

EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENTS

E.I. 31.

BEMU RIVER FOREST RESERVE (BLOCK I) ORDER, 1963

WHEREAS by Notice 147 issued under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5 of the Forests Ordinance (Cap. 157) and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 7 dated 19th January, 1953, the Governor stated his intention of constituting as a Forest Reserve the area of land the situation and limits of which are described in the Schedule to that notice and by the aforesaid notice appointed ARTHUR PHILLIP PULLEN, Esq., O.B.E. to be Reserve Settlement Commissioner;

AND WHEREAS the Reserve Settlement Commissioner deemed it expedient to divide the aforesaid area of land into three portions naming them Block I, Block II and Block III; and completed his duties in respect of Block II but being unable to complete his duties as Reserve Settlement Commissioner in respect of Blocks I and III, a further notice under the provisions of subsection (2) of section 5 of the Forest Ordinance (Cap. 157) was published in *Gazette* No. 9 of 29th January, 1955, appointing PETER MYLES RILEY, Esq., (hereinafter referred to as the "Reserve Settlement Commissioner") to be Reserve Settlement Commissioner;

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the duties imposed upon and powers vested in him by section 9 of the Ordinance the Reserve Settlement Commissioner proceeded to hold an enquiry into the limits of the aforesaid area of land and into the existence, nature and extent of rights affecting the land or over the land which have been claimed, alleged to exist or brought to his notice;

AND WHEREAS the Reserve Settlement Commissioner has completed his enquiry in respect of Block I and has delivered his judgement in accordance with section 15 of the Ordinance;

AND WHEREAS the Reserve Settlement Commissioner in his said judgement inter alia described the limits set out in the First Schedule hereto of an area of land which area he recommended for Reservation as a Forest Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred upon the President by section 17 of the Forests Ordinance (Cap. 157) this Order is hereby made this 7th day of March, 1963.

1. The area of land the situation and limits of which are specified in the First Schedule to this Order is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve under the name of the Bemu Forest Reserve (Block I).

2. The Bemu River Forest Reserve (Block I) is hereby declared to be affected by the rights particularised in the Second, Third and Fourth Schedules to this Order.

By Command of the President.

KROBO EDUSEI
Minister of Agriculture.

FIRST SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA OF THE BEMU RIVER FOREST RESERVE

BLOCK I

Commencing at B.P.14 on the Amanfupong Aperade road the boundary runs on a bearing of 321 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of $45\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.15; thence on a bearing of 223 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of $18\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.16; thence on a bearing of 270 degrees for a distance of $20\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.17; thence on a bearing of 350 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of $18\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.18; thence on a bearing of 340 degrees for a distance of $26\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.20; thence on a bearing of 355 degrees for a distance of $24\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.21; thence on a bearing of 58 degrees for a distance of 56 chains to B.P.22; thence on a bearing of 357 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of $101\frac{1}{2}$ chains through B.Ps.23 and 24 to B.P.25; thence on a bearing of 320 degrees for a distance $22\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P. 26; thence on a bearing of 37 degrees for a distance of 35 chains to B.P.27 at the side of the Central Province Railway line; thence along the side of the Railway line towards Aperade in a Westerly direction for a distance of 53 chains to B.P.28; thence on a bearing of 250 degrees for a distance of $41\frac{1}{2}$ chains to B.P.30; thence on a bearing of 170 degrees for a distance of 36 chains to B.P.31; thence on a bearing of 199 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of 85 chains through B.P.32 to B.P.33; thence on a bearing of 214 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of $81\frac{1}{2}$ chains through B.P.34 to B.P.35 situated on the side of the Amanfupong Aperade road; thence along this road in an Easterly direction for 166 chains to B.P.14 the point of commencement.

All bearings are approximate and refer to True North.

All distances are more or less.

SECOND SCHEDULE
COMMUNAL RIGHTS

I	II	III
<i>Nature of right</i>	<i>Extent of right</i>	<i>Persons Permitted to Exercise rights</i>
1. Hunting	Unrestricted provided no Steel traps used.	Stool subjects of Aperade Aman-fupong and the Akim Abuakwa Stools within their respective areas.
2. Fishing	Unrestricted provided no Streams dammed.	do.
3. Collection of Snails, Honey, Mushrooms, Wild Yams.	Unrestricted	do.
4. Collection of Fire-wood.	Deadfall only for personal use	do.
5. Chew Sticks, Sponges, Canes, Tie Tie, Thatch, Fufu Sticks, Building Poles, Bamboo, Clay and Sand.	On Free Permits from the Competent Authority for personal use only and not for sale.	do.

THIRD SCHEDULE
INDIVIDUAL FARMING RIGHTS

1	2	3
<i>No.</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Right Holders</i>
25	2.50	Kojo Asanti of Nyankumasi
26	7.5	Kojo Asanti of Nyankumasi
27	23.75	Kofi Nsuwaa of Nyankumasi
28	8.75	Kofi Owusu of Nyankumasi
29	32.5	Kwesi Bamfo of Nyankumasi
30	7	Kobina Enhata of Nyankumasi
31	.5	Kojo Donkor of Nyankumasi
32	3.25	Yaobo of Nyankumasi
33	16.75	Kojo Amansi of Aperade
34	27.5	The Ohene of Aperade
35	8.5	Kweku Asa of Aperade
36	16.25	The Ohene of Aperade
37	3.25	The Ohene of Aperade
38	36.25	Effua Hanson of Achiasi
39	5	Yoa Botwe of Achiasi
40	25	Kwabena Amoa of Achiasi
41	12.5	Kwame Aboagya of Nyankumasi
42	21.75	Kwesi Owusu of Nyankumasi
43	6.25	Effua Hanson of Achiasi
44	7.5	The Ohene of Aperade
45	22.5	S. K. Tandoh of Aperade

1 No.	2 Area	3 Right Holders
46	6.75	Kwame Ewuah of Aperade
47	14.5	The Ohene of Aperade
50	3.5	Yao Botwe of Achiasi
51	4.25	Kofi Nsua of Nyankumasi
52	15.5	The Ohene of Aperade
54	7.5	The Ohene of Aperade
56	8.25	The Ohene of Aperade
57	6.25	The Ohene of Aperade
58	1.5	Kojo Kobi of Achiasi
59	2.5	Kweku Aboa of Achiasi
60	1.98	Kofi Amoama
61	13.0	The Odikro of Nyankumasi
62	10.5	Sampson White of Aperade
Total 561.63 Acres.		

FOURTH SCHEDULE STOOL RIGHTS

I Holder	II Extent of Right	III Nature of Right
The Achiasi Stool	The Stool area within the Reserve.	All Communal rights as detailed in Schedule II.
The Aperade Stool including Aman-fupong.	do.	All residual rights of ownership to land together with natural products and Minerals therein are vested in the Achiasi and Aperade Stools subject to obligations to comply with Native Customary Law and the provisions of any Ordinance and direction given by the Forestry Department for the management of the Reserve in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Forestry Ordinance Cap. 157.