

of the Reign of his present Majesty, is directed to be levied, adjudged, recovered, applied, and disposed of.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, if any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall suspect any Person of buying, selling, or driving any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, or of taking off the Hide from any infected Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, which shall die of the said Distemper, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and the said former Acts, and the Rules, Orders, and Regulations made by his Majesty in Council in pursuance thereof; or of not burying any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, contrary to the said Acts and Orders, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices to summon such Person to appear before him or them, at a reasonable Time to be prefixed in such Summons, and the Proof of complying with the Directions of the said Acts and Orders shall lie on the Party so summoned; and if such Person shall neglect or refuse to appear before such Justice or Justices (Proof being made upon Oath of his or her being duly summoned) or shall not make it out to the Satisfaction of him or them that he or she has fully conformed himself or herself to the said Acts, Rules, and Orders, such Person shall be deemed and taken to be duly convicted of the Offence or Offences for which he shall be so summoned, and incur the several Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this and the said former Acts for the like Offence or Offences, to be levied, recovered, and adjudged, in Manner by the said Acts directed; one Moiety of the said Forfeiture to be paid to the Overseer of the Poor, and be applied to the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Person dwells; and the other Moiety to the Treasurer of the County, Riding, or Division, to be made Part of the County Stock; or in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, to such Person, and for such Purposes, as the Justices in their General Quarter Sessions shall direct and appoint.

And, for the more effectual preventing the Spreading of the said infectious Distemper, by Persons, commonly called Jobbers, who, occupying little or no Grazing Land, buy up Cattle in infected Places, and soon after dispose of the same, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of May, no Person whatsoever (Butchers and others excepted, buying Fat Cattle for immediate Slaughter) shall purchase any living Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer without having first obtained a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of some Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, acting for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Person resides, specifying his or her Name and Place of Abode, and the Number of Beasts he or she intends to purchase, and whether such Beasts are intended

to be purchased by him or herself, or by an Agent or Servant; and if by an Agent or Servant, then the Name and Place of Abode of such Agent or Servant; and that it appears to such Justice or Commissioner upon Examination, on the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, that such Person really occupies Land sufficient to graze and keep the Number of Beasts contained in such Certificate (over and above the Stock such Person is at present possessed of) for the Space of three Months; and that it may appear no more Beasts were bought than were contained in such Certificate, every such Person shall, upon bringing any Cattle into any Parish or Place, bought in pursuance of such Certificate, produce and shew the said Certificate to an Inspector, Churchwarden, or Overseer of the Poor, if any there be, of such Parish or Place; and shall, at the same Time acquaint such Inspector, Churchwarden, or Overseer, with the Place where, and the Name of the Person of whom such Beasts were purchased; and the said Inspector, Churchwarden, or Overseer, is hereby required to mark on the Back of the said Certificate the Number of Beasts so brought into any Parish or Place, and the Place where, and the Name of the Person of whom such Beasts were purchased, and the Day when such Certificate was so produced: And if any Person or Persons (Butchers or others buying Fat Cattle for immediate Slaughter excepted, as aforesaid) shall, from and after the said First Day of May, buy any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, without previously obtaining such Certificate, or shall buy more than the Number contained in the same, or shall not produce the said Certificate to an Inspector, Churchwarden, or Overseer of the Poor, every such Person shall, for every Beast bought contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; the said Penalty to be levied, adjudged, recovered, applied, and disposed of as the Penalty of Ten Pounds by the said Act, made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty is directed to be levied, adjudged, recovered, applied, and disposed of.

Provided always, That no Cattle shall be deemed to be bought by virtue of such Certificate, unless the same are purchased within One Month from the Date thereof.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them, at their respective General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held for any County, Riding, or Division, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of four or more of them, to license any Person residing within their respective Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, to buy and sell Cattle; and the Person so licensed may lawfully buy Cattle at any Fair, Market, or Place where the buying and selling of Cattle is not prohibited, and drive, sell, and dispose of them at any other Fair, Market, or Place, though he shall not have obtained the Certificates hereof before