# New South Wales.



# ANNO SEXAGESIMO PRIMO

# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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# No. XLVIII. (A.D. 1897.)

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Transfer from one portion of this Colony to another may also be prohibited.

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"Disease" means any disease affecting plants, and which the Governor may, from time to time by proclamation in the Gazette, declare to be a disease within the meaning of this Act, and whether or not caused by or consisting of the presence of insects or fungus.

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10. This Act may be cited as the "Vegetation Diseases short title. Act, 1897."

By Authority : WILLIAM APPLEGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1897.

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I Certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 10 December, 1897, A.M.

F. W. WEBB, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

> WILLIAM MCCOURT. Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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In the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

FREDK. M. DARLEY, Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 10th December, 1897.



#### VEGETATION DISEASES BILL.

SCHEDULE of Amendments referred to in Message of 8th December, 1897.

Pages 2 and 3, clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6. Omit clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6 insert new clause 3.
Page 3, clause 7. 4, subclause (b). Omit subclause (b)
Page 3, clause 7. 4, subclause (e). Omit subclause (e)
Page 4, clause 11. 8, subclause (II). Omit subclause (II)
Page 4, clause 12. 9, lines 50 and 51. Omit "Governor means Governor with the advice "of the Executive Council"
Page 5, clause 12. 9, lines 1 to 5. Omit—
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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

F. W. WEBB, Sydney, 27 October, 1896. S Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 8th December, 1897. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

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3. (I) Any person authorised in writing by the Minister may Power to enter upon at any time between the hours of nine in the morning and five in the

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- 35 to convey disease are in or upon any land, building, vessel, ship, or place, the Minister may, by notice in writing served on the owner or occupier of the said land, building, or place, or upon the person in charge or command of the ship or vessel require him, within a time therein mentioned, not being less than thirty days, to take such 40 measures and do such acts as may be specified in the notice for the
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- improper, he may, within the time mentioned in the notice as afore-50 said, apply to a police or stipendiary magistrate in a summary way for an order cancelling or varying the notice, and shall forthwith notify in writing to the Minister the fact that the said application has been made.

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order, and may recover the cost thereof from the said owner, occupier, or person in any court of competent jurisdiction. 4. If in the opinion of the Minister the destruction of any Destruction of 10 diseased plant, or any package or thing likely to convey disease, diseased trees, plants, whether the same was or was not imported, introduced, or brought Minister. into this Colony is a matter of necessity and extreme urgency, he may forthwith make an order in writing directing the destruction of such diseased plant, package, or thing by any person referred to insuch order,

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(II) It shall not be necessary in any such notice or order to specify the name of any occupier or owner of the land therein referred to.

6. No proceedings shall be taken against any owner for failing Proceedings against to comply with any notice or order to eradicate disease from, or destroy occupier in first instance. 25 insects or fungion, plants upon any land until the provisions of this Act have been enforced against the occupier of such land.

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- 30 therein mentioned, not being less than thirty days, to take such measures and do such acts as may be specified in the notice for the eradication of disease or the destruction of insects or fungi, and further notify him that in default of compliance with the said requirement any person authorised by the Minister as aforesaid, will cause the said 35 measures to be taken and acts done at the expense of the said owner,
- occupier, or person.

(III) If the said owner, occupier, or person is of opinion that Appeal to magistrate the notice is unnecessary or that the measures required to be taken

or the acts required to be done or any of them are unnecessary or 40 improper, he may, within the time mentioned in the notice as aforesaid, apply to a police or stipendiary magistrate in a summary way for an order cancelling or varying the notice, and shall forthwith notify in writing to the Minister the fact that the said application has been made.

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(IV) If the said owner, occupier, or person-

- (a) has not within the time mentioned in the notice aforesaid, in notice or order not the opinion of the Minister, taken the measures and done complied with. the acts required; or
- (b) has not within the time aforesaid made and notified an application to cancel or vary the notice; or
- (c) has not within the time limited in any order of a magistrate made as aforesaid, complied with the said order or with a notice as varied by the said order,

any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf may, with or 55 without assistants, enter the land, building, ship, vessel, or place and take the measures and do the acts mentioned in the said notice or order, and may recover the cost thereof from the said owner, occupier, or person in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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4. If in the opinion of the Minister the destruction of any Destruction of diseased plant, or any package or thing likely to convey disease, diseased trees, plants, whether the same was or was not imported, introduced, or brought Minister. &c., by order of into this Colony is a matter of necessity and extreme urgency, he may 5 forthwith make an order in writing directing the destruction of such diseased plant, package, or thing by any person referred to in such order. And the said plant, package, or thing may be destroyed accordingly.

