

*Sydney Commissioners.***No. XXIII.**

An Act to amend certain Acts relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney and their Officers. [26th October, 1855.]

SYDNEY  
COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend certain Acts of Council Preamble relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney and their Officers Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. Any person selling or exposing to sale within the City of Sydney or having in his possession for the purpose of selling or otherwise any blown pricked or stuffed veal lamb butcher's meat or any other article intended for the food of man shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

2. The owner or occupier of any slaughter-house within the City of Sydney used for the slaughter of animals intended for human food shall keep the melt or spleen of such animals in the said slaughter-house for the period of twelve hours after the same has been slaughtered unless the Inspector of Slaughter-houses shall have previously to that period of time examined the melt or spleen of such slaughtered animals And any such owner or occupier who shall neglect to do so shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

3. Such person or persons as may from time to time be in that behalf appointed by the Commissioners for the City of Sydney shall be the Inspector or Inspectors during the pleasure of the said Commissioners of slaughter-houses within the City of Sydney and such Duties of Inspectors. Inspector or Inspectors shall from time to time enter into and examine all such slaughter-houses and the melt or spleen and the carcasses of all cattle slaughtered or intended to be slaughtered therein and shall see that as far as possible all the provisions of this Act are duly observed.

4. Any person who shall assault resist or obstruct any such Inspector of Slaughter-houses when in the execution of his duty or shall aid abet or incite any person so to do shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

5. The blood offal and filth of all such animals as may be slaughtered in any slaughter-house or the premises or appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in the said City shall be removed therefrom once at least in every twelve hours and any owner or occupier who shall fail or neglect to comply with this enactment shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

6. In any shop building stall or other place within the said City kept or used for the sale of butcher's meat poultry or fish no animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish which is unfit for the food of man shall be kept or retained unless entirely separate and apart from any animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish which is intended for such food nor unless the same be ticketed in large and legible and conspicuous characters as being unfit for such food and any person who shall keep in any shop building stall or place occupied or used by him as aforesaid any animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish which is unfit for the food of man otherwise than entirely separate and apart and ticketed as aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds

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pounds and the Inspector of Nuisances or any other officer appointed by the Commissioners for the City for that purpose may and he is hereby empowered at all reasonable times with or without assistants to enter into and inspect any shop building stall or other place kept or used for the sale of butcher's meat poultry or fish or as a slaughter-house or any place situated within the said City where any such articles intended for sale are kept and to examine any animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish which may be therein or thereon and in case any animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish appear to him to be intended for the food of man and to be unfit for such food the same may be seized and if it appear to any Justice of the Peace upon the evidence of a competent person that any such animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish is unfit for the food of man he shall order the same to be destroyed or to be so disposed of as to prevent its being exposed for sale or used for such food and the person to whom such animal carcass meat poultry flesh or fish belongs or in whose custody the same is found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every animal or carcass fish or piece of meat flesh or fish or any poultry so found and as to which such Justice shall be satisfied that it was intended for the food of man.

Provision against  
sale of adulterated  
food.

7. If any person shall sell or expose for sale within the said City any adulterated butter meal bread or other article of food knowing the same to be adulterated such person so offending shall upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds and such adulterated article shall be forfeited and disposed of as the Justice shall direct and it shall be lawful for such Justice on the application of the Inspector of Nuisances or other officer acting under this Act setting forth that he has received information and has just cause to believe that any adulterated article of food is in the possession of any person for the purpose of being disposed of within the said City to grant a warrant to enter upon the premises of such person and to search for and seize such article of food and to forfeit and dispose of the same as to such Justice shall seem proper.

Power to appoint  
Collectors of Rates.

8. The said Commissioners are hereby empowered to appoint Collectors of Rates and to take security from them for the proper and faithful discharge of their duties and when any distress shall be made for rates the costs mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked A may be also distrained for and recovered.

Power to increase  
license fee on hack-  
ney carriages.

9. The said Commissioners shall have full power by any by-laws to be made in pursuance of the powers in them vested to increase the license fee upon any hackney carriage or omnibus to be licensed by them to ply for hire and the fee to be paid by the proprietors drivers conductors or persons in attendance upon any such hackney carriage or omnibus to the several amounts mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed marked B anything in the Act of Council passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria and numbered twenty-one notwithstanding.

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Forfeitures how  
recovered.

10. All penalties or forfeitures under this Act may be recovered in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace as by law or this Act is or shall be provided.

*Police.***A.***Schedule of Costs.*

			£	s.	d.
For every warrant of distress	...	...	0	2	0
For every levy	...	...	0	1	0
For man in possession each day or a part of a day	...	...	0	5	0
For inventory sale commission and delivery of goods not exceeding one shilling in the pound on the net proceeds of the sale.					

**SCHEDULE B.**

		£	s.	d.
For every Hackney Carriage yearly	...	5	0	0
For every Omnibus yearly	...	10	0	0
For every Driver's License yearly	...	0	10	0
For every Conductor or Attendant on any such Carriage or Omnibus yearly	...	0	5	0