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1850".**

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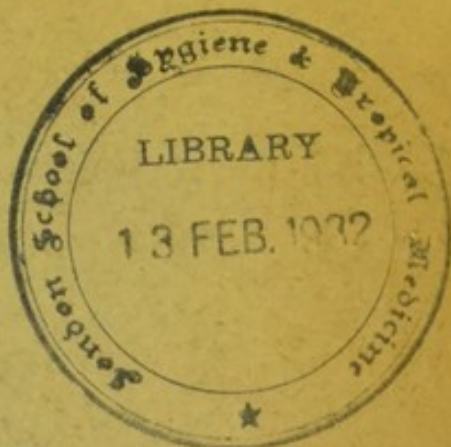
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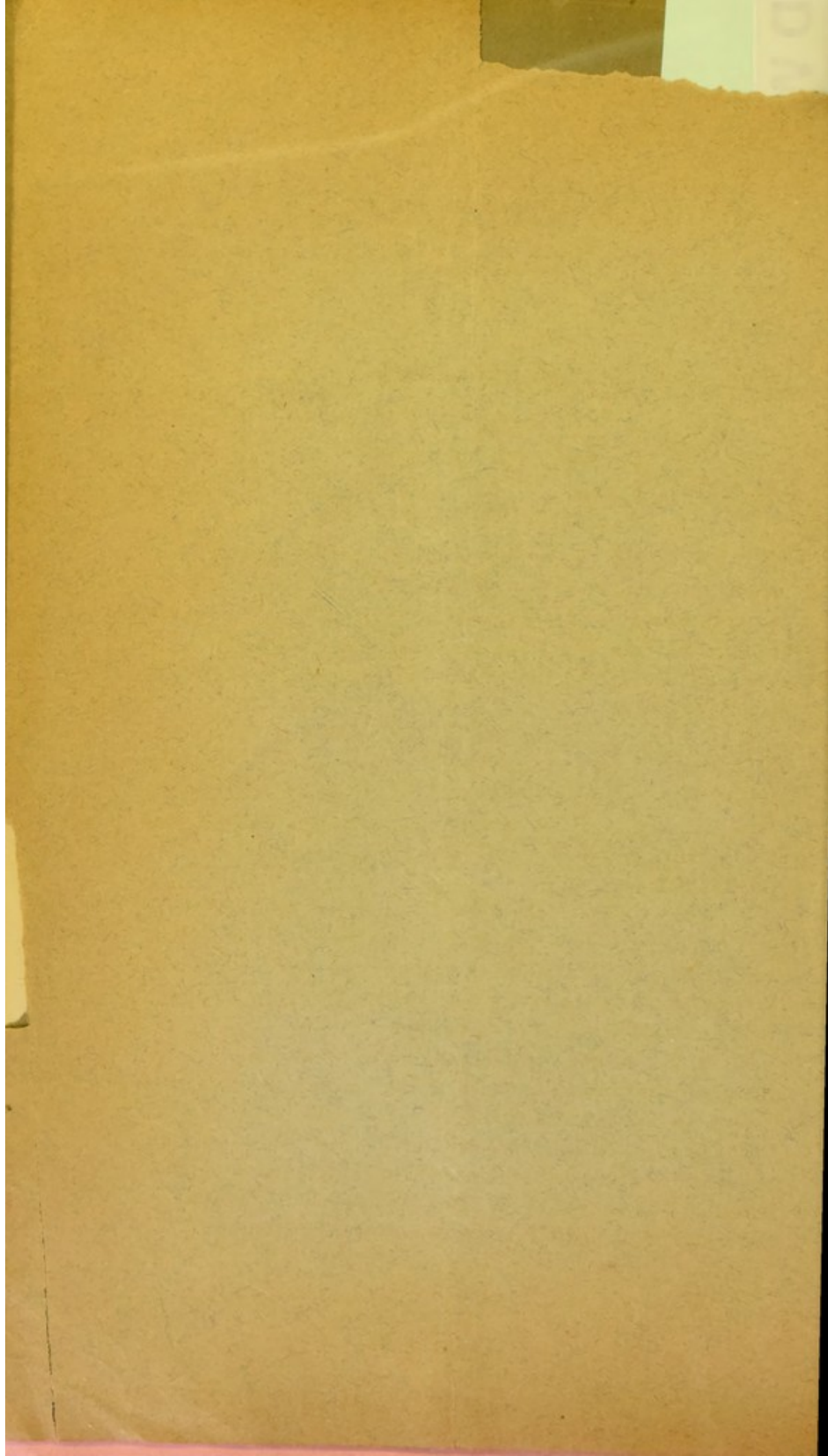
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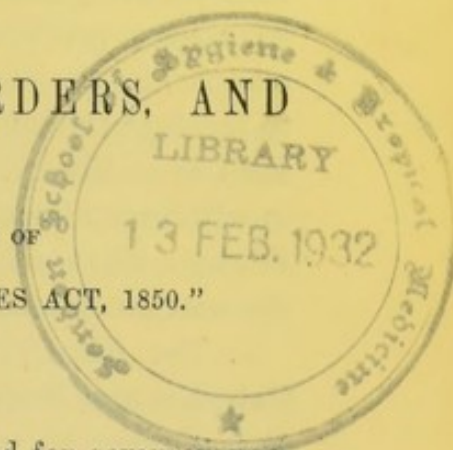


