

CASE NO.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

CALLOYOME GRANT

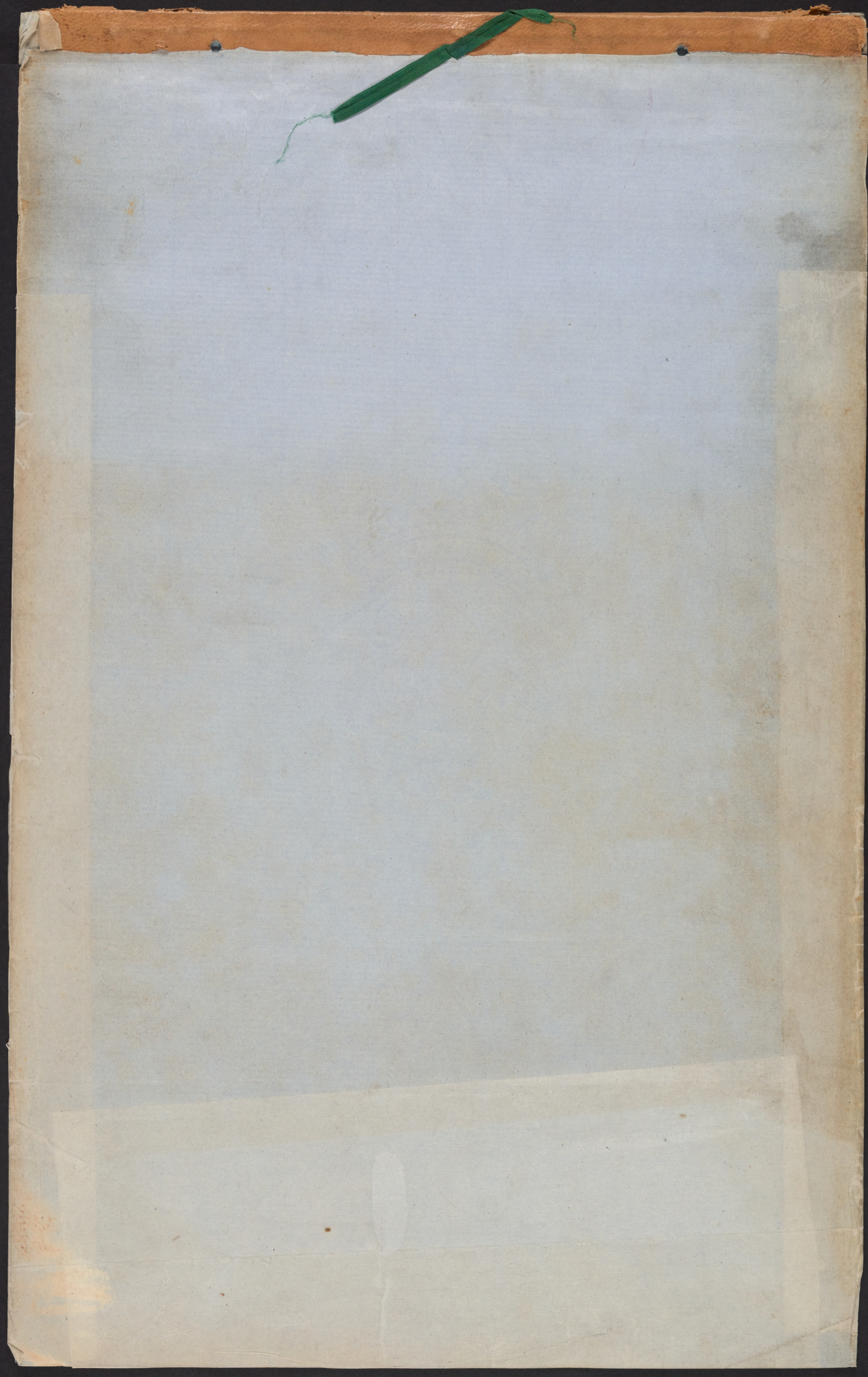
ARCHIBALD A. RITCHIE

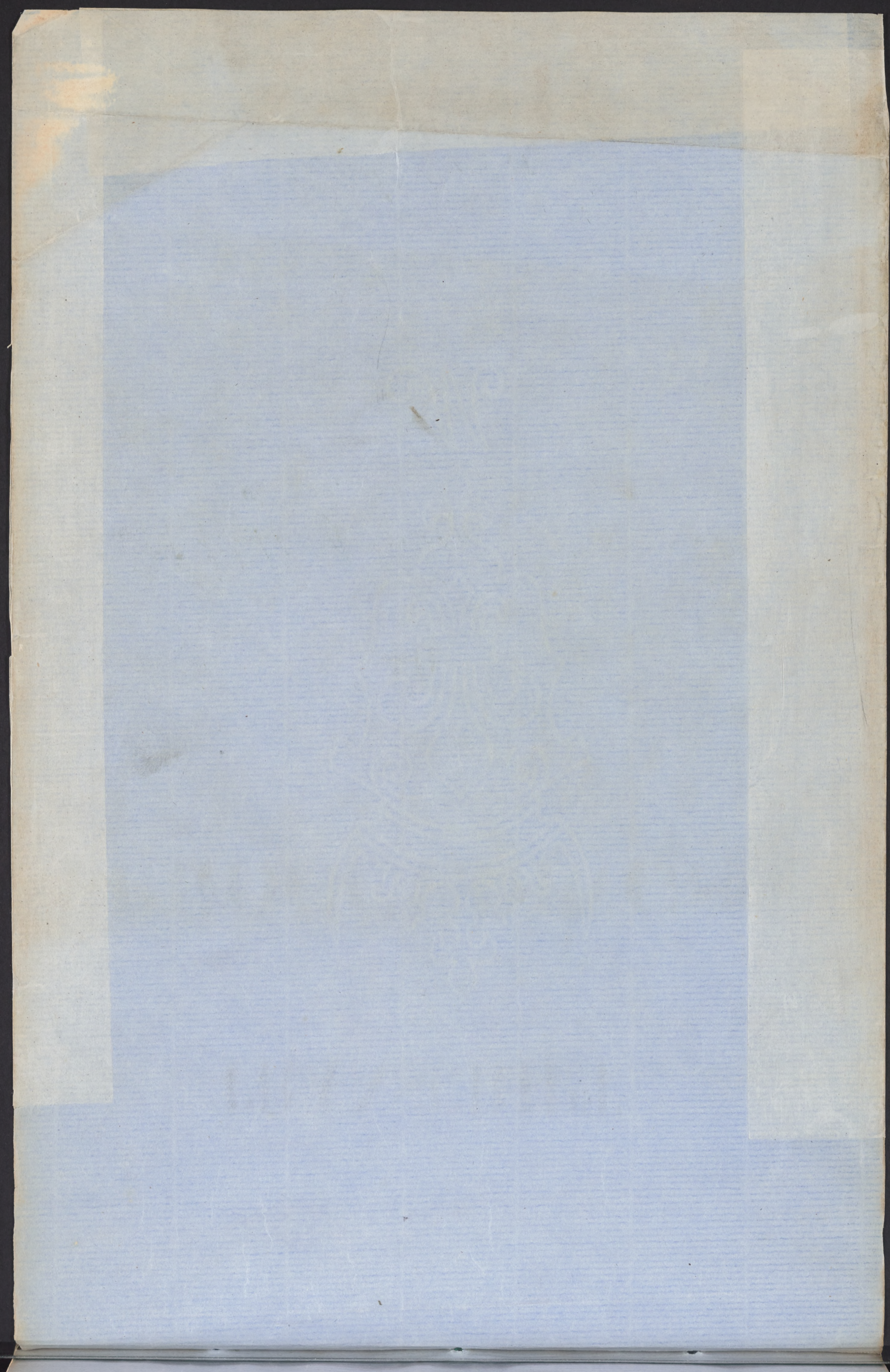
AND

P. S. FORBES

CLAIMANT

ALSO AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM





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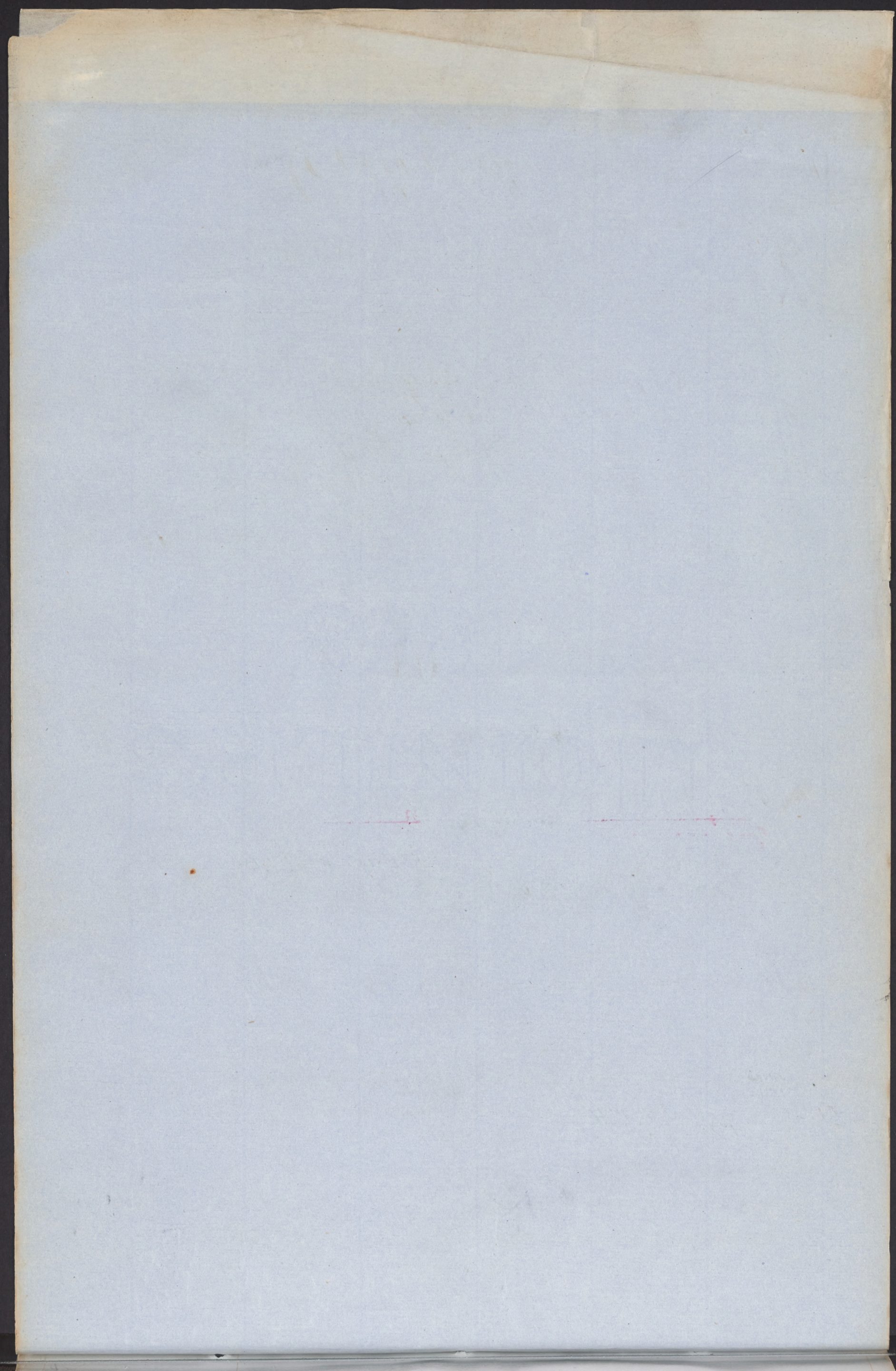
Archibald A Ritchie
and
P. S. Forbes
VS.

CLAIMANT'S

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"Callozome"



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 Thursday, February, 12th, 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 Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul, S. Forbes, _____ for the Place named "Calloymie" _____ was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 40 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide pages 5 & 6, of this Transcript.)

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

Saturday May 22^d 1852.
In Case, No 40, A. A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, the Deposition of Robert H. Waterman a witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner Harry J. Thornton, was filed and is in the words and figures as follows, to wit: (Vide pages of this Transcript. 7 and 8.)

Thursday July 1st 1852.
In Case, No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes, "Calloymie", the Deposition of Jacob P. Geese, a witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner Harry J. Thornton, was filed, and is in the words and figures as follows, to wit:

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Saturday August 14th 1852.

In Case, No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul Forbes, for the place called Colloyoné, the parties litigant filed an Agreement relative to placing this Case on the Trial Docket, which is as follows, to wit:

Agreement.

We agree that the above entitled cause be put on the Trial Docket, with the stipulation which is hereby entered into, that either the Law Agent or the Claimant may introduce further testimony previous to the argument of the Case.

Walleck, Peachy & Billings.

Attys for the Claimants.

Geo W. Cooley.

U. S. Law Agent.

Saturday August 14th 1852.

The following Cases were ordered to be placed on the Trial Docket, subject to the stipulations filed this day, by the parties litigant, to wit:

No 12, Archibald A. Ritchie, et al, "Guarve."

No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul J. Forbes, "Colloyoné."

Saturday September 11th 1852.

