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By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land  
and its Dependencies, with the Advice and Consent of the  
Legislative Council.

*AN ACT to regulate the Slaughtering and Sale of Cattle  
Sheep and Pigs in the Town of Launceston and the  
Suburbs thereof.* [3rd October 1854.]

PREAMBLE.

10 Geo. 4, No. 4.

7 Vict. No. 15.

WHEREAS an Act of Council or Ordinance of this Island was passed in the tenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth intituled *An Act to regulate the Slaughtering of Sheep and Cattle*—And whereas a certain other Act of Council or Ordinance of this Island was passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen VICTORIA intituled *An Act to regulate the Slaughtering of Sheep and Cattle imported into this Colony and the Sale thereof and to prevent the Sale of unwholesome Meat*—And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts so far as respects the Town of Launceston and the suburbs thereof should be repealed and that provision should be made for the slaughtering and sale of Cattle Sheep and wigs in the said Town and suburbs in the manner hereinafter mentioned—And whereas the Lieutenant-Governor was lately pleased to appropriate for the use of the said Town of Launceston as a place for landing and depasturing imported cattle and for other purposes all that tract piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on the Launceston Swamp in the County of Dorset in Van Diemen's Land containing by admeasurement sixteen acres three roods twenty-four perches or thereabouts and bounded on the south east by fifteen chains thirty-four links north-easterly along Gleadow-street from its angle with the Esplanade on the north east by ten chains north-westerly along Henty-street on the north west by eighteen chains fifty links south-westerly to the Esplanade aforesaid and on the south east by the Esplanade to the point of commencement—Be it enacted by His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON Knight Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council as follows :—

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I. On from and after the day when this Act shall come into operation the said recited Acts of Council or Ordinances of this Island so far as respects the said Town of Launceston and the suburbs thereof shall be and the same are hereby repealed excepting always as to all or any offences committed or matters or things done before that day all which offences matters and things shall be dealt with as if this present Act had not been passed.

Repeals 10 Geo. 4, No. 4. and 7 Vict. No. 17.

II. For the purposes of this Act the piece or parcel of land hereinbefore described shall be and the same is hereby declared to be and form part and parcel of the suburbs of the said Town and the Mayor for the time being of the said Town or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the said Island shall for such purposes have full power jurisdiction and authority in and over all offences committed and matters or things done or omitted to be done within the said suburbs.

Land appropriated to form part of the suburbs of the Town.

III. This Act shall commence and take effect when and so soon as any public slaughter-house shall be declared and appointed as hereinafter mentioned and all matters and things hereinafter by this Act directed or authorised to be done or prohibited from being done shall be deemed and taken to be and shall be so directed and authorised or prohibited on from and after that day accordingly.

Commencement of Act.

IV. When and so often as any public slaughter-house shall be appointed as hereinafter mentioned for the Town of Launceston aforesaid every such public slaughter-house and the materials thereof and all implements of what nature or kind soever books stationery office furniture offices the land whereon the same slaughter-house shall be erected and the appurtenances thereunto belonging shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be and shall be the property of the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the Town of Launceston aforesaid.

Slaughter-house and materials thereof to be the property of Mayor and Aldermen.

V. Every person who on from or after the day aforesaid shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any cattle sheep or pig or shall sell or cause to be sold any meat being the carcass or part of the carcass of any cattle sheep or pig within the said Town of Launceston or the suburbs thereof without having obtained a proper annual licence (the duration of which licence shall without reference to the time when granted be until the first day of November next ensuing the date thereof and no longer) from the Mayor for the time being of the said Town who is hereby authorised and required to grant such licence under his signature in the form or as near thereto as may be in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked A which is hereby declared to be and made part and parcel of this Act and to charge and receive for the same the sum of One Pound shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds—Provided always and it is hereby declared that from and after the date of this Act coming into operation the licence of every person and persons within the said Town which may have been granted as by the first section of the said firstly recited Act is mentioned shall wholly cease and be void anything in such licence or in the said firstly-recited Act to the contrary contained in anywise notwithstanding

Penalty for slaughtering cattle or selling meat without licence.

Existing licences to cease.

—Provided also that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons from killing pigs for sale on their own premises elsewhere than in the Town of Launceston or the suburbs thereof or from selling the carcasses thereof without obtaining or taking out such licence as aforesaid.

Mayor may appoint public slaughter-houses for Launceston.

