

CASE No.  
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NORTHERN DISTRICT

LUP-YOMI GRANT

JOSE Y. LIMANTOUR

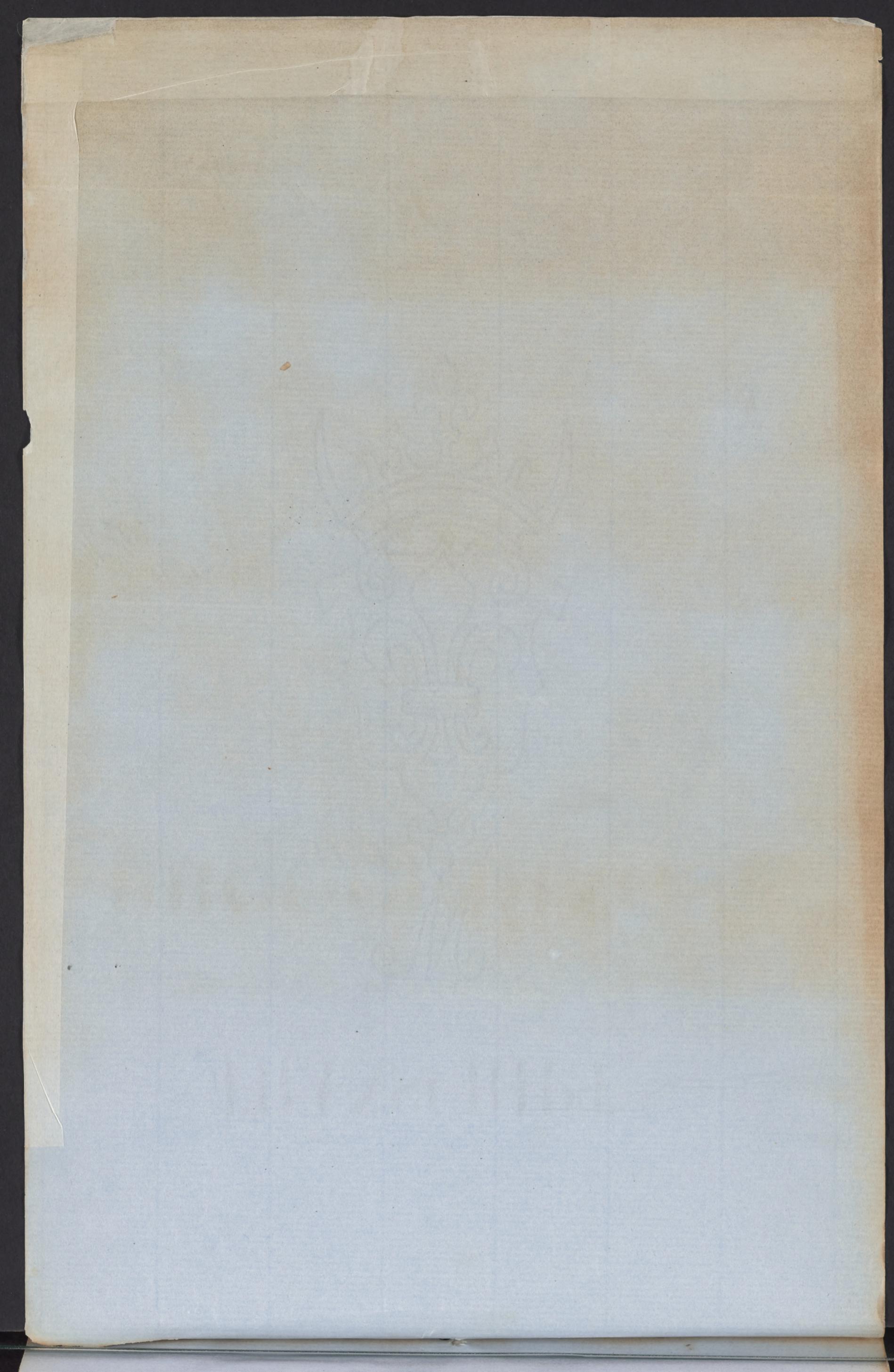
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# TRANSCRIPT

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OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 780.

