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## PREFACE TO THE 4TH EDITION.

The 3rd edition of the Land Revenue Manual of Assam, which was printed in 1917, is out of print, and, owing to the numerous amendments which have since been made in the rules under the Land and Revenue Regulation and to the recent consolidation of those rules under Section 158 of the Regulation, is also out of date. The present edition, which contains only the Land and Revenue Regulation, the Local Rates Regulation, the statutory rules under those Regulations and the revised chapter of the executive instructions dealing with mauza and village officers, is provisional only and is intended to meet immediate requirements. It will be replaced as early as possible by a new and complete edition. The notes, executive instructions and forms appearing in the 3rd edition, except in so far as they are inconsistent with the contents of the present edition, have not been superseded.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following information was obtained from a review of the records of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, for the year 1934. It is noted that the total number of persons employed in the United States during the year 1934 was 53,000,000. This represents an increase of 1,000,000 over the total number of persons employed in the United States during the year 1933. The increase in the number of persons employed in the United States during the year 1934 is due to the fact that the number of persons employed in the manufacturing and mining industries increased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the service industries, however, decreased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the agricultural industries, however, remained the same during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the transportation and communication industries, however, increased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the government, education, and health services industries, however, decreased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the leisure and recreation industries, however, increased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the other industries, however, decreased by 1,000,000 during the year 1934. The number of persons employed in the United States during the year 1934 is therefore 53,000,000.

Industry	Number of Persons Employed
Manufacturing and Mining	15,000,000
Service Industries	12,000,000
Agriculture	10,000,000
Transportation and Communication	8,000,000
Government, Education, and Health Services	7,000,000
Leisure and Recreation	6,000,000
Other Industries	5,000,000



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THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
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OF THE

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IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION  
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MAY 15, 1899,  
RELATIVE TO THE  
LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE.

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PART I.

REGULATION I OF 1886.

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THE ASSAM LAND AND REVENUE  
REGULATION.

(AS AMENDED.)



REGULATION I OF 1883

F. ASSAL JARD AND RAYMOND

REGULATION

(AS APPLIED)



# PART I.—THE ASSAM LAND AND REVENUE REGULATION, 1886.

## REGULATION I OF 1886.

[As amended by Regulations II of 1889 and II of 1905.]

### CHAPTER I.

#### PRELIMINARY.

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886; and

Short title  
commence-  
ment and  
local  
extent.

(2) It shall come into force on such dates and in such territories under the administration of the Chief Commissioner of Assam as the Chief Commissioner may direct by notification in the local official Gazette:

Provided that—

(a) any such notification may declare that any portion of this Regulation shall not be in force in any territory to which the Regulation may be extended; and

(b) the Chief Commissioner may direct by notification in the local official Gazette that any portion of this Regulation shall cease to be in force in any territory to which the Regulation may have been extended.

(3)† The Chief Commissioner may, in like manner, amend, vary, or rescind any notification issued under sub-section (2).

2. On and from the date on which this Regulation comes into force in any territory, the enactments mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed, in so far as they apply to, or are in force in, that territory, and all regulations and rules (if any) in force there relating to any of the matters provided for by this Regulation, shall be repealed:

Repeal.

Provided that—

(a) this repeal shall not revive any enactment repealed or affect anything done, or any offence committed

\* \* \* The words "with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council" were omitted by section 2 of the Devolution Act XXXVIII of 1920.

† Added by Act V of 1897.



or any fine or penalty incurred, or any proceedings commenced, before this Regulation comes into force; and

- (b) all rules prescribed, appointments and settlements made, powers conferred and notifications published under any enactment hereby repealed, and all other rules (if any) in force on the date on which this Regulation comes into force relating to any of the matters hereinafter dealt with, shall (so far as they are consistent with this Regulation and could be prescribed, made, conferred or published thereunder) be deemed to have been respectively prescribed, made, conferred and published thereunder.