Penalty for slaughtering elsewhere than at such slaughter-houses.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Town, and he is hereby authorised and empowered from time to time by any notice under his hand for that purpose made and published in the *Hobart Town Gazette* and in any one or more of the local newspapers to declare and appoint one or more public slaughter-house or slaughter-houses (for the slaughtering therein of cattle sheep or pigs) for the said Town of Launceston—And if any person shall after such slaughter-house shall have been so declared and appointed for the said Town of Launceston slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any cattle sheep or pig in the said Town of Launceston or within one mile of the boundaries thereof excepting in such public slaughter-house so declared and appointed for the said Town such person shall for every head of cattle sheep or pig so slaughtered or caused to be slaughtered as aforesaid forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Mayor and Aldermen may borrow money for the purpose of erecting public slaughter-houses.

And may erect such slaughter-houses in such manner as to them shall seem meet.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the said Town of Launceston and they are hereby authorised and empowered from time to time to borrow and take up at interest such sum or sums of money as shall by such Mayor and Aldermen be deemed requisite and sufficient for the purpose of erecting and constructing any building so to be declared and appointed as any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid for fitting up the same and the providing of all necessary and proper materials and things required for the same and to arrange for the payment of the interest on any such sum or sums of money so borrowed and to secure the repayment of any such sum or sums of money in such manner and by such ways and means as to such Mayor and Aldermen shall seem most expedient and such Mayor and Aldermen are hereby authorised and empowered to cause any such public slaughter-house to be erected constructed and fitted up in such manner and all such materials matters and things to be provided for the same as to such Mayor and Aldermen shall seem meet.

Mayor and Aldermen to appoint persons to manage slaughter-houses and make Rules for the conduct thereof and other purposes.

VIII. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Aldermen and they are hereby empowered from time to time to nominate and appoint during pleasure an Inspector of Stock and all proper and suitable officers and persons who shall be required to conduct manage and supervise any such public slaughter-house which shall be so declared and appointed as aforesaid and by any order or writing under their hands to be for that purpose made and published in the *Hobart Town Gazette* and in any one or more of the local newspapers to issue such Bye-laws Rules Orders and Regulations for the proper ordering conduct management and cleansing of any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid or for or in respect of the landing from any steam-boat ship or vessel of any live or dead cattle sheep or pig as hereinafter mentioned as to such Mayor and Aldermen shall seem requisite and desirable and any person who shall neglect or refuse to obey or comply with or who

shall in any manner disobey or infringe any such Bye-law Rule Order or Regulation as last aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and shall for every such offence if not otherwise provided for in this Act forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

IX. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the said Town of Launceston by any writing under their hands to be for that purpose made and published as aforesaid from time to time to fix and declare the rates or sums which shall be paid by every person for the slaughtering at any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid of any cattle sheep or pig and any person who shall slaughter any cattle sheep or pig at any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid shall before the same shall be so slaughtered at such public slaughter-house and every such person is hereby required so to do pay such rates or sums so for that purpose for the time being fixed and declared as aforesaid to such person as shall be by the said Mayor and Aldermen be from time to time for that purpose appointed.

Mayor and Aldermen to fix rates to be paid for slaughtering cattle &c. at public slaughter-houses.

X. If after any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid shall have been so declared and appointed for the said Town of Launceston as hereinbefore provided any person shall bring or cause to be brought into the same Town or within one mile of the boundaries thereof any meat intended for sale being the carcass or any portion of the carcass of any cattle or sheep which shall not have been killed in any such public slaughter-house so declared and appointed for the said Town or shall sell or offer or expose for sale or shall cause to be sold or offered or exposed for sale in the said Town or within one mile of the boundaries thereof any meat being the carcass or any portion of the carcass of any cattle or sheep which shall not have been killed in any such public slaughter-house as aforesaid every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Penalty for bringing meat for sale into or selling meat in Launceston not having been slaughtered in a public slaughter-house.

XI. No person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any cattle sheep or pig for sale without giving sufficient notice of such intended slaughtering of such cattle sheep or pig to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town so as to enable such Inspector of Stock to inspect such cattle sheep or pig before the same shall be so slaughtered as aforesaid and without giving opportunity and permission to such Inspector of Stock so to inspect such cattle sheep or pig as aforesaid and if any person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any cattle sheep or pig without giving such notice to such Inspector of Stock and such opportunity and permission so to inspect the same as aforesaid or shall refuse or neglect to give to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town immediately upon being by him requested so to do the Christian and surnames and residences as well of the owner or owners of such cattle sheep or pig as of the person or persons from whom such person so having slaughtered or intending to slaughter such cattle sheep or pig shall have received the same every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

No cattle &c. to be slaughtered for sale without notice to Inspector to inspect.

