

CASE No.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

PART OF SOULAJULLE GRANT

GEORGE N. CORNWELL

CLAIMANT:

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 234.

George N. Cornwell

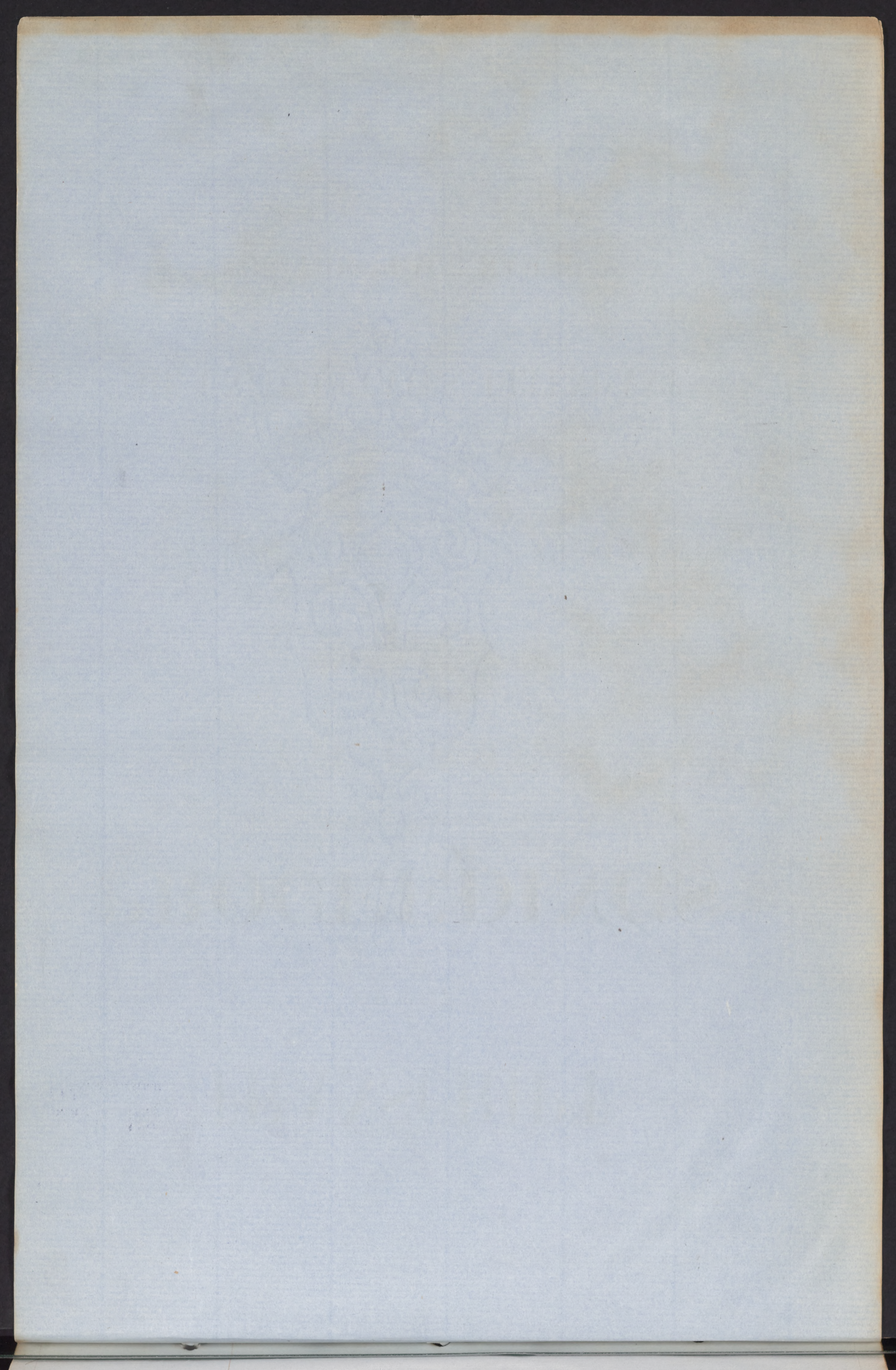
CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

A part of
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"Boulajulle"



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 *twentieth day of May*, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-*two*, 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 *George A. Cornwall*,
~~~~~ <sup>part of</sup> for the Place named  
~~~~~ *Soulajulle*,  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *234*, 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 November 10, 1853.
In Case No. *234*, *George A. Cornwall*, for part of the place named *Soulajulle*, the Counsel for the Claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit:
(Vide page *3* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco December 31, 1853.
In the same Case the Counsel for the Claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit:
(Vide page *3* of this Transcript)

San Francisco November 28, 1854.
Case No. *234* was ordered to be placed at the foot of the *3^d* Clap Cases on the Trial Docket.)

San Francisco December 19, 1854.
Case No. *234* was submitted under the Rule of *21st* March, 1854.

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San Francisco April 17, 1853.

In the same case Commissioner W. Aug. Thompson delivered the Opinion of the Board, rejecting the claim:

(Vide page 33 of this Transcript.)

And the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 35 of this Transcript.)

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To the Board of Commissioners for ascertain-

To the Board of Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private land claims in the State of California.

Your Petitioner George A. Cornwell of Sapa City County of Sapa in the State of California respectfully represents to your honorable board that he claims a certain tract of land called a part of the Rancho of Ramon Mesa or lands called Sulayulli containing one and $\frac{3}{4}$ square miles more or less situated in the County of Marin in said State of California; that he claims the same in fee by virtue of a grant made to Jose Ramon Mesa under the authority of the Mexican Government by Manuel Micheltorena Governor of the Department of the Californias bearing date March 29th 1844 and approved by the Territorial Deputation on the _____

Your Petitioner further represents that the said grantee on the sixth day of December 1849 transferred his rights in said land to your Petitioner jointly with one Lewis O. Watkins who on the sixth day of August 1850 conveyed all his rights in said land to your Petitioner as per deeds filed herewith.

