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BILL No. 6 OF 1976

AMERINDIAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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SCHEDULE

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Amerindian Act for the purpose of giving effect to the vesting of lands settled by Amerindian citizens of Guyana in accordance with the recommendations of the Report of the Amerindian Lands Commission and for purposes incidental thereof.

A.D. 1976 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana —

Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Amerindian Act, may
Cap. 29:01. be cited as ~~the~~ Amerindian (Amendment) Act 1976.

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act. 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the insertion immediately after the word “Indian”, appearing in paragraph (a) of the definition of the word “Amerindian” of the words “who is a citizen of Guyana and in”;

(b) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the word “Amerindian” of the following definition —

‘ “Amerindian Community” means that group of Amerindians as are resident in an Amerindian District, Area or Village established under section 3;’; and

(c) by the deletion of the definition of the word “Commissioner” and by the substitution therefor of the following definition —

‘ “the Chief Officer” means the Chief Interior Development Officer, and includes any officer authorised in writing by the Minister to perform any of the functions of the Chief Officer for the purpose of this Act;’.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3 of the Principal Act. 3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Establishment of Amerindian Districts, Areas and Villages. 3.(1) This Act applies to the Amerindian Districts, Amerindian Areas and Amerindian Villages (hereinafter referred to as “Districts”, “Areas” or “Villages”, as the case may be) as are set out

in the Schedule which the Minister may, by order, amend for the purposes of —

- (a) inserting therein any portion of Guyana declared by the order to be a District, Area or Village;
- (b) deleting therefrom any such portion as shall cease pursuant to the order to be a District, Area or Village; or
- (c) varying the boundaries of any District, Area or Village, and any such order may make provision for the transfer or vesting of assets and liabilities as may become necessary consequent upon the aforementioned deletion or variation.

- (2) Where an order is made under subsection (1) (b) by reason of the land within the District, Area or Village being established as a local authority area within the meaning of the Local Authorities (Elections) Act, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law that order may provide that all titles, interests, assets and liabilities of the respective Council constituted under this Act to be transferred to and vest in without further assurance in the local authority constituted in respect of that area.”.

Cap. 28:03

4. Subsection (1) of section 17 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately before the word “for” of the words “, which shall be a body corporate,”.

Amendment
of section
17 of the
Principal
Act.

5. Subsection (1) of section 18 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately before the word “for” of the words “, which shall be a body corporate,”.

Amendment
of section
18 of the
Principal
Act.

6. Section 19 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment
of section
19 of the
Principal
Act.

- (a) by the renumbering of the section as subsection (2) of section 19;
- (b) by the deletion of the marginal note; and
- (c) by the insertion of the following subsection as subsection (1) —

“Functions
of a
Council.

(1) Save as is otherwise provided in this Act, the functions of a District Council, an Area Council or a Village Council shall be —

- (a) subject to section 20A, to hold for the benefit and use of the members of the Amerindian Community all the rights, titles and interests in or over the lands situate within the District, Area or Village as are conferred by this Act upon the Council;
- (b) to manage and regulate the use and occupation of the lands mentioned in paragraph (a); and
- (c) to discharge such other duties as may devolve upon the Council pursuant to rules or regulations made under this Act.”.

Amendment
of the
Principal
Act.

7. The Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution for the word “Commissioner”, whensoever it appears, of the words “Chief Officer”; and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after section 20 of the following section as section 20A —

“Vesting
of lands for
the benefit
of members
of an Amer-
indian Com-
munity.

20.A (1) Subject to this section, all the rights, titles and interests of the State in and over the lands situate within the boundaries of any District, Area or Village shall without further assurance be deemed to be transferred to and vested in the respective Council for and on behalf of the Amerindian Community and the Registrar of Deeds, the Commissioner of Lands, the Conservator of Forests and the Commissioner of Geological Surveys and Mines shall take due notice of all transactions under this Act affecting lands and shall

make such annotations on the records as may be necessary.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, no title (including any rights of management or control, other than those as may be conferred by rules or regulations made under this Act) to —

- (i) rivers and all lands sixty-six feet landwards from the the mean-low water mark;
- (ii) minerals or mining rights in or over any land;
- (iii) land which is in use immediately prior to the coming into operation of this section for the landing or take off of aircraft or which may hereafter be duly designated by the competent authority as land for the purpose;
- (vi) buildings and installations (including the land whereon they are situate, the boundaries whereof as have been demarcated, immediately prior to the coming into operation of the section, by usage or otherwise in relation to such buildings or installations) the property of the State, shall be deemed to have been transferred to, or vested in an Amerindian Community or its Council.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to abrogate any right, title or interest held by any person, other than the State, in or over those lands as are situate within a District, Area or Village and where those rights, titles or interests are held of the State by any person they shall

be deemed to be held of the Council constituted for the District, Area or Village, as the case may be, on the same terms and conditions as they were held of the State.