5. (I) A notice or order under this Act may be served by service of notices delivering the same, or a true copy thereof, to or at the residence of and orders. 10 the person to whom it is addressed. Where the land or building in respect of which the notice or order is directed to be served is unoccupied, and the owner is absent from the Colony, or is unknown to the Minister, service may be effected by affixing the notice, order, or a true copy thereof in some conspicuous place on the land or building.

15 (II) It shall not be necessary in any such notice or order to specify the name of any occupier or owner of the land therein referred to.

6. No proceedings shall be taken against any owner for failing Proceedings against to comply with any notice or order to eradicate disease from, or destroy occupier in first insects or fungi on, plants upon any land until the provisions of this 20 Act have been enforced against the occupier of such land.

7. (1) The Governor may, subject to the provisions of this Act, Regulations. make regulations for all or any of the following purposes, namely :-

- (a) For prescribing the form of notices and orders to be given and made under this Act, and the time when, and manner in which, such notices are to be given and served.
- (b) For securing the effectual treatment of diseased plants, and the effectual eradication of disease and the destruction of any insect or fungus.
- (c) For prescribing the conditions under which the plants named in a proclamation made under section one of this Act may be introduced or brought into the Colony or any portion of the Colony.
- (d) For prescribing penalties for the breach of any regulation not exceeding, for a first offence, one pound, and not exceeding, for any subsequent offence, ten pounds.
- (e) For defining the boundaries of any portions of this Colony to be called fruit-growing districts, and for providing for the election by fruit-growers of each such district of a local board of advice, and for providing for the calling of meetings of and the conduct of the proceedings of such board, and also for the appointment by the Governor of a central board of advice, such boards to consist of not less than three and not more than seven members; and for prescribing the respective duties of such boards and the tenure of office of the members thereof.

(f) Generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(II) All such regulations upon being published in the To be laid before Gazette shall be as valid in law as if the same were enacted in this Act, Parliament and shall be judicially noticed; and all such regulations shall be laid

50 before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.

8. (I) Every person shall be guilty of an offence against this Offences. 55 Act-

- (a) who in any manner obstructs or impedes, or attempts to Obstructing obstruct or impede, any person acting under the authority execution of Act offence. of this Act; or
- (b) who disobeys or fails to comply with any of the provisions Disobeying orders, of this Act or any proclamation made or direction or order &c. given pursuant to such provisions. (II)

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(11) If any person is guilty of an offence against this Act, Penalty. for which no penalty is specially provided, he shall for every such offence be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

5 9. Penalties may be recovered before a police or stipendiary Recovery of penalties. magistrate, or any two justices of the peace in petty sessions.

10. No action shall be brought against any person for anything Limitation of actions, done by him in pursuance of any authority conferred by or under this &c. Act, unless the same be commenced within four months next after the

10 thing complained of has been done.

11. (I) No person acting in pursuance of any authority con- No authorised ferred by or under this Act shall be deemed to be a trespasser by damage unless reason of any entry or removal or destruction, or be liable for any wilful. damage occasioned in carrying out the provisions of this Act, or of

15 any proclamation or regulation made thereunder, unless the damage was occasioned by such person wilfully and without necessity.

(II) No person shall be entitled to receive any compensation No compensation whatsoever in consequence of any measures taken for the eradication allowed for damage of any disease, or the destruction of any insect or fungus, or of any carrying out this Act 20 prohibited or diseased plants, or in respect of any damage that may <sup>unless</sup> wilful.

result to him therefrom either directly or indirectly, unless the same was occasioned wilfully and without necessity.

12. In this Act unless inconsistent with the subject matter or Interpretation. context-

"Disease" means any disease affecting plants, and which the Governor may, from time to time by proclamation in the *Gazette*, declare to be a disease within the meaning of this 25 Act, and whether or not caused by or consisting of the presence of insects or fungus.

"Diseased" means affected with disease.

- "Fungus" means any fungus or vegetable parasite whatever which the Governor may, from time to time by proclamation in the Gazette, declare to be a fungus within the meaning of this Act.
- "Governor" means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council."
  - "Insect" means any insect whatever which the Governor may, from time to time by proclamation in the Gazette, declare to be an insect within the meaning of this Act, and includes any such insect in whatever stage of existence the same may be.
  - "Minister" means the Secretary for Mines, and includes any Minister of the Crown charged with the administration of this Act.
- "Owner or occupier" includes the agent of any owner or occupier, and also any joint owner or joint occupier.
  - "Owner" includes any person holding any land under any lease or license from the Crown, or any person deriving title from, under, or through him.
- "Plant" means any tree, vine, flower, shrub, vegetable, or other vegetation of economic value, and extends to the seed, fruit, or other product of such plant, and to every part thereof, whether attached to or separate therefrom.

13. This Act may be cited as the "Vegetation Diseases Short title. 55 Act, 1896."

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