An Act to amend "The Northern Territory Gold Mining Act" of 1873, and "The Northern Territory Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1895."

[Assented to, December 23rd, 1898.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the laws relating to gold mining in the Northern Territory—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows:

1. Every application for forfeiture of a gold mining lease made in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of "The Northern Territory Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1895," shall be accompanied by a deposit of the sum of Ten Pounds, and such deposit or any part thereof may be awarded to the defendant if the warden decides that there were no reasonable grounds for the application.

2. Section 19 of "The Northern Territory Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word "exemption" in the fourth line of the said section.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in "The Northern Territory Gold Mining Act" of 1873, it shall be lawful for any warden to receive applications for gold mining leases without plans prepared by licensed surveyors in cases where, in the warden's opinion, great difficulty exists in procuring such plans; but no lease shall be granted until a plan of the land included in such lease, certified by a licensed surveyor, has been deposited with the warden.

4. Applications
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4. Applications for leases under the preceding section shall be entered by the warden in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and the applicants shall be protected for twelve months from the date of the granting of such application so long as they comply with the provisions of the said Act and regulations thereunder as to the erection of posts defining the boundaries of lease and the employment of labor upon gold mining leases.

5. This Act may be cited as “The Northern Territory Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1898,” and shall be incorporated and read as one with “The Northern Territory Gold Mining Act” of 1873, and “The Northern Territory Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1895.”

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

S. J. WAY, Lieutenant-Governor.