



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO DECIMO SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

---

No. X.

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of Public Slaughter Houses, and to regulate the Slaughtering of Stock therein.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of Preamble.  
Public Slaughter Houses in Towns, and (with certain ex-

ceptions) to prohibit the slaughter of stock elsewhere, within all Townsites in which such Public Slaughter Houses may be established; Be it therefore enacted, by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, that the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may at any time after the passing of this Ordinance, by notice to that effect, published in the Government Gazette, establish Public Slaughter Houses in such towns in the said colony, as he may think proper.

Governor may establish Public Slaughter Houses.

II. AND be it enacted, that from and after the first day of January, 1853, any person who shall slaughter, or cause to be slaughtered, any cattle or sheep, for the purpose, wholly or in part, for sale, barter, or exportation, in any house or place within any Townsite in which a Public Slaughter House shall have been so established as aforesaid, or who, not being licensed as hereinafter mentioned, shall, after the establishment of a Public Slaughter House in Perth or Fremantle respectively, slaughter or cause to be slaughtered, any sheep; or any person, whether so licensed or not, who shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered, any cattle, for the purposes aforesaid, within three miles of the external boundary of such last mentioned Townsites respectively, except in such Public Slaughter House, shall forfeit and pay any sum, not exceeding Ten Pounds, for each and every head of such stock so slaughtered.

No person to slaughter any stock in any townsite, except in Public Slaughter Houses, under £10.

III. AND be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint, or cause to be appointed, for each Public Slaughter House which may be so established as aforesaid, some person to be Caretaker thereof, and such Caretaker shall reside at, or in the immediate vicinity of the Public Slaughter House of which he may have been appointed Caretaker as aforesaid.

The Governor may appoint resident Caretaker of Public Slaughter House.

IV. AND be it enacted, that the Governor, in Executive Council, may frame, and from time to time alter and amend General Regulations for the management of all such Public Slaughter Houses, or Special Regulations for the management of each such Public Slaughter House, as may be found most convenient, and the said Regulations, whether original, altered, or amended, shall, together with such other matters as it may be deemed necessary thereby to regulate and control, provide for the letting of stalls

The Governor in Council may frame Regulations

(if any) under such restrictions as to the use thereof, and upon such other conditions as may be deemed advisable, and shall declare the rent or rents payable in respect of such letting, and also, the sums to be charged for each head of cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, respectively, which shall be slaughtered in such Public Slaughter House, and also the hours during which the said Public Slaughter Houses shall be open to the public for the slaughter thereof, and shall also define the duties of the Caretakers of such Public Slaughter Houses, and shall require such Caretakers to examine all cattle slaughtered; and to enter in a book, to be kept by them for that purpose, a particular description of all such cattle, with the color, mark or marks, brand or brands, sex and apparant age, together with the name of the owner thereof, and the time of slaughtering thereof, and shall also provide for the due custody and production of such book when required, and for periodical returns of the number of animals of all kinds slaughtered as aforesaid, and shall also provide for all other matters which it may be deemed advisable to regulate thereby. And all such regulations as aforesaid, whether original, altered, or amended, shall be promulgated by proclamation in the Government Gazette, and from and alter such proclamation as aforesaid, and until the promulgation of any new, altered, or amended Regulation as aforesaid, shall have the effect of law, and possess the same force as if they had been originally embodied in this Ordinance; and every person who shall act in opposition to, in violation of, or at variance with the said Regulations, or any part thereof respectively, shall, upon conviction of such offence, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds. Provided always, that such Regulations shall in no case require payment of any greater sum or sums by way of rent of stalls, or for the slaughter of cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, in such Public Slaughter House, than is stated in the schedule annexed to this Ordinance.

Any person infringing Regulations liable to penalty of £20.

V. AND be it enacted, that any person who shall drive or cause to be driven, any cattle intended for sale or slaughter, in any marked and inhabited street, not declared by the Governor to be a cattle thoroughfare, of any town in which a Slaughter House has been established as aforesaid, except between the hours of Twelve at night and Six in the morning, shall, upon conviction of such offence, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for each and every head of cattle so driven as aforesaid.

Any person driving cattle for sale or slaughter in streets between 6 in the morning and 12 at night, liable to penalty.

The Governor may VI. AND be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor limit operation of Or- in Executive Council, from time to time by proclamation, to dimin- dinance to Townsite. ish the distance from the external boundary of Perth and Fremantle, or either of them, within which the slaughter of stock is hereinbefore prohibited, and if he shall think proper so to do, to limit the operation of this Ordinance to the actual townsite of both or either of such towns.

