**OYSTER BEDS ACT 1853**

Full title: *An Act to encourage the formation of Oyster Beds, and to protect the same*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Person can obtain a licence from the Governor and describe the bed
* The owner of the bed has sole right to produce of the Oyster Bed
* Provides for those steeling the oysters

Note: Prior to 1857 the colony of SA was ruled by a Governor responsible to the British Crown. Legislation was enacted by the Governor following consideration by a five person Council of Government and later expanded to seven and called the Legislative Council. No Hansard was prepared.

Acts passed between 1836 and 1857 are covered on this History of Agriculture site with the full title and summary of the key provisions of the Act.