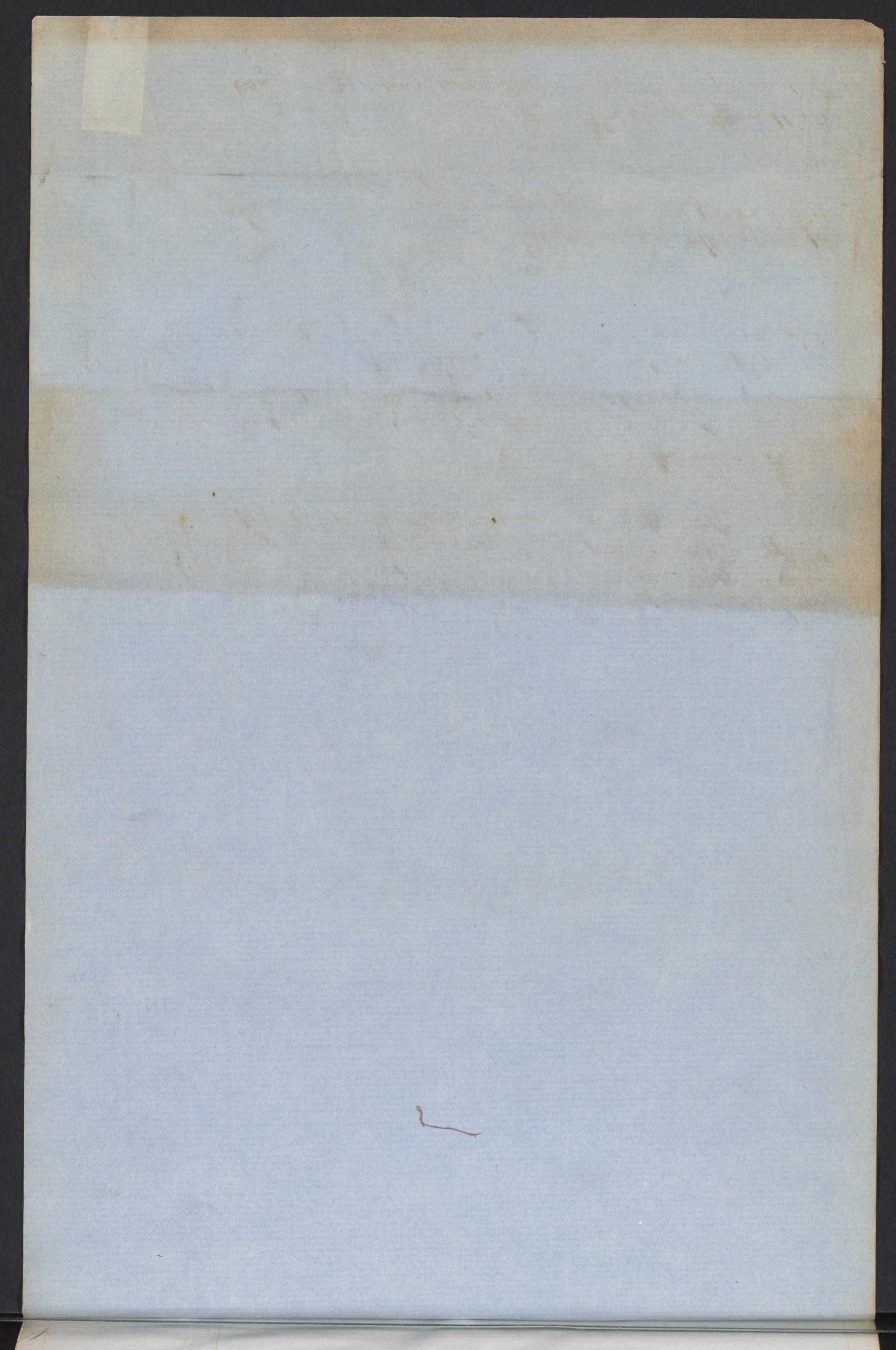
*José Y Gimantour* CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*Louïs - Yonni* "



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Be it Remembered, that on this second day of March, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three, before the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America, the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

The Petition of Jose Y. Simantour,  
for the Place named  
"Sup-yomy",  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 780 and  
is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

Upon which Petition the following subsequent Proceedings were had in their chronological order, to wit;

San Francisco January 9' 1855.  
Case no. 780, Jose Y. Simantour for the place named  
"Sup-yomy", was ordered to be placed at the foot of  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Class Cases on the Trial Docket.

San Francisco March 20' 1855.  
In the same Case the counsel for the claimant  
filed the following Affidavit, to wit:

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)  
and the prayer of the petitioner thereon was taken  
under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco March 22' 1855.  
Case no. 780 was assigned for hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of April next.