Definitions:

3. In this Regulation, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “the commencement” of this Regulation, used with reference to any local area, means the date on which it comes into force in that local area;

(b) “estate” includes—

- (1) any land subject, either immediately or prospectively, to the payment of land revenue, for the discharge of which a separate engagement has been entered into;
- (2) any land subject to the payment of, or assessed with a separate amount as land revenue, although no engagement has been entered into with the Government for that amount;
- (3) any local area for the appropriation of the produce or products whereof a license or farm has been granted under rules made by the Chief Commissioner under section 155, clause (e) or clause (f);
- (4) any *char* or island thrown up in a navigable river which under the laws in force is at the disposal of the Government;
- (5) any land which is for the time being entered in the Deputy Commissioner's register of revenue-free estates as a separate holding;
- (6) any land, being the exclusive property of the Government, of which the Chief Commissioner has directed the separate entry in the registers of revenue-paying and revenue-free estates mentioned in Chapter IV:



*Explanation.*—Any land gained by alluvion or by dereliction of a river to any estate as here defined, which under the laws in force is considered an increment to the tenure to which the land has accreted, shall be deemed to be part of that estate :

- (c) “ permanently-settled estate ” means any estate in the districts of Sylhet and Goalpara included in the decennial settlement of the Lower Provinces of Bengal or permanently settled at any subsequent date under any law for the time being in force :
- (d) “ temporarily-settled estate ” means any estate not being a revenue-free or permanently-settled estate :
- (e) “ land revenue ” means any revenue assessed by Government on an estate, and includes any tax assessed in lieu of land revenue :
- (f) “ proprietor ” means the owner of any estate permanently settled or entered on the Deputy Commissioner’s Register of revenue-free estates :
- (g) “ landholder ” means any person deemed to have acquired the status of a landholder under section 8 :
- (h) “ settlement-holder ” means any person, other than a proprietor, who has entered into an engagement with the Government to pay land revenue, and includes a landholder :
- (i) “ recorded proprietor,” “ recorded landholder,” “ recorded sharer,” and “ recorded possession ” mean any proprietor, landholder, sharer, or possession, as the case may be, registered in the General Registers prescribed in Chapter IV :
- (j) “ agricultural year ” means the year commencing on the 1st April, or on such other date as the Chief Commissioner may, in the case of any specified local area, by notification, appoint :
- (k) “ notification ” means a notification published in the local official Gazette : and
- (l) “ prescribed ” means prescribed by rules made under this Regulation.



## CHAPTER II.

## RIGHTS OVER LAND.

Land  
excepted  
from the  
operation  
of this  
Chapter.

4. This Chapter shall apply to all land except the following :—

- (a) land included in any forest constituted a reserved forest under the law for the time being in force ;
- (b) the soil of any public road, canal, drain or embankment ;
- (c) land included in any military cantonment or civil station ; or
- (d) any land which [the Chief Commissioner may, by notification, except from the operation of this Chapter.

Power to  
define  
boundaries  
of excepted  
lands.

5. (1) When the boundaries of any land excepted under section 4 from the operation of this Chapter need definition for the purposes of that section, and no other mode of defining them is provided by law, the Chief Commissioner shall cause them to be defined by the Deputy Commissioner.

(2) If, before the boundaries are defined, any question arises as to whether any land is included within them, it shall be decided by the Deputy Commissioner.

(3) The order by which a Deputy Commissioner defines any boundaries, or decides any question, under this section shall, subject to the provisions of section 151 of this Regulation, be final.

Rights  
which may  
be acquired  
over land.

6. No right of any description shall be deemed to have been, or shall be, acquired by any person over any land to which this Chapter applies, except the following .—

- (a) rights of proprietors, landholders and settlement-holders, other than landholders, as defined in this Regulation, and other rights acquired in manner provided by this Regulation ;
- (b) rights legally derived from any right mentioned in clause (a) ;
- (c) rights acquired under sections 26[and 27 of] the *Indian Limitation Act, 1877\** ;
- (d) rights acquired by any person as tenant under the Rent Law for the time being in force :

Provided that nothing in this section shall be held to derogate from the terms of any lease granted by or on behalf of the British Government.