(4) It shall be deemed a condition of every title or interest in land to which subsection (1) applies that —

(a) such title or interest may be revoked or modified by the Minister upon notice served on the Council and published in the Gazette where he is satisfied that the land or any portion thereof should be repossessed by the State in the public interest subject to, save in the circumstances mentioned in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), the payment of compensation to the respective Amerindian Community determined in accordance with the provisions of the Acquisition of Lands for Public Purposes Act or to the giving to that Community of land to the value of that repossessed;

Cap. 62:05.

(b) such titles or interests may be modified or revoked by the Minister upon notice to the respective Council for the purposes of enabling the resumption of occupation by the State of such land or portion thereof as is situated within a distance of ten miles from any of the international boundaries of Guyana, where the Minister is satisfied that such occupation is necessary in the interest of defence, public safety or order;

- (c) save as may otherwise be provided by regulations, any assignment, sale or other disposal of such title or interest without the approval in writing of the Minister, shall be void and the title or interest forfeited to the State; and
- (d) such title or interest is liable to forfeiture by the Minister upon notice published to that effect in the Gazette where he is satisfied that members of the Amerindian Community on whose behalf that title or interest is held under this Act have shown themselves by act or speech to be disloyal or disaffected towards the State or have done any voluntary act which is incompatible with their loyalty to the State:

Provided that no forfeiture shall occur unless —

- (i) the Minister, having by written notice invited the respective Council to show cause why the proposed forfeiture should not be made, is still of the opinion after considering such representations (if any) as may have been made to him within twenty-eight days from the date of receipt of the written notice that such forfeiture should be effected; and
- (ii) the Minister is satisfied that it is not con-

ducive in the public interest that the right, title or interest be continued to be held by the Amerindian Community.

- (5) The provisions of subsection (4) shall apply **mutatis mutandis** to any successor in title of a Council to land to which subsection (1) applies.
- (6) The Minister may, by order, direct that during the continuance of the order the provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply to such District, Area or Village or that the provisions of the subsection shall apply subject to such modifications, qualifications and exceptions, as may be specified in the order relating to such District, Area or Village.”.

Revocation
of orders
and inser-
tion of
Schedule
to the
Principal
Act.

8.(1) The Orders made under sections 3 and 17 of the Principal Act and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act are hereby revoked.

(2) The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 44 of the following schedule as the Schedule to the Principal Act —

SCHEDULE

PART A

AMERINDIAN VILLAGES

ACHIWUIB

The area commences at the mouth of the Miruwau River, Right Bank Takutu River, thence up the Miruwau River for approximately 9 miles thence east across the Achiwuib Mountain to the source of an unnamed creek, left Bank Rupununi River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth; thence up the Left Bank Rupununi River to its source, thence due south to a point on the Right Bank Miliawau River, thence down the Miliawau River to its mouth, thence down the Takutu River to the point of commencement.

KARAUDANAWA

The area commences at the Junction of the Aruwau River and the Wapishana fence, thence up the Left Bank Aruwau River to its source,

thence due east to the source of an unnamed creek, Left Bank Totawau River, Left Bank Kwitaro River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence up the Totawau River to its source, thence westwards to the Right Bank Rupununi River, thence down the Right Bank Rupununi River to Little Kubanawau River, thence up the Little Kubanawau River to the Wapishana fence, thence along the Wapishana fence to the point of commencement.

AISHALTON

The area commences at the junction of the Aruwau River and the Wapishana fence, thence up the Aruwau River to its source, thence eastwards to the source of an unnamed Creek, Left Bank Totawau River, Left Bank Kwitaro River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence down the Totawau River to an unnamed tributary, Left Bank Totawau River, thence north west to the source of the Sidiwau River, thence down the Sidiwau River to its junction with the Wapishana fence, thence south along the fence to the point of commencement.

