

RETURN OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

2. Size of Claims.

Alluvial claims shall not exceed 45 feet by 45 feet for each holder of a miner's right, unless the depth from the surface exceeds 50 feet, in which case such claim may be extended to 60 feet by 60 feet.

River claims shall not exceed 50 feet for each holder of a miner's right employed thereon; to be measured in the direction of the course of the stream by a width not exceeding the boundaries of the bed of the river, which shall be defined by the Warden or other officer duly authorised in that behalf.

Beach claims shall not exceed 45 feet in length for each holder of a miner's right along the course of the river, with a frontage to the water, by a width bounded by ordinary high flood mark: Provided that when any beach, or portion of a beach, shall exceed 50 feet in width, the Warden may, upon application being made to that effect, authorise the holding and working of any such excess by persons other than the holders of the frontage claims.

Quartz claims shall not exceed 45 feet in length along the course of the lode or vein, by a width not exceeding 100 feet upon each side of the course for each holder of a miner's right.

3. Claims to be marked.

Alluvial claims and quartz claims shall be marked by pegs standing at least two feet above the surface of the ground, or by Γ trenches at each corner thereof; river and beach claims shall be marked by pegs as before specified, or by $\uparrow$ marks not less than one foot in length, to be cut upon the rocks above high flood mark; and such pegs, trenches, or marks, shall be maintained during the occupancy of the ground: Provided that when any corner cannot be marked, on account of the nature of the ground, the peg, trench, or mark, may be placed at the nearest practicable point.

4. Surplus ground to be forfeited.

If any person shall occupy a larger area of ground than that to which he is entitled under these regulations, he shall forfeit the surplus.

5. Shepherding forbidden.

No person shall be deemed to possess a valid title to any claim, unless the same shall be fairly worked during the entire period of occupancy; and any claim unworked beyond the space of twenty-four hours shall be deemed to be forfeited, unless sufficient reason, such as sickness, or other urgent cause, shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Warden.

6. Rights of Servants vested in Employers.

If any person shall hire himself to an employer for wages, the right to hold and occupy the claim of such servant shall vest in the employer.

7. Claims not to be forfeited by neglect of Hired Workmen.

No claim, right, or privilege, shall be deemed to be forfeited through the neglect or absence of any hired servant thereon: Provided that if, after seven days' notice in writing of such neglect or absence has been given to the owner or holder thereof (either personally or by leaving the same at his last known place of residence), such neglect or absence is continued, any such claim, right or privilege shall be deemed to be absolutely relinquished.

8. Form of Alluvial Claims.

Alluvial claims may be of any form, provided that no block claim shall exceed in length twice the breadth thereof.

AND in lieu of the said fourteenth Rule and the Sections thereof, I do make and ordain the Rule following, contained in seven sections, relating to extended claims:—

XIV.—EXTENDED CLAIMS.

1. Old Worked Ground.

Upon receiving sufficient proof that any portion of the district has been fairly worked, and is either wholly or for the greater part abandoned, the Warden may declare the same to be old worked ground, and shall thereupon define the boundaries wherein holders of miner's rights may occupy claims, not exceeding double the ordinary area prescribed by the regulations.

2. Extension of Claims.

Extended mining claims may be granted by the Warden, upon application being made as hereinafter directed, subject to the condition that a sufficient number of holders of miners' rights shall be constantly employed thereon, namely:—

For a quarter acre (10,890 square feet), two men,

For half an acre (21,780 square feet), three men,

For one acre (43,560 square feet), five men;

and so on in proportion. Provided that no such claim shall be granted in new and unworked ground, unless it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Warden that such ground has been fairly tested, and cannot be profitably worked in claims of the ordinary size. Provided also, that such extended claim shall in no case be permitted to exceed three acres in extent.