Your Petitioner would further represent that judicial possession of said tract of land was given to the said grantee — the _____ day of _____ and the boundaries thereof designated and that he and those claiming under him have been in the peaceable possession thereof ever since; and that he has no knowledge of any interfering claim whatever.

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The original grant of said land is filed in the case of Joshua S. Brackett No to which you are referred.

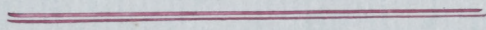
Your Petitioner presents herewith a copy of the original grant of said land in the Spanish language and a copy of the Expediente together with translations of the same, and will make further proof of title if required by the board.

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Your petitioner prays your honorable board to take into consideration his claim to said tract of land and decree his title to be valid and confirm the same. And your petitioner will ever pray.

Troopa City May 18th 1852.
George N. Cornwell.

Filed in Office May 20th 1852.
Geo. Fisher Sec



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This day before Court Alphens Felch came José Ramón Mesa a witness in behalf of Claimant Joshua S. Brackett No 233 who after being duly sworn deposed as follows.

The Secretary Mr Fisher acted as Interpreter.

Questions by Mr Spear Attorney for Deposition the Claimant.

1 Question. What are José Ramón Mesa your name, age and place of residence?

Answer. My name is José Ramón Mesa, my age is twenty nine years, and I reside in the County of Contra Costa in California.

2 Question. Look on the paper now here exhibited to you purporting to be a grant by Governor Michelmore to José Ramón Mesa and marked "Exhibit No 1" with the initials "A F" and answer to the Deposition and state whether you recognize the document and if so what it is.

Answer. I cannot read or write but I know that this paper is the title to my Rancho. I know that Michelmore and also Gimeno signed this paper. They signed it in my presence.

(The witness pointed out the signature of each on the document)

3 Question. State what you know about the occupation and improvements

of the Rancho named in the grant and called "Soulajulle"

Answer. The same year when the grant was made to me I settled on the land built a house and lived in it. put some cattle & horses on the place and built a corral and inclosed & cultivated some of the ground, and made a garden, planted some fruit trees and grape vines,

I think I planted something like two hundred fruit trees there at that time.

I lived on it about four years from the time I first settled on it, after which I retired to Sonoma in consequence of sickness, and left my brother on the place occupying it for me,

When my brother left the place, another man occupied it for me. During all the time we had some men in our employment living on said Rancho

It was so occupied up to the time I sold it, I sold the greater part of it to Vasquez, and the remainder to some Americans.

4th Question, What are the boundaries of the Rancho above named?

Answer, It is bounded on one side by the lands of the Rancho known by the name of Laguna de San Antonio, on one side by the lands known by the name of Meacio, & on another side by the boundary of the lands of Juan Martin.

There is a small creek near the house of permanent waters, There is also a water hole near where the house stood.

5th Question, Did you

even receive juridical possession of the property?

Answer, I never did.

The same year when I was about getting juridical possession the Americans took possession of the Country.

6th Question. Have you any interest at the present time in the land?

Answer, I have not.

7th Question. Did you ever apply for juridical possession of the land? if nay, why not?

Answer, I never did apply for it because I was afflicted with a sore leg for eleven years, so that I could not move, and did not get well until about two years ago.

8th Question. In what country is the said Rancho situated?

Answer, I do not know in what county it is. It was in the jurisdiction of San Rafael at that time.

Jose Ramon Mesa X
Mr Greenhow Associate Law Agent
was present at the taking of this deposition but propounded no questions to the witness.

Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 10th day of
November 1853.

Alphens Felch
Comm^r.

Filed in Office Nov^r 10, 1853,
G. Fisher Sec.

Office of the U.S. Board of Land
Commissioners &c &c.
San Francisco Decr 31, 1853,

This day before Commissioner
Thompson Campbell came James Heaves
a witness in behalf of claimant Joshua S.
Brackett. Petition No 233 and being sworn
deposed as follows

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Deposition
of
James Heaves

1 Quest. What is your name
age, and place of residence?

Ans. My name is James
Heaves, I am fifty eight years of age,
and I reside in Marin County.

2 Quest. Are you acquainted
with the Rancho called "Soulayulle".

Ans. I am acquainted
with it. I lived eight years within about
half a mile of it. I know of Jose Ramon
Mesa lived on said place about two years
he had a house, corrals, and cattle there
and when he left the place his brother
took possession and after having lived
there about twelve months they sold out
and left. Ramon Mesa first settled there
about the year 1845.

3 Quest. Look on the
Map now shown you which is a part of
the Expediente filed in this case, and mark
Red "B" and state whether the natural
objects represented on said map as the
boundaries of said Rancho are so plainly
designated that a Survey could locate the
land.

Ans. There is a creek running

right through the rancho and empty

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sight through the rancho and empties into Tomales bay.

The said tract of land lies between the region of Country called Arcadio and the Laguna San Antonio, and that the line dividing the Rancho from the lands of John Martin has been settled by a Justice of the Peace

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Questions by Mr Eschenow,

1st Quest. How long did Jose Ramon Mesa live upon the land himself?

Ans. He lived there about twelve months it might be a little more he left the place before the Americans took possession of the Country. His brother then lived on it for eighteen months when he left. Since which time no one has lived on it. No person to my knowledge has pretended to use it in any way since that time.

Re-examined by Claimants

1st Quest. Do you know whether Ramon Mesa by himself and brother occupied said Rancho until he sold it to the present claimants.

Ans. They did so occupy it, by having cattle on it, and the first year they cultivated a part of it. after Ramon Mesa's brother left the place as I have before stated, they never worked or lived on said place, but they kept some horses there.

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2^d Quest. Who was living on the Rancho at the time the Americans took possession of the Country?

Ans. No one was living on it at that time.

3^d Quest. What time did the Americans take possession of the Country.

Ans. It was either in the year 1846 or 1847 I don't remember which.

4th Quest. You state that Ramon Mesa settled on said place in the year 1846, that he lived there about one year, and that his brother took possession and lived there eighteen months, will you now state whether you are clear in your recollection that Ramon and his brother occupied the place for two years and a half altogether?

Ans. Yes somewhere there, abouts.