EDINBURGH SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDERS, AND BYE-LAWS.

MADE AND CONFIRMED IN TERMS OF

"THE EDINBURGH SLAUGHTER HOUSES ACT, 1850."



1. The Booths, other than those allotted for common use, shall, from time to time, be allocated by the City Chamberlain, by whom the powers committed to the Magistrates and Council by Section 19th of the Act shall be exercised, subject to the control of the Market Committee of the Town Council when requisite.

2. The rents being payable half-yearly at Whitsunday and Martinmas *in advance*, those Fleshers who shall not pay their rents on or before 15th May or 11th November respectively, shall be held to have renounced possession, and the premises may be taken immediate possession of by the City Chamberlain.

3. When a Flesher shall desire to renounce his interest in a Booth between terms, he shall inform the City Chamberlain, who shall pay over to him whatever rent shall be received till next term from any Flesher to whom he may allocate the Booth, or part of a Booth, so vacated.

4. In the event of a Flesher ceasing to slaughter in his Booth during three successive weeks (the month of August excepted) without a satisfactory explanation, of which the City Chamberlain shall be sole judge, he shall be held to have renounced his interest therein, and the premises may be taken immediate possession of by the Chamberlain, he paying over the rent as provided for by the immediately preceding rule.

5. In the event of the demand for Booths rendering such a measure necessary, the City Chamberlain shall be at liberty, at any term of Whitsunday or Martinmas, to allocate to two Fleshers the joint use of a Booth, the entire use of which may have been previously allocated to one Flesher; and, in like manner, in the event of circumstances rendering it necessary to increase the number of common booths, the Chamberlain shall be at liberty, at any term of Whitsunday or Martinmas, to withdraw allocations previously made, taking care that the Fleshers whose allocations may be so withdrawn, shall receive the best accommodation practicable in the circumstances.

6. The Keys of the whole Booths shall be kept by the Gate-Keeper, suspended in his lodge in regular order; but each Flesher to whom a Booth shall be allocated, either for himself or jointly with another, shall be furnished with two Metal Tickets numbered to correspond with the Booth, one for the use of such Fleshers, and the other for that of his Servants, the holders of which Tickets alone shall be entitled to receive the Key of the corresponding Booth from the Gate-Keeper. When the Key is delivered the Metal Ticket shall be hung up in its place; and in like manner when the Key is returned, the Ticket shall be delivered in exchange. No Flesher shall be at liberty to carry his Key beyond the Gates.

7. The Magistrates and Council shall not be responsible for property belonging to any person whatever left in any Booth; and any such, left in a Booth by a Flesher whose interest therein has ceased or become forfeited, may be removed under the directions of the Superintendent, and at the risk and charges of such Flesher.

8. Every Flesher to whom a Booth shall be allocated, either wholly or jointly with another, shall enter the names of his several Servants in a Register, to be kept in the Superintendent's Office, and amend the list from time to time. All Persons whose names are so registered, shall have free access within the Gates at all proper times. When any such Flesher shall require extra hands temporarily, he shall not

be at liberty to employ any other than one of the Licensed Jobbers or Supernumeraries after mentioned.

