



# Hares Act 1848

## 1848 CHAPTER 29

An Act to enable Persons having a Right to kill Hares in *England* and *Wales* to do so, by themselves or Persons authorized by them, without being required to take out a Game Certificate. [22d July 1948]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled *An Act for repealing the Duties of Assessed Taxes, and granting new Duties in lieu thereof, and certain additional Duties to be consolidated therewith, and also for repealing the Stamp Duties on Game Certificates, and granting new Duties in lieu thereof, to be placed under the Management of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes*, and by an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of the said King George the Third, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty certain new and additional Duties of Assessed Taxes, and for consolidating the same with the former Duties of Assessed Taxes*, and by an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting to Her Majesty Duties of Customs, Excise, and Assessed Taxes*, certain Duties of Assessed Taxes were granted to Her Majesty the Queen upon, amongst other things, every Person who shall use any Dog, Gun, Net, or other Engine for the Purpose of taking or killing any Game whatever, or shall assist in any Manner in the taking or killing of any Game: And whereas by divers Laws now in force Penalties are imposed on all Persons taking or killing, or assisting in the taking or killing of, amongst other things, any Game whatever, who shall not have obtained a Certificate of the due Payment of such Duties: And whereas it has been found that much Damage has been and is continually done by Hares to the Produce of inclosed Lands, and that great Losses have thereby accrued and do accrue to the Occupiers of such Lands; and it is expedient that Persons in the actual Occupation of such inclosed Lands, or the Owners thereof, who have the Right of killing Game thereon, should be allowed to take, kill, and destroy Hares thereon, without the Payment of the said Duties of Assessed Taxes, and without the incurring of any of the Penalties above mentioned:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,