



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 260/U/7

In the Matter of Bibstone Hill,
Cromhall

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Bibstone Hill, Cromhall being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 23 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Gloucestershire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Bristol on 25 April 1979.

Mrs R I Nieboer, clerk to the Cromhall Parish Council appeared and Mr A Hudson appeared for the Registration Authority. Mrs Nieboer produced a certified copy of the Wickwar Cromhall and Tortworth Inclosure Award of 1841, whereby the land in question (No. 87 on Map C in the Award) was allotted to Lord Ducie to be held for the recreation of the inhabitants. It is not clear whether the allotment was to Lord Ducie in his individual capacity or as Lord of the Manor. In the absence of any claim by Lord Ducie or the Tortworth Estate. I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land in question, and I shall accordingly direct the Avon County Council, as registration authority, to register Cromhall Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965.

The decision is being sent to the Tortworth Estate and I will if requested within 6 weeks re-open the hearing in order to give the Estate or Lord Ducie an opportunity to claim the land in question.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision, as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this

4th

day of

June

1979

Y A Lettle

Commons Commissioner