

CAP. VIII.

AN ACT for the protection of SHEEP against vicious Dogs.

[March, 1st, 1839.]

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any Dog or Dogs shall kill any Sheep, Lamb or Lambs within this Island; the Owner of such Dog, upon complaint and conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, shall cause the same to be immediately killed; and in case such Sheep, Lamb or Lambs shall be killed by such Dog, then the owner thereof shall be liable to pay the owner of such Sheep or Lambs so killed the full value thereof, to be recovered before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the County where such offence shall be committed, who is hereby authorized finally to determine the same—provided the sum so to be recovered does not exceed the sum of Five Pounds; and on non-payment thereof, within three days after Judgment shall be given, to issue his Warrant to a Constable, to distrain so much of the offender's Goods and Chattels as may be sufficient to discharge the same, with the charges arising thereby, and to sell such Goods at Public Auction—returning the overplus (if any there be) to the Owner or Owners thereof.

Dog killing any Sheep or Lamb, owner shall cause the same to be killed, and be liable to pay the owner of such Sheep &c. the full value thereof.

Mode of recovery.

II. And be it further enacted, That in every case where the owner of a Dog shall neglect or refuse to kill such Dog so having killed or injured any Sheep, Lamb or Lambs as aforesaid, he shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds, to be recovered before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be levied by Warrant of Distress on his Goods and Chattels—and if such person shall have no Goods or Chattels whereon the said Penalty may be levied, then such person shall

Penalty on Owner of such Dog refusing to kill same.

Mode of recovery.