

DISTRICTS ACT

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SCHEDULE

DISTRICTS ACT

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Districts Act.

1A. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Chief Surveyor” means the Chief Surveyor of the Ministry responsible for the subject of lands or any officer deputed by him.

2. Districts

The Island of Mauritius shall be divided into 9 districts—

- 1 Port Louis
- 2 Pamplemousses
- 3 Rivière du Rempart
- 4 Flacq
- 5 Grand Port
- 6 Savanne
- 7 Black River
- 8 Plaines Wilhems
- 9 Moka.

3. Boundaries

(1) The boundaries of the districts shall be those specified in the Schedule.

(2) Districts which have a sea coast shall extend seawards to the outer limits of the territorial sea.

4. Plan prepared by Chief Surveyor

(1) The Chief Surveyor shall draw up in duplicate a coloured plan of the island on which shall be indicated the boundaries set forth in the Schedule of all the districts and the principal mountains, rivers, roads, railways, places, boundary posts or any other necessary marks.

(2) Each of the duplicates shall bear a certificate signed by the Chief Surveyor specifying that it is one of the duplicates mentioned in this section.

(3) One of the duplicates shall be deposited in the Registry and the other shall be filed in the office of the Chief Surveyor.

5. Plan to be evidence in aid

Where any question arises as to the boundaries of a district or as to the district in which any place is situate, the same shall be decided in accordance with the Schedule and reference shall be made to such plans or to any tracing, copy or enlargement of them specified in section 7 if need be to illustrate, explain or make clearer the definitions in the Schedule.

6. Supreme Court may authorise plan

The Supreme Court may, on application to that effect made to it on behalf of the Chief Surveyor, authorise the Chief Surveyor to substitute another plan in strict conformity with the Schedule and duly certified in lieu of the plan mentioned in section 5.

7. Copy to be evidence

In any complaint, action or suit before any Court, any copy, tracing or enlargement of the said plan or of any part of it purporting to be signed by the Chief Surveyor shall be received in evidence in lieu of the original plan unless the signature of the Chief Surveyor appended to it is proved not to be genuine.

8. Estates bordering districts

(1) Where a sugar estate or other cultivated property is crossed by the boundary line of 2 or more districts, the Minister may by regulations declare that the whole of the estate or property shall be deemed to be within the district specified in the regulations, and thereupon the whole of the estate or property shall be deemed to be situate within the district so specified.

(2) Where a sugar estate or other cultivated property is crossed by the boundary line of 2 or more districts, the whole of the estate or property

shall, in the absence of any regulations under subsection (1), be deemed to be situate in the district in which the mill, or, if there is no mill, the principal building of the estate or property is situate.

9. District boundary posts

(1) The Chief Surveyor may set up district boundary posts on the boundary line of any district as specified in the Schedule and thereupon each such district boundary post shall be deemed to indicate the boundary line described in the Schedule.

(2) There shall be marked on each such post the words "District Boundary Post" and the year (in figures) in which the post is set up, together with the Government mark.

(3) Any person who damages, destroys, displaces or removes any district boundary post set up under this section shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to the penalties specified in section 362 of the Criminal Code.

10. Right of entry

Where the Chief Surveyor or any sworn land surveyor finds it necessary to enter any private property for the purposes mentioned in section 9 or for the verification of any district boundary line, he and any person accompanying him may enter such property with all necessary implements and materials and perform such work as may be necessary for the said purposes.

SCHEDULE

[Section 3]

1 – PORT LOUIS

Northwest by the sea from the Martello Tower near the coast on the western side of Grand River to the mouth of the Terre Rouge River.

East by the Terre Rouge River from its mouth to the aqueduct of the Bathurst Canal and thence in a straight line to the Signal Station on Long Mountain and from that along the ridge line of Long Mountain to the top of the Pieter Both Mountain.

South by the ridge line of the mountains from the Pieter Both to the Pouce, and from the Pouce towards the Port Louis Signal Mountain, as far as the Bluff. From the Bluff to the top of the Paille Mountain and from that in a straight line to the southern side of the Railway Bridge over the St Louis Stream. Thence along the Railway to the viaduct over Grand River, and over such viaduct to its intersection with the Plaines Wilhems Canal.

West by the Plaines Wilhems Canal, from the Railway to the Martello Tower on the western side of Grand River.

The Terre Rouge River with its reserves, and the Railway from the Plaines Wilhems Canal to the bridge over the St Louis Stream, Flat and Gabriel, Barkly and Tonnelier Islands, and any other island along the above coast, are in the District of Port Louis.

