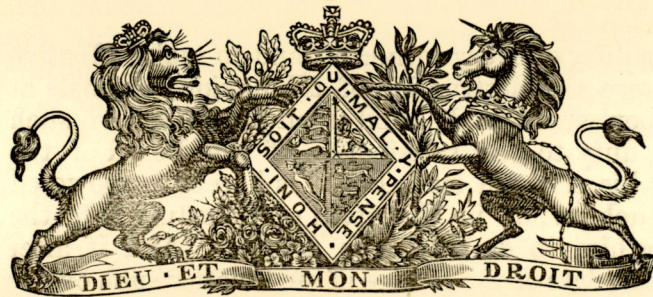


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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15 November, 1881. }*

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. .

An Act to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act."

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881" and shall be read and construed with the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" hereinafter termed the Principal Act.
- 10 2. The fifth seventh eighth fourteenth twenty-second and twenty-eighth sections of the Principal Act are hereby repealed. Repeal of certain sections of Principal Act.
- 15 3. Any owner of not less than ten head of large stock or the duly authorized superintendent of any owner of not less than one thousand head thereof may be elected a Director and may vote at the election of Directors under the Principal Act And the number of votes to be given by any such owner or superintendent shall be in accordance with Qualifications of Directors and voters.

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the scale contained in the Schedule hereto All questions as to the qualification of such owners or superintendents as candidates or electors shall be settled by reference to the rate-book If in any district no Directors or an insufficient number of Directors be elected the Minister
5 charged with the administration of the Act may appoint a sufficient number of persons to be Directors whether possessed of the aforesaid qualification or not.

4. The Board shall have power to take all proper and lawful
measures to ensure the destruction within its district of all noxious
10 animals within the operation of this Act and for that purpose may out of the money raised under this Act pay for that destruction such sums by way of bonus for the scalps of such animals or otherwise as the said Board may from time to time determine at meetings specially called for that purpose of which not less than ten days clear notice shall have
15 been given and the sums so determined by the Board shall be published in the *Gazette* and in one or more newspapers circulating in the district.

5. It shall be the duty of every owner of land to make effective
provision for and to ensure the destruction of all noxious animals at
20 large in a wild state upon such land And upon the failure of such owner to perform such duty to the satisfaction of the Board of the District wherein the land is situated such Board is hereby empowered to serve a notice upon such owner in the form of Schedule B to the Principal Act requiring him to destroy such animals And if after
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40 damage done by any dog engine material or process whatsoever used by him or by any person in his employment unless where such damage is caused by the lawful exercise of any power hereby conferred.

6. For the purpose of raising a fund within each district for
carrying into effect the provisions of this Act to be called the "Noxious
Animals Destruction Account" the Board shall within thirty days of
45 its first meeting and thereafter at some meeting to be held in the month of May in each year and at such other times during the year as may be necessary of which not less than ten clear days notice shall be given make an annual assessment on stock at a rate not exceeding three pence per head of large stock and not exceeding one half-penny per sheep on
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7. From the funds standing to the credit of the "Noxious
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55 member specially authorized in that behalf the amounts certified to be due for the destruction of noxious animals by bonus or otherwise as hereinbefore provided and any other expenses lawfully incurred by the Board in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

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8. Any person who shall introduce or attempt to introduce or assist or be concerned in introducing any live wild rabbits into this Colony or who shall have any live wild rabbits in his possession or charge or shall liberate any rabbits in any part of the Colony shall
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Penalty on retention or introduction of rabbits.

9. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the Minister aforesaid upon a representation being made to him in writing by five or more owners liable to be assessed under this Act to the effect that
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Scale of votes at Elections of Directors.

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CHAPTER I
THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The first European to set foot on the continent of North America was Christopher Columbus in 1492. He was sailing for Spain in search of a westward route to the Indies. On October 12, 1492, he landed on the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas.

Other European explorers followed Columbus, including John Cabot, who sailed for England in 1497, and Amerigo Vesputi, who sailed for Italy in 1498. They all discovered new lands in North America.

The first permanent European settlement in North America was founded by the Pilgrims in 1620. They sailed on the Mayflower and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Pilgrims were a group of English Puritans who had fled to America to escape religious persecution in England. They spent the winter of 1620-1621 in a very difficult and harsh environment.

Despite the hardships, the Pilgrims survived and eventually thrived. They were joined by other settlers, and the colony grew. In 1630, a larger group of Puritans, the Massachusetts Bay Company, arrived in North America.

