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By His Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

No. XXXVI.

An Act to prevent the further Pollution of the Waters of the River Yarra Yarra above the City of Melbourne. [Assented to 1st June, 1855.]

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the City of Melbourne and its neighbourhood are supplied with the water necessary for domestic and sanitary purposes from the river Yarra Yarra flowing above the Queen's Wharf of the said city and it is necessary for the health of such inhabitants that the waters of the said river should be kept as free from pollution as possible And Whereas the carrying on of certain trades or occupations on the banks of the said river tends much to destroy its purity and to render the water unwholesome and it is therefore expedient to prevent the increase or extension of such trades or occupations upon the banks of the said river above the said City of Melbourne Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows—

I. If after the passing of this Act any person shall establish or newly carry on the trade business or occupation of a tanner fellmonger skinner parchment-maker woolwasher or any other trade business or occupation whereby any refuse filth dirt grease decomposed substance whether vegetable or animal or any other poisonous or unwholesome matter shall flow into or be thrown cast or otherwise go or be liable to fall into the waters of the said river or upon the banks thereof above the said City of Melbourne or shall enlarge or extend any such trade business or occupation already existing established or carried on he shall forfeit and pay a penalty for the first offence of not less than ten pounds nor more than fifty pounds and for every subsequent offence not less than twenty pounds nor more than one hundred pounds.

II. No proceedings under this Act shall be removed by *certiorari* and all offences under this Act shall be heard and determined in a summary way before any two or more justices and all penalties or fines inflicted shall go and be distributed one half to the informer or person suing for the same and the other half to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors for the public uses of Victoria and in support of the Government thereof.

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