**WHALE FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1840**

Full title: *A Bill to amend an Act for the Regulation and Protection of the Whale Fisheries.*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Due to the remote location of some fishers, it was impracticle for the Resident Magistrate to sign articles in relation to fishing. This Act appointed a Justice of the Peace to sign articles
* Cases can be heard by the Chief Commissioner of Police for the province rather than the Adelaide based Resident Magistrate.

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.