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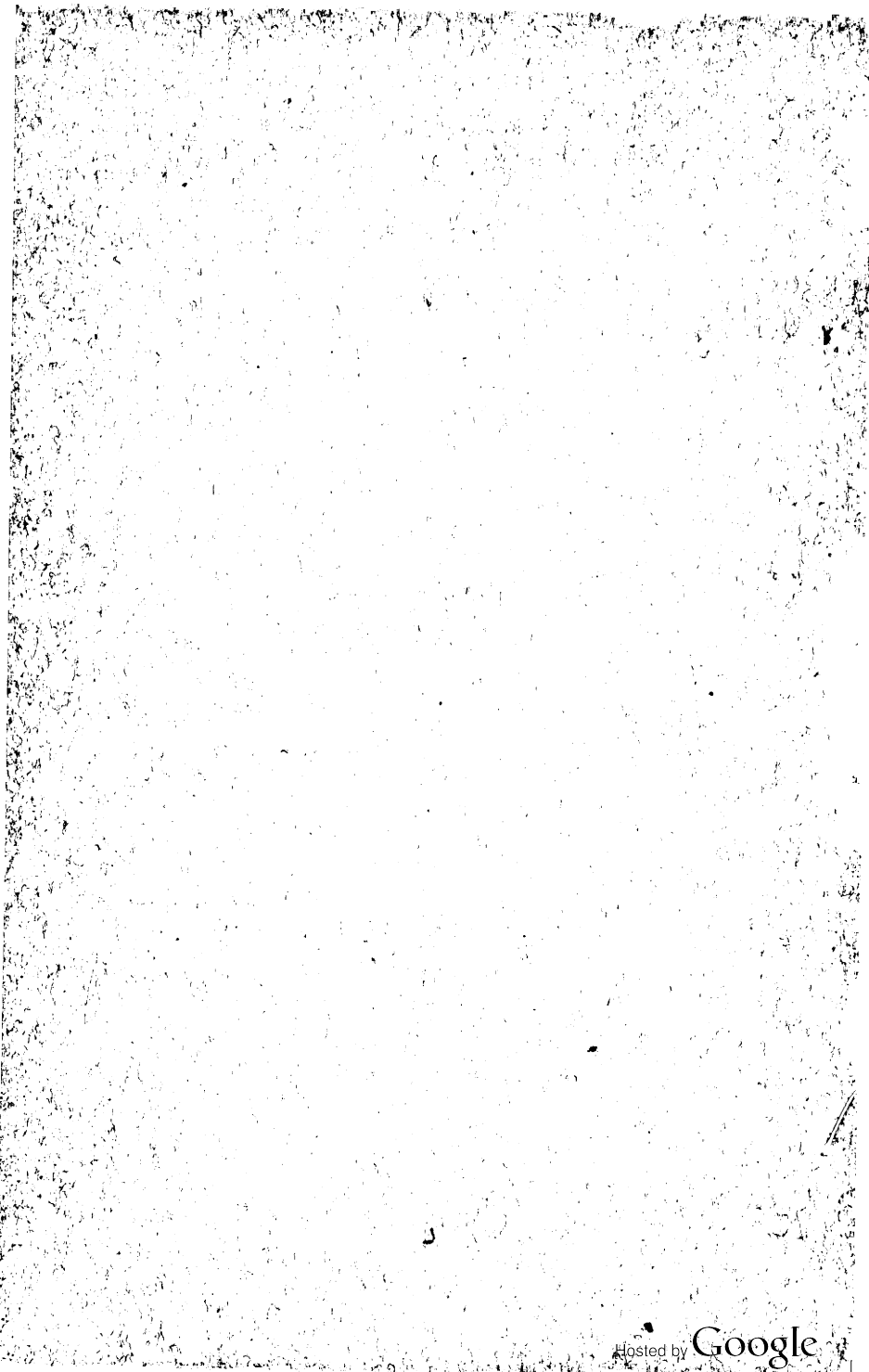
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THE FOREST ACT (NO. 1148), EXTRACTS FROM OTHER LAWS  
OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION RELATING TO THE  
FOREST SERVICE, AND THE FOREST REGULATIONS  
PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-  
VISIONS OF THE FOREST ACT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF FORESTRY,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU,  
*Manila, June 30, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the manuscript of "The Forest Manual," containing The Forest Act, extracts from other laws relating to the forest service, the forest regulations, and notes, and recommend its publication.

Very respectfully,

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*Captain Ninth United States Infantry,  
Chief of Bureau of Forestry.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, *Manila, P. I.*



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**THE FOREST ACT.**

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## THE FOREST ACT.

**No. 1148.—An Act to regulate the use of the public forests and forest reserves in the Philippine Islands and repealing General Orders, Numbered Ninety-two, series of nineteen hundred, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-four, and sections twenty of Act Numbered Forty-nine, eleven of Act Numbered One hundred and nineteen, and eleven of Act Numbered One hundred and twenty.**

Amending 49,  
119, 120,  
Repealing 274,  
G. O., 92.

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:*

SECTION 1. The short title of this Act shall be "The Forest Act."

The Forest Act.

SEC. 2. The public forests and forest reserves of the Philippine Islands shall be held and administered for the protection of the public interests, the utility and safety of the forests, and the perpetuation thereof in productive condition by wise use; and it is the purpose of this Act to provide for the same.

Public forests and forest reserves.

SEC. 3. The public forests shall include all unreserved public lands covered with trees of whatever age.

Public forests defined.

SEC. 4. Upon the recommendation of the Chief of the Bureau of Forestry, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Civil Governor may set apart forest reserves from the public lands, and he shall by proclamation declare the establishment of such reserves and the boundaries thereof, and thereafter such forest reserves shall not be entered, sold, or otherwise disposed of, but shall remain as such for forest uses, and shall be administered, except as provided in this section, in like manner as the public forests under this Act: *Provided*, That the Civil Governor may in like manner by proclamation alter or modify the boundaries of any forest reserve from time to time, or revoke any such proclamation, and upon such revocation such forest reserve shall be and become part of the public lands as though such proclamation had never been made.

Proclamations of forest reserves.

—proviso, modification and revocation.

SEC. 5. The public forests and forest reserves and the timber, firewood, gums, and other products thereof shall not be sold, entered, leased, or otherwise disposed of except as herein provided: *Provided*, That any mining claim, as defined in section one of Act Numbered Six hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An Act prescribing regulations governing the location and manner of recording mining claims, and the amount of work necessary to hold possession of a mining claim, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,'" in any of the public forests and forest reserves shall be entered only as provided in said Act Numbered Six hundred and twenty-four, and the provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to the entry and location of such claims, but they shall be governed by Act Numbered Six hundred and

Limitation upon sale, lease, etc.

Provisos:

—mining claims.