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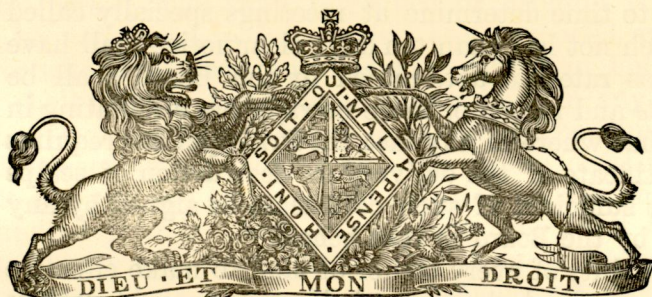
The Pilgrims and the Massachusetts Bay Company were the first of many European settlers who came to North America. They laid the foundation for the United States of America.

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(As amended in Committee of the Whole.)

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of Directors under the Principal Act And the number of votes to be given by any such owner or superintendent shall be in accordance with the scale contained in the Schedule hereto All questions as to the qualification of such owners or superintendents as candidates or electors
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6. For the purpose of raising a fund within each district for
 55 carrying into effect the provisions of this Act to be called the "Noxious Animals Destruction Account" the Board shall within thirty days of ~~after its first meeting and thereafter~~ **election** at some meeting to be held in the month of May in each year and at such other times during the year as may be necessary of which not less than ten clear days notice shall

Rate to be levied on stock.

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shall be given make an annual assessment on stock at a rate not exceeding three pence per head of large stock and not exceeding assessments on stock not exceeding in the annual aggregate three-pence per head of large stock and one half-penny per sheep on sheep but no rate shall be
 5 levied upon any owner of less than one hundred sheep or ten head of large stock and shall make assessments on watered and unstocked runs within its district not exceeding in the annual aggregate twice the amount of rent payable for such runs to the Crown.

7. From the funds standing to the credit of the "Noxious
 10 Animals Destruction Account" the treasurer shall pay by cheques signed by himself and the chairman of the Board or some other member specially authorized in that behalf the amounts certified to be due for the destruction of noxious animals by bonus or otherwise as hereinbefore provided and any other expenses lawfully incurred
 15 by the Board in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Board to pay bonuses and expenses.

8. Any person who shall introduce or attempt to introduce or assist or be concerned in introducing any live wild rabbits into this Colony or who shall have any live wild rabbits in his possession or charge or shall liberate any wild or tame rabbits in any part of the
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 25 effectually prevent their escape under a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every failure or neglect.

Penalty on retention or introduction of rabbits.

9. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the Minister aforesaid upon a representation being made to him in writing by five or more owners liable to be assessed under this Act to the effect that
 30 a certain owner therein named is neglecting to destroy the noxious animals other than rabbits on his land and that whether or not the Board for the District in which such land is situated has failed to take the necessary any steps to enforce the destruction of such animals may direct the Inspector for the District to exercise all the powers conferred
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 40 may under the direction of the Minister prosecute the said owner or occupier as hereinbefore provided for such failure or neglect he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds and for any subsequent neglect as aforesaid he shall be liable to a like penalty. Provided that no two convictions shall take place within a period of
 45 two months and provided also that it shall be held that an owner is not neglecting to destroy the noxious animals aforesaid on proof being adduced that he has expended in the destruction of such animals during the then preceding twelve months a sum of money equal to twice the amount at which he has been rated or might have been
 50 rated under this Act during the current year or on proof that being the owner of any unstocked country he has expended in like manner during the preceding twelve months a sum equal to twice the amount of rent payable annually to the Crown for such country.

Provision in case of neglect to destroy noxious animals by owner of land or Board of District.

10. Any person destroying noxious animals in any adjoining
 55 Colony and obtaining or attempting to obtain payment for scalps or as bonuses for the same under this Act shall on conviction for any such offence be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor or in the discretion of the Bench be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds with or without imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Penalty for attempting to obtain payment for scalps from adjoining Colonies.

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11. Trustees of commons and of public reserves shall for the purposes of the Principal Act and of this Act be considered to be the owners of the stock grazing upon such commons and reserves and to be the owners of the land comprised within such commons and reserves. Trustees of commons owners of the stock land &c.

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SCHEDULE.

Scale of votes at Elections of Directors.