Question by Mr. Greenhow.

Quest. Are you certain that neither Ramon Mesa nor his brother nor any other person acting under them lived on this land, at the time when the Americans took possession of this Country?

Ans. No they did not, they had left before that, ^{his} James ^{mark} Hawes.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this 31st day of December, A.D. 1853,

Thompson Campbell Comr.

Filed in Office Dec^r 31, 1853. Ge^o: Fisher Sec.

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Case No 233.

United States Land Commission
San Francisco, Jan 14, 1854.

On this day, before Commissioner R. Aug Thompson, came José de la Rosa, a witness in behalf of Claimant, Joshua S. Brackett, case No 233, and after being duly sworn, deposed as follows, his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary.

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Deposition
of
José de la Rosa

Present Claimant's Atty & U.S. Asst
Land Agent.

Witness states his name is José de Rosa his age sixty three years, and residence, Sonoma Cal.

Question by Claimant's Atty.

Do you know José Ramon Mesa and the Rancho de Santajilla if so state who was in possession of said Rancho at the time of the occupation of the Country by the Americans.

Answer, I know said Mesa and the Rancho at the time of the American occupation of the Country, it was in the possession of said Mesa who was living on it, immediately after he obtained his grant he built a house on it.

José de la Rosa,
sworn to & subscribed

Before me Jan 14, 1854.

R. Aug. Thompson Comr.

Filed in Office Jan 14, 1854,

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Espectante
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Expediente

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Promovido por el Ciudadano
Jose Ramon Mesa en pretension
del paraje conocido con el nombre de
(Soulajulle).

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(D. S. D. N.)

Sello cuarto. Dos Reales.

Expediente

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Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana Maritima del Puerto de Monterrey, en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Micheltorna Pablo de la Guerra

Sello
Cura

Excmo. Tenor Gobernador

Monterrey Mj.

21. de 1844.

Inf. el Tio
del Despacho
tomando antes

los q. necesite

Michetta

El Ciudadano Jose Ramon Mesa natural de este Depar- tamento y vecino de la Jurisdiccion de Sonoma, ante

V. E. respetuosamente en derecho y como mejor pro-

ceda, digo, que desde el año ppdo dirije a V. E. una

instancia en solicitud de un paraje cono- cido con el nombre de Sanlajulle in- mediato a la Exmision de San Rafael

y como sin duda creo habra padecido estravio me veo precisado a ocurrir de nuevo a la generosidad de V. E.

a fin de que en vista del informe que debidamente acompaño del encargado de dicho Establecimiento

me haga la gracia de concederme el terreno indicado colindando por el Sur y el Oeste con el paraje llamado

Nicacio, por el Norte con la Laguna de San Antonio y por el Este con el Rancho de Juan Martin - cuya

Extension es de tres sitios de ganado mayor segun explica el elisio que a

ocupando la cae como medio sea con

(D. S. D. N.)

mayor segun explica el dicho que a

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V. E. tambien adjunto el cual estoy ocupando haci como medio año con una pequena casa un corral, huerta y bienes semovientes con consentimiento del repetido encargado, por lo que y en atencion a once años de servicio que preste en la carrera de las armas y el que actualmente doy como Mayor donde de la predicha Emision espero que V. E. tomara en consideracion mi pedido.

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Por tanto a V. E. rendidamente suplico se digne acceder a mi favor de la cual recibire gracia y justicia firmando lo necesario &c.
No se firmar X

Por Gobernador

El informe unico que se podia pedir, era el del encargado de San Rafael, el cual ya da su parecer segun consta por la certificacion que acompaña el interesado favorable, y estar el terreno baldio se le puede poner en este mismo expediente un decreto de concesion provisional, mientras la Secretaria se desocupe de los negocios que V. E. quiere mandar a Mexico por conducta de la Golita California, pero no obstante la Sup^{or} disposicion de V. E. sera lo mas conveniente.

(4 G.D.R.)

Monterey 22 de Mayo de 1844
Man. Jimeno.

Monterey Mayo 21 de 1844.
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Exmo. Sor. Gobernador

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El interesado está muy empeñado para que se le estienda el título, por que dice que vive muy lejos p.^a volver a concluir su asiento, y si V.^o gusta puede entenderse el título del terreno que pretende el cual esta baldío, no pertenecer a ninguno y los informes son favorables.

Monterey 29 de Marzo de 1844.
Consej.

Michelt.^a

(5. J. D. K)

Monterey 29 de Marzo de 1844.

Vista la petición con que da principio este expediente, los informes que preceden con todo lo demás que se tubo presente y de ver con vino de conformidad con las leyes y reglamentos de la materia: declaro dueño en propiedad del terreno nombrado Lulajulle al Ciudadano Ramon Mesa, colindante con la Laguna de San Antonio, con el terreno de Nicacio y con el Rancho de D.^o Juan Martin en estension de tres sitios de ganado mayor. Libre el correspondiente despacho, tomese razon en el Libro respectivo y dirijase este expediente a la Exma. Asamblea Departamental para su aprobacion.

El Exmo. Sor. Gobernador, General de Brigada, del Ejercito Mexicano Ayudante General de la Plana Mayor del mismo, así lo mando decretar y firmo de que doy fe.

mando decreto y firmo de que
day fe.

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(6. G. D. K) Here is filed a copy of the Map.

(7. G. D. K) El que suscribe encargado del
Establecimiento de San Rafael.

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Certifico: que el terreno
llamado Saulajnye que se halla
bastante distante de esta Emision
esta valdido y le di licencia a Ramon
Mesa Mayor domo de la misma,
para que fuera a establecerse alli
por no pertenecer a propiedad parti-
ni corporacion y lo verifico hace como
seis meses, poniendo en el una
pequena casa, corral, huerta y ganados,
y que este Establecimiento tiene tierras
suficientes para sus bienes y labores,
y no necesita de dicho terreno -

San Rafael 10 de Mayo 1844
Timoteo Murphy.

Office of the Surveyor General of
the United States for California.