9. The Fleshers shall be responsible for the conduct of all persons employed by them, and for whatever damage, other than ordinary wear and tear, may be done to the property of the Slaughter-Houses, by the persons so employed.

10. The Gate-Keeper, under the directions of the City Chamberlain, shall collect the Dues leviable on Cattle brought to be slaughtered, and pay over the same daily to the Chamberlain, under such system of checks as shall be prescribed from time to time. The Gate-Keeper shall repay the dues on all Live Cattle driven from the Slaughter-Houses.

11. Every Flesher shall, by himself or his Foreman, attend in the Superintendent's Office on Friday weekly, and enter in a book to be kept therein a note of the number of the different kinds of Cattle slaughtered by him during the preceding week.

12. The Gates shall be opened for the admission of Live Cattle from 6 o'clock A.M. to 9 P.M. of every lawful day. The Fleshers shall be at liberty, by themselves or their Servants, to work in the Booths during any period, from 4 o'clock A.M. to 10 P.M., convenient for themselves, excepting the months of July, August, and September, during which there shall be no restriction of hours. On Sundays, the Fleshers shall have access to their Booths for the purpose of attending to their Live Stock, from 8 to 10 o'clock A.M., and from 5 to 7 P.M.

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13. All Carts passing through the Slaughter-Houses, and all Cattle brought to the same, shall be driven along such lines of road as the Superintendent shall direct; and he may order Carts remaining within the Slaughter-Houses to be removed.

14. All Dead Meat shall be removed in Vans or other Carriages, so covered as to conceal the carcasses from view; and if drawn by horses, the driver shall not sit on any portion of the carcasses carried therein. No Dead Meat shall be permitted to be conveyed from the Slaughter-Houses contrary to this Regulation.

15. No Animal shall be slaughtered elsewhere than within the Booths, excepting Swine, which shall be slaughtered in the Pig Slaughter-House only.

16. A stock of Straw shall be kept at all times, and be served out for use in the Cattle-Sheds, under the directions of the Superintendent. All Smoking within or near the Straw-house is hereby strictly prohibited.

17. The Fleshers shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Booths allocated to or used by them respectively, but not of the Cattle-Sheds therewith connected, and shall obey all orders of the Superintendent in this respect. One or more moveable boxes shall be furnished for each Booth, in which all refuse shall be placed as it arises. These boxes shall be removed, and the Dung and other refuse arising in the Cattle-Sheds shall be swept out and transferred to the Boxes, by the Cleaners, whenever ordered by the Superintendent. The Floors of the several Booths shall be washed by the Fleshers' Servants after every slaughtering, and also the Walls whenever ordered by the Superintendent.

18. The Feet and Offal of all Cattle killed in the Slaughter-Houses (excepting what may be sent to a distance from Edinburgh in a rough state) shall be prepared for Market in the Tripery by the Tenants thereof. The respective Fleshers shall be at liberty to employ any one of the Tenants whom they may think fit. The Tenants shall not charge more than a maximum rate for cleaning the Feet and Offal of one Carcass, to be fixed from time to time by the Magistrates and Council. The Tenants shall be responsible for the conduct of their Servants, and for whatever damage, other than ordinary wear and tear, may be done by them. They shall report the names of their Servants to the Superintendent, who shall be at liberty to exclude from the premises any of them behaving improperly. The Tenants of the Tripery shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the same, and for the observance of good order therein, and shall obey all orders of the Superintendent in these respects or otherwise.

19. The Fleshers and Tenants of the Tripery, respectively,

shall deliver all Blood, Dung, and other refuse arising in the Slaughter-Houses and Tripery, whenever required, to the Superintendent or Cleaners employed by him ; and as regards the Guts or Fearn's of Sheep and Lambs, and other refuse which may be sold separately, the same shall be delivered at the sight of the Superintendent to the person or persons who may contract for the purchase thereof.

20. The Blood shall be collected and properly stirred by the Cleaners, who shall attend in the several Booths for that purpose whenever required, the Fleshers' Servants assisting as far as may be practicable.