San Francisco April 10' 1855.  
Case no. 780 was submitted without argument &  
taken under advisement.

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San Francisco April 24' 1855.

In the same Case Commissioner R. A. Thompson delivered the Opinion of the Board rejecting the claim:

(See page 11 of this Transcript.)

And the following order was made, Court;

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*To the Honorable John C. Frémont,  
for settling private land claims in California.*

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners  
for settling private land claims in California.

Petition.

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Your petitioner José Y. Simean-  
tor of the city of Mexico respectfully shows  
to your Hon. Board, that a certain tract  
of land was granted to him in the State  
of California by D<sup>r</sup>. Manuel Micheltornea  
the twentieth / 20<sup>th</sup> / day of October one thousand  
and eight hundred and forty four / 1844 /  
as will more fully appear by reference to  
the grant thereof, a copy and translation  
of which are herewith presented marked re-  
spectively B and C.

That the said D<sup>r</sup>. Manuel Mich-  
eltornea was at the time of making such  
grant, acting Governor of said California  
under the Government of Mexico, with full  
and extraordinary power to make the  
grant as aforesaid.

That the quantity of land claim-  
ed herein by your petitioner consists of  
Eleven square leagues (one sitio de gano-  
di mayor)

That the description, bounds &  
locality of the said tract of land are as  
follows: to wit: the land known by the  
name of Supyomy, on the border of Son-  
oma bounded by the North by the Minas de  
Plomo (lead mine) on the East by the  
Chamisal and on the West by the Rancho  
of D<sup>r</sup>. Salvador Vallejo, comprehending  
at the same time as far as the Arroyo  
del Rival (Pine Stream).

That the said tract of land has  
not been surveyed by the Surveyor General  
of the United States.

That said petitioner is not aware

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of any conflicting claim to the said tract of  
Land Known as Suisuny.

That the said tract of land was  
granted to your petitioner so as aforesaid,  
not solely as a matter of grace and favor  
but in consideration of certain loans of  
money and effects made by your petitioner  
to the said Government of Mexico in said  
California.

Wherefore your petitioner presents  
his said claims to this Hon. Board, and  
prays that said Board will pronounce in  
favor of the same, and will confirm the  
validity thereof, and of his right and title  
to said described lands and premises.

Dated San Francisco March 1<sup>st</sup> 1853.

N. W. Chittenden.

Robert Simson

Atty's & counsel for claimant

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853.

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U.S. Board of Land Commissioners for settling private land claims in California -

No 780.

Affidavit.

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Robert Simion being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is claimant's attorney in a certain cause now pending before said Board numbered 780 upon the docket thereof

That the claimant in said cause is now absent from the State of California being as the defendant is informed and believes in the Republic of Mexico.

That as the defendant is informed and believes the said claimant has been and now is detained in said Mexico by reason of the revolutionary disturbances now prevailing in that country; that when said claimant left California he intended to be only temporarily absent therefrom and to return thereto within a few months after his leaving the same.

That the defendant cannot prepare the said cause for submission to the Board without the presence of the said claimant therein or without said claimant's written directions in answer to letters long since sent to him in respect to the conduct of said cause which answer and also the presence of said claimant the defendant believes to have been delayed and prevented by the said revolutionary disturbances -

That the defendant is desirous to postpone the submission of the said cause for at least three months, in order to give further time for the return of said claimant or for the receipt of communications from him respecting the said claim and the conduct of the said cause.

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Robert Simon  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me on this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of March A.D. 1855.

S. B. Harwell  
Comr.

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Grant.

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Sello Primero Octavo Pesos.  
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Adm. Marítima del Puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Abd. Michellonna. Pablo de la Guerra.  
Adm. Marít. M.  
de Monterey

Manuel Michellonna General de Brigada del Ejército Mexicano Ayudante General de su plana Mayor del mismo Gobernador y Comandante del Departamento de Californias.

Por cuenta D. José G. Limantour ha pretendido para su beneficio personal, en razón de haber hecho algunos préstamos en dinero y efectos á la Comandancia General el terreno conocido con el nombre de Los Peones en la frontera de Sonora, Colindante por el Norte con la Mina de Plomo, por el E. con el Charro al, y por el O. con el Rancho de D. Salvador Vallejo, comprendiendo al mismo tiempo hasta el cerrojo del Pinal sefuerse explicar el diseño respectivo; Practicadas provisamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia usando de las facultades con que me he sido investido y con presencia de licencia que otorgo. Dñ. Limantour ha obtenido del Supremo Gobierno para adquirir propiedades en este Departamento á nombre de la Nación Mexicana ha ordenado en consideración el mencionado terreno declarando la propiedad de éste por las presentes letras.

