**WOOL LIENS AND STOCK MORTGAGES ACT 1851**

Full title: *An Act to give a preferable lien on Wool, from season to season, make Mortgages of Sheep, Cattle and Horses valid, without delivery to the Mortgagee*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Any person making a *bona fide* advance to any proprietor of sheep on condition of receiving in payment, or as security of such advance, the wool of the then next ensuing clip, and duly registering the agreement, shall be entitled to the whole of the wool mentionedin such agreement.
* When the advance is repaid property and possession of the wool to revert to the proprietor of the wool.
* Similar arrangements to apply to stock
* Provision to punish frauds to maintain public confidence.

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.