AWARIWAUNAU

The area commencing at the junction of the Katiwau River and the Wapishana fence, thence up the Katiwau River to Kuriwachiwau River, thence up the Kuriwachiwau River to its source, thence eastwards to the Kwitaro River, thence up the Kuritaro River to an unnamed Creek, left bank Kwitaro River, thence westwards from the mouth of the said unnamed creek to the source of the Wariwau River, thence down the Wariwau River to its junction with the Wapishana fence, thence north along the fence to the point of commencement.

MARURANAU

The area commences at the mouth of the Tenemaru Creek, Left Bank Kwitaro River, thence up the Tenemaru Creek to its source, thence westwards to the junction of the Marurau River and the Wapishana fence, thence south along the fence to its junction with the Katiwau River, thence up the Katiwau River to Kuriwachiwau River, thence up the Kuriwachiwau River to its source, thence eastwards to the Kwitaro River, thence down the Kwitaro River to the point of commencement.

MOCO-MOCO

The area commences at the north eastern corner of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 4 approximately 7 miles east of the mouth of Moco Moco River, thence east along the southern boundary of Cattle Grazing Lease A 5380 and the Southern boundary of the existing Kanuku Amerindian District to the Nappi River, thence up the Nappi River to its source,

thence along the watershed of the Moco Moco River to the source of a tributary on the Left Bank Moco Moco River, thence down the said tributary to the Eastern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission M.P. 917/48, thence northwards along the eastern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permissions NO. 4 and M.P. 917/48 to the point of commencement, save and except the area embraced by the Moco Moco Settlement Scheme.

NAPPI

The area commences at the north-western corner of the existing declared Kanuku Amerindian District about 9 miles east of a point about one mile below the mouth of Manari River, thence east to the Nappi River, thence up the Nappi River to the southern boundary of the District, thence west along the southern boundary of the District, thence north along the western boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

SHEA

The area commences at the junction of the Kataliriwau River and the Wapishana fence, thence north to Kalishadaker Mt. thence eastwards to the mouth of the Makwiari River, Left Bank Kwitaro River, thence up Kwitaro River to Tenemaru Creek, thence up the Tenemaru River to its source, thence westwards to the junction of the Maruranau River and the Wapishana fence, thence north along the fence to the point of commencement.

SAND CREEK

The area commences at the mouth of the Katiwau or Sand River, Right Bank Rupununi River, thence up the Katiwau River to Quassiwau River, thence up the Quassiwau River to its source, thence north approximately 3 miles to the source of an unnamed tributary right bank Rupununi River, thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth thence up the Rupununi River to the point of commencement.

SAWARIWAU

The area commences at the mouth of an unnamed Creek, Left Bank Rupununi River opposite the mouth of the Arakawai River, thence up the said unnamed Creek to its source, thence westwards to the Sawariwau River to its source opposite the mouth of the Burawau River, thence up the Sawariwau River to its source, thence southwards to Puriet Mountain, thence east by north across Kuraid Hill to Makoudit River, thence down Makoudit River to its mouth, thence down the Rupununi River to the point of commencement.

ST. IGNATIUS (HOMESTEADS)

The tract commences at the mouth of Moco-Moco River, Right Bank Takutu River, thence up the Moco Moco River for 3 miles, thence south

west to the Kuma River thence down Kuma River to its mouth, thence down the Takutu River to the point of commencement.

ST. IGNATIUS (FARMLANDS)

The area commences at the junction of the Saurab River and a tributary on its right bank about 5 miles above Shullinab River, thence up the Saurab River to its source, thence west along the watershed between the Saurab and Moco-Moco Rivers to the source of a tributary on the Left Bank Moco-Moco River, thence down the said tributary to the eastern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 116, M.P. 917/48, thence southwest and south along the eastern boundaries of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 116, M.P. 917/48 to the tributary of the Saurab River, thence down the said tributary to the point of commencement.

YUPUKARI

The area commences at a point 320 feet South from the Indian Path at Yupukari Landing, thence West 7 miles, thence North 3.5 miles, thence East 14.35 miles, thence South 3.5 miles, thence West 7.5 miles to the point of commencement and being on both banks of the Rupununi.

MASSARA

The area commences at the mouth of the Benoni River, Left Bank Rupununi River, thence up the Benoni to the lower boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission 238, thence North along the Eastern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission 238 and Toka Village to the South Western corner of Cattle Grazing Permission 237, thence East along the Southern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission 237 to the Rupununi River, thence up the Rupununi to the point of commencement.