2—PAMPLEMOUSSES

Northeast by the coast from the Batterie Malartic, on the western side of Grand Bay to the jetty of Mon Choisy Estate, and thence by a line starting from the jetty of Mon Choisy Estate, and falling at right angles on the boundary road between the Estates Vale and Mon Choisy, thence southeasterly along the said boundary road crossing the main road from Powder Mills to Grand Bay to its intersection with the main road from Pamplemousses Village to Mapou. Thence southwesterly along the said main road to its junction with the main road leading from Mapou to Rivière du Rempart. Thence southeasterly along this main road crossing the main road from Pamplemousses to Poudre d'Or to the existing XIIth Mile post. Thence southwesterly in a straight line to the top of Mont Piton, near the cemetery, and thence in a straight line to Pont Praslin. Thence up the Rivière du Rempart by the dike of the Villebague Canal, to the ridge of the Nicolière Mountains,

South by the ridge line of the Nicolière Mountains from the Rivière du Rempart by the Calebasses and Deux Mamelles Mountains to the top of Pieter Both.

Southwest by the ridge line of Long Mountain from the top of Pieter Both to the Signal Station at Terre Rouge. Thence in a straight line to the aqueduct of the Bathurst Canal over the Terre Rouge River and down the Terre Rouge River to the sea.

West by the sea from the mouth of the Terre Rouge River by Cannoniers Point to the Batterie Malartic on the western side of Grand Bay.

Any small islands along the above coast, the Rivière du Rempart with its reserves down to Pont Praslin and all the roads above mentioned are in the District of Pamplemousses, but the Terre Rouge River with its reserves is in the District of Port Louis.

3—RIVIERE DU REMPART

North and east by the sea from the Batterie Malartic on the western side of Grand Bay along the coast to the Pointe des Roches Noires.

South the boundary is a straight line from the Pointe des Roches Noires, across the Plaine des Roches to Pont Praslin, on the Main Road to Flacq.

West by a straight line from Pont Praslin, to the top of Mont Piton near the cemetery. Thence by a straight line to the existing XIIth Mile post on the road leading from Mapou to Rivière du Rempart, and along this main road in a northwesterly direction to the main road from Pamplemousses Village to Mapou. Then northeasterly along this road to its intersection with the boundary road between the Estates Vale and Mon Choisy and along this boundary road crossing the main road from Powder Mills to Grand Bay, to a point at right angles to the Mon Choisy Jetty at Grand Bay and thence to a jetty, and along the sea coast to Batterie Malartic.

All the roads above mentioned are in the District of Pamplemousses, but Serpent Island, Round Island, Gunners'Quoin, Butte à l'Herbe, Isle d'Ambre and any other small islands along this coast are in the District of Rivière du Rempart.

4—FLACQ

North by the Rivière du Rempart from the ridge of the Nicolière Mountains by the dike of the Villebague Canal to the Pont Praslin on the Flacq road. Then from the Pont Praslin in a straight line across the Plaine des Roches to the Pointe des Roches Noires on the sea coast.

East by the sea from the Pointe des Roches Noires by the mouth of Grand River Southeast to the Pointe aux Feuilles.

South by the mountain ridge line from the Pointe aux Feuilles up the spur of same name to its junction with the main Bambou chain and from that along the ridge line by the Camizard Mountains to the peak of the Table-à-Perrot Mountain at the southwestern angle of the concession Dufay de la Branchère.

West by a straight line from the peak of the Table-à-Perrot Mountain to the triangulation signal on the western end of Mountain Blanche, thence to the top of the most easterly hillock on the St Julien Estate, and thence in a straight line to the top of the Motte-à-Therese hill and along the water shed line to its junction with the Rivière du Rempart, on the Nicolière Mountains,

Rivière du Rempart with its reserves down to Pont Praslin is in the District of Pamplemousses. The Isle-aux-Cerfs, Isle des Roches and any other small islands along the above coast are in the District of Flacq.

5—GRAND PORT

North by the mountain ridge line from the top of Mountain La Grave and running along the Mountains Laselle, Table-à-Perrot, Camizard, and Bambou to the junction of Pointe aux Feuilles spur, thence down the ridge line of that spur to the sea at Pointe aux Feuilles.

Southeast by the sea from the Pointe aux Feuilles to the mouth of the River du Poste.

Southwest by the River du Poste from its mouth to the intersection of the line from Mountain La Grave to Piton Grand Bassin.

Northwest from the point of intersection of the River du Poste above described by a straight line to the top of Mountain La Grave.

The River du Poste, above the intersection point with its reserves, is in the district of Plaines Wilhems, but below the said point it is, with its reserves, in the District of Savanne, but the Isle aux Aigrettes, Isle de Passe, Isle-aux-Fouquets and any other small islands along the above coast are in the District of Grand Port.