El terreno de que se hace donación es de una extensión de quinientos Mayores pero mas ó me-

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nos, de los cuales para el interesado disponer libre y exclusivamente destinandolos al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode.

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En consonancia mando que teniendo por fin y valido el presente título se tome razón de él y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo.  
Dicho en Manila a veinte de Octubre de mil ochocientos diecisiete y cuatro.

(Firmado) Alvaro Mitchell.

Por acuerdo del Dr. Mio.

Francisco Arcd.

Oficial 1<sup>o</sup>

Guarda tomada en razón de la libro res-  
petivo que obra en la Secretaría del despacho.

Arcd.

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Filed in Office March 2<sup>d</sup>, 1853.

Geo. Fisher  
Secy.

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First Seal, Eight Dollars

Qualified provisionally for the Maritime Customs House of the port of Monterey, in the Department of the Californiae, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty four and one thousand eight hundred and forty five.  
Micheltorna. Pablo de la Gober.

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Translation Ad<sup>m</sup> Mart<sup>o</sup>  
de Mont<sup>y</sup> 3

Manuel Micheltorna, Brigadier General of the Mexican Army, Adjutant General of the grand staff of the same Governor and Commander General of the Department of the Californiae.

Whereas Don José M. Simentour has asked for his personal benefit, in consideration of having made certain loans of money and effects to the Commander General, the land known by the name of Soponym, on the border of Sonoma, bounded in the North by the Minia de Plomo (lead mine) on the East by the Chamasal, and in the West by the Rancho of D<sup>r</sup>. Salvador Vallejo, comprehending at the same time as far as the Arroyo del Rinal (Riv<sup>e</sup> Pinie Stream) as is described and set forth in the map relative thereto: The necessary steps and process concerning the same having been previously taken and made in the matter as the laws and regulations prescribe; I making use of the powers with which I am invested and in view of the privilege that said Simentour has obtained from the Supreme Government to acquire estates in this Department, in the name of the Mexican Nation have and do hereby grant to him the said land, declaring the same to be in him by these presents. The land of

which grant is made consist of eleven square leagues more or less, of all which the grantee may dispose fully and exclusively destining the same to the use or cultivation which may suit him best.

In consequence I order that the present title shall be held good and valid, and that the sum be registered and delivered to the grantee for his security.

Given in Monterrey this  
Eighteenth of October one thousand eight hun-  
dred and forty four.

(Signed) M. M. Michelt<sup>o</sup>

In the absence of the Secretary  
Francisco Arce.

Official P<sup>st</sup>

Register made in the proper book in charge  
in the office of Secretary Arce.

Filed in Office March 2' 1853.

Geo; Fisher,  
Secy.

Opinion of the Jose Y Lementum  
Boone by vs Sleepy  
Com. Thompson The United States

This claim is unsupported by proofs  
of any kind and is therefore rejected.

Silence in Office April 24. 1855  
Geo. Fisher Secy  
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Decree Jose Y Lementum  
vs  
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In this case on hearing the proofs and  
allegations it is adjudged by the Comm  
ission that the claim of the petitioner is  
not valid, and it is therefore decreed  
that his application for a confirmation  
thereof be and the same is hereby  
conceded.

R. A. Thompson  
S. B. Sanborn  
Commissioner

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And it appearing to the Satisfaction  
of the Board that the Land hereby  
described is situated in the Northern  
District of California It is ordered  
that two transcripts of the proceedings  
and documents in this case and of  
the papers and evidence upon which  
the Summons founded be made out  
and duly certified by the Secretary  
One of which transcripts shall be  
filed with the Clerk of the United  
States District Court in the Northern  
District of California and  
the other be transmitted to the Attorney  
General of the United States

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

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I, George Fisher — Secretary to  
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
foregoing Twelve — pages, numbered from  
1 to 12, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Tran-  
script of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the  
said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony  
of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this  
Office, in Case No. 780 on the Docket of the said Board,  
herein José V. Luminantius —

Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
name of "Sup. Morris" —

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand  
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal  
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this  
Twenty-sixth — day of October  
A. D. 1855, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the seventy-eighth.

Geo. Fisher

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

Northern District of California

No. 317-

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

Joe W. Clementon.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE

BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 780.

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Filed, October 23 - 1856.