In Case, No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie, and Paul J. Forbes, for the place called "Colloyoné"; the Counsel for the Claimants filed an authenticated Copy of the

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original Expediente, on file in the Office of the U. S. Surveyor General for California, as Evidence in behalf of the Claimants, which marked Exhibit E, and the Translation thereof marked Exhibit F, are as follows to wit: (Vide pages of this Transcript 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. and 20.)

Monday September 13th 1852.
Case No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie, and Paul J. Forbes, for the place called "Colloynie", called. The Counsel for the Claimants, Mr Peachy, read the Petition and the Evidence, and submitted the same without argument. The U. S. Law Agent filed his written argument, and the Case was taken under advisement by the Board.

In the same Case, the Counsel for the Claimants filed an agreement, executed by the U. S. Law Agent, relative to the admission of two Original Documentary Evidences, marked H. & V. filed this day by the Claimants, which Agreement and Documents are in the words and figures as follows, to wit: (Vide pages of this Transcript. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. and 29.)

Monday September 20th 1852.
In Case, No 41, Archibald A. Ritchie, and Paul J. Forbes, for the place named "Colloynie", the Deposition of Ygnacio del Valle, a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before Commissioner James Wilson, with Document S. W. No 1, annexed thereto, was filed, and is in the words, and figures as follows, to wit: (Vide pages of this Transcript. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. and 37.)

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Friday, Sept'r 24th 1852.

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In Case No 40, A. A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, for the place named "Colloymie", Commissioner James Wilson delivered the Opinion of the Board, declaring the Claim valid; the entering of the Decree of final confirmation being reserved for a future day. (Vide pages of this Transcript: 39 and 40)

Wednesday Dec'r 22^d 1852.

In Case No 40, Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, for the place named "Colloymie", Commissioner Harry S. Thornton delivered the opinion and Decree of Final Confirmation of this Board.

Order for the re-
cording of Opin-
ion &c.

