

*Mineral Ordinance.*

ment, and to abide by any decision under such judgment; and the said Supreme Court may make such order as it shall think fit; and such appeal may be in the form of a case settled and signed by the parties, their Counsel, or Attorneys.

On certificate of decision of dispute, claim for Crown Grant may proceed.

XXXIII. A certificate of every decision of an Assistant Commissioner shall be filed by him in his office, and a duplicate thereof transmitted to the head office of the Lands and Works; and the service of the final judgment or order of the Assistant Commissioner, or the Supreme Court (as the case may be) in any case of disputed claim to a Crown Grant, or an office copy of such judgment or order, shall authorize such Commissioner and other the proper authorities in that behalf to proceed with the issue of a Crown Grant, as in ordinary cases.

Amendment of proceedings.

XXXIV. No proceedings, process, notice, decision, or judgment, under this Ordinance, shall be called in question or invalidated by reason only of any informality or irregularity appearing therein or connected therewith; and every Assistant Commissioner and Judge of the Supreme Court shall have full power to make any amendments in any such proceeding (subject to such costs and terms as he shall think fit) as may be deemed necessary to prevent the failure of justice, by reason of mistakes and objections of form.

Rights of Crown reserved.

XXXV. Nothing in this Ordinance contained, shall be deemed or taken in any way to limit or affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors in or to the Crown Lands of the Colony, other than is herein particularly expressed, or to limit or affect the right of the Crown to grant or lease tracts of land for Mining purposes as heretofore, on any special application made in that behalf or special cause shewn, or make Reserves for Government purposes, or Indian settlements, or roads, bridges, buildings, or other public purposes; or to limit or affect the operation of the "Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867," other than is herein expressed.

No person to record more than one Claim.

XXXVI. No Person, Association, or Company shall be allowed to record more than one Mining Claim at one time, but he or they may by written notice, filed with the said Assistant Commissioner, withdraw from any Claim for which he or they may have applied; provided, always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person being a member of more than one Company or Association at the same time.

Forfeiture.

XXXVII. If any Person, Association, or Company shall apply for and record more than one Mining Claim hereunder, at the same time, the filing of the last of such applications shall *ipso facto* forfeit all Mining Claims previously recorded by the same parties, of which Crown Grants had not been obtained, and all improvements thereon, without compensation. Every forfeiture under this Ordinance shall be absolute, any Law or Rule to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where no Assistant Commissioner, Chief Commissioner to act.

XXXVIII. In any Mineral Lands not included in any particular District of any Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works under this Ordinance, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General shall have all the powers and authorities over such lands, for all the purposes of this Ordinance, as an Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works would have had hereunder over such lands, had they been specifically included in the particular District of such Assistant Commissioner.

Power to Governor to declare Mining Districts.

XXXIX. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, by notice published in the *Government Gazette*, to divide the Mineral Lands into Districts, for the purpose of this Ordinance, and to define the same, and from time to time, after the like notice, to revoke, alter, or vary the same, as circumstances may appear to require.

Fees.

XL. The several fees mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be taken upon the several matters and things set opposite the respective amounts in such Schedule particularly mentioned, and shall be deemed, recovered, and accounted for as part of the General Revenue.

XLI. Nothing