

[Act No. 646, March 03, 1903]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE REGISTRATION, BRANDING, CONVEYANCE, AND SLAUGHTER OF LARGE CATTLE," BY FIXING THE REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE OBSERVED AND COMPLIED WITH IN THE CONVEYANCE OF CARABAOS, HORSES, AND CATTLE THAT HAVE BEEN SEIZED AND DECLARED TO BE OF UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. Whereas there has been a lack of uniformity in the procedure followed by municipalities in the sale of carabaos, horses, and cattle of unknown ownership, section twenty of Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven is hereby amended by the insertion of the following paragraph at the end of said section:

"Third. At public auction by resolution of the municipal council or when it shall be so ordered by the proper authority, in which case and whenever one or more animals seized from thieves or confiscated for any oilier legal cause are involved, it shall be the duty of the provincial board to order their sale at public auction in the capital of the province, subject to the following conditions:

"(a) That whenever a municipality shall come into the possession of an animal or animals under the provisions of this paragraph. it shall be the duty of the municipal president to give information of the fact to the provincial board and to cause the same to be published by written notices in Spanish and the local dialect posted for three consecutive clays at the door of the provincial government building in the capital of the province and at the door of the municipal building in the municipality where such animal or animals are held, such written notice to contain a detailed account of the origin, species, sex, age, brands, and other distinctive marks of the animals to be sold, and shall further fix the term of fifteen days during which the owner or owners of such animal oi animals may present themselves and prove title thereto.

"(b) That after the expiration of said term of fifteen days the animal or animals shall be valued by experts, and the day and hour of their sale at public auction shall be set. Said sale shah1 be advertised, for a period of twelve davs before it is held, in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

"(c) That the animal or animals, after a valuation has been placed upon them in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be sent to the provincial board in order that such animal or animals may be present at the provincial capital on the day that the sale at public auction is held: *Provided*, That where the provincial capital is at such a distance from the municipality in which the cattle are, or is so situated with reference to such municipality that it would entail too heavy an expense to transfer the cattle from the municipality where held to the capital of the province,