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THE FORESTRY ACT
(Cap. 189)

THE FORESTRY (MANSAYEI FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1982

WHEREAS by an instrument dated 31st day of May, 1963 the Paramount Chief and Chiefdom Councillors of Lei Chiefdom in the Kono District of Sierra Leone have requested that the area of land situated in the aforesaid Chiefdom 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. 989 was published in Gazette Vol. XCV No. 77 of 1st 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 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

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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 the enquiry with the Assistance of Paramount Chief A. A. Mani of the Lei Chiefdom Paramount Chief T. M. Sahrquee of Tankoro Chiefdom and Chiefdom Speaker of Soa Chiefdom due to the death before the Court was held of Paramount Chief Sahr T. Foroh II and delivered his judgment at Senehun in the Lei Chiefdom on the 24th day of February, 1979;

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

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:—

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

Constitution of 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:—

Right of Local Community in Forest Reserve.

- (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 the oil palm (*Elaeis Guineensis*);
- (d) to collect thatch building poles 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

MANSAYEI FOREST RESERVE (PROPOSED) SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND comprising 16.0 square miles or thereabouts, situated and lying in the Lei Chiefdom in the Kono District in the Eastern Province of the State of Sierra Leone bounded as follows:—

Starting at Boundary Mark No 1 which is a stone cairn on the left side of the motor road from Senehun/Siama motor road to Kenema Town, and which is distant about 30 chains from the junction of the said motor road and the Senehun/Siama motor road measured in a northerly direction along the said motor road; thence along a cut line on bearing of $260^{\circ}-0$ for a distance of about 126.5 chains to Boundary Mark No. 2 which is situated on the right bank of the Kundi River; thence along the right bank of the said River down stream in a generally northerly direction for a distance of about 652.0 chains to Boundary Mark No. 3, which is situated on the right bank of the said River; thence along a cut line on a bearing of about 60 degrees for a distance of about 322.0 chains to Boundary Mark No. 4 which is situated on the left side of the motor road from the Senehun/Siama motor road to Kenema town, and which is about 11.0 chains south of Kenema town; thence along the left side of the said motor road in a Southerly direction for a distance of about 528.0 chains to Boundary Mark No. 1 which is the starting point; as the same is more particularly delineated on plane No. K 282 and shown thereon verged GREEN;

NOTE:

- (1) All bearings given above are approximate Magnetic bearings taken in the year 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