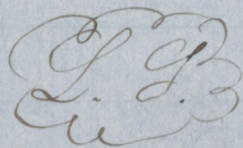
I Samuel D. King Surveyor
General of the United States for the State
of Califor and as such now having
in my Office and under my charge
and control a portion of the Archives
of the former Spanish and Mexican
Territory or Department of Upper
California do hereby certify that
the seven preceding and hereinto
annexed papers of tracing paper number-
ed from one to seven inclusive and
each of which is verified with my
initials (S. D. K) exhibit true and
accurate copies of certain Documents

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on file and forming part of the said
archives in this Office.

In testimony whereof I
have herewith signed my name
officially and affixed my private
Seal (not having a seal of Office
at the City of San Francisco, Cal.
this sixth day of March A.D. 1852.

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Jam. D. King
Sur. Gen. Seal

Filed in Office May 26th 1852
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In favor of the Citizen José Ramón Mesa, on petition for the Estate known by the name of

"Soulajulli"

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Translation
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Fourth Seal Two Reals

Provisional Commissary of the Maritime Custom House of the Port of Monterey in the Department of the Californias for the years A.D. 1844 & 1845

Micheltona D. Pablo de la Guerra

His Excellency, the Governor.

Monterey 21th
March 1844.

You will receive this despatch and take the steps necessary

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The Citizen - José Ramón Mesa a native of this Department and resident within jurisdiction of Sonoma before your Excellency in my own right and as the best manner of proceeding, respectfully say: — that since last year I directed to your Excellency a communication soliciting a tract of land known by the name of "Soulajulli" in the vicinity of San Rafael

Mission and as doubtless said communication was not considered, I now renew my application to the generosity of your Excellency to the end that in view of the unavoidable irregularity of the office of said Establishment you will do me the favor to grant me the land above referred to, bounded on the South and West by the land called Nicasio and on the North by Lake San Antonio and on the East by John Martin's Rancho the extent of which is three leagues as is shown by the map which also accompanies this to your Excellency said land I have been occupying about one half year, with a small house, a cattle yard, garden and moving effects, with the consent of the aforesaid office: for which I gave years to having the arms of my Country, and am now the actual Foreman of said Mission.

I wait for your Excellency to take into consideration my request.

For which I humbly supplicate that your Excellency will see fit to grant my request which will be received as right & just, making the necessary affirmations.

I do not know how to write my name

This Honor the Governor,
The information required is from the office of Don Rafael to which you give your approval, according to the certificate which accompanies the petition of the person interested all of

which being favorable and the land public.
 You can put on this same dispatch
 a Provisional Grant and in the meantime
 the Secretary can conclude the negotiations
 which your Excellency desires to send
 to Mexico by the Schooner California,
 this would be the most convenient,
 notwithstanding the ability of your Excellency
 to discharge the duties of your office.
 Manuel Jimeno

Monterey 27th March 1844,

Conf^d
 Michel^a

To His Excellency the Governor
 The person interested is very anxious
 that his title should be extended
 to him because he says that he lives at
 too great a distance to return for the
 purpose of completing said business
 and if you please the title to the land
 petitioned for can be made to him the
 same being public land and not apper-
 taining any one; and the reports (con-
 cerning the same) being favorable.
 Monterey 29th March 1844.
 Manuel Jimeno.

Conf^d
 Michel^a

Monterey 29th March A.D. 1844.

In view of the Petition which heads this Despatch the information and communications which have been presented in accordance with the laws and regulations concerning the same, I declare the Citizen Ramon Mesa to be owner and proprietor of the Land called "Soulapulli" bounded by Lake San Antonio, by the Tacacia Land and the Ranch of John Martin, said land is three leagues in extent.

The corresponding Despatch will be recorded in the proper Book and this Despatch directed to the Hon^{ble} Departmental Assembly for its approval.

His Excellency the Governor Brig^{de} Genl of the Mexican Army, Adjutant Genl of the "Plano Mayor"

In testimony whereof I thus command decree and sign.

The Undersigned Officer of the San Rafael Establishment

Do hereby certify that the land called "San Rafael" is far enough from this Mission, the same was public and I gave permission to Ramon Mesa for the purpose of establishing himself thereon as the same did not belong to any individual or corporation and he has been there about six months, and built thereon a small house, a cattle yard, and garden and had cattle thereon and that this is + he has lands sufficient for his stock and fields and does not require

the aforesaid Land
San Rafael 10th March 1844,

Timothy Murphy,

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Rehabilitado provisoriamente por la Aduana Marít^{ca} 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.

Micheltorena.

Pablo de la Guerra.

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(Seal)

D. Grant.

El Ciudadano Manuel Micheltorena, General de Brigada del Ejército Mexicano, Ayudante General de la Plana Mayor del mismo, Gobernador Comand^{te} General e Inspector del Departam^{to} "Exhibit N^o 1. A. P." de las Californias.

arrived to Depo.

of José Ramón Mesa. nov. 10. 1853.

Geo. Fisher.

Seey.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano Ramón Mesa ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el parage conocido con el nombre de Soulajulle, colindante con la Laguna de San Antonio, con el terreno nombrado Nicasio y con el rancho de Don Juan Martín practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes según lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos: usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nación Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado, declarándole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras, sujetándose a la aprobación de la Ilustre Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1^o No podrá venderlo enajenarlo, ni hipotecarlo, imponer censo, vínculo, finca, hipoteca ni otro gravamen alguno.

2^o Podrá sercarlo sin perjudicar las traversías comunales y servidumbres lo disfrutarlo libre y exclusivamente destinándolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode: pero dentro de un año fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3^o Solicitará del Jefe respectivo que le dé la posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho.

por el cual se demarcaron los límites en cuyos límites pondrá a mas de los moyoneros, algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

1^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es de tres sitios de Ganado mayor poco mas o menos segun explica el diseño respectivo. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme a' ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte a' la estacion para' los usos comunales.

5^a Si contraviere a' estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será inamovible por él.

En consecuencia mandó que servido de titulo el presente y teniendo por firme y valedero se tome rason de él en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterrey a veinte y ^{cinco} ~~cuatro~~ de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro.

Man^{te} Micheltorena.

Manuel Jimeno. Pro.

Queda tomada rason de este despacho en el libro respectivo a p^a 8.

Jimeno.

Filed in Office. May. 20th 1852.

Geo. Fisher. Secy.

Third Seal. One Dollar.

Provisional Commissary of the Maritime Custom House of the port of Monterey in the Department of the Californias for the years 1844 and 1845.

Micheltorena, Pablo de la Guerra.

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"E"
Translation of Grant.

The Citizen Manuel Micheltorena Brigadier General of the Mexican Army, Adjutant General of the Plano Mayor, Governor Commanding General & Inspector of the Department of the Californias.

Whereas the Citizen Ramon Mesa has petitioned for his own personal use and the use of his family the lands known by the name of Doulayulli bounded by the Lake San Antonio, the land called Nicassio, and the Rancho of Juan Martin exercising due diligence and investigation according to the laws and regulations concerning the same, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Mexican Nation I hereby grant unto him the above mentioned land declaring it by these presents to be his property subject to the approval of the Departmental Assembly and under the conditions following, to wit:

1st He shall not sell, alienate, pledge transfer, impose, entail nor in other manner bind said land.

2nd He may fence the same without prejudice to the public roads and rights of way. He shall hold said land freely and exclusively, applying it to whatever use and benefit may best suit him. Provided that within one

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year he shall build thereon a house which shall be inhabited.

3rd " He shall solicit from the respective Judge the Judicial possession of said land by virtue of this despatch the boundaries of which shall be marked out and the limits thereof there shall be put besides the proper land marks, some fruit trees and other useful shrubbery.

4th " The land which is hereby donated is three leagues in extent, a little more or less, as is shown by the respective map.

The Judge who gives the possession will have the same measured according to law, and the surplus shall remain for the use and benefit of the Nation.

5th " If these conditions are not complied with, he shall forfeit his rights to said land and it shall remain open for another.

In testimony whereof I command that this title be taken for good and valid and that it be recorded in the corresponding book, and this delivered to the person interested for his safety and other ends.

Given in Monterey this 29th day of March 1844.

Manuel Michel

Manuel Jimenez
Secretary

This despatch is recorded in the proper book, page 8.

Jimenez

Filed in Office May 20th 1852.

Geo. Fisher

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"D"
Transfer.

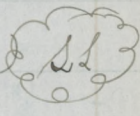
Know all men by these Presents,
 That I, Jose Ramon Mesa, of the town of
 Sonoma, in the District of Sonoma and Ter-
 ritory of California, in consideration of the
 sum of two thousand dollars in hand to
 me paid by George N. Cornwall and Lewis
 L. Watkins both of same place aforesaid,
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
 do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and
 convey unto the said Cornwall and Watkins
 their heirs and assigns all that certain
 tract or parcel of land, with all the priv-
 ileges and appurtenances to the same belonging,
 situated in said District bounded and
 described as follows, Being part of
 the Tract of Land, known as the Rancho of
 San Ramon, as granted to said Mesa by
 Manuel Michel Tirano Governor of California
 A.D. 1843, the boundary of said part
 commencing at the South East corner
 of said granted Tract of Land, thence run-
 ning westwardly along the line of the land
 of Captain Cooper two miles and thence
 running North two miles and one fourth,
 thence eastwardly two miles and thence
 running along the line of the land of Prudencia
 to the south east corner, the place of begin-
 ning, the part hereby described, containing
 in area one half League of land, or four
 and a half square miles:
 To Have and To Hold the above described
 premises to the said Cornwall and Watkins,
 their heirs and assigns forever;
 And I the said Mesa, for myself, my
 heirs, executors and Administrators, do
 covenant hereby To Warrant and Defend
 the said premises to the said Cornwall

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and Watkins, their heirs and assigns forever
against the lawful claims and demands of all
persons whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Jose
Ramon Mesa, have hereunto set my hand
and seal this sixth day of December A.D.
1849.

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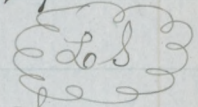
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us. Jose Ramon Mesa 
Salvador Vallejo

testigo
Jose del Castaneda

Territory of California }
District of Sonoma }

Personally appeared before
me the within named Jose Ramon Mesa
who is known to be the person described
within and who acknowledged the within
deed to be his act & instrument for the
purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal
this 6th day of December, 1849

Chas P. Wilkins 
Deputy of the District of Sonoma

Filed in Office May 20th 1852.
Geo. Fisher Sec.

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and all men for these ... of the town of

Know all men by these Presents:

That I, Lewis S. Watkins of the town of Sonoma State of California in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to me paid by Geo. N. Cornwall of Napa the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant sell and convey all my right title and interest of in and to all that certain tract of land lying in Marin County bounded and described as follows commencing at the South east corner of the tract of land lot of Jose Ramon Mesa by deed bearing date Dec. 6th A.D. 1849 thence running westwardly along the line of Capt Cooper two miles thence northwardly seven eighths of a mile thence eastward two miles thence to the place of beginning, to contain one thousand one hundred and twenty acres or one and three fourths of a mile it being the South part of the land lot by Cornwall & Watkins of Jose Ramon Mesa, to have and to hold unto the said Geo. N. Cornwall his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty.

Lewis S. Watkins, *(L.S.)*

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
Martin E. Cook,

"G"
Transfer

State of California }
 Sonoma County } p.

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On this fifth day of August A.D. 1850 personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, Lewis O. Watkins to me known to be the person described in and who executed the within instrument & acknowledged that he executed the same freely & voluntarily for the purposes therein mentioned.

Martin E. Cook
 Notary Public in and
 for Sonoma County
 Alta California

No 233.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by Robt Greenhow, the acting U.S. Land Agent that the testimony or deposition of José Ramon Mesa this day taken before Judge Peck, Commissioner, in the case No 233, shall be considered as taken in the following cases, viz. 234, 245, 246, 247 and 797. The same referring to the original grant under which the claims designated by the above mentioned Nos are all embraced.

Stipulation

San Francisco Nov 10th A.D. 1853.

/ signed / Robert Greenhow
 U.S. Land Agent U.S.

/ signed / Robert Hopkins,
 Atty for claimants.

J. George Fisher Secretary to the U.S.

Board of Land Commissioners, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true and correct copy
of the Stipulation on file in this Office
in case No 233 wherein Joshua S.
Brackett is the claimant for the place

Filed in Office named "Voulajulle"

Nov 10th 1853,

Geo. Fisher Sec.

Witness my hand

Geo. Fisher
Sec.

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We agree that the evidence taken in No
233 relative to the Rancho granted to Ramon
Mesa shall be used by either party and
be equally applicable to No 234, 245, 246,
247, & 297, involving the same grant,
Dec 31st 1853,

(Signed) Shattuck Spear & Bristol
for Claimants

(Signed) Robert Greenhow,
Asst. Land Agent U.S.

Stipulation

I, George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Board
of Land Commissioners, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true and correct copy
of a stipulation filed in this Office in case
No 233 wherein Joshua S. Brackett
is claimant for the place named "Voulajulle"

Witness my hand

Geo. Fisher
Sec

Filed in Office Dec 31, 1853,

Geo. Fisher Sec.

No 234.

Ge: N. Cornwell

vs
The United States) "Part of Sonlagnulle"

Opinion by
Court Thompson

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This is a claim to a portion of the Rancho called "Sonlagnulle" situated in the County of Marin, the original title to which was considered in case No 233, Joshua S Brackett vs The United States. The present claim depends upon the same testimony and is subject to the same objections which were discussed in the Opinion delivered in that case and must for like reasons be rejected.

Filed in Office April 17. 1855
Ge: Fisher Sec.

No 234

Ge: N. Cornwell

vs
The United States

Decree"

In this case on hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Commission 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 rejected

R. Aug Thompson
S. B. Farwell,
Commissioners

Filed in Office April 17. 1855
Ge: Fisher Sec.

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Order

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Northern District of California, it is hereby Ordered, that two transcripts of the proceedings and of the decisions in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are 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 for the Northern District of California, and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States.



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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 *Thirty five* pages, numbered from
1 to *35*, 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. *234* on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein *George N. Cornwell* is
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "*Part of Soudajulle.*"

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
Eighth day of November
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. 28 - 328

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

ND

George Corwell.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 234.

Filed November 7th 1855

*J. A. Monroe,
Clerk.*

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George H. Cornwell

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v. } Transcript No 328

The United States

It is hereby stipulated and agreed that the Depositions of Jose Ramon Mesa and Jacob Mantoni filed in the case of The United States v. Joshua S. Bracket Transcript No 329 may be considered as put in in this case and be used at the trial of the same

A. Hassell
Asst U.S. Atty

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George W. Cornwall

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v } No 328

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Stipulation

Filed Dec: 22, 1855,
J. Cheever,
Deputy.

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In the United States Dist. Court
for Northern Dist of California

George A. Cornwall

v. } Transcript No 224.328
The United States

To The U. S. Dist Attorney

Sir

Please take Notice that the
claimant in this case intends to prosecute an appeal
from the decision of the Board of the United
States Land Commission, rejecting his claim.

Wm Blanding
atly for Applt.

U. S. Dist Court.

George N. Cornwall

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 } No 328

The United States

Notice of appeal

Filed Dec: 22, 1855,
J. Chever, Deputy

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for Applth.

Service Acknowledged
this 22nd Decr 1855
A. Russell
asst. U.S. aty

George N. Cornwall
N. } Transcript No 328.
The United States }

To

The Judge of the District Court
for the Northern District of California.

The Petition of George N. Cornwall
respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner on
the 20th day of May 1852 presented his claim
to the United States Land Commission for part of
a tract of land in the present county of Marin
and known as the "Soulajulle" or "San Ramon"
Ranch. That he derives his title by Mesne
conveyances from Jose Ramon Mesa to whom the
said Ranch was granted by Manuel Micheltorona
on 29 March 1844.

That the claim was rejected by the Board
on the ground that the Ranch was called "Soulajulle"
in the grant, while in the Mesne Conveyances
it was called "San Ramon": and for
the description of the land and his title thereto
he refers specially to his Petition and the docu-
ments and evidence laid before the Board

That the Transcript was filed in this
Court on the 7th day of Novr 1855 and
Notice of Appeal was served on the Dist Attorney
and filed with the Clerk on the 21st day of Decr

1855.

Now Petitioner therefore prays
this Honorable Court for a reversal of the decision
of the Board and that his title may be con-
-firmed by the proper decree.

Wm Blanding
Atty for Petr

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District Court

George W. Cornwell

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Petition of Appeal.

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for Pitt

herein acknowledged
this Dec. 22, 1853.

W. Russell
Asst. U. S. Atty
this Dec. 22, 1853.

J. Chivers,
Deputy

In the District Court of the United States - for the Northern District of California.

The United States }
Appellants }
vs } No. 328.
George N. Council }

The United States by their Attorney deny the validity of the title set out in the petition of the said Appellants: and pray that the decision of the Board of Commissioners be affirmed, and that the said title be decreed to be invalid.

A. Russell
Asst. U.S. Atty

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U.S. Dist. Court

The U. States

vs

George N. Russell

Answer

Filed Dec: 22, 1855,

J. Cheever,

Deputy.

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G. Russell

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 Fran-
cisco on Monday the twenty third day
of ~~August~~^{February} A. D. 1857.

Present:

The Hon. Ogden Hoffman.

Dist. Judge

The United States

vs

George W. Cornell

D. C. 328; L. C. 234.

This cause came on
to be heard on appeal from the final decision
of the Board of Commissioners to ascertain
and settle the private land claims in the
State of California, under the act of Congress
approved 3^d March A. D. 1851, upon the trans-
cript 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 the
cause having regularly come to a hearing,
it is by the Court hereby Ordered, Adjudged
and Decreed that the said decision be

and the same is hereby reversed; and it is likewise Ordered Adjudged and Decreed that the claim of the appellant is a good and valid claim, and that the same be and is hereby confirmed.

The land of which confirmation is hereby made is a portion of a tract called "Soulajulle" in Marin County (granted to Jose Ramon Mesa March 29, 1844) and is bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the South east corner of the tract of land bought of said Mesa by deed bearing date Dec 6, 1849, thence running westwardly along the line of Captain Cooper, two miles, thence northwardly seven eighths of a mile, thence Eastwardly two miles; thence to the place of beginning, ^{supposed} to contain one thousand one hundred and twenty acres, or one and three fourths of a mile, it being the south part of the land bought by Cornwall & Watkins of Jose Ramon Mesa - reference for a more particular description to be had to the grant, map, and transfers filed in the case. Provided that the land above described be found within the exterior boundaries of the said original grant made to Jose Ramon Mesa by Gov Maud Michelto.

vena on the 29th day of March 1844; but
if the whole of the above described
lands be not found within the exte-
rior boundaries of said original grant,
then only such quantity thereof as may
be found therein, is hereby confirmed

Ogden Hoffman
U. S. Dist Judge

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vs

George N. Corumell

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Filed February 23, 1856

W. H. Cheever,
Deputy.

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Blanding & Blanding
Attys for Corumell.

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 *Friday* the *Seventh* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States

vs

George W. Cornwell

D. C. 328; L. C. 234

The Attorney General ^{of the U.S.} having given notice that no further appeal will be taken in this case, and a stipulation to that effect having been entered into by the District Attorney:

On motion of the District attorney it is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that claimant have leave to proceed under the decree of this Court heretofore rendered in his favor as under final decree.

Ogden Hoffman

U. S. Dist Judge

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United States District Court, Northern
District of California.

The United States

vs.

George W. Cornell

ORDER.

vacating appeal

Filed *August 7th* 1857

John A. Murre,

CLERK.

By *A. A. Chase*

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In the District Court of the United States
for the Northern District of Cal.

The United States

vs

D. C. 328; L. C. 234.

George W. Cornell

In pursuance of notice
from the Attorney General of the United
States, it is hereby stipulated and agreed
that no further appeal be taken in this
case on the part of the United States, and
that claimant have leave to proceed under
the decree of this court heretofore rendered
in his favor, as under final decree.

San Francisco Aug 7th 1887.
P. Della Torre

W. L. AM,

Blonding & Blonding
Attys for Bank.

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The United States

vs

George W. Cornell

Stipulation

Filed Aug. 7, 1857.

W. D. Cheverus,
Deputy.

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Surveyor-General's Office,
CALIFORNIA.

No. 610 COMMERCIAL ST., ABOVE MONTGOMERY (UP STAIRS).

Official letters, etc., pertaining to the business of the office, should be addressed to the "U. S. Surveyor-General's Office, Post Office Box No. 2260,"
Be particular to describe the land you write about, by Section or part of Section, Township and Range.

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San Francisco,

Dec. 3rd 1878,

I hereby certify that the plans and descriptive
notes of the five ^{tracts} ~~tracts~~ of the Rancho Sontajier, have
been prepared and forwarded to Washington for patent
under the provisions of the Act of July 1st 1864, as re-
quired by the parties in interest, and that there is
one R. Gibbons, Mrs. F. J. Page, and Messrs J. B. Lagan and
J. E. Hosmer the amounts set forth in their accounts
accompanying this certificate.

~~Attest~~

Thos Wagner
U. S. Surveyor-General

No.

T. WAGNER,

U. S. Surveyor-General for California.

Date, 187

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San Francisco

In compliance with the order of the Surveyor-General, the following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed as assessors for the year 1877.

NO. 100 COMMERCIAL ST. S.F.

U.S.
Surveyor-General's Office,
CALIFORNIA.

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San Francisco, Dec 3 1878

The Rancho Soulajulle
(Confirmed in part to Vasquez, Watkins, Garmley Brackett &
Cornwall)

To Mrs. L. J. Page. Dr.

For copying decrees, descriptive notes, etc.
and preparing for transmission to Washington \$31.12

Rec'd Pay't

L. J. Page.
Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above account is correct.

Thos Wagner
U. S. Surveyor-General.

No.

T. WAGNER,
U. S. Surveyor-General for California.

Date,, 187

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CALIFORNIA.

No. 610 COMMERCIAL ST., ABOVE MONTGOMERY (UP STAIRS).

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San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1878,

The Rancho Sontajule,
(Confirmed in part to Vasquez, Watkins,
Gornley, Brackett, & Cornwall)

To Sally Hosmer, Dr.

For Copying Description notes, deenas, etc,
and preparing for transmission,

\$ 31.12

Rec'd Pay't
Sally Hosmer
Clerk.

I hereby certify that the
above account is correct.

Thos Wagner
U. S. Surveyor-General.

No.

T. WAGNER,

U. S. Surveyor-General for California.

Date, 187

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Be careful to observe the date and time of day at which the office hours are kept, and to observe the date and time of day at which the office hours are kept, and to observe the date and time of day at which the office hours are kept.

BE CAREFUL TO OBSERVE THE DATE AND TIME OF DAY AT WHICH THE OFFICE HOURS ARE KEPT, AND TO OBSERVE THE DATE AND TIME OF DAY AT WHICH THE OFFICE HOURS ARE KEPT, AND TO OBSERVE THE DATE AND TIME OF DAY AT WHICH THE OFFICE HOURS ARE KEPT.

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Surveyor-General's Office,
CALIFORNIA.

306 PINE STREET, (UP STAIRS.)

Official letters, etc., pertaining to the business of the office, should be addressed to the "U. S. Surveyor-General's Office, Post Office Box, No. 2260."
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San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1878

The Rancho Suelajulle
(Confirmed in part to Vaquez, Watkins, Grouley, Brackett
& Cornwall)

To Jennie B. Lagan. Wt.
For copying, Descriptive Notes, decrees, etc.
and preparing for transmission to
Washington - \$31.12

Rec'd. Pay'd
Jennie B. Lagan.
Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above account
is correct.

