**ENTIRE HORSES ACT 1839**

Full title: *An Act to prevent Entire Horses be suffered to stray or run at large*

The key provisions in this act are:

* That the owner of any Entire Horse above the age of one year which may be found straying at large shall upon the complaint of any person and on proof before a Resident Magistrate or any two or more Judices of the Peace that such Entire Horse has been found straying and running at 1arge forfeit and pay a sum of not less than two pounds or more than five pounds to be recovered by summary proceedings one half to the use of the complainant and the other half to the use of Her Majesty for the public purposes of this Province and the support of the Government thereof.

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.