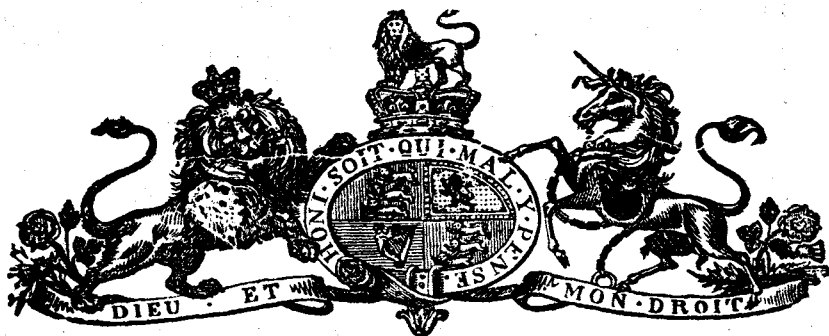


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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 15.



AN ACT for the Encouragement of Exploration
for Minerals in the Unsettled Lands of *Tasmania*.
[18 October, 1870.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to encourage the Exploration for Minerals of the Western and South-western portions of *Tasmania*: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

PREAMBLE.

1 That portion of the Colony which is comprised within the following boundaries,—

Portion of the Colony to be deemed the Unsettled District.

Commencing at the confluence of the *Arthur* River with the sea, and bounded by the west coast of *Tasmania* to *South-west* Cape and by the south coast to *South* Cape, thence by a straight north-easterly line to the Trigonometrical Station on the top of *Adamson's Peak*, thence by a north-westerly line to the junction of the *Picton* and *Huon* Rivers and continued until it strikes the *Florentine* River, thence by the *Florentine* River to its junction with the River *Derwent* and by the River *Derwent* north-westerly to its junction with the *Guelph* River, by the *Guelph* River to its source at *Lake George*, thence to the top of *King William's Mount*, thence to the south-west boundary of Lot Two now or lately leased to *W. J. T. Clarke*, and by that lot to a

Unsettled Lands Exploration.

Rivulet forming its north-west boundary, and by that Rivulet to Lake *Dixon*, thence to the top of Mount *Hugel*, thence northerly to Lake *Petrarch* at its junction with the River *Cuvier*, thence north-westerly to the top of *Barn Bluff*, and thence by a line north-westerly until it strikes the south-west angle of the *Surrey Hills* Block belonging to the *Van Diemen's Land* Company, and by a line along the west boundary of that Block until such line intersects the *Arthur River* aforesaid, and thence by that River to the point of commencement,—
shall be called the Unsettled District.

Exploring
Associations may
select land.

2 Until the Thirty-first day of *July*, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, any Association formed for the purpose of Mining or exploring for Minerals with a Capital of not less than Five hundred Pounds shall, after having been duly registered, and having actually engaged by the permission of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in exploring for Minerals in the Unsettled District, have the right to select lands in the Unsettled District at the rate of Two acres for every Pound expended, not exceeding Fifteen hundred Pounds, by such Association to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council in the *bonâ fide* search for Minerals or Metals in the Unsettled District. The land selected shall be in blocks of not less than Five hundred acres or thereabouts, and shall not exceed Three thousand acres in the aggregate, and shall be in the form prescribed by Regulations under this Act.

Issue of Grant
Deeds.

3 The Commissioner of Crown Lands shall upon payment of the expense of surveying the same, to be fixed by him, cause such blocks of land to be surveyed, and Grant Deeds shall issue for the same in the same manner as if the whole of the purchase money for the same had been fully paid: Provided that such Grant Deeds shall contain a clause for the resumption by Her Majesty of any land selected by any such Association upon payment of an amount equal to Ten times the sum, not exceeding Fifteen hundred Pounds, expended by any such Association; and such power shall be exercised within Twelve months after survey.

Clause for
resumption of
land.

Power to Govern-
or in Council to
make Regula-
tions.

4 It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make and issue such Regulations as may be requisite for the more effectual carrying into effect the purposes of this Act: Provided that no such Regulations shall be of any force until they have been published in the *Gazette*.

Short Title.

5 This Act may be cited as "The Unsettled Lands Exploration Act."