain time—AND WHEREAS divers frauds have been practised upon the Public by the sale of Meat both in a fresh and salted state of Sheep and Cattle which have died by accident or disease on land and on shipboard or been slaughtered on shipboard when in a condition unfit for good and wholesome human food to the detriment of the Public health and it is expedient that provision should be made to check such frauds and to prevent the sale of such Meat—BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency SIR JOHN EARDLEY EARDLEY-WILMOT Baronet Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies by and with the advice of the Legislative Council that from and after the time when this Act shall come into operation no Sheep or Cattle imported into this Island or carried coastwise from one part of this Island and landed at another shall be slaughtered for sale as human food until the expiration of Five Days next after the day on which such Sheep or Cattle shall have been landed and every person slaughtering or causing to be slaughtered any such Sheep or Cattle as aforesaid contrary to the provision of this Act shall forfeit and pay a penalty of Ten Pounds for each Sheep or head of Cattle (as the case may be) so slaughtered as last aforesaid.

PREAMBLE.

Imported Sheep  
and Cattle not to  
be slaughtered  
until Five Days  
after they are  
landed.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall land or cause to be landed or assist in landing in this Colony from any ship or vessel

Penalty for land-  
ing Sheep or

Cattle alive or dead without permission or (under certain circumstances) selling them for food.

any living Sheep or Cattle or the whole or any portion of the carcase of any Sheep or head of Cattle which shall have died by accident or disease or been killed on board of any ship or vessel at sea or in harbour unless such permission as is hereinafter mentioned shall first have been obtained or if any person after such permission shall have been obtained shall sell or offer for sale as human food any Sheep or head of Cattle which shall have so died or been killed as aforesaid or any portion of the carcase of any such Sheep or head of Cattle any such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty of One Hundred Pounds.

Mode of obtaining permission.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that whensoever any person shall be desirous of landing the carcasses of any Sheep or Cattle which shall have died or been killed as last aforesaid and shall give notice thereof to any Justice of the Peace for or nearest to the place where he shall be desirous of landing the same then it shall be lawful for such Justice of the Peace to grant his permission in writing signed by such Justice of the Peace to land the carcasses of such Sheep or Cattle specifying the number thereof respectively together with the place and time of landing.

Certain notice to be previously given.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED that before any person shall land any Sheep or Cattle which may be imported into this Island or carried coastwise from one part of this Island to another in any ship or vessel he shall give notice in writing to some Justice of the Peace residing at or nearest to the place where he shall be desirous of landing the same of such his intention stating therein the name of the ship or vessel in which such Sheep or Cattle shall then be together with the number of such Sheep or Cattle distinguishing such as shall then be alive and such as shall then be dead and the place where and time when it is intended to land such Sheep or Cattle and in case any person shall land or cause to be landed any Sheep or Cattle without having given such notice or at any other time or place than such as shall be specified in such notice or shall land or cause to be landed a greater number of Sheep or Cattle either alive or dead than shall be respectively specified in such notice or shall land or assist in landing the whole or part of the carcase of any such Sheep or Cattle at any other time or place than such as shall be specified in the permission hereinbefore provided for he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than Five Pounds nor more than Fifty Pounds.

Penalty for slaughtering diseased animals or selling unwholesome meat for human food.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person shall slaughter for the purposes of sale as human food any Sheep Cattle or Pigs in a sickly or diseased state or shall sell or offer or expose for sale as human food the flesh of any such animals knowing the same to have been slaughtered whilst in such state or if any person shall sell or offer or expose for sale as human food any putrid or unwholesome meat then and in every such case the person or persons so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Such meat may be seized.

VI. 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 into any House Shop Shambles or other place where any such Meat as last aforesaid shall be exposed for sale as aforesaid and to seize take away and destroy all such Meat as aforesaid and if any person shall resist or obstruct any such Justice Constable Inspector or other Officer as aforesaid in entering any such place as aforesaid or in seizing and taking away any such Meat he shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

VII. AND in order to prevent doubts as to the meaning of the term *Proceedings for* Sheep and Cattle used in this Act BE IT ENACTED that the term *penalties.* Sheep shall be construed to intend and mean any ram ewe lamb or wedder and the said terms Sheep and Cattle shall be construed and understood in every case to import either the singular or the plural number as the sense or the nature of the context may require.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED that all offences against this Act not *Definition of* otherwise provided for shall or may upon information in that behalf *terms.* exhibited be in a summary way heard and determined and all fines and penalties in respect of the same be awarded and imposed by and before any two Justices of the Peace and that if any person shall feel aggrieved by the summary judgment 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.*

E. EARDLEY-WILMOT.

Passed the Legislative Council, this sixteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four,

ADAM TURNBULL, *Clerk of the Council.*