TOKA

The area commences at the South western corner of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 237 about 4 miles of a point about 7 miles below the mouth of Benoni River, Left Bank Rupununi River; thence West $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, thence South by West $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles thence East $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles thence North East $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, thence North $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the point of commencement.

YAKARINTA

The area commences at the mouth of an unnamed creek, Right Bank Rupununi River about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles above a point opposite the mouth of Annai Creek thence South and West along the Watershed of the said unnamed creek to a point on the Right Bank Rupununi River opposite Kwaimatta Village, thence down the Rupununi River to the point of commencement.

TARUKA

The area commences at the mouth of the Mariaparu River, Left Bank Yawong River, Left Bank Kowa River, thence up the Mariaparu River to its source, thence East and South along the watershed between the Siparuni and Echilebar Rivers, to the source of Black Water Creek, Left Bank Echilebar River, thence down the Black Water Creek to its mouth, thence North-West to the Tusenen River, thence up the Tusenen River to its source, thence North West to the point of commencement.

KANAPANG

The area commences at the mouth of the Itabac River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence down the Ireng River to the Puwa River, thence up the Puwa River to the main tributary on its Right Bank, thence up the said tributary to its source, thence North-West to the point of commencement.

ITABAC

The area commences at the mouth of the Itabac River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Ireng River to Tumong River, thence up the Tumong River to Arasawa River, thence South to the source of the Puwa River, thence down the Puwa River to the main tributary on its right bank, thence up the said tributary to its source, thence North West to the point of commencement.

MONKEY MOUNTAIN

The area commences at the mouth of the Echilebar River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Echilebar River to Mipimah Falls, thence North West to the source of an unnamed tributary on the Left Bank Tusenen River, thence down the said tributary to its mouth, thence down the Tusenen River to its mouth thence down the Kowa River to its mouth, Left Bank Ireng River thence down the Ireng River to the point of commencement.

KATO

The tract commences at the mouth of the Chiung River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Chiung River to an unnamed tributary on its left bank thence up the said unnamed tributary to its source, thence South East to the source of an unnamed tributary, Right Bank Kowa River, thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence down the Kowa River to an unnamed tributary on its Right Bank, thence up the said tributary to its source. thence South-West of the source of Aquafria River, Left Bank Ireng River. thence down the Aquafria River to its mouth thence up the Ireng River to the point of commencement.

PARAMAKATOI

The area commences at the mouth of the Yawong River, Left Bank Kowa River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Kowa River to its source, thence East and South along the watershed of the Chenapan and Kowa Rivers to the source of the Mariaparu River, thence down the Mariaparu River to its mouth, thence down the Yawong River to the point of commencement.

KURUKABARU

The area commences at the mouth of the Chiung River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Chiung River to a tributary on its left bank, thence up the said tributary to its source, thence northwards along the watershed of the Kowa and Tumong Rivers to Anandabaru Mountain, thence west to the source of the Tumong River, thence down the Tumong River to Arasawa River, thence South to the source of the Puwa River, thence down the Puwa River to its mouth, thence down the Ireng River to the point of commencement.

KOPINANG

The area commences at the mouth of the Karapopo Creek, Left Bank Kopinang River, Right Bank Potaro River, thence up the Karapopo Creek to its source, thence Southwards along the Watershed of the Kopinang, Chenapowu and Makana Rivers to the source of the Tumong River, thence North-eastwards along the watershed of the Maikwak and Kopinang Rivers to the Right Bank Kopinang River opposite the mouth of the Karapopo Creek, thence across the Kopinang River to the point of commencement.

WAIPA

The area commences at the mouth of the Makoeriba Creek, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Makoeriba Creek to its source, thence North by the watershed of the Ireng River to the Kopinang Mountain, thence West to the source of the Shiliwang Creek, Left Bank Ireng River, thence down the Shiliwang Creek to its mouth, thence down the Ireng River to the point of commencement.

KAIBARUPAI

The area commences at the mouth of Shiliwang Creek, Left Bank Ireng River, thence up the Shiliwang Creek to the Kopinang Mountain, thence North along the Watershed of the Ireng River to the source of the Iwarga Creek, Left Bank Ireng River, thence down the Iwarga Creek to its mouth, thence down the Ireng River to the point of commencement.