Ordered, that the opinion and decree of final confirmation of this Board, delivered this day, in this case, be recorded on the Journal.

Which Opinion and Decree are in the words and figures as follows, to wit:
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The petitioners Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul G.
Forbes respectfully show:

That on the seventeenth day of June A. D. one thou-
-sant eight-hundred and forty four, Manuel
Micheltorena Governor of the Department of the
California, by virtue of the authority of his office,
granted to Robert J. Ridley the tract of land known
by the name of "Calayonic", situate in the then
Jurisdiction of Sonoma, comprising within its
boundaries, as shown by the respective map des-
-cribed in the title papers, three "sitios de ganado
mayor," or three square leagues; and that on the
twenty-sixth day of September A. D. one thousand
eight-hundred and forty five, the Departmental
Assembly approved the said grant in due form of
law; copies of which grant, Approval and Map
are hereto annexed marked A. with translations
marked B.

The petitioners further show that the said
Robert J. Ridley and his wife Presentacion Miran-
-da; conveyed to Jacob P. Leese, by deed of Exchange
dated December A. D. one thousand eight-
hundred and forty nine, the said tract of land;
and that the said Jacob P. Leese and Rosalia his
wife sold and conveyed the said tract of land to
the petitioners, by deed of conveyance dated the
7th day of September A. D. 1850; copies of which
deeds of exchange, and of conveyance are hereto
annexed marked C. and D.

That the said Robert J. Ridley, and the said
Jacob P. Leese, and the petitioners have done and
performed in the due form of law all of the require-
-ments of said grant necessary to make the grant
aforesaid full, perfect and absolute.

That they know of no interfering claim;
that the said tract of land has not been surveyed

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by the Surveyor General of the United States, but that the position and bounds of the land are fully set forth and described in the grant and map aforesaid and are definite and well known.

The petitioners rely for confirmation of title upon the original papers, copies of which are hereto annexed, upon the documents and minutes concerning the same in the archives in the possession of the Surveyor General, and such other proofs as they may be advised are necessary.

Wherefore they pray the Commissioners to decide upon the validity of the grant to the said Robert J. Ridley, and to confirm the same to the petitioners.

By their Attorneys.

Halleck, Peckay, & Billings.

Filed in Office Feby 12th 1852.

(Signed) Gen Fisher.

Secy.

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Office of the Board of Land
Commissioners for California.
San Francisco, May 22^d 1852.

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On this day before me Harry J. Throston,
one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling
private Land claims in California; came Robert H.
Waterman a witness produced in behalf the Clai-
-nants; A. A. Ritchie, and P. G. Forbes, whose peti-
-tion is No 411, on the Docket of said Commissioners;
and after being duly sworn testified as follows:
The Law Agent of the United States was notified
and attended.

Deposition of Questions by Claimants.
R. H. Waterman.

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

Answer. My name is Robert H. Waterman, my
age is 44 years, I now reside on the Guerne Ran-
-cho about 45 miles north east of Napa City.

2^d Question. What do you know about the posses-
-sion and occupation of this tract of land?

Answer. It lies adjoining the Rancho of Guerne
where I have lived since January last; it is occupied
by the claimants Ritchie and Forbes. It is consid-
-ered as forming the same farm as Guerne; the
two are occupied together; they have over 100 horses
on the ranch. I have charge of it for the claimants;
there is also a house on the Collynie tract; it was
there when I went there; there were also the ruins
of another house on this tract when I went there.
The house is occupied by men employed by claimants.
The land is occupied as a stock Rancho.

R. H. Waterman.

The U. States Law Agent present.

Sworn to, and subscribed before

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me this 22nd May 1852.

Harry J. Thornton.

Comr &c

Filed in Office May 22nd 1852.

(Signed) Gen Fisher.

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No 40, Claim of A. A. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes.

Office of the Board of Land
Commissioners for California
San Francisco June 30th 1852.

On this day before me Harry J. Thornton one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private Land Claims in California, came Jacob P. Leese, a witness produced in behalf of the Claimants A. A. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes, being No 40 on the Docket of the said Commissioners and after being duly sworn testified as follows; The U. S. Law Agent was duly notified and attended;

Deposition of Questions by Claimant.
Jacob P. Leese.

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

Answer. My name is Jacob P. Leese; my age is 43 years; I now reside in Monterey, and have resided in California 19 years.

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2^d Are you acquainted with the Rancho call-
ed "Calloymé", and if so, where is it situated,
and what do you know about its occupation?
Answer: In 1844 I recommended the petition
of Robert Ridley for this land, and the Governor grant-
ed it; I was then Alcalde of Sonoma. Ridley
had a house built on it in 1845, and it was
stocked with cattle and horses; - some two or
three hundred cattle and a few horses. A small
portion of the land was cultivated. In 1849, Rid-
ley exchanged it with me for another farm, and
in 1850 I sold it to the present claimants, A. A.
Ritchie and Paul G. Forbes, who now occupy it;
it has been occupied ever since it was first granted.
Ridley asked me for judicial possession in
1845, but I did not consider it necessary to
give any, as the boundaries were plainly defined
in the grant, and there was no question with
any neighbors. This Rancho is situate about 70
miles north of the city of Sonoma.

J. P. Leese.

I acknowledge notice in the above case and de-
cline to cross examine.

Geo W. Corley.
U. S. Law Agent.

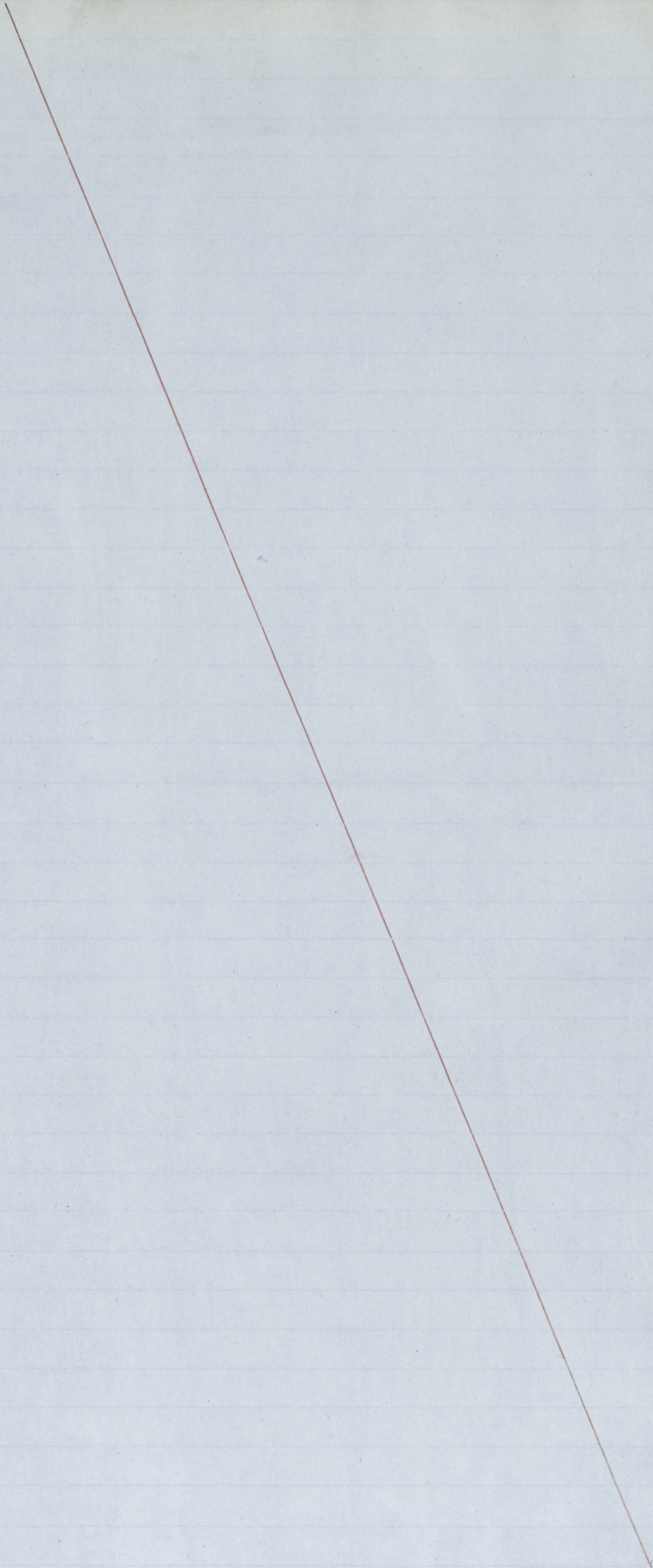
Sworn to, and subscribed to before
me this 30th of June 1852.

