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DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (DECLARATION OF AREA)
BILL, 1959.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE MANARABISI CATTLE PASTURE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AREA, THE VALIDATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WORKS, THE VESTING OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BOARD, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

- 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Drainage and Irrigation (Declaration of Area) Ordinance, 1959. Short title.
- 2. In this Ordinance—
 “the Board” means the Drainage and Irrigation Board established under the Principal Ordinance;
 “the Principal Ordinance” means the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance;
 “work” shall have the meaning assigned to that expression in the Principal Ordinance. Interpretation.
- 3. (1) Anything to the contrary contained in the Principal Ordinance notwithstanding, but subject to the provisions of this Ordinance the area described in the schedule hereto, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a drainage and irrigation area for all purposes as though it had been declared to be such by order in council made under section 18, and published as contemplated under section 19 of the Principal Ordinance. Declaration of new drainage and irrigation area.
- (2) The name and boundaries of the drainage and irrigation area declared under this section shall be those respectively assigned to them in the schedule hereto.
- 4. All acts done by the Board, their servants, and agents or any servant or agent of the Government in respect of the construction of any work in the area described in the schedule hereto are hereby declared to be lawful and valid to the extent that such acts would have been lawful and valid if the procedure prescribed in Part III or in section 23 of the Principal Ordinance in respect of the declaration of new drainage and irrigation areas, or the construction of new works in a declared drainage and irrigation area, as the case may be, had been observed in relation to the area aforesaid. Validation of certain acts.
- 5. All lands in the area described in the schedule hereto, wherein or whereon any agent or servant of the Government has prior to the commencement of this Ordinance constructed any work which is not marked or delineated on any plan deposited with the Registrar under subsections (7), (8) and (9) of section 23 of the Principal Ordinance shall forthwith vest in, and become the property of the Board, and the provisions of section 20 of the Principal Ordinance shall apply to all such works. Vesting of lands in Board.

SCHEDULE

The Manarabisi Cattle Pasture Drainage and Irrigation Area, the boundaries of which shall be as follows—

Commencing at the junction of the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation supply canal known as the Seaford Canal with the northern toe of the dam on the northern side of the irrigation water supply canal from the Canje River and extending thence in a northerly direction along the western toe of the aforesaid dam on the western side of the irrigation supply canal known as the Seaford Canal and the prolongation of the line along the toe to the northern toe of the northern empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture thence in a westerly direction along the northern toe of the aforesaid northern empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture and the prolongation

thereof to its intersection with the prolongation northward of a line 12 feet west of and parallel to the western toe of the back empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture, thence in a southerly direction along the aforesaid prolongation of and the aforesaid line 12 feet west of and parallel to the western toe of the aforesaid back empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 12 feet from the northern toe of the northern dam of the irrigation water supply canal from the Canje River, thence in an easterly direction along the aforesaid line parallel to and distant 12 feet from the northern toe of the northern dam of the aforesaid irrigation water supply canal from the Canje River to the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal, thence in an easterly direction to the junction of the eastern toe of the dam on the eastern side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal and the southern toe of the northern dam along the relief trench draining into the No. 66 Creek, thence in an easterly direction along the aforesaid southern toe of the northern dam along the relief trench draining into the No. 66 Creek to its junction with the left bank of the No. 66 Creek, thence along the left bank of the No. 66 Creek to the left bank of the Corentyne River thence in a southerly direction along the left bank of the Corentyne River to the right bank of the No. 66 Creek, thence in a westerly direction along the right bank of the No. 66 Creek, to its junction with the northern toe of the southern dam of the relief trench draining into the No. 66 Creek, thence along the aforesaid northern toe of the southern dam of the relief trench draining into the No. 66 Creek to its junction with the eastern toe of the dam on the eastern side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal, thence in a westerly direction to the junction of the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal with a line parallel and distant 12 feet from the southern toe of the southern dam of the irrigation water supply canal from the Canje River, thence along the aforesaid line parallel to and distant 12 feet from the southern toe of the southern dam of the irrigation water supply canal from the Canje River to its intersection with a line 12 feet distant and parallel to the western toe of the back empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture, thence in a southerly direction along the aforesaid line 12 feet distant and parallel to the western toe of the back empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture to its junction with the prolongation westwards of a line 12 feet distant and parallel to the southern toe of the southern empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture, thence in an easterly direction along the aforesaid prolongation of and the aforesaid line 12 feet south of and parallel to the southern toe of the southern empolder dam of the Manarabisi Cattle Pasture to the prolongation southward of a line along the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal thence in a northerly direction along the prolongation of the aforesaid line along the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal and the western toe of the dam on the western side of the irrigation water supply canal known as the Seaford Canal back to the point of commencement.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The area of land described in the schedule hereto has been reserved by Government for the purpose of establishing a cattle pasture, and construction work on the trenches, dams and structures was commenced in 1948. It is now necessary to declare the area to be a drainage and irrigation area in order that the works may vest in and be maintained by the Drainage and Irrigation Board under the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance, Chapter 192.

2. This Bill seeks to declare the said area to be a drainage and irrigation area and to validate certain acts and to vest all lands on which any works may have been constructed in the Board.

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