KAMANA

The area commences at the mouth of the Kamana River, Right Bank Tumong River, Left Bank Ireng River, thence along the watershed on the Right Bank Kamana River to the source of the Kamana River, thence South-East to the source of Tumong River, thence down the Tumong to the Kamana River to the point of commencement.

**POTARINAU (AMBROSE) VILLAGE — SOUTH SAVANNAHS
RUPUNUNI**

The area commences at the south-western corner of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 90, right bank Takutu River at the mouth of Sawariwau River, thence along the left bank of the Sawariwau River for a distance of twenty-five miles thence in a south westerly direction to a point on the Right Bank Takutu River about one mile above Powispawa Falls, thence down the right bank Takutu River to the point of commencement.

SHULINAB (MACUSI) VILLAGE

The area commences at a point about five miles along the Southern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 90 from its south-western corner, Right Bank Takutu River, thence east along the southern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 90 and north along the eastern boundary of Cattle Grazing Permission No. 90 to a tributary on the right bank Saurab River, thence down the said tributary to its mouth, thence up the Saurab River, to its source, thence south westerly to an unnamed tributary, right bank Sawariwau River, thence down the Right Bank Sawariwau River to a point about six miles up the Sawariwau River from its mouth thence north to the point of commencement.

CHENAPAU

Area commencing at the mouth of the Orak River, left bank Potaro River, thence up the said Orak River to its source, thence west to the Potaro River opposite the mouth of the Kopinang River thence down the Potaro River to the point of commencement.

WIKKI RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Parakwa Creek, left bank Wikki River, right bank Berbice River thence down the Wikki River to its mouth, thence up the Berbice River to the lower boundary of Klien Boelgeest, thence along the said boundary and its prolongation to the watershed between the Wikki and Berbice Rivers and thence north-east along the said watershed to the source of the Parakwa Creek, thence down the Parakwa Creek to the point of commencement. (Area 95 square miles approx.).

HURURU

The area commencing at the mouth of the Mora Creek, right Bank Berbice River, thence up the Mora Creek to its source; thence south for approximately 11 miles along the watershed between the Berbice and Bissaruni Rivers to the source of the Kinchiparu Creek (otherwise known as the Merwaka Creek); thence down the Kinchiparu Creek to its mouth, right bank Berbice River; thence down the Berbice River to the mouth of the Mora Creek, the point of commencement.

OREALLA

The tract commences at the mouth of the Mapenna Creek; left bank Corentyne River and extends thence N. $257^{\circ} 45''$ (approx. true) $9\frac{3}{4}$ miles thence N. 165° (approx. true) $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles thence N. 125° (approx. true) 10 miles to a point on the L.B. Corentyne River thence up the Left Bank Corentyne River to the point of commencement.

SANTA/ARATAK KAMUNI CREEK

The area commencing at the mouth of Haurawia Creek, left bank Kamuni River, Left Bank Demerara River, thence up the Haurawia Creek to its source, thence west to the source of the Makko or Savan Creek, thence south-west along the watershed between the Waratilla and Pokerero Rivers to the source of the Pokerero River, thence north by the watershed between the Pokerero and Bonasika Rivers to the source of the Kamuni River, thence down the Kamuni River to the point of commencement.

ST. CUTHBERTH'S MAHAICA RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Maduni River, left bank Mahaica River, thence up the Mahaica River to Maroni Creek, thence up the Maroni Creek to its source, thence south along the watershed of the Mahaica and Mahaicony Rivers to the source of the Mahaica River, thence north along the watershed of the Mahaica and Demerara Rivers to the source of the Maduni River, thence down the Maduni River to the point of commencement.

ST. FRANCIS MAHAICONY RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Captain River, left bank Mahaicony River, thence up the Captain River to the mouth of the Walababu Creek, thence up the Walababu Creek to its source, thence north-east along the watershed between the Francois and Abary Rivers to the point of commencement.

KABAKABURI POMEROON RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Urasara Creek, left bank Pomeroon River, thence up the Urasara Creek to its source, thence north 2 miles, thence west $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, thence south by east between the watershed of the Natubutura and Wariwaru Creeks to the mouth of the Yawarami Creek, right bank Pomeroon River, thence up the Yawarami Creek to its source, thence south by the watershed of the Arapiako and Kairimap Rivers for approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the source of an unnamed creek, left bank Arapiako River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence down the Arapiako River to its mouth, thence up the Pomeroon River to the point of commencement.

