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An Act to prohibit shooting for Sport Pleasure or Profit on Sunday. [8th September, 1841.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the practice of shooting on the Lord's Day at pigeon matches and for pleasure or profit greatly prevails in some parts of the Colony to the manifest dishonor of religion and whereas it is expedient to prohibit so scandalous and indecent a practice and to punish persons who may be guilty of so offending Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof That from and after the passing and publication of this Act any person who shall be found engaged in shooting at any pigeon match or for pleasure sport or profit of any kind whatever on Sunday or who shall be found carrying fire arms on that day except as hereinafter provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction before any Justice of the Peace shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum of not more than five pounds nor less than forty shillings and it shall be lawful for any constable without any warrant or other authority than this Act to arrest any person who shall be found shooting or carrying fire arms contrary to the provisions hereof and such person to convey with all convenient dispatch before a Justice of the Peace to be dealt with according to law.

Penalty for shooting on Sunday.

Persons offending may be arrested.

Not to extend to travellers or constables carrying fire arms for protection.

Limitation of prosecution.

Recovery and application of penalties.

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2. Provided always and be it enacted That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to extend to travellers *bonâ fide* carrying fire arms for the protection of their lives and property or the property of their employers on the public roads of the Colony or to constables and other persons carrying fire arms for lawful purposes.

3. And be it enacted That no person shall be prosecuted for any offence under this Act unless the prosecution shall be commenced within ten days next after the time the offence shall have been committed.

4. And be it enacted That the penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered and applied and may be appealed against in the manner directed in an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "*An Act to regulate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace.*"