**IMPOUNDING OF CATTLE ACT 1840**

Full title: *AN ACT to authorise and regulate the Impounding of Cattle*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Establishment and operation of pounds along public highways
* Provides for financial support for establishment and maintenance
* Provides for costs of returning cattle that have been impounded. Also for the sale of unclaimed cattle.

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.