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FREDERICO PAEZ

In Charge of the Supreme Power of the Republic

CONSIDERING:

That lately explorations of all kinds have increased in the territory of the Republic by individuals from other countries who are carrying out botanical, zoological, mineral and other investigations without the control of or permission by the State;

That the State, as the owner of all territorial wealth which has not yet been adjudicated, has the duty to regulate and protect it.

DECREES:

Article 1.--Every person desiring to explore the botanical, zoological, mineral and every other kind of wealth in the public lands of the State must obtain previously a certificate of exploration in the General Direction of the Oriente.

Article 2.-- For the said certificate a fee of one hundred dollars for six months will be paid. Expeditions of more than one person shall pay, in addition, twenty-five dollars for each explorer.

Article 3.--The Government may grant a certificate of exploration without the payment of the respective fee to expeditions sent by legally constituted museums, universities or scientific societies.

Article 4.--The State when it deems it expedient shall designate special agents to accompany the expeditions in the capacity of observers.

Article 5.--The authorities shall have the right to demand from each explorer the presentation of the respective certificate and in the event of not having the same, they will send him under custody to the interior of the country to be placed at the orders of the Police authorities.

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