Harry S. Thornton.
Comm'r. &c

Filed in Office July 1st 1852.

Geo Fisher.
Secy.

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*Espediente promovido por D^o Roberto Tomas
Fridley en pretencion del terreno nombrado
Collayomi.*

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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.

Micheltorena.

Pablo de la Guerra.



Monterrey. Mr. 10

20. de 1844.

M. J. - E.

M. del despacho tomando otros si al efecto o sea neces. - aris.

Micheltorena.

Exmo Señor Gobernador.

Roberto Tomas Bridley, natural de los E. U. del Norte y naturalizado en este territorio, ante V. E. con el debido respeto y como mas haga lugar en derecho, se presente y dice: Que hallandose poseedor de algunas cabezas de ganado mayor y faltando una sitio para aumentar los, hi encontrado uno valdido nombrado Colloyami en Sonoma, dicho terreno segun consta el adjunto disenio consiste de veinte dos mil quinientos varas y no colindante con nadie. Por tanto.

A. V. E. suplica se sirva acceder a mi sollicitud, en lo que recibere merced, sujetandome siempre a las leyes que hubiere vigentes para el efecto jurando como no ser de malicia y lo necesario d.

Monterrey. 20 de My. de 1844.

Roberto Tomas Bridley.

Dispone el Exmo. Sr. Gobernador pase la presente instancia al Juez 1.º de Sonoma para que informe sobre su contenido.

Monterrey 20. de My. de 1844.

Manuel Jimeno.

El terreno q. solicita el interesado es valdido y no pertenece a pueblo Corporacion ni person alguna.

Sonoma. Mayo. 27. de 1844.

Jacob P. Reese.

Exmo.

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Excmo. Sr. Gobernador.

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Por los Informes que se han practicado, resulta que el terreno está Valdío en estado de concederse al interesado, el que por su harradero se hace digno de la consideracion de V. E.

Monterrey. Abril. 30 de 1844.

Manuel Jimeno.

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Monterrey. 30 de Abril. de 1844

Conforme.

Micheltoressa.

Monterrey 17 de Junio de 1844.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este expediente los informes que preceden, con todo los demas que se tube presente y de ver con vino de conformidad con las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, declari à D^o Tomas Roberto Bridley dueño en propiedad del terreno nombrado Collayomi, en estencion de tres sitios de ganado mayor por mas ó menos librese el correspondiente despacho, tomese razon en el libro respectivo y dirijase este expediente ala Exma. Asamblea Departamental para su aprobacion. El Sr. Dn. Manuel Micheltoressa General de Brigada del ejercito Mexicano, Gobernador Comandante General, asi lo mando, decreto y firmo de que doy fe.

Angeles. Setiembre. 3^o de 1845.

Dado cuenta en Session de hoy con este expediente à la Exma Asamblea Departamental se mando pasara la Comision de terrenos Valdios.

Pio Pico.

Presidente.

Agustin Olvera.

Sno.

Excmo. Snor.

La Comision de terrenos Valdios se ha enterado con toda la hermencia posible del expediente promovido por el ciudadano Mexicano por naturalizacion

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Tomás Pridley en pretension del terreno conocido con el nombre de Collayomi, situado en la Jurisdiccion de Sonoma, y satisfecha de que las diligencias estampadas en dicho expediente fueron suficientes p^a q^d el superior Gobierno del Departamento le hubiese concedido el repetido terreno, presenta a la Calificacion de S. E. la siguiente proposicion.

Se aprueba la concesion hecha por el superior gobierno del departamento en titulo librado con fha. 17 de Junio de 1824. en favor del ciudadano p^o naturalizacion Tomas Pridley del terreno conocido con el nombre de Collayomi, situado dentro de los limites de la Jurisdiccion de Sonoma en estension de tres sitios de ganado mayor de conformidad con la ley de 15 de Agosto de 1824. y el articulo 5^o del Reglamento de 21 de noviembre de 1828.

Sala de Comisiones en la Ciudad de los Angeles. Setiembre 23 de 1825.

Gran^{co} de la Guerra.

Porcisco Botello.

Angeles. Setiembre 26 de 1825.

En Sesion de hoy se aprueba por Exma Asamblea Departamental la proposicion del dictamen antecedente, mandando se devuelva el expediente original al E. S. Gobernador para los fines convenientes.

Pio Pico.

Agustin Olvera.

Srv.

En la fha se libra a la parte la copia respectiva.

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

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I Samuel D. King, Surveyor
General of the United States for the State of California
and as such now having in my office and under my
custody a portion of the archives of the former Spanish
and Mexican Territory, Department of Upper Cali-
fornia, do hereby certify that the preceding and hereunto
annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to
eight inclusive and each of which is verified by my
initials (S. D. K.) exhibit true and accurate copies of
certain documents on file and forming part of the
same archives in this Office.

In Testimony Whereof I have
hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my
private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at the City
of San Francisco (California) the 12th Day of August
1852.

Samuel D. King
In S. Surveyor General (Calif.)

Translation.

Stamp Fourth. Two Reales.

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime Custom House
of the Port of Monterey in the Department of the Calif-
ornias for the years eighteen hundred forty Four and
eighteen hundred Forty Five.

Signed. Micheltorena.

Sgd. Pablo de la Guerra.



To his Excellency the Governor.

Monterrey March. Roberto Tomas Pridley, native of the United
States of the North, and naturalized in
Do - 1852 - this territory, before your Excellency with due
Secretary of the State respect and as he best way in law, appears
report, calling for and says: that being owner of some head
other information of large Cattle, and without a place for
if he should believe their increase, he has found one vacant
it necessary. named "Collayomi" in Sonoma; said
S^{to} Micheltorena.

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land as appears by the annexed map, consists of twenty
two thousand five hundred varas, and does not adjoin
any body else. Wherefore he prays Your Excellency to have
the goodness to accede to his request, by which he will receive
favor, being always subject to the laws in force for that
object, swearing that he does not act with evil intent
and whatever else, may be necessary.

Monterrey March. 20. de 1821.

Sud. Roberto Tomas Midley.

As directed by his Excellency the Governor, let the preceding
petition pass to the 1.st Judge of Sonoma, that he may report
upon its contents.

Squad. Manuel Jimeno.

The land which the person interested solicits is vacant and
does not belong to any town, corporation or individual.

Sonoma. March. 27. 1821.

Signed. Jacob. P. Leese.

To his Excellency the Governor,

From the reports that have
made, it results that the land is vacant, in a State to be
granted to the person interested, who on account of his hon-
-orable character is worthy of the consideration of your
Excellency.

Monterrey. April. 30. 1821.

Monterrey. April 30th 1844.

Agreed to.

(Sgd.) - Micheltorena.

Monterrey. June 17th 1821.

Having seen the peti-
-tion with which this expediente began, the reports which
precede, with all other things which were represented and
proper to be considered, in conformity with the laws
and regulations on the matter, I declare Don. Tomas
Roberto Midley owner in fee of the land named
Collayomi, in extent three square leagues, a little

or a little more or less, let the corresponding title issue, let
note be made in the respective book, and direct this exped-
iente to the most Excellent Departmental Assembly
for its approval. Senor Don Manuel Micheltorena,
General of Brigade of the Mexican army, Governor
Commanding General, thus ordered decreed and signed
to which I Certify.

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Angeles. Sept. 3^a 1845.

This Expediente (being)
reported to the most Excellent Departmental Assembly in
Session of this day, it was ordered to be passed to the Committee
on vacant lands.

Signed. Pio Pico. President.
Sgt. Agustin Olvera Secretary.

Most Excellent Sir,

The Committee on vacant
lands has with all possible diligence, examined the Expediente
moved by the Mexican Citizen by naturalization Tomas
Bridley, petitioning for the land known by the name of
Collayomi, situated in the Jurisdiction of Sonora,
and, satisfied that the official acts made out on said
expediente were sufficient for the Superior Government of the
Department to have granted the aforesaid land, it presents
for the action of your Excellency the following proposition.

"Approved the grant made by the Superior govern-
ment of the Department in title issued with date, the
17th of June 1845, in favor of the Mexican Citizen by natur-
alization Tomas Bridley of the land known by the name
of Collayomi, situated within the limits of the Jurisdiction
of Sonora, in extent three square leagues, in conformity
with the law of August 18th 1825, and article 5. of the
regulation of November 21. 1828.

Hall of Committees in the City of Los Angeles.

September 23. 1845.

Signed. - Pareiso Botello.

Sgt. F. de la Guerra.

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Angeles. Sept. 26. 1845.

In Session of this day the most Excellent Departmental Assembly, approved the proposition of the foregoing report, ordering that the original Expediente be returned to His Excellency the Governor for the proper purposes.

[Signed.] Pio Pico.

[Signed.] Agustin Olvera.

On the same date the respective copy was issued to the party interested.

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U. S. Land Commissioners. —

21.

Claim of Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul J. Forbes,
to the Rancho De Colloymé.

Agreement by
the U. S. Law Agent
relative the admis-
sion of Documen-
tary Evidence
marked H & Y.

In this Case the Law Agent of the United States, ad-
mits the due execution of the deed of exchange
between Robert Ridley and Jacob P. Leese, offered in
evidence by the Claimants marked H, bearing
date the day of December A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and forty nine, a copy whereof
is filed with the Claimants petition marked
C. And the Law Agent of the U. S. further ad-
mits the due execution, of the deed whereby Ja-
cob P. Leese, and Rosalia his wife convey to Archi-
bald A. Ritchie, and Paul J. Forbes, the Rancho
De Colloymé, dated the seventh day of September
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty,
the original of which is offered in evidence marked
Y, and a copy filed with the petition marked
D.

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Geo W. Codley.

U. S. Law Agent.

Filed in Office September 13th 1852.

(Signed) Geo Fisher.

Secy.

22.
Transfer from
Robert Ridley
to
Jacob P. Leese.

This indenture made on this ----- day of
December in the year One thousand eight hun-
dred and forty nine, between Jacob P. Leese of the
District of Sonoma, California, of the one part,
and Robert Ridley of the District of San Francisco
California of the other part.

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Witnesseth, that the
said Jacob P. Leese hath given and granted, and
by these presents, doth give and grant unto the
said Robert Ridley, his heirs, and assigns, all that
certain tract or parcel of land, situate in Upper
California, called or known by the names of Ca-
ñada de Guadalupe Visitacion Y. Rodon Viejo,
bounded on the East by the Ocean, on the West, by
the "Camino Real," or Royal Road and Portezuela,
on the North, by the Rancho of Don Cornelio Bernal,
and on the South by that of Don José Sanchez,
being the same premises heretofore granted to the
said Jacob P. Leese, by the name of Jacob Luis de Leese,
by Juan B. Alvarado, Constitutional Governor of
the Department of the Californias, under the Govern-
ment of Mexico, by a grant, or patent dated at Mon-
terey the thirty first day of July in the year 1841,
and recorded in the Book of Entries of Adjudica-
tions of unoccupied Lands, and also in the Pre-
fecture of the First District, and afterwards on
the 8th of February 1847, recorded on pages one
(1) two (2) and three (3) of the Book of Perma-
nent Land Titles of San Francisco, the bounda-
ries of which said land are more clearly shown
by the original Map, or plan thereof on file in
the Public Archives of said Upper California,
a copy of which, duly certified is appended to the
said above mentioned grant, and to which for
greater certainty reference is hereby made, with
all the privileges and appurtenances belonging
thereto, and all the buildings and improvements
thereon for and in exchange of, and for all the lands,

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tenements, and hereditaments of the said Robert Ridley, called or known by the name of the "Coloyonié", in Upper California aforesaid, to have, and to hold the premises above granted to the said Robert Ridley, his heirs and assigns forever for and in exchange of and for the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments called the Coloyonié in Upper California aforesaid with the appurtenances. And the said Robert Ridley hath likewise on his part given and granted and by these presents, doth give and grant unto the said Jacob P. Leese, his heirs, and assigns, all that certain tract or parcel of land aforesaid, called or known by the name of "Coloyonié", situate in the District of Sonoma in Upper California being three leagues in extent, and being the same premises heretofore granted to the said Robert Ridley by the name of "Robert Tomas Ridley", by Manuel Michelmorena Governor of the Department of the Californias, under the Government of Mexico, by a grant or patent dated at Monterey the seventeenth of June in the year 1844, and recorded in the proper Book in the Public Archives, which said grant was afterwards duly approved and confirmed by the Departmental Assembly of the said Department, as appears by the certificate appended to said grant, dated the twentieth sixth of September 1845, the boundaries of which said land are more clearly shown by the original map or plan thereof on file in the Public Archives of said Upper California, a copy of which, duly certified, is appended to the said above mentioned grant and to which, for greater certainty reference is hereby made, with all the privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all the buildings and improvements thereon for and in exchange of and for the aforesaid lands, tenements, and hereditaments of the said Jacob P. Leese, called or known by the names of Cañada de Guadalupe, Visitacion Y Rodes Viejo in said Upper California

to have and to hold the premises last above granted to the said Jacob P. Leese, his heirs and assigns forever for and in exchange of and for the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments called Cañada de Guadalupe Visitacion Y. Rodio Viejo in Upper California aforesaid with the appurtenances.

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have herewith interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered } Robert J. Ridley (Seal)
in presence of } Jacob P. Leese (Seal)

Francis J. Lippitt }
Wall M. Allister } for Robert Ridley.

Rob. Owen }
Ch. W. Halleck } for J. P. Leese.

State of California }
County of San Francisco } ss.

Personally appeared before me this 29th day of April A. D. 1838 Robert J. Ridley to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed.

Julius K. Rose.
Notary Public.

In consideration of the sum of one dollar to me paid by J. P. Leese, I hereby bargain, sell, release, and convey unto the said J. P. Leese all my right, interest, and estate of every description, in the land described in the foregoing instrument conveyed by my husband Robert Ridley to J. P. Leese; to have and to hold unto the said Leese, his

heirs and assigns forever.

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Witness my hand and seal this tenth day of August A.D. 1830.