6—SAVANNE

North and east, by the ridge line from the top of the Piton St Denis to the summit of the Black River Gorges, and along this summit line to the Government boundary stone No 35 at the top of the Black River Gorges, in the boundary of the concession Chamarel, thence by a straight line on Piton Grand Bassin to its intersection with the River du Poste and thence down the River du Poste to the sea.

South by the sea from the mouth of the River du Poste to the mouth of the River du Cap.

West by the River du Cap from its mouth to its junction with River St Denis, thence up the River St Denis, to its nearest point to the Piton St Denis, thence to the top of Piton St Denis.

The River du Cap or St Denis, with its reserves, and the Baie du Cap shall be in the District of Black River.

The River du Poste, below the intersection point of the line from Mountain La Grave shall, with its reserves, be in the District of Savanne.

7—BLACK RIVER

East by the Plaines Wilhems Canal from the Martello Tower on the western side of Grand River to its intersection with the railway, then along the railway to the Petite Rivière Railway Station House, and from that in a straight line to the top of Grand Malabar Mountain. Thence in a straight line to the head on the Corps de Garde Mountain and along the ridge to the Glacis; thence in a straight line to the top of the central peak of the Trois Mamelles, and along the top of the Vacoas Mountains, Tamarind Falls and Black River Gorges, round to the top of the Piton St Denis.

South by a straight line from the top of Piton St Denis to the nearest point of River St Denis, and down this river to its junction with the River du Cap, then down the River du Cap to the sea.

West and north by the sea from the Baie du Cap to the Martello Tower on the western side of Grand River Northwest.

Baie du Cap, Isle du Morne, Isle-aux-Benitiers, and any other small islands along the above coast are in the District of Black River.

8—PLAINES WILHEMS

North by the railway from Petite Rivière Station House to the viaduct over Grand River.

Northeast by Grand River from the Railway Viaduct up to Cascade Bridge on the road from Rose Hill to Moka, thence up the Terre Rouge River to its junction with the Ligne Tout Court and along the Ligne Tout Court, to the top of Mont Ebene or d'Hauvillard, and along the ridge of d'Hauvillard Mountain to its eastern extremity, and thence in a straight line to the Grand Port Mountains, and up the ridge line to the top of Mountain La Grave.

South east by a straight line from the top of Mountain La Grave on Piton Grand Bassin to its intersection with the River du Poste.

South by the River du Poste, from the point last mentioned to a point near its source where it intersects a straight line running from the top of the Grand Bassin Piton, and along that line to the Government boundary stone No 35 at the top of the Black River Gorges, in the boundary of the concession Chamarel.

West by a line running along the top of the Black River Gorges round by the top of the Tamarind Falls and Vacoas Mountains, to the Central Peak of Trois Mamelles. Thence in a straight line to the top of the Glacis of the Corps de Grade Mountain, and along its Ridge to the head on the said mountain, and thence in a straight line to the top of Grand Malabar Mountain and from that in a straight line to the Petite Rivière Railway Station House.

The Rivers Terre Rouge and Grand River with their reserves, the railway from the Plaines Wilhems Canal to Petite Rivière Station House, and the Ligne Tout Court Road are in the District of Plaines Wilhems.

9—MOKA

North by the railway from the viaduct over Grand River to the southern side of the bridge over the St Louis stream and thence by a straight line to the top of the Paille Mountain. Then along the ridge line of the mountain to the Bluff and from the Bluff by the top of the Pouce, the Pieter Both, Deux Mamelles, and Calebasses Mountains to the Rivière du Rempart, on the Nicolière Mountains.

East by the watershed line from the Rivière du Rempart, at the Nicolière Mountains to the top of the Motte-à-Therèse hill thence in a straight line to the top of the most easterly hillock on the St Julien Estate thence in a straight line to the top of the Table-à-Perrot peak, at the southwestern angle of the concession Dufay de la Branchère.

South by the mountain ridge line from the top of the Table-à-Perrot peak along the Mountains Laselle, La Grave and d'Hauvillard or Mont Ebene, to the intersection of the Ligne Tout Court.

West by the Ligne Tout Court from the top of the Mont Ebene or d'Hauvillard Mountains, to its intersection with the Terre Rouge River. Thence down the Terre Rouge River to the Cascade Bridge, on the road from Rose Hill to Moka, and down Grand River to the Railway Viaduct.

The Ligne Tout Court Road, and the Rivers Terre Rouge and Grand River, down to the railway, with their reserves, are in the District of Plaines Wilhems.