	Owners of not less than 10 and not exceeding 500 head of large stock or superintendents of not less than 1,000 but not exceeding 2,000 head of large stock	1 vote
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PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1881.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, line 11. *After* "sections" *insert* "and Schedules A and B"
- Page 2, " 4, line 10. *After* "Board" *insert* "three members of which shall form a quorum"
- " clause 4, line 15. *Omit* "or otherwise" *insert* "at such rate"
- " " line 18. *Omit* "sums" *insert* "rates"
- " " At end of clause *add* Proviso.
- " " 5, line 25. *Omit* "noxious animals" *insert* "rabbits"
- " " lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "to the satisfaction of the Board of the District wherein the land is situated"
- " clause 5, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "in the form of Schedule B to the Principal Act"
- " " line 30. *Omit* "animals" *insert* "rabbits"
- " " line 32. *After* "steps" *insert* "to the satisfaction of the Justices before whom any prosecution shall be instituted"
- " clause 5, line 37. *After* "enter" *insert* "by any gate or ordinary opening"
- " " line 39. *Omit* "animals" *insert* "rabbits"
- " " line 43. *After* "(if any)" *insert* "within a distance of two miles"
- " " At end of clause *add* Proviso.
- " " 6, lines 56 and 57. *Omit* "of" *insert* "after"
- " " lines 57 and 58. *Omit* "first meeting and thereafter at some meeting to be held in the month of May in each year" *insert* "election"
- Page 3, clause 6, lines 1 to 4. *Omit* "an annual assessment on stock at a rate not exceeding three pence per head of large stock and not exceeding" *insert* "assessments on stock not exceeding in the annual aggregate three pence per head of large stock and"
- " clause 6, line 6. At end of clause *add* "and shall make assessments on watered and unstocked runs within its district not exceeding in the annual aggregate twice the amount of rent payable for such runs to the Crown"
- " clause 8, line 19. *After* "liberate any" *insert* "wild or tame"
- " " 9, line 31. *After* "animals" *insert* "other than rabbits"
- " " line 31. *Omit* "that" *insert* "whether or not"
- " " lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "the necessary" *insert* "any"
- " " line 33. *Omit* "enforce" *insert* "promote"
- " " line 34. *After* "District" *insert* "to exercise all the powers conferred on the Board under this and the Principal Act and"
- " clause 9, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "in the form of Schedule B to the Principal Act" *insert* "requiring him to destroy such animals"
- " clause 9, line 39. *Omit* "to take steps"
- " " 9, line 39. *After* "same" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds and for any subsequent neglect as aforesaid he shall be liable to a like penalty Provided that no two convictions shall take place within a period of two months and provided also that it shall be held that an owner is not neglecting to destroy the noxious animals aforesaid on proof being adduced that he has expended in the destruction of such animals during the then preceding twelve months a sum of money equal to twice the amount at which he has been rated or might have been rated under this Act during the current year or on proof that being the owner of any unstocked country he has expended in like manner during the preceding twelve months a sum equal to twice the amount of rent payable annually to the Crown for such country."
- Pages 3 and 4. *After* clause 10 *insert* new clauses 11 and 12.
- Page 4, Schedule, line 21. *After* "10" *insert* "and not exceeding 500"
- " " line 24. *After* "Owners of" *insert* "more than"
- " " line 24. *After* "stock" *add* "or the superintendents of more than 2,000 and not exceeding 3,000 head of large stock"
- " Schedule, line 27. *Omit* "or superintendents"
- " " line 28. *After* "stock" *add* "or the superintendents of more than 3,000 and not exceeding 5,000 head of large stock."

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Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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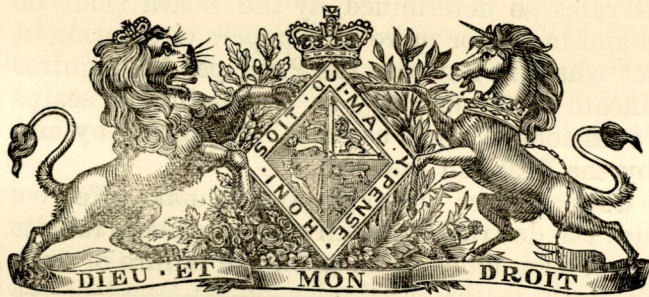
STEPHEN W. JONES,
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The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber,
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New South Wales.



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Trustees of commons owners of the stock land &c.

