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THE FORESTRY ACT **(Cap. 189)**

THE FORESTRY (GAFELE FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1982 Short title.

WHEREAS by instruments dated 13th day of May, 1963 and 12th day of June, 1963 the Paramount Chiefs and Chiefdom Councils of Lower Bambara and Malegohun Chiefdoms in the Kenema District of the Eastern Province of Sierra Leone respectively have requested that the area of land situated in the aforesaid Chiefdoms and described in the Schedule hereto be constituted a Forest Reserve;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Forestry Act, Government Notice No. 1043 was published in *Gazette* Vol. XCV No. 82 of 22nd October, 1964—

- (a) specifying the situation and limits of the aforesaid land;
- (b) declaring the intention to constitute the aforesaid land a Forest Reserve for the particular use and benefit of the community within the limits of whose occupation the reserve is situated; and
- (c) appointing the Provincial Secretary Eastern Province as the Reserve Settlement Commissioner to enquire into and determine the existence of any rights regarding the aforesaid land;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 6 of the aforesaid Act, the particulars contained in the said Government Notice were made known to the people of the District in which the land is situated and due notice given by the Reserve Settlement Commissioner of the date, time and place fixed for hearing of rights claimed in respect of the aforesaid land;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Conservator of Forests by Government Notice No. 226 published in the *Sierra Leone Gazette* Vol. CX No. 13 of 1st March, 1979 appointed anew, the Senior Assistant Secretary in the Provincial Secretary's Office, Eastern Province as Reserve Settlement Commissioner to enquire into and determine the existence of any rights regarding the aforesaid land, as due to unavoidable

circumstances the Provincial Secretary, Eastern Province previously appointed Reserve Settlement Commissioner had informed the Chief Conservator of Forests that he would be unable to hold the Reserve Settlement Court;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with sections 7 and 9 of the aforesaid Act, the said incumbent Reserve Settlement Commissioner conducted an enquiry at Bendu in the Malegohun Chiefdom with the Assistance of Paramount Chief Alhaji B. M. Gbateka of Gaura Chiefdom, Paramount Chief Hon. Madam Sally Satta Gendemeh of the said Malegohun Chiefdom in respect of the Malegohun Section of the aforesaid Reserve and in pursuance of the same sections of the aforesaid Act the said Reserve Settlement Commissioner conducted another enquiry at Panguma in the Lower Bambara section with the assistance of Paramount Chief Madam Mamawa Benya of small Bo Chiefdom, Paramount Chief J. Gegbai of Dodo Chiefdom and Chiefdom Speaker, Wasaka Bonia of the aforesaid Lower Bambara Chiefdom, representing the Regent Chief and delivered his judgment on the 19th and 22nd days of February 1979 for the Malegohun and Lower Bambara sections of the Gafele Reserve Settlement Courts respectively;

AND WHEREAS no appeal has been lodged against the said judgments:

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4 of the Forestry Act, the President acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet hereby makes the following Order:—

Constitution
of Forest
Reserve.
Right of
Local Com-
munity in
Forest Re-
serve.

1. The land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve.

2. The Local Community residing in the area in which the Forest Reserve is situated shall be entitled at all times without fee, let or hinderance to enter the same for the following purposes:—

- (a) to hunt, set traps, collect wild animals, birds, fish, and reptiles in accordance with the law and without the use of fire;
- (b) to pass through the reserve from place to place;
- (c) to collect palm produce from the Bamboo palm (*Raphia Vinifera*) and oil palm (*Elaeis Guineensis*);
- (d) to collect thatch, and tie-tie for their use;
- (e) to collect honey, provided no live tree is damaged or felled;
- (f) to farm in the swamps with the prior permission of and under licence from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

THE SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, comprising 4,392.00 acres or thereabouts situated in the Malegohun and Lower Bambara Chiefdoms of the Kenema District in the Eastern Province of the State of Sierra Leone and bounded as follows:—

Starting from Boundary Mark Number 1 which is a stone cairn situated approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile South West of Vaiama Village in the Malegohun Chiefdom, Kenema District, at a point on the right bank of the Vayei Stream, distant approximately 3.00 chains east of the point where the Galehun/Vaiama footpath crosses the said Stream, thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as shown in the following table:—

From Boundary Mark Number	To Boundary Mark Number	Bearing in Degrees	Distance in Chains
1	2	80°-00"	22.00
2	3	10°-00"	91.55
3	4	42°-00"	5.98
4	5	96°-30"	88.79
5	6	146°-00"	73.57
6	7	224°-00"	52.03
7	8	187°-00"	34.25
8	9	241°-00"	9.96
9	10	175°-00"	60.39
10	11	139°-30"	13.19
11	12	154°-00"	30.17
12	13	160°-00"	6.83
13	14	207°-00"	48.82

Boundary mark number 14 is situated on the left bank of the Gaffaye Stream, thence along left bank of the said Stream, up Stream, to boundary mark number 15 which is distance 37.00 chains measured on a bearing of 274 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, from boundary mark number 14, thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as shown in the following table;

From Boundary Mark Number	To Boundary Mark Number	Bearing in Degrees	Distance in Chains
15	16	300°-00"	3.30
16	17	255°-15"	51.96
17	18	202°-00"	47.61
18	19	267°-30"	38.57
19	20	282°-00"	16.81
20	21	322°-00"	93.05

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
21	22	305°-00"	60.92
22	23	65°-30"	36.38
23	24	110°-00"	38.50
24	25	169°-30"	37.11
25	26	202°-30"	7.43
26	27	120°-00"	7.24
27	28	32°-30"	18.07
28	29	80°-00"	98.63
29	30	337°-30"	8.30
30	31	40°-00"	14.34
31	32	310°-00"	9.51
32	33	235°-00"	8.63
33	34	337°-00"	73.84
34	1	357°-30"	62.00

Boundary mark number 1 is the starting point described above; As the same is illustrated on Forestry Division Plan No. K332 shown thereon Verge GREEN.

NOTE:—

(1) All bearings given above are approximate magnetic bearings taken in February-June 1964.

(2) All distances given above are approximate and are measured in Gunter's chain of 66 feet.

(3) All boundary marks given above are stone Cairns.

MADE this 21st day of October, 1982

Issued under my hand

DR. ABASS C. BUNDU
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry