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6. All claims situated on the banks of or fronting on any natural channel, stream, ravine, or water course, shall have a base line drawn parallel to the channel of the stream on which they may be located, such base line to constitute the frontage of such claims, and to be marked by posts of the legal size placed at intervals of one hundred feet. Lines drawn at right angles thereto to constitute the side lines or dividing lines between claims.

7. Provided also that the Gold Commissioner shall have power to refuse to record any hill or tunnel claim on any creek, which claim or any part thereof shall include or come within two hundred feet of any gulch or tributary of such creek.

8. Clause seventeen (17) of the Gold Fields Act, 1859, is hereby repealed.

9. It shall be lawful for the Gold Commissioner to grant, or agree to grant, rights of entry on or under any lands in the Colony, for the purpose of constructing, laying, and maintaining Bed-rock Flumes, for such terms, not exceeding ten years, with, under, and subject to such of the conditions and stipulations hereinafter mentioned with regard to Bed-rock Flumes, as in the opinion of such Gold Commissioner the interests of mining in his District, for the time being, may render advisable. Provided that every such grant or agreement shall contain a proper reservation of the rights of the Crown, and of public rights of way and water, and reservations of land for Public or Governmental purposes, and (so far as consistent with the objects of such grant) a reservation of private rights arising for the time being.

10. Three or more free miners may constitute themselves into a Bed-rock Flume Company within the meaning of this Act, and when duly authorized as lastly hereinbefore mentioned may enter upon any river, creek, gulch, ravine, or other water course in the Colony, for the purpose of constructing and laying a Bed-rock Flume therein, and when not otherwise expressed in such authority as aforesaid, with the rights and privileges and under the limitations and restrictions hereinafter specified.

11. Any company so authorized as aforesaid, and organized under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to enter upon any new and unworked river, creek, gulch, ravine, or water course, and locate a strip of ground one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet long, in the bed of such stream, gulch, ravine, or water course, to each man of the persons constituting such company, and shall have and enjoy the right of way from their upper line to extend the said flume for a further distance of five miles up the stream, gulch, ravine, or water course, in the bed thereof. Provided that such company shall for each of the men constituting the same, construct and lay at least fifty feet of flume during the first year, and one hundred feet annually thereafter.

12. In case any free miner or miners shall enter upon, take up, and legally work any ground above the claim of the said Bed-rock Flume company, and within the limits of their right of way, after the said company shall have become organized and located according to the provisions of this Act, such company shall be entitled to enter upon such claim or claims for the purpose of cutting a channel to and into the bed-rock if necessary, and of laying their flume through such claim or claims.

Provided that such channel shall not be cut wider than necessary for that purpose, and the owner or owners of such claim or claims shall be entitled to all the gold taken out of the cut.

13. Any free miner or miners lawfully holding and working any claims on any gulch, ravine, stream or water course where a Bed-rock Flume may be constructed under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to tail their sluices, hydraulics and ground sluices into such flume, but so nevertheless as not in the opinion of the Gold Commissioner, by rocks, stones, boulders, or otherwise unnecessarily to obstruct the free working of such flume.

Provided that such Bed-rock Flume company, shall be entitled to all the gold deposited in such flume.

14. Any company authorized and organized as aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby empowered to enter upon any river, creek, gulch, ravine, or other water course which may have been worked by miners and abandoned, and locate the entire bed of such stream, gulch, ravine, or water course one hundred feet in width, and one half mile of the length of such stream, gulch, ravine, or water course,