Penalty for so doing.

Or for refusing to give up names of owners &c. of cattle &c. slaughtered or intended so to be.

XII. If any person shall land or cause to be landed from any steam-  
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Penalty for

landing cattle &c. except at place and time appointed by Mayor and Aldermen.

boat ship or other vessel lying in the Port or Harbour of the said Town any live cattle except on some portion of the said land in the County of Dorset so appropriated as aforesaid for that and other purposes by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or if any person or persons shall land or cause to be landed from any steam-boat ship or other vessel lying in the Port or Harbour of the said Town any carcass or any portion of any carcass of any cattle sheep or pig which shall have died by accident or disease or been killed on board of any steam-boat ship or other vessel except at any place and at such time and in such manner and subject to such rules and regulations as shall from time to time by any order or writing for that purpose made and published in the *Hobart Town Gazette* and in any one or more of the local newspapers be by the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the said Town fixed directed and determined upon every such person so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds and if any person shall sell or offer or expose for sale as human food the carcass or any portion of the carcass of any such cattle sheep or pig which shall have so died or been killed as aforesaid every such person so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Penalty for selling as human food any imported carcass.

\* No cattle &c. to be exported without notice to Inspector to inspect.

Penalty for so doing.

XIII. No person shall convey or cause to be conveyed on board any steam-boat ship or other vessel in the Port or Harbour of Launceston aforesaid any cattle sheep or pig except at such place and at such time and in such manner and subject to such Rules and Regulations as shall from time to time by any order or writing for that purpose made and published in the *Hobart Town Gazette* and in any one or more of the local newspapers be by the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the said Town fixed directed and determined upon— And no person shall carry or cause to be carried on board any steam-boat ship or other vessel in the port or harbour of the said Town any cattle sheep or pig without giving sufficient notice of such person's intention so to do to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town so as to enable such Inspector of Stock to inspect such cattle sheep or pig before the embarkation thereof and without giving opportunity and permission to such Inspector of Stock so to inspect such cattle sheep or pig and if any person shall convey or cause any cattle sheep or pig to be conveyed on board any steam-boat ship or other vessel except at such place at such time and in such manner as aforesaid or without giving such notice to such Inspector of Stock and such opportunity and permission to inspect the same as aforesaid or shall refuse or neglect to give to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town immediately upon being by him requested so to do the Christian and surnames and residences as well of the owner or owners of such cattle sheep or pig as of the person or persons from whom such person so conveying or causing the same to be conveyed every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Or for refusing to give up names of owners &c. of such cattle &c.

Cattle &c. to be properly yarded so

XIV. Every person who by virtue or in pursuance of any provision in this Act contained or under the authority thereof shall give any  
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notice to any Inspector of Stock for the said Town for the purpose of enabling such Inspector of Stock to inspect any cattle sheep or pig shall and every such person is hereby required so to do yard such cattle sheep or pig in the yards of a public slaughter-house so as to enable such Inspector of Stock properly and effectually to inspect the same and it shall be lawful for the said Inspector of Stock upon his so inspecting any cattle sheep or pig as by this Act is provided to brand or otherwise mark such cattle sheep or pig so as to enable such Inspector of Stock to trace or recognize the same—And if any person shall not so yard any such cattle sheep or pig so as to enable such Inspector of Stock properly and effectually to inspect the same or shall obstruct or refuse to permit any such branding or otherwise marking of any such cattle sheep or pig by such Inspector every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

as to enable Inspector to inspect.

Inspector may brand cattle &c. imported.

Penalty for not yarding or for obstructing branding.

XV. It shall be lawful for the said Inspector of Stock on inspecting any cattle sheep or pig in pursuance of any notice for that purpose given by virtue or under the authority of this Act to demand and receive from the person giving such notice as aforesaid for inspecting each head of cattle the sum of Sixpence and no more and for inspecting each score of sheep or pigs the sum of Ten-pence and no more and so in proportion for a less number of sheep or pigs and if any such person shall not immediately upon demand being made pay the amount of such charges as aforesaid to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town every such person so offending shall over and above the amount of such charges forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Fees payable to Inspector.