Presentacion Miranda ^{her} de Ridley _{mark}

In presence of
Warren C. Norris. 3
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State of California
County of San Francisco ss.

Personally appeared before me, this tenth day of August A.D. 1830, Presentacion Miranda de Ridley to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and being examined by me separate and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

A. Wardwell
Notary Public.



Filed in Office September 13th 1832.

(Signed) Geo Fisher.

Filed for record Aug 17th 1830, at 9 o'clock A.M. S. C. S. C.
Recorded in Book A. of Deeds, Pages 96, 97, & 98. on the 17th Aug 1830, at 4 o'clock P.M. G. H. Lawrence
Deputy Recorder of Napa Co.

Fees Paid - Recording 8.25
Filing 2.00
\$10.25

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Transfer from
J. P. Leese & wife
to A. A. Ritchie
& P. G. Forbes.

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Know all men by these presents, that we Jacob P. Leese and Rosalia his wife of Monterey, California, J. P. Leese & wife in consideration of Fourteen thousand dollars to us in hand paid by A. A. Ritchie and Paul G. Forbes, of Canton, China, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby, convey, remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said A. A. Ritchie and Paul G. Forbes, their heirs and assigns, all those two tracts or parcels of Land, situated in the District of Sonoma, California, and described as follows, to wit: First, that known or called by the name of the "Coloyoné", and containing three leagues of land, a little more or less, being the same premises heretofore granted to Robert Ridley, by the name of Robert Thomas Ridley, by Manuel Micheltonia, Governor of the Department of California, under the Government of Mexico, by a grant or patent dated Monterey, the seventeenth day of June A. D. 1844, and properly Recorded in the Public Archives; which said grant was afterwards duly approved and confirmed by the Departmental Assembly of the said Department as appears by the certificate appended to said grant dated the twenty sixth day of September A. D. 1843, and subsequently granted by the said Robert Ridley to the said Jacob P. Leese, as appears by deed bearing date the day of December A. D. 1844, to all of which papers and records, reference is hereby made.

And Second: all that tract or parcel of land, called or known by the name of "Guero", being the same premises granted to George Rock by Pio Pico, Governor of California, by a grant or patent dated at Los Angeles, the eight day of August A. D. 1843, and duly recorded in the Public Archives; which said grant was afterwards approved and confirmed by the Departmental Assembly, as appears by the certificate

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

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appended to the said grant; dated the twentieth sixth day of September A. D. 1845; which said tract or parcel of land, contains six sitios, a little more or less, and was purchased by the said Jacob P. Seese, as appears by deeds of said George Rock, dated October tenth A. D. 1845; and of January thirteenth A. D. 1847, to all which papers reference is hereby made; which said tract or parcel of land is bounded as follows, to wit: on the North by the "Sierra Sequini"; on the East by the "Gentilidad", on the South by the "Sierra de Piojos", on the West by the Rancho of Robert Ridley, "Socollone" with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging; excepting however, so much of the above described tract or parcel of land known by the name of "Guenoc", as has been granted by the said Jacob P. Seese to Nathaniel Spear, as appears by deed bearing date the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1846, and described as follows, to wit: said deserrne, tract or parcel of land, being of the area of Five thousand Spanish varas square, or one "sitio de ganado mayor", commonly called a league; the said five thousand Spanish varas square to be measured on either of the east, west, or south, of the lines of boundaries of said Rancho, and to be measured in a square of five thousand Spanish varas on each side of the square". To have and to hold the above released premises to the said A. A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, their heirs and assigns, and to their use and behoof forever. and we the said Jacob P. Seese and Rosalia his wife for ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators do covenant with the said A. A. Ritchie, and Paul S. Forbes, their heirs and assigns that the premises are free from all incumbrances made or suffered by us and that we will, and our heirs, executors, and administrators shall, warrant and defend the said A. A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, their heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims

of all persons claiming by through, or under us, but against none other.

In witness whereof, we the said Jacob P. Leese and Roselia his wife have hereunto set our hands and seal this seventh day September A.D. 1850.

Witnesses. }
W. F. Johnson. }
G. R. Ashley. }

Jacob P. Leese. 
Rosalia Vallejo Leese. 

State of California,)
County of Monterey } ss.

On this 7th day of September 1850, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, Jacob P. Leese and Roselia his wife, known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purposes, and uses therein mentioned; and the said Roselia, wife of said J. P. Leese, being made acquainted with the contents of the foregoing instrument, and being examined apart from her husband and without his hearing, acknowledged that she executed the same freely and voluntarily without fear, compulsion, or undue influence of her husband, and that she did not wish to retract the execution of the same.

G. R. Ashley. -



Filed for record April 21st A.D. 1851, at 25 minutes past 11 o'clock A.M. and recorded in Book A. pages 297 and 298. Archives of Napa County.

M. H. N. Bendig, Recorder.
by G. N. Cornwall Deputy.

Recording fees \$6.50 - /id -

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Filed in Office September 13th 1852.

(Signed) Geo Fisher.

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No 40, Claim of A. A. Ritchie and P. G. Forbes to Calhounie.

Office of the Board of Comm^{rs}
of California Land Claims
Los Angeles Sept 20th 1852.

On this day before me, James Wilson one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private land claims in California came Ygnacio del Valle, a witness produced in behalf of the claimants Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul G. Forbes, whose petition is No 40 on the Docket of the Board, and was duly sworn. His evidence being given in the Spanish tongue, was interpreted by the Secretary. The Law Agent being satisfied, attended.

Deposition of Ygnacio del Valle.

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

Ans. My name is Ygnacio del Valle; my age is 44 years, I reside in Los Angeles, and have resided in California 27 years.

2^d Question. Examine the document annexed hereto as S. W. No 1, and say if you know the signatures?

Answer. I am acquainted with the signatures, of Manuel Micheltoresia, Manuel Jimeno, Pio Pico, and José M^o Covarrubias, their signatures

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To these papers are genuine, and are the signatures used in signing official documents.
Question 6.

By the Law Agent. Deponent says he knows the hand writing of the above named persons, having often seen them write.

Ygnacio del Valle.

Sept. 20. 1852.

Subscribed and sworn
to before me.

James Wilson.

Com^o.

Filed in Office September 20th 1852.

(Signed) Geo. Fisher.

Secy.

Document
J.W. - n.º 1.
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Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana 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.

Micheltorena

Pablo de la Guerra.

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El Ciudadano Manuel Micheltorena General de Brigada del Ejército Mexicano, Ayudante General de la Plana Mayor del mismo, Gobernador Comandante General e Inspector del Departam.º de las Californias.

Por cuanto D. Roberto Tomas Bridley, mejicano por naturalizacion, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Collayomi en estencion de tres sitios de ganado mayor dentro de los limites que demuestra el diccionario respectivo: practica- das precisamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he benido en concederle el terreno mencionado, declarando le la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, sujetandose a la aprobacion de la Eama Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes. —

1.ª No podra venderlo, enagenarlo, ni hipotecarlo, imponerle censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca, ni otro gravamen alguno.

2.ª Podra sacar lo sin perjudicar las travesias caminas y servidumbres; lo disfrutara libre y esclusivamente destinado solo al uso o cultivo, que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año fabricara casa y estara habitada. —

3.ª El Juez respectivo dara la posesion juridica cuando se confirmare la propiedad y lo medira conforme a ordenza, que dando el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

4.ª El terreno de que se hace donacion es de tres sitios de

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ganado mayor poco mas o menos, segun explica el dictamen respectivo.

5.^a Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perdera su derecho al terreno y sera denunciado por otro.