Special licenses to kill VII. AND whereas it is expedient to provide for the issue of sheep, within certain Special Licenses to keep Slaughter Houses within three miles from districts, may be issued. the external boundaries of the Townsites of Perth and Fremantle, but not within such townsites; Be it therefore enacted, that any person who shall be desirous of obtaining such license as aforesaid, for a Slaughter House or a place for slaughtering sheep only, for sale, barter, or exportation, within the limits last aforesaid, shall give to the Clerk of the nearest Bench of Magistrates, in writing, a notice of his intention to apply to the said Bench for such license, and he shall state the special grounds upon which he intends to support such application, and shall also describe in such notice, the house and place intended to be licensed, and such Bench of Magistrates so assembled, two or more being present, shall consider such application, and if they be satisfied with the special reasons assigned in support of such application, and also that the applicant is a person of unexceptionable character, and that the premises proposed to be licensed, are in a convenient and desirable situation, they shall issue and deliver to the person so applying, a License under the hands of any two of them, in the manner and form hereinafter set forth, and all such licenses shall be in force until the Annual Licensing Meeting next ensuing the date of such License, and no longer; and the person so licensed, shall pay to the Clerk of the Bench of Justices, the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every such License.

Keepers of Licensed VIII. AND be it enacted, that every keeper of a Licensed Slaughter Houses to Slaughter House, or place as aforesaid, shall keep a book in which he keep a book and enter shall enter a particular and accurate account of all sheep slaughtered therein an accurate in such house or place, and the time of slaughtering thereof respectively, and if purchased, containing the name of the person from account of the number of stock Slaugh- whom the same shall have been so purchased, and the dates of such tery. purchases, and shall transmit a report, containing the particulars above stated, monthly, in writing, under the hand of the keeper of

each such Slaughter House or place, to the Bench of Magistrates by whom such License was issued, and if any such keeper of any such Slaughter House or place, shall neglect to keep such book, or shall make a false entry therein, or shall fail or refuse to make such monthly report, or to produce such book when required by any Justice, he shall for every such offence, forfeit any sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds.

IX. AND be it enacted, that every keeper of every such Licensed slaughter house or place as aforesaid, shall pay to the person for the time being authorised by the Government to receive the same, for every head of sheep slaughtered at such Slaughter House or place, at the same rate as may be payable under any Regulations as aforesaid, for sheep slaughtered at the Public Slaughter House nearest to such Licensed premises.

Keeper of Licensed Slaughter Houses to pay for stock Slaughtered at the same rate as if he made use of the Public slaughter House.

X. AND be it enacted, that all informations and proceedings for offences against this Ordinance, shall be commenced within three calendar months after the offences thereby respectively charged shall have been committed, and shall be heard and determined, and the forfeitures and penalties in respect of the same shall be awarded and enforced and appropriated in a summary manner, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, according to the provisions of an Ordinance passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, No. 4, intituled "An Ordinance to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, within the Colony of Western Australia, with reference to summary convictions and orders."

Limitation of proceedings and jurisdiction.

XI. AND be it enacted, that all sums payable for the slaughter of stock, or for stalls, under this Ordinance, shall, when collected, be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer of the said colony, for the public uses thereof.

Appropriation clause.

XII. AND be it enacted, that in the construction of this Ordinance, the word "cattle" shall in all cases be deemed and taken to mean, bulls, cows, oxen, heifers, steers, and calves: and the word "sheep" shall in all cases be deemed and taken to mean rams, ewes, wedders, and lambs; and the word "stock" shall in all cases be

Interpretation clause.

deemed and taken to mean bulls, cows, oxen, heifers, steers, calves, rams, ewes, widders and lambs.

Short title.

XIII. AND be it enacted, that this Ordinance may be cited as the "Public Slaughter House Ordinance, 1852."

CHARLES FITZGERALD,  
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*Passed the Council, }  
22nd Dec. 1852. }*

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,  
Clerk of the Council.

---

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

For each separate Stall at the rate of 10s a month	
For each bull, cow, ox, heifer, or steer slaughtered.....	3s 6d
For each calf slaughtered .....	1s 0d
For each sheep or goat slaughtered .....	0s 3d
For each pig slaughtered .....	4s 0d

1852.

16th Vict. No. 10.

FORM OF LICENSE FOR SLAUGHTERING SHEEP.

We, the undersigned, being \_\_\_\_\_ of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the colony of Western Australia, do certify, that by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Public Slaughter House Ordinance, 1852, Mr \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby licensed to slaughter ~~sheep~~ on his premises, situated at \_\_\_\_\_, and that this License is to remain in force until the General Annual Licensing Meeting next ensuing the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under our hands at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 185