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ON BILL INTITLED

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE GOLD MINING AND MINERAL ACTS.”

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee, to whom was referred Bill No. 9, intituled “An Act to amend the Gold Mining and Mineral Acts,” beg leave to report—

That Sec. 2, sub-sec. *a*, should be amended as follows:—

If any free miner, or party of free miners, shall discover a new mine, and such discovery shall be established to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner, the first discoverer, or party of discoverers, if not more than one in number shall be entitled to a claim of three hundred feet; two in number, six hundred feet; three in number, eight hundred feet; four in number, one thousand feet (*i. e.*, dry, bar, or bench diggings); and no additional ground shall be granted as discovery claims, and any number beyond a party of four discoverers shall be entitled to take up claims of the ordinary size. A new stratum of auriferous earth or rock situated in a locality where the claims are abandoned, shall for this purpose be deemed a new mine, although the same locality shall have been previously worked at a different level; and dry diggings discovered in the vicinity of bar diggings shall be deemed a new mine, and *vice versâ*. A discoverer's claim shall, for all purposes, be reckoned as one ordinary claim.

LEASES.

That Sec. 3, line 3, be amended by striking out the words “in general.”

That Sec. 4, line 3, be amended by striking out the words “in general.”

That, as a general wish has been expressed that the “Quartz Act, 1878,” should be amended, your Committee recommend that a Select Committee be appointed to amend said Act, and that the amendments thereto be brought in in the form of a separate Bill.

February 9th 1881.

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Chairman.