En consecuencia mando que sirviendole de titulo el presente y teniendose por firme y validore, se tome razon de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterey a diez y siete de Junio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro.

Manuel Jimeno.
Se.^{rio}

Manuel Micheltorena.

Que da tomada razon de este despacho en el libro respectivo a fojas 9.^a

Jimeno.

Titulo de D. Roberto Ridley que fue cambiado con miigo voluntariamente p.^a me titulo del Rancho de Cayado de Guadalupe Visitacione y Rodeo Pejo. q.^l conta en dho titulo.

J. P. Leese.

Pio Pico Gobernador Interino del Departamento de las Californias.

La Cama Asamblea Departamental en session de hoy ha acordado lo siguiente.

„ Se aprueba la concesion hecha por el superior Gobierno Departamental en titulo librado con fha 17. de Junio de 1824. en favor del Ciudadano Mexicano por naturalizacion Tomas Ridley del terreno conocido con el nombre de Callayomi situado dentro de los limites de la Jurisdiccion de Sonoma en estension de tres estias de ganado mayor de conformidad con la ley de 18. de Agosto de 1824. y el articulo 5.^o del reglamento de 21. de Aere de 1828.

hago
Y Para resguardo de la parte de D.^o Tomas Ridley lo hago asi saber dado en la ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por falta de sellado a veintiseis de Setiembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Pio Pico.

José M.^o Corarubias.

SELO CUARTO DOS REALES.

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.

Micheltorena

Pablo de la Guerra.

[Signature]



El que suscribe Secretario del Gobierno del Departamento de Californias Certifica: Que el Dicho que se demuestra de la suelta es igual al original que existe agregado al expediente perteneciente al terreno nombrado Collayomi.

Monterrey veinte de D. C. de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro.

Manuel Jimeno.

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Stamp Third. One dollar.

Translation.

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Provisionally authorized by the maritime Custom-house of the Port of Monterrey, in the Department of the Californias for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty four and one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

(Signed) Micheltorena (Signed) Pablo de la Guerra.



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Citizen Manuel Micheltorena, General of Brigade of the Mexican Army, Adjutant General of the Staff of the Same, Governor, Commandant General and Inspector of the Department of the Californias.

Whereas Don Roberto Tomas Pridley, Mexican by naturalization, has for his own personal benefit and that of his family, asked for the land known by the name of "Colloyomi" in extent three sitios de "ganado Mayor" (three square leagues) within the limits shown by the respective map; the proper measures and examinations concerning it having previously been taken, as required by the laws and regulations, using the powers conferred on me, in the name of the Mexican nation, I have granted him the aforesaid land, declaring to him the ownership of it by these presents, subject to the approbation of the most Excellent Departmental Assembly and under the following conditions.

1.st He cannot sell, alienate nor hypothecate it, nor subject it to tax, entail, bond, mortgage or any other incumbrance.

2.nd He may inclose it without prejudice to the cross-roads, roads, and servitudes, and enjoy it freely and exclusively, making such use or cultivation of it as he may see fit, but within one year he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited.

3.rd The respective magistrate will give juridical possession when the ownership is confirmed, and will measure it conformably to ordinance, leaving the surplus which results to the nation for its convenient uses.

4.th The land of which donation is made, is three "sitios de ganado mayor," a little more or less, as the respective map explains.

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5th If he should contravene these conditions he will loose his right to the land and it shall be denounceable by another.

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In consequence I order that, these presents serving as a title and being held as firm and valid, be entered in the respective book, and they be delivered to the party interested, for his security and other purposes.

Given in Monterey, the seventeenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and Forty Four.

Signed (Manuel Micheltorena.

Signed (Manuel Jimeno.)

Secretary.

This patent has been entered in the corresponding book at Folio 9th.

(Signed) Jimeno.

Pio Pico, Governor ad interim of the Department of the Californias.

The most Excellent Departmental Assembly in Session this day has passed the following.

Approved the grant made by the superior Departmental Government by title issued on the 17th of June 1844, in favor of the naturalized Mexican Citizen, Tomas Bridley of the land known by the name of "Collayomi", situated within the limits of the Jurisdiction of Sonoma, in extent three "Sitios de Ganado Mayor", in conformity with the law of August 18th 1824, and article 5th of the regulations of November 21st 1828.

And for the security of don Tomas Bridley thus make it known.

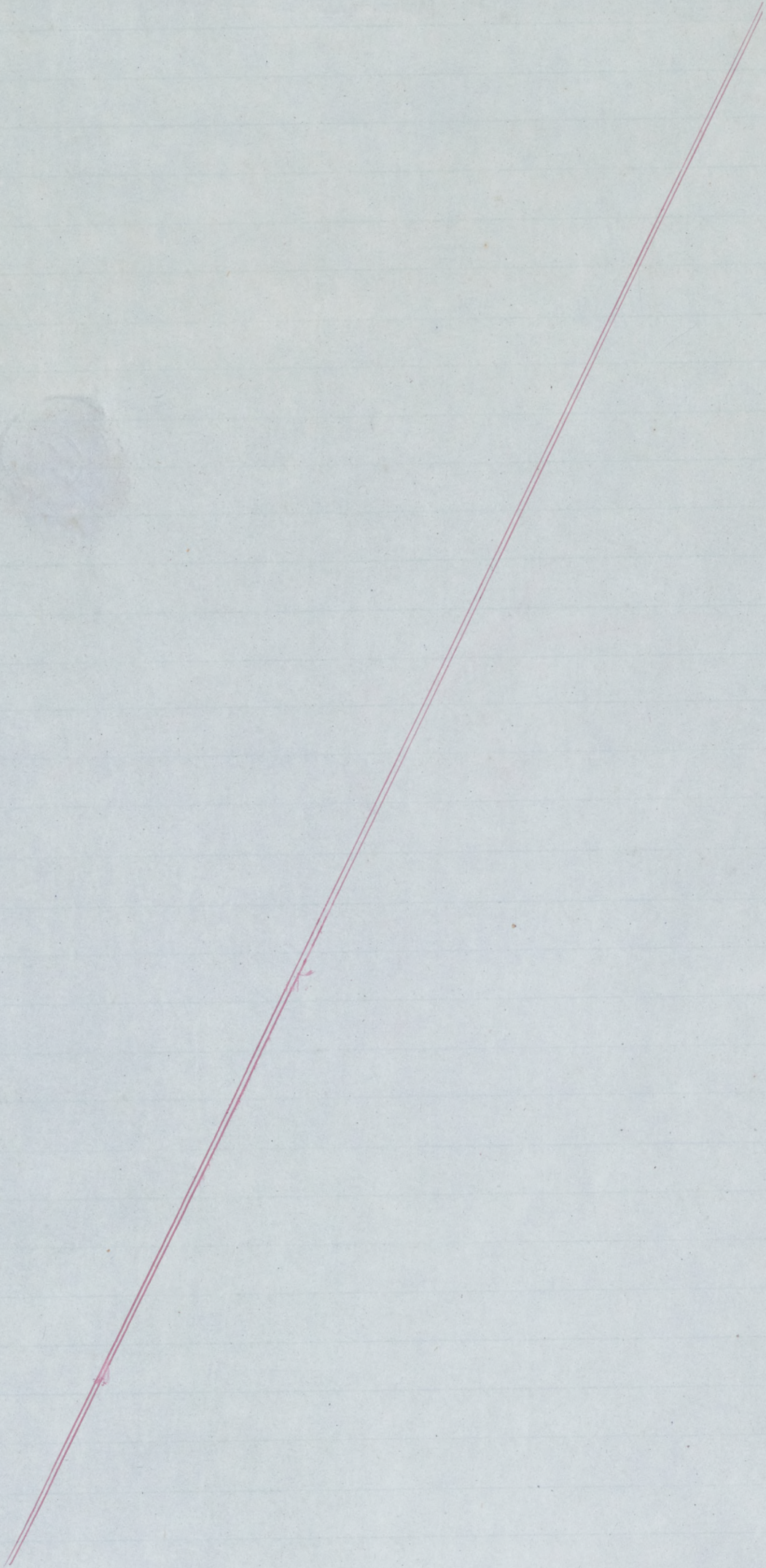
Given in the City of Los Angeles on this common paper for want of any other of the proper stamp, the twenty sixth day of September one thousand eight hundred and Forty Five.

