

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper-Canada; Passed in the Third Session of the Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, Met at Newark, on the Second day of June, in the Thirty-Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third (1794).* Niagara: Gideon Tiffany, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1795.

#### 34 George III – Chapter 8

##### **An Act to restrain the custom of permitting Horned Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Swine to run at large.**

Whereas the custom of allowing horned cattle, horses, sheep and swine to run at large, has been found occasionally inconvenient and detrimental; Be it enacted by the king's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same. That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to permit any horned cattle, horses, sheep or swine to run at large, otherwise than under the regulations and restrictions herein after provided.

II. And be it further enacted, That henceforth it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitant householders, or the greater part of them in every district within this province, in their annual town meetings lawfully assembled, to ascertain and determine in what manner, and at what periods horned cattle, horses, sheep and swine or any of them, shall be allowed to run at large, within their respective divisions, or to resolve that the same or any part thereof, shall be restrained from so doing.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any horned cattle, horse, sheep, or swine be found running at large in any town, township, reputed township or place, contrary to the regulations of the town meeting thereof; it shall and may be lawful for any of the pound keepers thereof, and on receiving notice he is hereby required to impound such horned cattle, horse, sheep or swine so trespassing, and to detain the same until the person or persons who may have sustained any damage by the trespass of the same, shall have received from the owner or owners of such horned cattle, horse, sheep or swine, reasonable compensation, and until the fees of such pound-keeper shall have been satisfied, which fees his majesty's justices of the peace in their quarter sessions assembled, or the greater part of them, are hereby authorized and required to regulate and ascertain, in and for their respective districts; any thing in any Act or ordinance of the late province of Quebec, or in any Act of the legislature of this province to the contrary of the provisions of this Act in any wise notwithstanding.