Thos Wagner
U. S. Surveyor-General.

U.S.
Surveyor-General's Office,
CALIFORNIA.

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NO. 610 COMMERCIAL ST., ABOVE MONTGOMERY (UP STAIRS).

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Be particular to describe the land you write about, by Section or part of Section, Township and Range.

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San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1878.

The Rancho Soutajulli,

To R. Gibbons,

For 17 1/2 days work, platting, etc,
Rec'd. Payt.

Dr.
\$102.64

R. Gibbons

Draughtsman

I hereby certify that the
above account is correct

Thos Wagner
U.S. Surveyor-General

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T. WAGNER,

U. S. Surveyor-General for California.

Date, 187

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George Coonwell
^{vs}
_{and}

329 U.S. vs Joshua S. Brackett

331 U.S. vs Pedro S. Vasquez

334 U.S. vs Martin & Gormley

352 U.S. vs Lewis S. Watkins.

Filed December 12th 1878

Southard Hoffman Clerk

Byt D. Grimwood
Deputy Clerk.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Northern District of California.

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George Cornwell
vs.
The United States. San Francisco, Nov: 28th 1856.

ON this day, before John A. Mousue, a
Commissioner of the United States for the Northern District of California, duly
authorized to administer oaths, &c., &c., came
Thomas O. Larkin a witness produced on behalf of the
Claimant.

in Case No. 328, being an appeal from the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, in Case No. 234 on the Docket of the said Board of Commissioners, and was duly sworn and testified as follows — his evidence being interpreted by
a sworn interpreter

PRESENT: John J. Williams, Esq. of Counsel
for the Claimant, and Wm. Blanding, Esq.
U. S. District Attorney,

QUESTION BY Claimant's Counsel,

What is your name, age, and place of residence,
Answer,

Thomas O. Larkin, am 54 years of age, and
reside in San Francisco County, Cal.,
Id.,

Are you acquainted with the handwriting
of Manuel Micheltorena, and of Manuel
Dineen. If you look upon the document
now shown you from the office of the
Surveyor General for California, purporting
to be the original grant, for the tract of
land called Soulapelle, in favor of Ramon
Mesa marked "Exhibit No. 1. A. H. annexed
to the deposition of Ramon Mesa, taken
in the case of Joshua S. Brackett

No. 233 in the U. S. Land Commission,
and state whether or not the signatures
of the said Micheltorena, and Gineau
where they occur in, and upon said doc-
ument, are their true, and genuine signatures.

Answer,

I am acquainted with their hand writings
having often seen them write. Their signatures
where they occur on said document are their
true, and genuine signatures.

Cross examination waived on part of A. S.,

Thomas C. Larwin

N^o 328.

U. S. Dist. Court,

George Caswell,

— do —

The United States.

Deposition of
Thomas O. Larkin,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Northern District of California.

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San Francisco, Nov: 28th 1855,

ON this day, before *John C. Murve*, a
Commissioner of the United States for the Northern District of California, duly
authorized to administer oaths, &c., &c., came *John Martin*,
& *Josi Ramon Mesa* a witness produced on behalf of the
Claimant,
in Case Nos³²⁹, being an appeal from the Board of Commissioners to ascer-
tain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, in Case
No. 333 on the Docket of the said Board of Commissioners, and was duly
sworn and testified as follows — ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~
a sworn interpreter

PRESENT: *A. Hassell, Asst. U. S. Dist. Atty.*
and *William Blanding, Esq., Counsel*
for Claimant.

QUESTION BY Counsel for Claimant
to John Martin.

What is your place of residence, and how long
have you lived at your present residence.

Answer, I live at the Novaca in Marin County
and have lived there since 1837

2. Question, Do you know the Ranch formerly known
as Soulafulle.

Answer, I know the Ranch by that name, and also
by another name. The other name was the
Ranch of Ramon Mesa.

3. Question, What were the boundaries of the Ramon Mesa
Ranch.

Answer, It is bounded on the East by my Ranch,
on the South by Mr Black's land, called
"Nicasio", on the North by the Laguna de San Antonio,
I know the title calls for three leagues, and I

think the tract of land contains about that amount of land.

4 Question, What is the word Soulapulle, Spanish, or Indian.

Answer, It is an Indian word. It is the same Ranch as that now known as the Ranch of Ramon Mesa. I have no interest whatever in this claim.

John^{his} Martin,
mark

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Josi Ramon Mesa being duly sworn, deposes, and says

1 Question, Do you know the Rancho formerly known as the Soulapulle Ranch.

Answer, I do.

2 Question, Was the Ranch granted to you.

Answer, It was. I have sold it, and conveyed it by deed, and now have no interest in it whatever. The Ranch was granted to me by the name of the Soulapulle Ranch.

3 Question, Why was it called Ramon Mesa Ranch.

Answer, I changed the name, and called it after myself. The Soulapulle, and San Ramon Ranch are the same identically, and the boundaries are precisely the same.

Ramon^{his} Mesa,
mark

Sworn to, and Subscribed before me Nov:
28th. 1855.

John. A. Monroe,
U. S. Commissioner.

Attested.

Filed January, 19th, 1856
John. A. Monroe, Clerk,
of N. H. Chevers, Deputy.

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J. John. A. Monroe, Clerk of the District
Court of the United States for the Northern
District of California, do hereby certify
that the writings annexed to this certificate
are full, true, and correct copies of their
respective originals now on file, & remaining
of record in my office.



Witness my hand, and the
seal of the said Court this
11th day of December, 1856,
John. A. Monroe, Clerk,
by W. H. Chivers, Deputy.

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U. S. Dist. Court,

Geo: W. Cornwell,

vs.

The United States

Certified Copy of Depositions
of
John Martin & Ramona Mesa,

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,
To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

Nov. 8th
Oct. 27th 1855
San Francisco,

J. A. Morrill 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. 234 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

George Cornwell is
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known
by the name of "Soulajulle"

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

Geo. Fisher
[Signature]