AKAWINI POMEROON RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Pariaka River, left bank Akawini River, left bank Pomeroon River thence south to the watershed between the Akawini and Pomeroon Rivers, thence west along the said watershed to the source of the Akawini River, thence north-east around the source of the Akawini River, thence East along the watershed between the Akawini Manawarin and Wakapau Rivers to the source of the Pariaka River thence down the Pariaka River to its mouth, the point of commencement.

WAKAPAU POMEROON RIVER

The area commencing at the mouth of the Hana Bisai Giah Creek, left bank Wakapau River, left bank Pomeroon River, thence north-west to the mouth of the Manawarin River, thence up the Manawarin River to the Takatu Creek, thence up the Takatu Creek to an unnamed tributary on its left bank, then up the said unnamed tributary to its source and that of an unnamed tributary on the right Mud Creek, thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence across the Mud Creek and up an unnamed tributary to its source, thence west to the Burahara Creek, thence up the Burahara Creek for approximately 2 miles to an unnamed Creek on its right bank thence up the said unnamed creek to its source, then eastwards along the watershed between the Akawini, Manawarin and Wakapau Rivers to the point of commencement.

KAIRIMAP (ST. MONICA'S) POMEROON R.

The area commencing at the mouth of the Yawarami Creek, right bank Pomeroon River, thence up the Yawarami Creek to its source, thence south and south-west along the watershed of the Kairimap and Arapiako Rivers thence north along the watershed between the Pomeroon, Kairimap Rivers and Tui Tui Creek to the mouth of the Issororo River thence north and east along the watershed of the Pomeroon and Akawini

Rivers thence south along the watershed between the Natubutura and Wariwaru Creeks to the point of commencement.

BETHANY ESSEQUIBO COAST

The area commencing at a point on the left bank Supenaam River about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below the mouth of the Arahuria River, thence north along the watershed between the Arahuria River and Tapakuma Creek, thence west along the watersheds of the Arahuria and Ituribisi Rivers, thence south along the watershed between the Sekenaam and Sekeleli Rivers to the Supenaam River, thence down the Supenaam River to the point of commencement.

MASHABO ESSEQUIBO COAST

The area commencing at a point on the right bank Ituribisi River opposite Ikuraka River, thence south and west along the watershed between the Ituribisi and Supenaam Rivers to a point opposite the source of the Truli River, right bank Arapiaka River, thence north to the source of an unnamed creek, right bank Ituribisi River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence down the Ituribisi River to the point of commencement.

CAPOEY LAKE ESSEQUIBO COAST

The area commencing at the mouth of the Paray River, left bank Tapakuma River, thence up the Paray River to its source, thence south-south-east to the source of the Ikuraka River thence north-east to the south-eastern corner of the Capoey Lake, thence along the eastern shore of the Lake to the main drainage canal, thence north by west along the main drainage canal to a point opposite the south-western corner of Columbia Estates, thence west by south to the point of commencement.

MANAWARIN

The area commencing at the mouth of the Manawarin River, Right Bank Moruca River, thence up the Manawarin River to the mouth of the Takatu Creek thence up the Takatu Creek thence to an unnamed tributary on its Left Bank, thence up the said unnamed tributary to its source, and that of an unnamed tributary on the right bank Mud Creek, thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence west to the Burahara Creek, thence West along the watershed of the Burahara Creek and an unnamed tributary on its left bank to a source of the Saraybay Creek, thence down the Saraybay Creek to the Manawarin River, thence down the Manawarin River to the mouth of the Sawarinap Creek, thence North along the watershed between the Sawarinap and Emuthura Creeks to the South-West corner of the second depth of Lot 210, Kumaka Kwabanna Road, thence North-East along the back boundary of the second

depth of Lots 210 to 172 Kumaka-Kwabanna Road thence South-East to the source of the Haimarakabra River thence South-East and North-East along the watershed of the Haimarakabra and Manawarin Rivers to the point of commencement.

WARAMURI-MORUCA

The area commencing at the South-east corner of the second depth Lot 118, Kumaka-Kwabanna Road thence East to Kaharoro Creek, thence North-east to the source of the Para Creek, thence down the Para Creek to its mouth, right bank Moruca River, thence down the Moruca River to the mouth of the Manawarin River, thence south-west and north-west along the watershed between the Manawarin and Haimarakabra Rivers to the south-western corner of the second depth Lot 172 Kumaka-Kwabanna Road, thence north-west along the back boundary of the second depth lots to the starting point.

