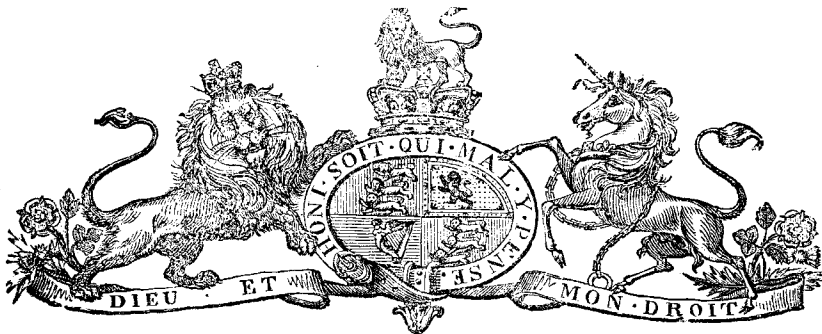


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No. 20.



AN ACT to provide for the Protection of Black Swans.
[4 October, 1860.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to provide for the protection of Black Swans, and to promote as far as possible their increase: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the consent and advice of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 Whoever shall take or destroy the Eggs of Black Swans which have been deposited in nests situate in any creek, bay, river, or lagoon, or on the edges, banks, margins, or in the vicinities thereof, or wilfully destroy or injure any Black Swans during the Months of *August*, *September*, *October*, and *November*, shall, after the passing of this Act, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be punished according to the provisions of this Act.

2 Every person convicted of taking or destroying the Eggs of Black Swans, or of wilfully destroying or injuring Black Swans during the Months of *August*, *September*, *October*, and *November*, shall be fined and pay Forty Shillings for the first offence, or in default be imprisoned for One Week with or without hard labour; and on the second conviction shall be fined and pay Five Pounds, or in default be imprisoned for a Fortnight with or without hard labour; and on the third conviction shall be fined and pay Ten Pounds, or in default be imprisoned for One Month with or without hard labour.

3 In all cases where an offender has been fined, and has paid such fine, one moiety of such fine shall be paid to the person laying the information, and the other moiety shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

4 Nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed applicable to persons taking the Eggs of Black Swans from nests built or formed in lagoons, such lagoons being the private properties of such persons.

5 All offences under and against this Act shall and may be tried in a summary manner by and before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Island of *Tasmania* and its Dependencies.

6 In referring to this Act it shall only be necessary to use the words *Swans' Protection Act*.