

*Mineral Ordinance.*

in or over such intermediate lands or waters aforesaid, or other lands, whenever it shall be deemed for the public interest to create, alter, or maintain public highways, or to vary the same, through lands derived from the Crown.

Other Minerals.

XXI. The quantity of Mineral Land to be granted for Mining for all Metals and Minerals, other than Coal and Gold, to any Licensee duly applying for a Crown Grant, and fulfilling the conditions hereinafter in that behalf more particularly mentioned, shall, for each individual applicant, not exceed three chains long by two chains wide; and for each Association or Company of ten persons shall not exceed thirty chains long by six chains wide.

Preliminaries to Crown Grant.

XXII. Before any such Crown Grant shall issue, the Licensee applying for the same shall:—

(a.) Leave with the said Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, and post on a conspicuous part of the premises sought for, and on the Court-House of the said District, if any, for at least Two Calendar Months previous to the record of his application for such Crown Grant, and prior to the expiration of the term included in his License or any prolongation thereof, a notice of his intention to apply for such Crown Grant, with a diagram of the premises, and shall for the same space publish such notice in the *Government Gazette* and a newspaper published nearest to the said mine and premises;

(b.) The said Assistant Commissioner shall thereupon post such notice in his office for a period of Two Calendar Months;

(c.) The said Assistant Commissioner shall (if no adverse claim be filed with him, or if filed shall have been finally decided) give a Certificate to such Licensee to that effect;

(d.) Upon the application of the Licensee, and delivery of such Certificate, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General shall, upon payment to him by the said applicant of such amounts as the said Chief Commissioner may estimate as the probable cost of surveying such premises, cause a survey and plan thereof to be made, to be endorsed with his approval, designating such Land by its number on the Official Records, with the estimated value of the improvements and labour expended on the said Land.

Issue of Crown Grant.

XXIII. Upon proof, satisfactory to the said Chief Commissioner, of compliance with the foregoing provisions, and payment of the amounts next hereinafter in that behalf prescribed, together with the balance (if any) remaining unpaid of the actual cost of survey, a Crown Grant shall be issued by the said Chief Commissioner to the Licensee applying for the same.

Price of land containing Coal.

XXIV. For COAL LANDS the price shall be as follows:—

For any quantity up to and including One Thousand Acres, at the rate of Five Dollars per acre; provided that on proof, to the satisfaction of Government, that Ten Thousand Dollars has been beneficially expended on any land held under Prospecting License for Coal, a Grant of One Thousand Acres of the land included in such Prospecting License shall be issued to the Company holding such Prospecting License, without payment of the upset price of such land.

Other Minerals.

XXV. For MINERAL LANDS containing other than Coal and Gold, the price shall be as follows:—

For any quantity of land not exceeding three chains long by two chains wide, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, together with the costs of survey; for any quantity of land not exceeding thirty chains long by six chains wide, in the case of a Company of not less than ten persons, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, together with the costs of survey.

Remission of price on proof of efficient work for base minerals.

XXVI. Upon proof satisfactory to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General, or other the person appointed for the time being in that behalf by the Governor, and a Certificate in writing from such Commissioner or other person to the effect that any Licensee or Licensees applying for a Crown Grant has expended in *bona fide* mining for Minerals, other than Coal and Gold in and under the Sett or Mining Claim for a Grant of which he is applying, to the extent of not less in any case than One thousand dollars, or (if an association or company of three or more persons) of not less than Five thousand dollars, it shall be lawful for a Crown Grant to issue to such person, association, or company, without the payment of any, or of only a portion, of the upset price herein fixed for the land to be included in such Grant, should the Governor in his discretion so determine.

XXVII. Upon