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TO WHICH ARE APPENDED
LOCAL MINING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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Hon. L. Q. C. LAMAR,

Secretary of the Interior.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the fourteenth volume of the series forming the final report on the Tenth Census, it being a collection of United States, state and territorial, and local mining laws, with mining rules and regulations, compiled under the direction of Hon. Clarence King, special agent of Tenth Census, formerly Director United States Geological Survey.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. WARDLE,

Chief of Census Division.

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Hon. C. W. SEATON,

Superintendent Tenth Census, Washington, D. C.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit the census volume devoted to Mining Laws, Rules, and Regulations. It consists of, first, a collection of the federal laws under which citizens may obtain title to public mineral land, together with the departmental rules and regulations now in force; second, the various state and territorial laws pertaining to the initiation and perfecting of mineral claims; and, third, the local district rules and regulations enacted by the various miners' organizations.

These local enactments cover the whole period of western precious-metal mining, and follow closely the entire geographical distribution of gold and silver within the United States. They are of extreme value as covering the inception of a very large number of titles to important properties.

It is not claimed that this collection covers by any means all the mining districts which have been organized. Many were of the most temporary character, organized one day and abandoned the next; and even among the more prominent districts which have yielded a large quota of the country's wealth of precious metals, records have been either accidentally or purposely destroyed. But the attempt has been made, and fairly well carried out, to assemble here all the important district laws which can now be obtained and authenticated.

Very respectfully, yours,

CLARENCE KING,

Special Agent Tenth Census.