SANTA ROSA

- (i) The area commencing at the mouth of the Para Creek, right bank Moruca River, thence up the Para Creek to its source, thence south-west to Mabarara Creek, thence west to the south-eastern corner of the second depth of Lot 116, Kumaka-Kwabanna Road, thence by the reserve between Lots 114 and 116, Kumaka-Kwabanna Road to the north-western corner of the second depth of Lot 115, Kumaka-Kwabanna Road, thence south-west by the back boundary of the second depths of Lots 115 to 213 Kumaka-Kwabanna Road to the right bank Haimaruni Creek; thence down the Haimaruni Creek to its mouth, right bank Biara River, thence down the Biara River to the mouth of the Bara-Bara River, thence down the Biara River to the mouth of the Bara-Bara River, thence East to the source of the Cayman River, thence down the Cayman River to its mouth, left bank Moruca River, thence down the Moruca River to the point of commencement.
- (ii) Area as described save and except first and second depths of lots along Kumaka-Kwabanna Road.

ASSAKATA

The area commencing at the mouth of Assakata River, left Bank Biara River, left Bank Baramani River, right bank Waini River, thence up the Assakata River to its source, thence north-west to the source of the Marawaka Creek, left bank Baramani River, thence down the Marawaka Creek, to its mouth, thence up the Baramani and Biara Rivers to the point of commencement.

KWABANNA

The area commencing from the Kwabanna Landing, right bank Waini River thence down the Waini River to the mouth of the, Kuiu

River thence up the Kuarau River to its source, thence to the north-eastern corner of the second depth of Lot 321, Kumaka-Kwabanna Road thence south through the reserve between Lots 321 and 319 and Lots 320 and 322 to the south-western corner of the second depth of Lot 320 Kumaka-Kwabanna Road thence south to the source of an unnamed tributary, left bank Manawarin River thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence up the Manawarin River to its source, thence west to the source of the Inaitaru River, thence down the Inaitaru River to its mouth, right bank Waini River, thence down the Waini River to the point of commencement.

LITTLE KANIBALLI

The area commencing from the mouth of the Kumaruwa River right bank Waini River, thence up the Kumaruwa River to its south thence south the source of an unnamed Creek, right bank Waini River thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence down the Waini River to the point of commencement.

WARAPOKA

The area commencing at the mouth of the Morebo River, left bank Waini River, thence down the Waini River to a point opposite the mouth of Barukabaru Creek, thence north by the west for approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, thence west for 5 miles to the Sabaina River, thence down the Sabaina River to the Morebo River, thence down the Morebo River to the point of commencement.

WAIKREBI

The area commencing at the mouth of the Apini Creek, right bank Barama River, left bank Waini River, thence up the Apini Creek to its source, thence along the watershed between the Waikrebi, Anamu and Kurapalm Rivers to the source of an unnamed Creek, right bank Barama River, thence down the said unnamed Creek to its mouth, thence down the Barama River to the point of commencement.

KOKERITE

The area commencing at the mouth of the Maikuru Creek, left bank Barama River, left bank Waini River thence up the Maikuru Creek to its source, thence west for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the source of an unnamed tributary left bank Parapimai River, thence down the said unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence down the Parapimai River to its mouth, left bank Barama River, thence down the Barama River to the point of commencement.

CHINESE LANDING

The area commencing at Ite Landing, left bank Barama River left bank Waini River, thence west and south-west along the watershed between Anaturi River and Huri Creek to the source of the Huri Creek, thence down the Huri Creek to its mouth, left bank Barama River, thence down the Barama River to the point of commencement.

HOTOQUAI

The area commencing at the mouth of the Wanakai River, right bank Aruau River, left bank Aruka River, thence up the Wanakai River to its source, thence east to the mouth of the Bakeirakana Creek, left bank Aruka River, thence down Aruka River to the mouth of the Aruau River; thence up the Aruau River to the point of commencement.

HOBODIA

The area commencing at the mouth of the Bakeirakana Creek, left bank Aruka River, thence west for approximately 3 miles to the source of the Wanakai River, right bank Aruau River thence south and east around the headwaters of the Hatabuina Creek and all its tributaries to the source of the Wanaina Creek, left bank Aruka River, thence down the Wanaina Creek to its mouth, thence down the Aruka River to the point of commencement.

