

(No. 55.)



1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

**“THE GOLD FIELDS REGULATION
AMENDMENT ACT, 1883:”**

REGULATIONS UNDER.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 23.

Lands and Works Office, Hobart, 14th January, 1884.

THE following Regulations, made by His Excellency the Governor in Council under the authority of "The Gold Fields Regulation Amendment Act, 1883," to take effect forthwith, are published in compliance with Section 63 of "The Gold Fields Regulation Act, 1880."

By His Excellency's Command,

NICHOLAS J. BROWN, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

By virtue of *The Gold Fields Regulation Amendment Act, 1883*, the Governor in Council has been pleased to make the Regulations following, which shall apply to the whole Colony:—

PROSPECTORS' PROTECTION ORDERS.

123 A prospector's protection order shall be in the form in the Schedule No. 27 in lieu of that in Schedule No. 4, and may be issued by a Commissioner of Gold Fields to any holder of a miner's right, and shall authorise such holder to prospect for gold in alluvial deposits, or in veins, leaders, and reefs of quartz, as the case may be, for such period not exceeding one year as the Commissioner shall think fit: and such protection order shall specify whether it applies to gold in alluvial deposit, or in quartz, or both.

PROSPECTING CLAIMS.

124 The area of a Prospecting Claim shall be:—

(1.) As regards distance from a spot where gold in similar deposit is known to exist—

If not more than a quarter of a mile, not exceeding 10 acres. If exceeding a quarter and not more than half-a-mile, not exceeding 20 acres. If exceeding half-a-mile, and not more than one mile, not exceeding 30 acres. If exceeding one mile, and not more than 2 miles, not exceeding 40 acres. If exceeding 2 miles, not exceeding 50 acres.

(2.) As regards depth of sinking, and without regard to the distance from a spot where gold in similar deposit is known to exist, and where such depth shall exceed one hundred feet from the natural surface—

Such area not exceeding 640 acres as a Commissioner shall recommend, and the Minister shall direct, taking into consideration the particular circumstances of each case, and the nature and extent of the proposed operations, and of the appliances intended to be used.

125 Prospecting Claims shall be square, or as near thereto as practicable, and shall be taken possession of by fixing in the ground firmly at each and every angle of the claim a post not less than three inches in diameter, and projecting above the surface not less than three feet; cutting at each such angle a trench not less than six inches deep and six feet along each line, and in timbered or scrubby land marking the boundary lines so as to be

clearly visible; and every holder of a Prospecting Claim shall during his occupancy of such claim keep the posts so fixed and such marks so visible as aforesaid; and in default thereof the claim shall be deemed forfeited, and may be dealt with as waste lands of the Crown.

A Prospecting Claim shall be liable to forfeiture, and may by the Commissioner be declared to be forfeited upon application to him, if prospecting operations shall cease to be conducted in a *bona fide* manner without good and sufficient excuse for a period of one calendar month.

126 Regulations Nos. 4 and 5 and Schedule No. 4 of 26th June, 1883, are hereby rescinded, saving that all claims acquired under such Regulations and now subsisting shall be deemed to be held under such Regulations.

SCHEDULE, No. 27.



PROSPECTOR'S PROTECTION ORDER.

ISSUED under the authority of "The Gold Fields Regulation Amendment Act, 1883," to _____

MINER'S RIGHT, No. _____, 188

authorising the holder to prospect for Gold in _____

upon _____ acres of Waste Lands of the Crown situate _____

This Protection Order will hold good against all persons, provided the ground is being actually prospected, for the period of _____ months from the date hereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 188

Commissioner of Gold Fields.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 73.

Lands and Works Office, Hobart, 3rd March, 1884.

THE following Regulations, made by His Excellency the Governor in Council under the authority of "The Gold Fields Regulation Amendment Act, 1883," to take effect forthwith, are published in compliance with Section 63 of "The Gold Fields Regulation Act, 1880."

By His Excellency's Command,

NICHOLAS J. BROWN, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

By virtue of *The Gold Fields Regulation Amendment Act, 1883*, the Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following additional Regulations, which shall apply to the whole Colony:—

127 The Area of a Lease which may be granted at a peppercorn rent to any person who shall discover gold, shall be as follows:—

As regards distance from a spot where gold in similar deposit is at the time of discovery known to exist—

If more than two miles, an area not exceeding 10 acres:

If more than five miles, an area not exceeding 15 acres:

If more than ten miles, an area not exceeding 20 acres.

As regards depth of sinking, and without regard to the distance from a spot where gold in similar deposit is at the time of the discovery known to exist—

If one hundred feet deeper from the natural surface than any known similar deposit of gold within a radius of two miles, 10 acres; and for every additional fifty feet, 2 acres; not exceeding in the whole an area of 20 acres.

When the discovery has been made by more persons than one acting conjointly, a Lease may be granted to each one of such persons, not exceeding three.

128 The area of the alluvial claim to which any person, mining partnership or company, being the holder or holders of a Miner's Right, shall be entitled as a reward for the discovery of gold, shall be as follows:—

As regards distance from a spot where gold in

alluvial deposit is at the time of the discovery known to exist—

If more than half a mile, 50 yards by 50 yards; or, where not practicable to mark off in the form of a square, half an acre:

If more than one mile, 70 yards by 70 yards; or, where not practicable to mark off in the form of a square, one acre:

If more than two miles, 98 yards by 98 yards; or where not practicable to mark off in a form of a square, two acres:

If more than three miles, 130 yards by 130 yards; or, where not practicable to mark off in the form of a square, three and a half acres:

If more than five miles, 156 yards by 156 yards; or, where not practicable to mark off in the form of a square, five acres.

129 The several Regulations relating to claims under Miner's Rights for ordinary mining purposes shall apply to claims held under the preceding Regulation: Provided that no such claim shall be liable to forfeiture for non-performance of work until a reasonable time, in the opinion of the Commissioner, shall have elapsed, taking into consideration the situation of the ground and other circumstances connected therewith, to enable the owner to commence mining operations; and provided also that the owner of any such claim shall not be entitled to more than the prescribed extent along a reef, vein, or leader of quartz which may exist in the claim, but shall select such prescribed area: and the Commissioner may permit the remaining portion to be taken possession of and mined, provided the persons so permitted to mine shall not interfere with or obstruct the working of the alluvial deposit of gold.