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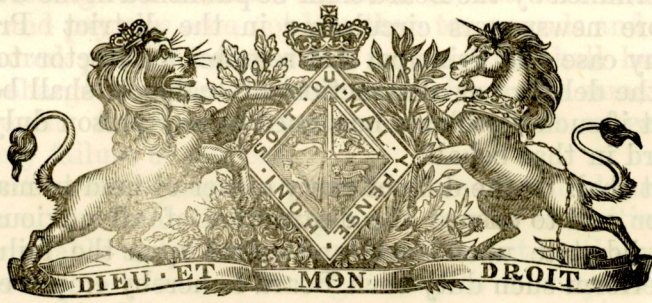
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No. XXIII.

An Act to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act." [Assented to, 20th December, 1881.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881" and shall be read and construed with the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" hereinafter termed the Principal Act.

2. The fifth seventh eighth fourteenth twenty-second and twenty-eighth sections and Schedule A of the Principal Act are hereby repealed. Repeal of certain sections of Principal Act.

3. Any owner of not less than ten head of large stock or the duly authorized superintendent of any owner of not less than one thousand head thereof may be elected a Director and may vote at the election of Qualifications of Directors and voters

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of Directors under the Principal Act And the number of votes to be given by any such owner or superintendent shall be in accordance with the scale contained in the Schedule hereto All questions as to the qualification of such owners or superintendents as candidates or electors shall be settled by reference to the rate-book If in any district no Directors or an insufficient number of Directors be elected the Minister charged with the administration of the Act may appoint a sufficient number of persons to be Directors whether possessed of the aforesaid qualification or not.

Powers of Board.

4. The Board three members of which shall form a quorum shall have power to take all proper and lawful measures to ensure the destruction within its district of all noxious animals within the operation of this Act and for that purpose may out of the money raised under this Act pay for that destruction such sums by way of bonus for the scalps of such animals at such rate as the said Board may from time to time determine at meetings specially called for that purpose of which not less than ten days clear notice shall have been given and the rates so determined by the Board shall be published in the *Gazette* and in one or more newspapers circulating in the district Provided that where in any case the Principal Act requires a Director to sign a certificate of the delivery or destruction of scalps it shall be deemed to be sufficient if such certificate be signed by any person duly authorized by the Board in that behalf.

Noxious animals to be destroyed by owner or lessee or on default by Board.

5. It shall be the duty of every owner of land to make effective provision for and to ensure the destruction of all noxious animals at large in a wild state upon such land And upon the failure of such owner to perform such duty such Board is hereby empowered to serve a notice upon such owner in the form of Schedule B to the Principal Act requiring him to destroy such animals And if after twenty-eight days from the date of the service of such notice such owner shall fail to take steps to the satisfaction of the Justices before whom any prosecution shall be instituted to comply with the same he shall on conviction for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds And the Board whether it direct proceedings to be taken against such owner for the recovery of the said penalty or not may authorize any person in writing to enter by any gate or ordinary opening upon the said land and to use all such lawful means as he may deem necessary for taking and destroying such animals and removing the carcasses or any portion thereof And for that purpose such person may stop up any rabbit burrows or holes and with the sanction of the Board and after forty-eight hours notice to the owner and to adjoining owners (if any) within a distance of two miles he may burn or destroy any brushwood or log fence on such land which shall be found to harbour rabbits or under which such burrows shall be found to run Provided always that every person so authorized as aforesaid shall be liable for any damage done by any dog engine material or process whatsoever used by him or by any person in his employment unless where such damage is caused by the lawful exercise of any power hereby conferred Provided also that the said Board shall be liable from and out of the moneys at its disposal to make good any claim or part of any claim for damage not recovered from such person aforesaid.

Rate to be levied on stock.

6. For the purpose of raising a fund within each district for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act to be called the "Noxious Animals Destruction Account" the Board shall within thirty days of its first meeting and thereafter at some meeting to be held in the month of May in each year and at such other times during the year as may be necessary of which not less than ten clear days notice shall be given make assessments on stock not exceeding in the annual aggregate

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aggregate three-pence per head of large stock and one half-penny per sheep on sheep but no rate shall be levied upon any owner of less than one hundred sheep or ten head of large stock and shall make assessments on unstocked runs within its district not exceeding in the annual aggregate twice the amount of rent payable for such runs to the Crown.

7. From the funds standing to the credit of the "Noxious Animals Destruction Account" the treasurer shall pay by cheques signed by himself and the chairman of the Board or some other member specially authorized in that behalf the amounts certified to be due for the destruction of noxious animals by bonus or otherwise as hereinbefore provided and any other expenses lawfully incurred by the Board in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Board to pay bonuses and expenses.

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Penalty on retention or introduction of rabbits.

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Provision in case of neglect to destroy noxious animals by owner of land or Board of District.

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