

All measurements of area are to be made on the surface of the earth neglecting inequalities.

Number—Staking.

Every claim is to have a distinguishing number marked on its boundary pegs.

Every individual claim, whether part of a company claim or not, shall be staked out with 4 corner pegs, of at least 4 inches in diameter; the same as defined in rule 2, of the rules and regulations of 7th September, 1859.

Tunnel Claims.

In tunnelling or sinking each miner shall be allowed a frontage of 100 feet, irrespective of depth. The Gold Commissioner shall have the power to regulate what number of the miners, holding such claims, shall be employed prospecting, until gold in paying quantities shall have been discovered, after which the full number of authorized miners, must be employed on the claim. The side boundary lines of each claim shall be distinctly marked off by 2 parallel lines or rows of pegs, fixed in the ground at intervals of 50 feet or thereabouts, the said boundaries or parallel lines shall be carried in a direction as straight and square as possible to the summit level. No party shall sink or drive ahead between the said parallel lines, save with the consent of the party first in possession, until gold shall have been found as undermentioned.

Extent of claim.

The extent of claim to each miner shall be 100 feet square, and he shall be allowed to mark off the claim ahead of the spot, where gold in paying quantities shall have been obtained beyond the limits of the claim so marked out.

Rights of prospecting.

Beyond these limits any other party may prospect by shaft and tunnel from the bottom thereof, and, until a lead is struck in paying quantities, shall have the exclusive right of prospecting within two such parallel lines as aforesaid, and shall then mark out his claim as above mentioned.

Tunnelling under Hills.

In tunnelling under hills, on the frontage of which angles occur, or which may be of an oblong or elliptical form, no party shall be allowed to tunnel from any of the said angles, nor from either end of such hills, so as to interfere with parties tunnelling from the main frontage of such hills. In case two or more parties tunnelling from opposite sides of the same hill, and their side boundary lines meet or intersect, or their claims meet, the party that first mark off their claim shall be entitled to priority of claim thereon. In case of tunnelling under hills, or fronts of hills, such as occur at the junction of creeks in which there may be two leads, all parties shall, if required, take their claim on the lead nearest the side of the hill at which their tunnel commences.

Forfeiture of Claim involves Tunnel, &c.

The right to the tunnel and ten feet of ground on either side of it in addition to the above claim, shall be considered as appurtenant to the claim to which it is annexed, and be abandoned or forfeited, by the abandonment or forfeiture of the claim itself to which it appertains.

Deposit of leavings.

The Gold Commissioner may, where deemed desirable, mark out a space in the vicinity for deposit of leavings and deads from any tunnel.