21. After advising with the Chairman of the Association of Fleshers, the Superintendent shall, from time to time, license a sufficient number of Jobbers, and fix the rates of remuneration to be paid to them ; and, in like manner, may withdraw the license of any Jobber when he sees fit, and without reason assigned.

22. The Jobbers shall wear distinctive badges, and, when not employed, shall attend in a House of Call to be provided for their use. All Jobbers present in this house shall be held to be disengaged, and accept of whatever employment within the Slaughter-Houses, in their respective departments, may be offered to them. No Flesher shall be at liberty to employ within the Slaughter-Houses any person whatever other than a Servant registered as before mentioned, or a licensed Jobber. Jobbers shall not be permitted to loiter about the premises on any pretence whatever.

23. A Market for the sale of Hides, Skins, and Tallow shall be held within the Slaughter-Houses, on Tuesday and Friday weekly, beginning at 12 and closing at 3 o'clock. The opening and closing of the Market shall be announced by the ringing of a Bell.

24. All Hides, Skins, and Tallow shall be arranged on the ground, at such place and in such order as the Superintendent shall direct, and shall be removed therefrom as soon as possible after the ringing of the Bell announcing the closing of the Market.

25. Weighing Apparatus shall be provided for the use of parties frequenting the Hide, Skin, and Tallow Market, and used under the direction of the Superintendent, who shall deliver Certificates of Weight to all persons requiring the same. Tallow may be weighed on Mondays and Wednesdays, at such hours as the Superintendent may fix from time to time.

26. The Superintendent shall devote his whole time and attention to the duties of his office, and shall not, directly or indirectly, have or engage in any other occupation whatever. He shall attend within the Slaughter-Houses during such hours as the Magistrates and Council may fix from time to time.

27. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the due observance of the whole Regulations; and when he perceives anything amiss, not provided for by the Rules, and which he cannot rectify of his own authority, he shall report the same to the City Chamberlain or Market Committee.

28. The Magistrates and Council shall fix the number and wages of the Cleaners to be employed in the Slaughter-Houses; but they shall be appointed and dismissed at the pleasure of the Superintendent, from whom alone their orders shall be taken.

29. The Superintendent shall attend particularly to the enforcement of cleanliness and of good order within the Slaughter-Houses; and take a special oversight of the common Booths and of the Tripery, and regulate everything connected therewith, whether having reference to cleanliness or otherwise, not provided for by the Rules. He shall cause the whole premises, including the roads through the same, to be thoroughly swept and cleaned every day, and all Dung or refuse to be removed to the dépôt. He shall take special care of the collection and removal of the Blood, Manure, and other refuse, so that everything offensive shall be removed from the Slaughter-Houses within the shortest possible time. It shall be his duty to see that the conditions of all Contracts made for the removal of the Blood, Manure, and other refuse are duly attended to by the respective Contractors.

30. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see enforced the enactments regarding diseased and unwholesome Butcher Meat, and blown or stuffed Butcher Meat, contained in the Slaughter-Houses Act, and the enactments for the more effectual prevention of Cruelty to Animals, contained in the Act, 13th and 14th Vict., cap. 92, communicating with the Procurator-Fiscal, and being guided at all times by his advice in regard to this part of his duty. When he observes any Animal, apparently diseased, brought in, it shall be lawful to the Superintendent to order such animal to be kept apart until inspected by competent Judges.

31. The Superintendent shall keep accounts of the number of the different kinds of Animals brought in for slaughter daily, and of the Hides, Skins, and Tallow exposed for sale, and from these accounts shall compile Statistics of the Establishment, in such form as shall from time to time be pointed out to him.

32. He shall keep a Diary, in which shall be noted every thing requiring attention that may occur from day to day, including suggestions made to himself, respecting the management of the Slaughter-Houses, or with regard to repairs. These last, so far as he may deem proper, the Superintendent shall communicate to the City's Superintendent of Public Works. He shall not order repairs of himself, excepting when instantly necessary in order to prevent damage; but any orders of this kind shall be forthwith reported to the City's Superintendent of Works.

