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**A**T the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the  
4th day of *September* 1848,

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the present session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to prohibit the importation of sheep, cattle, or other animals, for the purpose of preventing the introduction of contagious or infectious disorders," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council, to make such regulations for subjecting sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals, to quarantine, or for causing the same to be destroyed, upon their arrival in this country, or for destroying any hay, straw, fodder, or other article, whereby it appears to Her Majesty that infection or contagion may be conveyed; and generally to make such regulations with respect to the importation of sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals, as Her Majesty may consider to be necessary, in order to prevent the introduction of any contagious or infectious disorder:

And whereas it hath been certified to Her Majesty that certain sheep and lambs infected with or labouring under a certain contagious or infectious disorder known or described as the sheep pox, or variola ovina, have been, from time to time, imported into this country from foreign parts, and it is necessary to take measures to prevent the introduction of sheep and lambs so infected therewith:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the said Act, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that, if any sheep or lambs imported or brought into this country appear at the time of their im-

portation to be infected with or labouring under the said disorder, such sheep or lambs, and all or any of the sheep or lambs imported or brought into this country in the same ship or vessel with any sheep or lambs which appear to be so diseased, shall be seized and detained by the officers of Her Majesty's Customs at the port of import; and that the circumstances be forthwith reported by such officers to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, and by the said Commissioners of Customs to the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations; and if it be certified to the said Commissioners by any veterinary surgeon appointed by them to inspect such sheep, that any of such sheep or lambs are infected with or labouring under the said disorder, then the said Commissioners may if they think proper, cause such sheep or lambs as are so certified to be forthwith destroyed, reporting the same to the Lords of the said Committee; and the Lords of the said Committee shall thereupon give such directions as they shall think fit, either for destroying or for further detaining all or any others of the sheep or lambs (as the case may be) which may have been so imported or brought into this country in the same ship or vessel with the sheep or lambs so certified as aforesaid, or for restoring the same to their owner or owners, subject to any conditions which they, the said Lords, may think fit to prescribe, and upon the payment by such owner or owners thereof of any expences incurred by the said Commissioners in respect of the detention thereof.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. C. Greville.*