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

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

WHEREAS by instruments dated 23rd day of August 1974 and 6th day of March, 1965 the Paramount Chief and Chiefdom Councillors of Malegohun and Yawei Chiefdoms in the Kenema District, the aforesaid chiefdoms both being situated in 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. 615 was published in *Gazette* Vol. CVI No. 38 of 12th June, 1975;

- (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 Local 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 Bandedjuma Yawei in the Yawei Chiefdom with the assistance of Paramount Chief G. K. Jimmy Jajua of Jaluahun Chiefdom, Paramount Chief Mustapha Ngegbeh of Peje—West Chiefdom in respect of Yawei Section of the said reserve and in pursuance of the same sections of the aforesaid Act, the said Reserve Settlement Commissioner conducted another enquiry at Bendu in the Malegohun Chiefdom in respect of the said Malegohun section, with the assistance of Alhaji H. M. Gbatakaka of Ganra Chiefdom, Paramount Chief Hon. V. A. Dassama of Dama Chiefdom and Paramount Chief Hon. Madam Sallay Satta Gendemeh of the said Malegohun Chiefdom and delivered his judgment on the 19th day and 22nd day of February, 1979 for the Malegohun and Yawei sections of the Tajayei 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

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

Right of  
Local  
Community  
in the 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 Viniferra*) and oil palm (*Elaeis Guineensis*);
- (d) to collect thatch, building rope, 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 of land, comprising 1316 acres or thereabouts situated in the Malegohun and Yawei Chiefdoms Kenema and Kailahun Districts respectively, in the Eastern Province of Sierra Leone, and bounded as follows:— starting from boundry mark number 1, which is a stone cairn situated on the bank of Kaleh stream at a point approximately 1.75 chains North-East of Yumbuma to Galahun footpath, thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as shown in the following table:—

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
1	2	15°-00'	18.25
2	3	30°-30'	11.90
3	4	339°-30'	4.25
4	5	10°-00'	5.50
5	6	21°-00'	12.25
6	7	325°-00'	7.25
7	8	04°-00'	6.00
8	9	340°-00'	15.75
9	10	24°-00'	5.50
10	11	340°-00'	12.50
11	12	45°-00'	9.00
12	13	301°-00'	16.00
13	14	327°-00'	4.50
14	15	349°-30'	14.90
15	16	294°-00'	14.50
16	17	280°-00'	9.90
17	18	318°-00'	20.50
18	19	294°-00'	3.40
19	20	30°-00'	4.25
20	21	326°-30'	30.50
21	22	30°-00'	3.50
22	23	70°-00'	14.50
23	24	20°-00'	14.90
24	25	70°-00'	10.75
25	26	100°-00'	19.50
26	27	124°-00'	4.25
27	28	80°-00'	17.00
28	29	161°-30'	5.10
29	30	70°-00'	10.50
30	31	25°-30'	7.50
31	32	60°-00'	4.15
32	33	04°-00'	5.90
33	34	40°-00'	14.25

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
34	35	118°-30'	
35	36	89°-30'	7.45
36	37	20°-00'	20.50
37	38	103°-00'	23.50
38	39	20°-00'	8.00
39	40	109°-30'	10.00
40	41	149°-30'	12.50
41	42	49°-00'	14.25
42	43	138°-00'	3.00
43	44	191°-00'	6.00
44	45	119°-00'	7.50
45	46	159°-30'	10.50
46	47	120°-00'	16.50
47	48	150°-00'	10.75
48	49	112°-00'	8.00
49	50	161°-00'	9.50
50	51	198°-30'	31.25
51	52	189°-15'	16.00
52	53	208°-15'	19.50
53	54	118°-30'	4.50
54	55	216°-00'	14.50
55	56	239°-30'	5.50
56	57	189°-30'	21.25
57	58	224°-00'	5.00
58	59	189°-00'	8.00
59	60	219°-00'	27.50
60	61	197°-00'	3.00
61	62	159°-00'	3.45
62	63	189°-00'	5.00
63	64	144°-15'	22.00
64	65	189°-00'	11.60
65	66	250°-00'	7.45
66	67	178°-00'	5.45
67	68	173°-30'	10.25
68	69	218°-00'	16.00
69	70	189°-30'	19.25
70	71	154°-00'	6.50
71	72	214°-30'	4.20
72	73	208°-30'	4.25
73	74	248°-00'	32.00
74	75	220°-00'	11.70
75	76	303°-30'	5.90
76	77	288°-30'	27.90
77	78	328°-30'	17.50
			7.90

Boundary mark 78 is situated on the right bank of the Kaleh stream; thence along the right bank of the said stream downstream to boundary mark number 1, which is the starting point distance 64.50 chains from boundary mark number 78 measured on a bearing of (330-30') as the same is more particularly illustrated on Forestry Division Plan No. K352.

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
78	1	328°-30'	64.50

**NOTE:**

(1) All bearings given above are approximate magnetic bearings taken in December, 1971.

(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

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