The term "Secretary of State" means one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

The term "person" includes a body of persons corporate or unincorporate:

The term "Attorney General" means Her Majesty's Attorney General for England, and Her Majesty's Solicitor General for England whenever such Solicitor General can by reason of a vacancy in the office of Attorney General or otherwise act as the Attorney General.

Commencement of Act.

10. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty, which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act.

CHAPTER 23.

An Act to provide for the Preservation of Hares in Ireland.

[3d July 1879.]

WHEREAS hares form an important article of food, and have of late years greatly decreased in number in Ireland by reason of their being inconsiderately slaughtered, and owing to their marketable value it is important to provide for their protection during the breeding season:

Be it 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, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Hares Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Extent of Act.

2. This Act shall extend only to Ireland.

Close time for hares.

3. Any person who shall wilfully kill, wound, or attempt to kill or wound, or take any hare or leveret, or use any gun, net, snare, or dog for the purpose of killing, wounding, or taking any hare or leveret, or shall have in his possession any hare or leveret killed, wounded, or taken between the twentieth day of April and the twelfth day of August in any year shall, on conviction of any such offence before any justice or justices of the peace, forfeit and pay for every such hare or leveret taken, wounded, killed, or attempted to be killed, wounded, or taken, or in his possession such sum of money not exceeding one pound as to the said justices shall seem meet, together with the costs of conviction.

Lord Lieutenant may vary close time.

4. The Lord Lieutenant, on the application of the grand jury of any county, may vary the time of such prohibition in any county, such order to be published in a paper circulating in said county, and in the Dublin Gazette.

Prosecution of offences. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90.

5. Every offence under this Act may be prosecuted in a summary manner, and every penalty imposed under this Act shall be applied in the manner directed by the Fines Act (Ireland), 1851, and any Act amending the same.