33. The Gate-Keeper shall be subject to the orders of the Superintendent, and attend in his Lodge when required by him. He shall, from time to time, call the attention of the Superintendent to whatever he may see amiss, or contrary to the Rules of the Slaughter-Houses. He shall never be absent from his post without permission from the Superintendent, who shall, in that case, appoint a proper substitute for the time.

34. The Gates shall be kept constantly locked, and the Keys of them, of the Slaughtering-Booths, and of such other

places as the Superintendent shall not deem it proper to keep in his own custody, shall be kept by the Gate-Keeper, arranged in his Lodge in regular order.

35. As few persons as possible shall be admitted within the Lodge, and none shall be permitted to loiter therein.

36. No intoxicated persons shall be admitted within the Gates, nor persons not having lawful business to transact within the Slaughter-Houses. No Dogs other than Shepherds' Dogs shall be admitted.

37. No intoxicating liquors shall be taken within the Gates.

38. The Gate-Keeper shall be at liberty to search all persons employed on the premises (other than Master Fleshers), leaving the Slaughter-Houses, whom he may suspect to be improperly carrying off property, and also every thing in which he may suspect such property to be concealed. The person of a female shall not be searched excepting by a female to be appointed by the Superintendent for that purpose.

BYE-LAW enacted by the LORD PROVOST, MAGISTRATES, and COUNCIL of the CITY OF EDINBURGH, on 15th December 1891, as authorised by "The Edinburgh Slaughter-Houses Act, 1850," and amended and confirmed by the Sheriff of the County of Edinburgh, on 2nd May 1892.

Rule, Regulation, Order, and Bye-Law 12 of the Rules, Regulations, Orders, and Bye-Laws made and confirmed in terms of "The Edinburgh Slaughter-Houses Act, 1850," is rescinded, and in its place the following Rule, Regulation, Order, and Bye-Law, is made, constituted, and ordained:—

"The Gates shall be opened for the admission of Live Cattle from 6 o'clock A.M. to 9 P.M. of every lawful day.
"The Fleshers shall be at liberty, by themselves or their

“ Servants, to work in the Booths during any period from
 “ 4 o’clock A.M. to 10 P.M., convenient for themselves, excepting
 “ the months of July, August, and September, during which
 “ there shall be no restriction of hours. On Sundays the
 “ Fleshers shall have access to their Booths for the purpose
 “ of attending to their Live Stock, from 8.30 to 9.30 A.M., and
 “ from 5 to 6 o’clock P.M. The Spring Public Holiday, the
 “ Queen’s Birthday, the Autumn Public Holiday, and New
 “ Year’s Day shall be observed as Holidays at the Slaughter-
 “ Houses; but on these days the Gates shall be kept open
 “ during the same hours as on Sundays, for the purpose of
 “ allowing Cattle and Sheep to be received, or to be watered
 “ and fed. When any of these Holidays are succeeded or
 “ preceded by a Sunday, the Gates of the Slaughter-Houses
 “ shall be kept open from 4 till 10 o’clock A.M. of these days
 “ for all purposes.”

Edinburgh, 2nd May 1892.—The Sheriff confirms the
 Bye-Law as amended.

ALEXR. BLAIR.

*The foregoing Regulations shall be enforced by penalties, not
 exceeding Forty Shillings for any one offence, to be levied,
 recovered, and applied, in terms of the Act of Parliament.*

E X T R A C T S

FROM

"THE EDINBURGH SLAUGHTER-HOUSES ACT, 1850."

SECT. 8. And be it enacted, That if any person shall have in his Booth or in his possession, in any place within the said Slaughter-Houses, the Carcass, or any part of the Carcass of any Animal which, in the opinion of two competent Judges, shall have died of Disease, or which, in the opinion of two competent Judges, shall be unwholesome, unsound, or unmarketable, such Person shall be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and if any Person shall have in his Booth, or in his possession in any place within the said Slaughter-Houses, any blown or stuffed Veal, Lamb, or other Butchers' Meat, such Person shall be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, and all such Carcasses and others shall be forfeited and disposed of as the Magistrates shall direct.

