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23. Bed-rock Flume companies, authorized and organized as aforesaid, shall measure off their ground, set up their stakes, post their notices, and register their claims, in the same manner as individual free miners are required to do, and shall pay five pounds sterling per annum in addition to the registration fee for each half mile of claim and right of way legally held by such company.

24. Individual or company claim holders, building bed-rock flumes through their own ground, to connect with similar flumes built by Bed-rock Flume companies shall be subject to the same rules and regulations, with regard to cleaning up the flume repairs and other matters, in which both parties are interested, and pertaining to the rights hereby authorized and confirmed, as may be adopted by such Bed-rock Flume company.

25. Provided that if any private or company claim holders shall desire to abandon their respective claims, they may give notice to such Bed-rock Flume company of such intention, and shall then have the right to proceed at once to clean up their portion of such flume, or wait until such company cleans up, and then take all the gold which may be found in their portion of such flume.

Provided also that when such individual or company claim holders shall have given the notice aforesaid, and cleaned up their section of the said flume, such claims shall be deemed to be abandoned with the flume therein, and such abandonment shall revert to the benefit of such Bed-rock Flume company.

26. Any free miners or company of free miners applying for the privilege of constructing a bed-rock flume, shall comply with the requirements of clause twenty four (24) of the Gold Fields Rules and Regulations, issued on the 7th day of September, 1859, and also put up a notice of such application in some conspicuous part of the town place, or at the Court House nearest to the locality applied for, at least five clear days before making such application.

27. The period at the end of clause two (2) of the Rules and Regulations issued on the 24th day of February, 1863, is hereby struck out and the following words added thereto, to wit: "or shaft, and in no case shall the said deads or leavings, forkings from sluices, waste dirt, large stones, or tailings be allowed to accumulate so as to obstruct the natural course of the stream."

28. The interests of minors over sixteen years of age, shall be subject to the same laws as apply to the interests of adult free miners, and they shall enjoy the same rights thereto as adults, but no person under the age of sixteen years shall be capable of holding any claim, or interest therein.

29. And whereas, it is necessary to provide facilities for the formation of mining co-partnerships, be it enacted

That all mining companies shall be governed by the provisions hereof, unless they shall have other and written articles of co-partnership properly signed, attested, and recorded.

30. No mining co-partnership shall continue for a longer time than one year, unless otherwise specified in writing by the parties, but such co-partnership may be renewed at the expiration of each year.

31. The business of the co-partners herein referred to shall be mining, and such other matters as pertain solely thereto.

32. A majority of the co-partners, or their legally authorized agents, may decide the manner of working the claims of the co-partners, the number of men to be employed, and extent and manner of levying assessments to defray the expense of working the claim or claims of the company and all other matters pertaining thereto. Provided that every such company's claim shall be represented according to law. Such majority may also choose a foreman or local manager, who shall represent the company, and have power to bind such company by his contracts, and sue and be sued in the name of the company for assessments and otherwise; and every such partnership must register its partnership or company name with the Gold Commissioner.

33. All assessments levied during the time of working, shall be payable within ten clear days after each such assessment.

34. Any party failing or refusing to pay any assessment or assessmentse leviable according to the provisions of this Act, after having received any notice thereof, specifying the amount due during the period the said party may be delinquent, shall be personally liable to his co-partners for the amount of such delinquency, and the amount of such delinquents indebtedness having been ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction, his interest in said company's claim may be sold for the payment of the amount found due, with interest (if any) and costs as hereafter specified.