KAMWATTA HILL

The area commencing at a point about 700 feet above the mouth of Kamwata Creek, left bank Koriabo River, left bank Aruka River, thence west, north and east around the headwaters of the Kamwata Creek to the Koriabo River, thence up the Koriabo River to the point of commencement.

RED HILL

The area commencing at the mouth of an unnamed creek, left bank Barima River about 1½ miles above Mt. Everard, thence up the said unnamed creek for 1 mile, thence north-east approximately 6 miles to the source of an unnamed creek, left bank Barima River, thence down the said unnamed creek to its mouth, thence up the Barima River to the point of commencement.

KORIABO

The area commencing at the mouth of the Black Water Creek right bank Barima River, thence up the Black Water Creek to its source, thence along the watershed of the Koriabo River to the source of an unnamed tributary on the right bank of the Manari River thence down the said

unnamed tributary to its mouth, thence down the Manari River and the Manari-Barima, Itabu, to the Barima River, thence down the Barima River to the point of commencement.

SEBAI

The area commencing at the mouth of the Migator River, right bank Sebai River, left bank Kaituma River thence up the Migator River to its source, thence north to the source of the Sebai River, thence down the Sebai River to the point of commencement.

TOBAGO AND WAUNA HILL

On the right bank Wanaina Creek, Left Bank Koriabo River, left bank Aruka River, in the North West District and extending north from the source of Wanaina Creek for one and three quarter miles with a mean width of three quarter mile and including both Wauna and Tobago Hills and having an area of approximately 720 acres.

BUNBURY HILL (NORTH WEST DISTRICT)

On the left bank Wanaina Creek, left bank Koriabo River, left bank Aruka River, left Bank Barima River, in the North West District, the area commences at the north-eastern corner of Grant No. 7490 and extending in a north-westerly direction for three quarters of a mile, thence in a south-easterly direction for quarter mile to the upper boundary line of area held under Lease A 8684, thence in a south-easterly direction along the upper boundary lines of areas held under Leases A 8684 and 9406, thence along the back boundaries of areas held under Leases A 7116 and A 7476 and Grant No. 7493 to the point of commencement.

PART B

AMERINDIAN DISTRICTS

ANNAI

The area commences at a point 2,000 feet below the Pamboura Creek, left Bank Rupununi River, thence North about 4 miles, thence East about 2 miles to the South-East corner of Annai Airstrip, thence North to the Burro Burro River, thence down the Burro Burro River to the Surama River, thence up the Surama River to its source thence East to the source of Mauri Creek, left Bank Rupununi River, thence down the Mauri Creek to its mouth, thence up the Rupununi River to the starting point.

KARASABAI

The area commencing on the left Bank of Echilebar River at its mouth and extending up river for a distance of 10 miles approximately, thence East along the Watershed of the Ireng River to the Otomung Mountain, thence South along the Watershed between Tawaparu Mountain and Ariwa Mountain to Kawarieng Mountain, thence in a southeasterly direction to the source of Mora River, thence South for a distance of 4 miles approximately, thence due west to the right bank Ireng river, thence along the right bank Ireng river to the point of commencement.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 3 of the Amerindian Act, Cap. 29:01, enables the establishment, by order of the Minister charged with responsibility for Amerindian affairs, of portions of Guyana as Amerindian Districts, Areas and Villages. Sections 17 and 18 of that Act also provide for the constitution of Councils comprising certain appointees to administer such Districts, Areas or Villages as may be established.

2. The principal recommendations of the Amerindian Lands Commission, which was appointed in 1967 under the provisions of the Amerindian Lands Commission Act, Cap. 59:03, are as follows:—

- (a) the consideration of the existing definition of the term "Amerindian" in s. 2 of the Amerindian Act;
- (b) the establishment of Amerindian communities in accordance with the boundaries demarcated in the Commission's Report;
- (c) that the Councils which were to be established to administer those communities should be clothed with a corporate status; and
- (d) that legal title to the interests in the land within the demarcated boundaries be vested in the Council for and on behalf of the members residing within the Amerindian communities.

3. This Bill therefore seeks to implement the aforementioned recommendations of the Amerindian Lands Commission and to effect in the law certain incidental safeguards in the interests of the State.

H. D. Hoyte
Minister of Economic Development.

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