SECT. 9. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the said Slaughter-Houses, to be appointed by the Magistrates and Council, to see that the Regulations for the said Slaughter-Houses are duly observed, and to search for and seize all Carcasses, or parts of Carcasses, of any Animals which shall have died, or appear to have died of Disease, or to be of an unwholesome, unsound, or unmarketable description; as also all Veal, Lamb, or other Butchers' Meat, blown or stuffed, or apparently blown or stuffed, wherever the same can be found within said Slaughter-Houses, and to convey the same before the said Magistrates to be disposed of as they shall direct, for which seizure this Act shall be his warrant; and for this purpose it shall be lawful to the said Superintendent at all times, with or without Assistants, to enter into and inspect the Booths and other places within said Slaughter-Houses.

SECT. 10. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall obstruct or hinder the said Superintendent in the discharge of any of the duties imposed on him by this Act, or by the Rules and Regulations, Orders, and Bye-Laws to be made as aforesaid, shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Two Pounds for every such Offence.

SECT. 29. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful to any person to expose for sale in the said Slaughter-Houses the Hides, Skins, or Tallow of any Cattle not slaughtered therein, without the consent of the Magistrates and Council.

NOTE.—The Magistrates and Council have consented that the Hides, Skins, and Tallow of Cattle not slaughtered within the Slaughter-Houses may be brought to the Hide, Skin, and Tallow Market, on payment of the following dues to be collected at the Gates:—

Hides, each,	1d.
Skins, per score,	2d.
Tallow, in Carts or other Vehicles, payable at entering,	2d.
But if, on being weighed, the quantity in any Cart or other Vehicle shall be found to exceed 4 cwt., there shall be charged for the additional quantity per cwt.,	0½d.

SECT. 32. And be it enacted, That any Person offending against the provisions of any of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth recited Acts, or of this Act, or against the Rules, Regulations, Orders, and Bye-Laws made or to be made in pursuance of any of the said Acts, may be proceeded against before the Judge in the Court of Police at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal of the said Court, in the same way and manner as if the Offence charged had been an Offence against the provisions of "The Edinburgh Police Act, 1848," or before the Sheriff, or before one or more of the Magistrates at the instance of the Procurators-Fiscal of the Sheriff or Burgh Courts

respectively, and that in a summary manner; and it shall be lawful to the said Judge of Police, Sheriff, or Magistrates, to subject the Offender in a Penalty not exceeding that imposed or allowed to be imposed by the said Three recited Acts, or by this Act, in respect of the Offence charged, and, in the event of such Penalty not being immediately paid, to commit the Offender to the Prison of Edinburgh, there to remain until the same shall be paid: Provided always, that no Offender shall be imprisoned for more than Twenty-one Days where the Penalty shall not exceed Forty Shillings, nor for more than Sixty Days where the Penalty shall exceed that amount: Provided also, that no Person shall be liable to the Payment of any Penalty imposed by virtue of this Act, or the Acts Third, Fourth, and Fifth before recited, unless complaint shall have been made within Six Months next after the commission of the Offence charged.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Dues to be levied on all Cattle brought to the Slaughter-Houses to be slaughtered:

If brought by a Flesher renting a Booth:

- On each Bull, Segg, Ox, Cow, or Heifer, Sixpence.
- On each Sow, Hog, Boar, or Pig, Threepence.
- On each Calf, Threepence.
- On each Sheep or Lamb, One Penny.
- On each Stag or Deer, Threepence.

If brought by a Flesher not renting a Booth:

- On each Bull, Segg, Ox, Cow, or Heifer, One Shilling.
- On each Sow, Hog, Boar, or Pig, Sixpence.
- On each Calf, Sixpence.
- On each Sheep or Lamb, Twopence.
- On each Stag or Deer, Sixpence.

NOTE.—These Dues may be increased or diminished in the manner authorised by the Act.

Extract from the Act 13th and 14th Victoria, cap. 92, entitled, "An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Scotland." (14th August 1850.)

Whereas it is expedient to prevent wanton Cruelty in the Treatment of Horses, Cattle, and other domestic Animals, in Scotland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in the present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That any person who shall, from and after passing of this Act, cruelly beat, ill-treat, over-drive, abuse, or torture, or cause or procure to be cruelly beaten, ill-treated, over-driven, abused, or tortured, any Animal, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Offenders against this Act may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, instead of a pecuniary Penalty.