(Signed) Pio Pico.

(Signed) Jose Maria Covarrubias.

Secretary.

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No 40.

Opinion delivered by Commissioner Henry J. Thornton.

Archibald A. Ritchie,
and Paul S. Forbes, claimants,
vs
The United States.

No 40. Colloquy.
Opinion of Com^r
Thornton.

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The claim in this case presented is founded upon a grant made on the 17th of June 1844 under, and by virtue of the Decree of the Mexican Congress of the 18th of August 1824, and of the Executive Order of the 21st of November 1828, by Manuel Michelena Governor of California to Robert J. Ridley, from whom the present claimants derive their right by mesne conveyances thereof, for (3) three square leagues, or sitios de ganado mayor. On the 26th of September 1845, the grant was approved by the Departmental Assembly. Continuous possession and residence upon the land by the grantee, and those claiming under him, was had from 1845 soon after the grant down to the present time. The genuineness of the grant, and the authority of the grantor, and all the facts above recited, are fully established by regularly authenticated documentary evidence from the Public Archives of the former Governments of the Country, and by the other testimony on file in the case. It does not appear that the land claimed is within the ten littoral or twenty border leagues, and of course no objection as to its locality arises in the case. It is objected that the present claimants are not entitled to a decree of confirmation, because of a clause in one of the conditions attached to the grant, against its alienation by the grantee. The effect of this condition has been considered heretofore and decided by this Board, in the case of J. B. R. Cooper, Ass^t No 124 El Sur, in which the objection is overruled. All the other grounds of objection urged against the validity of this claim have been fully considered

and remitted in the case of Cruz, Cervantes, the opinion in which is now on file in the office of the Secretary of this Board.

In view of all which and of the grounds of decision prescribed to this Board by the Act of the 3rd March 1837, we declare the claim in this case valid, and that it be confirmed. In the result above announced Com^{rs} Hall concurs.

Harry S. Thorntone.

Decree of Final Confirmation.

Decree of final Confirmation.

This Board upon full consideration of the various grounds affecting the validity of the said claim, having come to the conclusion that the same is valid; therefore now proceeds to make, and does hereby make the following decree or report of final confirmation viz: It is decreed that the said claim be confirmed to the said claimants to the extent and quantity of (3) three square leagues, and no more; being the same land described in the grant and expediente referred to therein, and of which the possession was had by the grantee and the said claimants; Provided that the said quantity of land granted, and now here confirmed be contained within the boundaries called for in the said grant and map to which the grant refers; and if there be less than the said above named quantity within the said bounds, then we confirm to the claimants that less quantity; it being apparent that said quantity exceeds the minimum of two hundred varas as prescribed in the Ordinance of the 21st of November 1828.

Walter Hall.

Harry S. Thorntone. } Commissioners

Filed in Office December 22nd 1832.

(Signed) Geo Fisher. Secy.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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 — forty — pages, numbered from
1 to 40, 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. 40 on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein

A. A. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes are
the Claimant's, against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "Callegones"

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
— fifteenth — day of February
A. D. 1854, and of the Independence of the
United States of America the seventy-eighth,

Geo. Fisher
Secretary



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Attorney General's Office
13th July 1854.

Archibald A. Ritchie and Paul S. Forbes, Claimants
vs. } 40.
The United States.

You will please take notice that an appeal in the above case (a transcript of the proceedings in which was received at this office on the 15th March 1854), from the decision of the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, to the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, will be prosecuted by the United States.

Wm. B. Ewing
Attorney General U. S.

U. S. Dist Court
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The United States

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A. A. Ritchie & P. J. Corbett

Notice of Appeal

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To the Honorable District Court
of the United States in and for the
Northern District of California.

The United States	}	No. 14
Appellants		
vs		
A. A. Ritchie and	}	
P. S. Forbes		
		Appellees

The petition of the United States by
their Attorney represents: that this Cause
is an application for a review of the decision
of the Board of Commissioners whereby the
Claim of the said Appellee was confirmed
as appears by reference to the records in
the Case.

That a transcript of the said Records
was filed in this Court on the _____ day
of _____; that a notice of Appeal
was filed on the _____ day of _____
& that the land claimed lies in the said
District.

That the said Claim is invalid.
Wherefore appellants pray that the
said decision of the Board be
reversed & that this Court decree the
said title to be invalid.

Respectfully,
A. Maswell
Asst. U.S. Atty.

U.S. Dist Court

No. 14.

vs
A. A. Pitkin
P. S. Forbes

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Petition

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Filed June 20, 1855,

by Chever
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 *Monday* the *eighth* day of *December*, ~~*November*~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-~~*six*~~,

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States
vs.
A. A. Ritchie and
J. S. Forbes. —

Case No. 14
Transcript No. 411.

The Attorney General of the United States having given notice that no appeal will be further prosecuted in this case, and a stipulation having been entered into by the United States District Attorney for the dismissal of the appeal from the decision of the Board of United States Land Commission heretofore rendered in their favor, on motion of the District Attorney, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the appeal pending in this Court be dismissed and that the claimants have leave to proceed under the decree of the Land Commission heretofore rendered in their favor, as a final decree,

Ogden Hoffman
U. S. Dist Judge

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United States District Court, Northern
District of California.

The United States

vs.

A. A. Ritchie and
J. S. Forbes. —

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Transcript — No 40

order.

~~Spencer~~
Filed ~~December~~ 8, 1856

John A. Munroe,
CLERK.

W. H. Cheever
DEPUTY.

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California Land Claims.

Attorney General's Office

6 October 1856,

Sir,

In the case of the claim of A. H. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes, confirmed to the claimants by the Commissioners, case no. forty, (40), appeal will not be prosecuted by the United States.

I am

Respectfully

Yours

J. M. Blanding Esq

U. S. Attorney

San Francisco.

In the District Court of the United States:
Northern District of California.

The United States

Case No. 14.

vs

A. A. Ritchie and
J. S. Forbes.

Transcript No. 40

In pursuance of a notice from the Attorney General of the United States, herewith annexed, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the appeal heretofore taken in this case from the decision of the United States Land Commission to ascertain and settle private Land claims in California, be dismissed, and the notice of intention to prosecute said appeal, filed in this Court by the Attorney General of the United States, be withdrawn, and that the claimants have leave to proceed under the decree of the said Land Commission in their favor, as under final decree.

Nov 22. 1856

Wm Blomding

U.S. Dist Atty.

Thornton Williams Thornton
by authority; per R. W. Watson
adms. of A. A. Ritchie decd

No 14.
United States District Court

The United States

vs

A. A. Ritchie and
J. S. Forbes. —

Case No. 14
Transcript No. 40

Stipulation

Filed Dec. 8, 1856,
W. H. Chevers,
Deputy Clerk,

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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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San Francisco, July 23^d 1854

John 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. 40 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein Archibald A. Ritchie and P. S. Forbes are the Claimants against the United States, for the place known by the name of "Caltoyome"

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher.

[Handwritten signature]