**SCOTCH THISTLE ACT 1851**

Full title: *An Act for preventing the further spread of Scotch Thistle*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Sets the penalties for not destroying scotch thistle after notice
* How to manage the situation where there is no occupier
* If thistles are not destroyed within seven days parties may enter property and destroy them
* If an owner is not occupying the land the Supreme Court may sell the property to cover costs of eradication

Note: Prior to 1857 the colony of SA was ruled by a Governor responsible to the British Crown. Legislation was enacted by the Governor following consideration by a five person Council of Government and later expanded to seven and called the Legislative Council. No Hansard was prepared.

Acts passed between 1836 and 1857 are covered on this History of Agriculture site with the full title and summary of the key provisions of the Act.