XVI. If any person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered for the purposes of sale any cattle sheep or pig in a sickly or diseased state or shall sell or offer or expose for sale or cause to be sold or offered or exposed for sale the flesh of any such animal or any putrid or unwholesome meat whatsoever then and in every such case every such person so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Penalty for slaughtering diseased cattle &c. and selling unwholesome meat.

XVII. It shall be lawful for the Mayor or any Alderman for the time being of the said Town or for any Justice of the Peace or any Chief District or District Constable or the Inspector of Stock for the said Town or the Town Inspector of the same Town either alone or attended by any Constable or other Officer to enter into any house shop shambles or other place where any such flesh or meat as last aforesaid shall be offered or exposed for sale and to seize take away and destroy all such flesh or meat as last aforesaid and if any person shall resist or obstruct any such Mayor Alderman or Justice of the Peace Chief District or District Constable Inspector of Stock Town Inspector or other Constable or Officer as aforesaid in entering into any such house shop shambles or other place as aforesaid or in seizing taking away or destroying any such flesh or meat as last aforesaid every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Unwholesome meat exposed for sale may be seized and destroyed.

Upon inspection Inspector may seize and destroy cattle &c. or carcass unfit for human food.

Penalty for obstructing Inspector in so doing.

Proceedings in case owner objects to seizure.

Penalty for allowing offal &c. to remain on premises or houses licensed under this Act or in any public place.

Inspector may seize cattle &c. suspected to be stolen.

Power to enter premises of persons licensed under this Act.

XVIII. If upon any such inspection of any cattle sheep or pig or of any carcass or any portion of any carcass of any cattle sheep or pig by the said Inspector of Stock for Launceston the same shall appear to such Inspector of Stock to be unfit for human food it shall be lawful for such Inspector of Stock and he is hereby empowered to seize take away kill and destroy the same as the case may be and if any person shall resist or obstruct the said Inspector of Stock in so seizing or taking away or killing or destroying as the case may be any such cattle sheep or pig or any such carcass or any such portion of any carcass of any cattle sheep or pig every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds—Provided always that if the owner of any such cattle sheep or pig or of any such carcass or of any such portion of any carcass of any cattle sheep or pig or any person on behalf of such owner shall object to such cattle sheep or pig or such carcass or such portion of any carcass as aforesaid so being seized as aforesaid on the ground that the same is unfit for human food the said Inspector of Stock shall forthwith submit the same to some Alderman or Justice of the Peace for this Island and if such Alderman or Justice of the Peace shall determine that such cattle sheep or pig or such carcass or such portion of any carcass is unfit for human food it shall be lawful for the said Inspector of Stock so to take away kill or destroy the same as the case may be and not otherwise—Provided always that it shall in any case be lawful for the said Inspector of Stock to permit and suffer the tallow or fat to be separated from the carcass of any such cattle sheep or pig under the immediate inspection of and subject to such restrictions as shall for that purpose be prescribed by such Inspector of Stock.

XIX. If any person licensed as by this Act is provided shall put place or throw or shall cause or suffer to be put placed or thrown or shall wrongfully permit or suffer to remain any skin offal horn or blood or other part whatsoever of any animal in or on any public street or place or in or on his or her own premises or any other place whatsoever where the same shall occasion or be likely to occasion public annoyance every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

XX. If the Inspector of Stock for the said Town shall have reasonable cause of suspicion that any cattle sheep or pig he is inspecting has been stolen it shall be lawful for such Inspector of Stock and he is hereby empowered to seize and detain such cattle sheep or pig as aforesaid and the said Inspector of Stock is hereby directed forthwith to report such seizure and the grounds thereof to the Mayor or some Justice of the Peace for this Island residing in the said Town of Launceston who shall thereupon make such order in the matter as the justice of the case may require.

XXI. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or any Chief Chief District or District Constable or the Town Inspector or the Inspector of Stock for the said Town either alone or attended by any Constable or other Officer to enter and search the house or premises of any person licensed as by this Act provided at any hour by day or

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night and if any person shall refuse to admit or shall wilfully delay admitting any such Justice of the Peace Chief District or District Constable Town Inspector Inspector of Stock or other Constable or Officer as aforesaid every such person shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds.

