

CHAPTER 168.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Geological Survey Ordinance. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance the term "geological surveyor" means any officer for the time being employed by the Government of the colony as a geological surveyor. Interpretation.

3. The Director of Science and Agriculture, the geological surveyor, and anyone assisting or employed by them, are hereby respectively authorised and empowered from time to time, after notice in writing of the intention to enter has been given to the owner or occupier, as the case may be, to enter any land in the day-time for the purpose of making and carrying out any geological or mineralogical survey authorised by the Governor in Council, and to break up the surface of any part of the land for the purpose of ascertaining the rocks, strata, or minerals within or under it, and to take and carry away specimens of the rock, strata, or minerals, found in or under it, and to fix any post, stone, mark, or object on the land, and to dig up any ground for the purpose of fixing the post, stone, mark, or object, and also to enter any land through which they find it necessary to pass for the purposes of the survey at any reasonable time in the day until the survey is completed: Entry on lands for purposes of survey:

Provided that they shall not enter any enclosed yard, court, or garden, attached to a dwelling-house without the previous consent of the owner or occupier thereof. Proviso.

4. Anyone who resists or wilfully obstructs or hinders those officers or their assistants or employees, or takes away or displaces or wilfully defaces or destroys any stone, post, mark, or object set up and placed as aforesaid, shall be Obstructing survey officers.

Penalty.

guilty of an offence against this Ordinance and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-four dollars recoverable by distress.

Compensation
for injuries
to property.

5.—(1) The Governor in Council may direct or authorise the payment, out of any moneys provided by the Legislative Council for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance, of compensation for injury sustained by any owner or occupier of land or owner of trees or of crops under the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) If disputes arise as to the amount of damage sustained the damage shall be ascertained and determined by the magistrate within whose jurisdiction the land, trees, or crops are situate.
