



Game Act 1831

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3 Days and Seasons during which Game shall not be killed. Penalty for laying poison to kill game.

If any person whatsoever shall kill or take any game, or use any dog, gun, net, or other engine or instrument for the purpose of killing or taking any game, on a Sunday or Christmas Day, such person shall, on conviction thereof before two justices of the peace, forfeit and pay for every such offence such sum of money, not exceeding [^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale], as to the said justices shall seem meet, . . . ^{F2}; and if any person whatsoever shall kill or take any partridge between the first day of February and the first day of September in any year, or any pheasant between the first day of February and the first day of October in any year, or any black game (except in the county of Somerset or Devon, or in the New forest in the county of Southampton,) between the tenth day of December in any year and the twentieth day of August in the succeeding year, or in the county of Somerset or Devon, or in the New forest aforesaid, between the tenth day of December in any year and the first day of September in the succeeding year, or any grouse commonly called red game between the tenth day of December in any year and the twelfth day of August in the succeeding year, or any bustard between the first day of March and the first day of September in any year, every such person shall, on conviction of any such offence before two justices of the peace, forfeit and pay for every head of game so killed or taken such sum of money, not exceeding [^{F3}level 1 on the standard scale], as to the said justices shall seem meet, . . . ^{F2}; and if any person, with intent to destroy or injure any game, shall at any time put or cause to be put any poison or poisonous ingredient on any ground, whether open or inclosed, where game usually resort, or in any highway, every such person shall, on conviction thereof before two justices of the peace, forfeit and pay such sum of money, not exceeding [^{F4}level 1 on the standard scale], as to the said justices shall seem meet, . . . ^{F2}.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 31** and [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 46**
- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- F3** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46**

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for the Game Act 1831, Section 3. (See end of Document for details)*

F4 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 3 excluded by [Agriculture Act 1947 \(c. 48\)](#), **s. 98(2)**

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