John A. Monroe,  
Clerk.

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United States District Court  
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Jose Y. Limantour

The United States of America

The United States Land Commission  
to ascertain & settle private land claims in the state of  
California having rendered its decision in the <sup>above</sup> case  
designated on the docket of said Commission as No.  
780 against the claim and title of the said claimant  
to the place or land called "Lupyony" situated in  
said District. Notice is hereby given that it is the  
intention of the said claimant to prosecute this  
appeal from the said decision

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1856

Robert Simson  
Claimants Attorney

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United States District Court  
Dist of California

Jose Y. Limantour

vs  
The United States of America

Claimants Notice of intention  
to prosecute appeal

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Tiled April 16, 1866.  
Cheveret,  
Deputy,

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U. S. District Court  
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The United States      vs  
José Y. Limanlour      Appellant

Robert Linson being duly sworn deposes and says, that in two causes entitled as above, he is attorney of the appellant therein, viz. No. 307 & 317. That on the part of the Appellant therein the deponent cannot safely proceed to trial of the said causes for that he has been unable to procure the Expediente and documents relating to the title of the appellant to the lands mentioned in the said causes respectively. That the deponent has had the said documents in his possession and the same were as deponent is informed and verily believes delivered by the partner of deponent to the said appellant, who shortly thereafter departed from the said district without communicating with the deponent in respect to the said documents. That the said partner of deponent has had the management of the said causes almost exclusively, and is now also absent from said district, but will return as deponent believes during the month of May.

That the deponent desires that said causes be continued for such time as will allow a communication to be sent to the City of Mexico, and an answer thereto to be received, That by the last mail the deponent wrote to said City of Mexico in respect to the same and expects to receive such answer by return of mail as will enable him to submit the said causes without prejudicing said appellant thereby

And the deponent further says that he cannot safely proceed to trial of said causes or either of them without said documents and without communicating with the appellant as aforesaid, who is as deponent is informed and verily believes in the said City of Mexico.

That the motion for continuance of said causes based on this affidavit is made not for delay but for purposes of justice.

Sworn to & Subscribed 3  
before me March 9. 1857.

Robert Simson

W. H. Cheever,  
Deputy Clerk

U.S. District Court  
Northern Dist of California

The United States  
vs  
John L. Limantour  
Appellant for Continuance

No 317

Filed March 9, 1857.  
W. H. Chears,  
Deputy.

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At a Stated Term of the District Court of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of  
California, held at the Court Room, in the City of SAN FRANCISCO,  
on Wednesday the Eleventh day of  
March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge, and  
~~Marshall, Attorney, C. I. L. S.~~

The United States }  
v.  
Joseph Limantour } D.C. 317; L.C. 780.  
} Decree

This cause came on to be  
heard on appeal from the final decision of the  
Board of Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle  
the private land claims in the State of California,  
under the act of Congress approved March 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1851,  
upon the transcript of the proceedings and decision  
of the said Board of Commissioners, and the papers  
and evidence on which the said decision was  
founded; and it appearing to the Court that the  
said transcript has been duly filed according  
to law; and counsel for the respective parties  
having been heard, it is by the Court, hereby  
ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said  
decision declaring the claim of the petitioner  
invalid and rejecting the same, be, and the same  
is hereby, in all things affirmed.

Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. Dist. Judge

United States District Court, Northern  
District of California.

The United States

ad.s.

Jose Y. Limantour.

ORDER.

Decree

Filed March 11, 1857

John A. Monroe,

CLERK.

By W. F. Chimes,

DEPUTY.

The United States

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J. J. Senantour

Rejected by Land Comm<sup>n</sup>.

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The land claimed is eleven square leagues on the borders of Sonoma, and is called "Lup Yomi" -

A copy of a document is given purporting to be a grant of said tract from Gov Micheltorena to claimant, dated Oct 20, 1844.

Not the first particle of evidence <sup>was</sup> offered and the claim was necessarily rejected by the Board.

It must be rejected also in this Court.

San Francisco March 6/57

Wm. Blanding  
Solicitor

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The United States

of  
Jose Y. Limantour

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

San Francisco, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1855

J. A. Monroe Esq.

Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the  
Northern District of California.

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant  
to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31st,  
1852, a Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the  
Decision of this Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the  
Testimony of the witnesses upon which the same is founded.  
in Case No. 780 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

José M. Leimantour is —

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known  
by the name of "Lisp Yorni" —

and request your receipt for the same!

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obed Servt,

Geo. H.

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