XXII. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend to or affect any person who shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any pig for the consumption of the family servants or hired workmen of such person or shall extend to or affect any person in respect of any animal slaughtered in any case where humanity enjoins its immediate death— PROVIDED that in every such case as last aforesaid such person so slaughtering any such animal shall as soon as possible afterwards give notice thereof to the Inspector of Stock for the said Town and shall if required so to do produce the ears and entire skin of such animal to such Inspector of Stock.

This Act not to affect persons slaughtering pigs for their own use or any case where humanity demands the death of any animal.

XXIII. If any person shall drive or cause to be driven in the said Town of Launceston or any part thereof any cattle which shall have been imported or which shall have been brought into the same Town from any other part of this Colony except at such hours and through such street or streets as shall from time to time by any order or writing for that purpose made and published as aforesaid be by the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town fixed and directed every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds—Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply or extend or be taken or construed to apply or extend to working bullocks in yoke or tame milch cows being driven to and from pasture.

Penalty for driving cattle except by the streets by time appointed and the Mayor and Aldermen.

XXIV. No person shall keep or maintain any establishment or place for the purpose of boiling down cattle sheep or pigs or in which cattle sheep or pigs shall be boiled down within the Town of Launceston or within one mile of the boundaries thereof and if any person shall keep or maintain or cause to be kept or maintained any such establishment or place as aforesaid within the said Town or such distance thereof as aforesaid every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds for each and every day the same shall be so kept or maintained as aforesaid—And if any person shall boil down or do any act in or towards the boiling down or cause to be boiled down or cause any act to be done in or towards the boiling down of any cattle sheep or pig or any portion thereof within such Town or such distance thereof as aforesaid every person so offending shall for every animal or portion thereof so boiled down or in or towards the boiling down of which any act shall be so done as aforesaid forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for keeping a boiling-down establishment in Launceston.

Penalty for boiling down any cattle &c. in Launceston.

XXV. No public sale by auction of any cattle shall be had or held at any place within the said Town other than some yard adjoining and belonging to a public slaughter-house to be declared and appointed as aforesaid and any person or persons so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Penalty for selling cattle by public auction except at places appointed for that purpose.



Persons acting under this Act may plead the general issue.

XXVI. If any action or suit shall be brought against any Inspector of Stock for the said Town or any other person acting in the execution of his duty under this Act such Inspector of Stock or other person acting as aforesaid may plead the general issue and give this Act and the special matter in evidence and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited or shall discontinue his or her action or a verdict shall pass against such plaintiff or judgment shall be had for the defendant upon demurrer the defendant shall be entitled to treble costs.

Proceedings for penalties &c.

XXVII. Any breach whatsoever of any or either of the provisions of this Act for which any pecuniary penalty is imposed or any breach whatsoever of any Bye-law Rule Order or Regulation to be made and published by the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town by virtue of this Act as aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be an offence against this Act and where no other mode or remedy is by this Act specifically provided all offences against this Act shall upon information in that behalf exhibited be heard and determined by and before the Mayor of the said Town or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace in the mode prescribed by the Act of this Island intituled *An Act to regulate Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace* and all fines penalties and forfeitures imposed or incurred by or under this Act shall except as aforesaid be levied and recovered in the manner prescribed by the said lastly-recited Act and shall go and be applied in the manner hereinafter set forth or directed concerning the same.

Appropriation.

XXVIII. All monies payable under or by virtue of this Act and all fines payable in respect of offences against this Act shall severally be from time to time paid into the hands of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Town of Launceston and shall be by the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being of the same Town appropriated and applied in the first place towards the payment of the interest on any sum or sums of money which shall be so borrowed as by this Act is provided in the next place towards the erection improvement support and maintenance of any such public slaughter-house which shall be so declared and appointed as by this Act is provided the defraying of all charges and expenses connected therewith and the payment of all or any expenses which shall be occasioned by carrying the several provisions in this Act into effect and in the next place towards the repayment of any principal sum or sums of money which shall be so borrowed as aforesaid and the surplus if any shall be by the said Mayor and Aldermen appropriated and applied in or towards the paving lighting and cleansing or otherwise improving the said Town—Provided always that all monies which shall be so paid to the said Town Clerk as aforesaid shall forthwith be by him deposited in one of the public Banks of the said Town to the account of the said Mayor and Aldermen and no part of such moneys shall be drawn out of any such Bank except by an order signed by the Mayor of the said Town and countersigned by one Alderman and the Town Clerk of the said Town.

Interpretation.

XXIX. The term "Town Inspector" as used in this Act shall be held and construed to intend and mean every person for the time being acting

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