



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. XXIII.

AN ACT for the prevention of the Importation of Diseased Stock.

[ Assented to, 1st October, 1879. ]

**W**HEREAS the wealth and prosperity of Her Majesty's subjects in Australasia depend to a great extent on the absence of disease among animals; And whereas, as well in order to avert disaster from Western Australia as through the medium of Western Australia from the other Australasian Colonies, it is desirable to take all possible precautions against the introduction into, and for the repression of disease among animals in, this Colony: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

**1** THE "Cattle Diseases Ordinance, 1865," and the "Imported Stock Act, 1876," shall apply to all Horse Stock, Goats, Mules, Asses, Dogs, and Swine.

Extension of former Acts.

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### *Imported Stock Acts—Amendment.*

Governor may prohibit or permit introduction of Cattle.

**2** IN addition to the powers vested in the Governor by the said enactments, or either of them, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time, by Proclamation, prohibit the introduction into the Colony, either by sea or land, of any cattle within the meaning of this Act, and of the said enactments or either of them, from any country or place; or may permit such introduction by land to be made at such inland places, or their importation by sea, at such parts of the sea-coast in Western Australia being "ports" within the meaning of the laws of the Customs for the time being, subject to such restrictions and regulations as he shall see fit. And the Governor, with such advice, may from time to time vary or annul any such prohibition, restriction, or regulation; provided such restrictions and regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Governor may make Regulations.

**3** THE Governor may in like manner from time to time make such regulations under this Act as may be deemed expedient for all or any of the following purposes, and may rescind the same:—

- (1.) For regulating the conditions upon which any cattle or animals may be introduced into the Colony.
- (2.) For the inspection of newly-introduced cattle or animals.
- (3.) For the purpose of subjecting any such cattle or animals to such restrictions or remedial measures as may be deemed necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of disease.
- (4.) For providing for the steps to be taken in case of any infectious or contagious disease of a malignant nature breaking out or spreading in any town or district in the Colony among animals under circumstances which render it advisable that measures should be promptly taken for securing the health of animals; and also in any case at a distance from Perth which may appear to constitute a case of special emergency, to make an order, published in the *Government Gazette*, authorising some person or persons to be named in such order to make such orders and give such directions as may seem to him or them necessary under the circumstances of the case. Any such order of the Governor in Council as last aforesaid shall be in force for any period not exceeding one month from the making thereof.

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**4** ANY proclamation or regulation or order of the Governor in Council as aforesaid shall take effect from the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*; and any order authorising any person as aforesaid shall, if transmitted by telegraph in accordance with the provisions of "The Telegraphic Messages Act, 1874," take effect from the publication thereof by the person authorised thereby as aforesaid affixing the same to the door of the nearest court house or police station; and any order made or direction given by any such person authorised as aforesaid shall take effect from the time of its publication in the same manner.

Time when any Regulation or order shall come into operation.

**5** THIS Act and the said recited Acts shall be read and construed together as one Act; and every person knowingly or wilfully disobeying, contravening, or omitting to observe any regulation or order made in pursuance of the three last preceding sections shall, on conviction before any two Justices, be liable to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds.

This Act and 29 Vict., No. 3, and 40 Vict., No. 14 to be read together.

**6** ALL penalties and forfeitures under this Act, or the said enactments, shall be payable to Her Majesty for the public uses of the said Colony.

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In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

H. ST. GEORGE ORD, Governor.