

CASE NO.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

SAN RAMON GRANT

JOSE MARIA AMADOR

CLAIMANT

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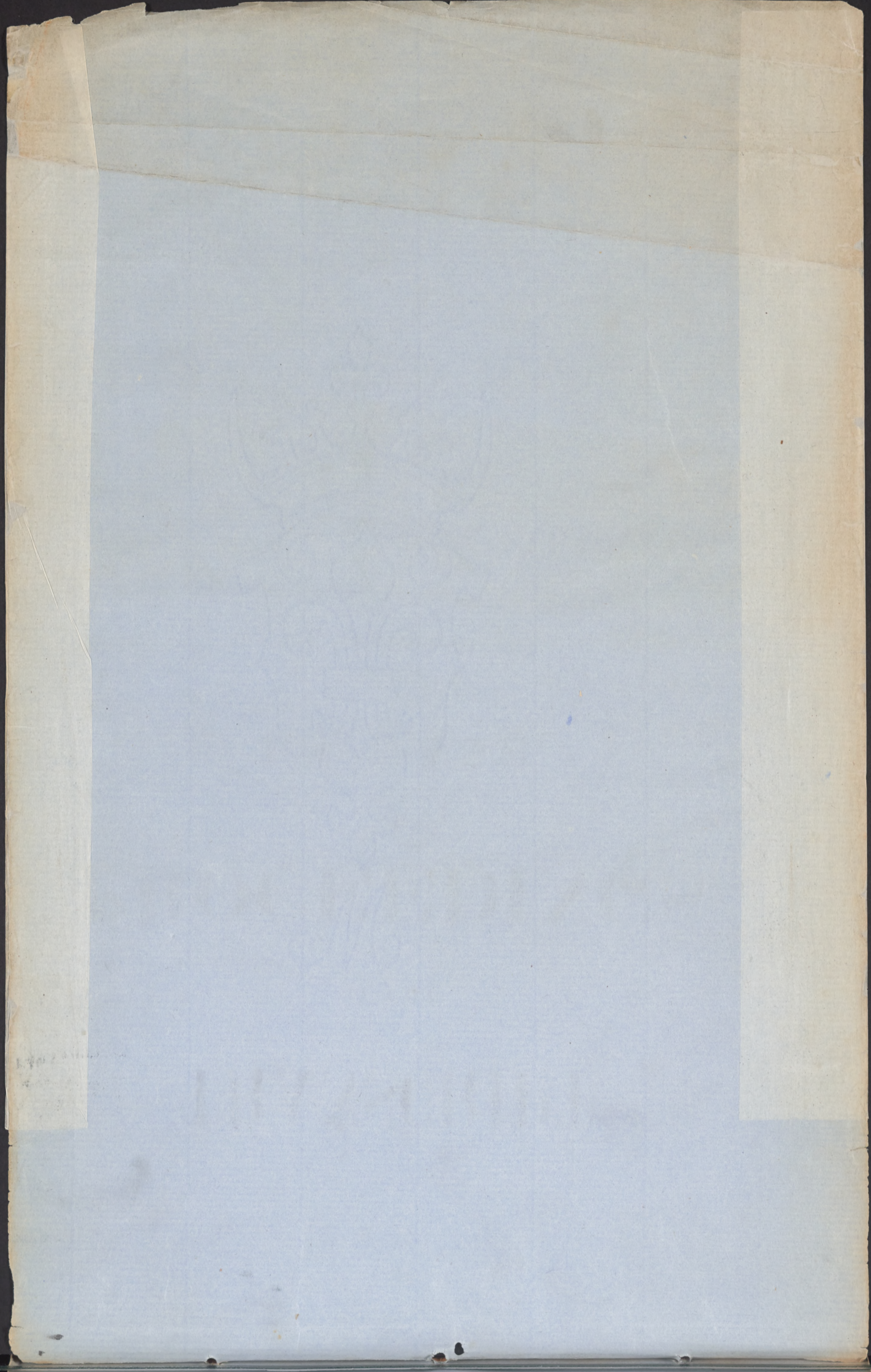
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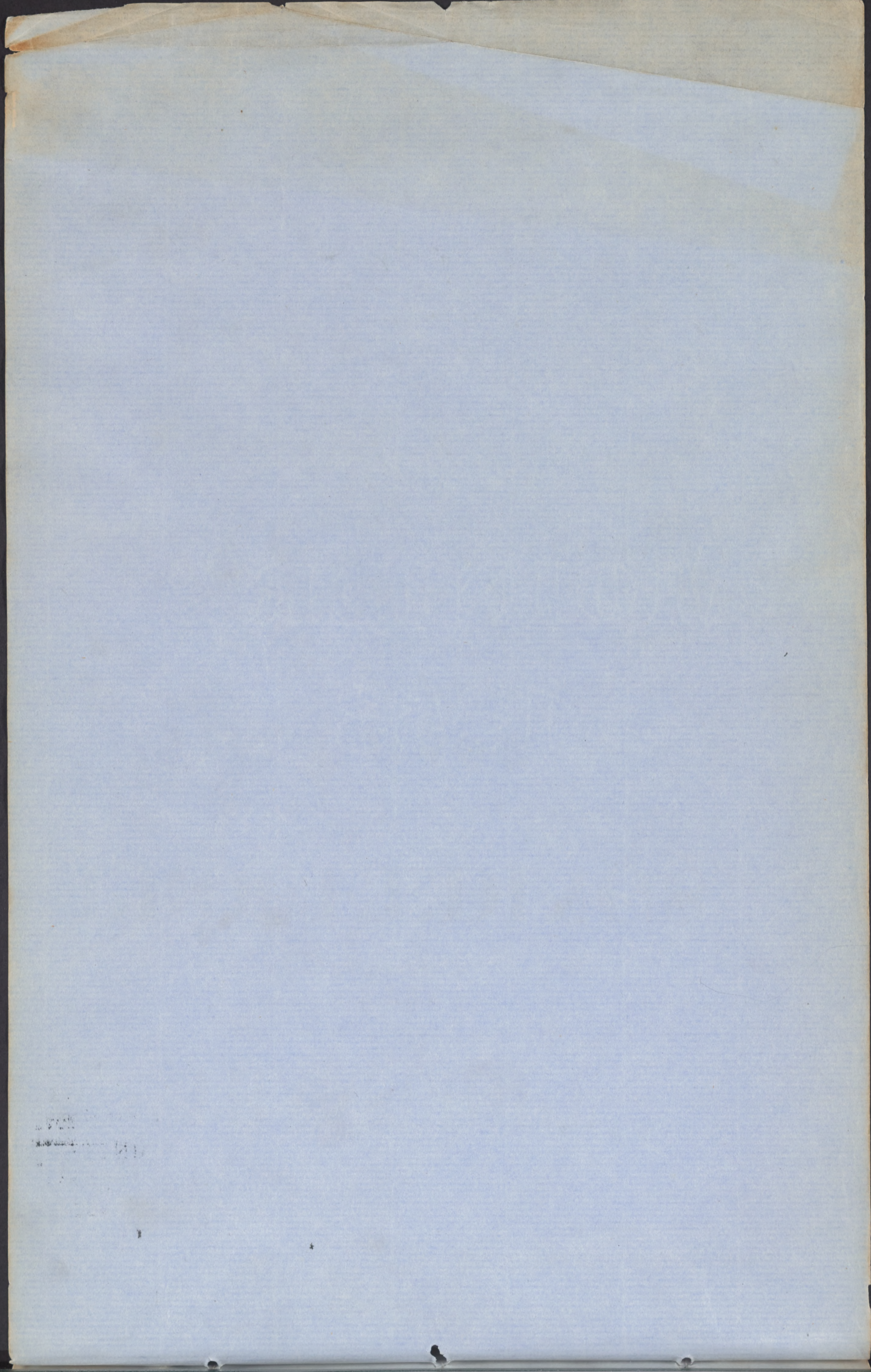
Jose Maria Amador CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

San Ramon



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 *Twenty third day of March*, 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 *Jose Maria Amador* for the Place named *San Ramon* was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *128* and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page *1* of this Transcript.)

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

San Francisco April 9' 1852.
In case No. *128*, *Jose Maria Amador*, the deposition of *Pedro Chaboya*, a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before Commissioner *Miland Wall*, was filed.

(Vide page *7* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco June 24' 1852.
In the same case, the deposition of *Agustin Bernal*, a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before Commissioner *Miland Wall*, was filed.

(Vide page *8* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco April 6' 1853.
In the same case the deposition of *Mannel Miranda* a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before

Commissioner William Hall, was filed;
 (Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco July 29 '1853.

In the same case the deposition of Elam Brown
 a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before
 Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with document marked
 A.F. Exhibit A. annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, Aug. 27 '1853.

In the same case the deposition of John C. Hays,
 a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before
 Commissioner Thompson Campbell, was filed;

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco Dec. 23 '1853.

In the same case the deposition of Thomas C.
 Sarkin, a witness in behalf of the claimant
 taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with
 document marked "No. 1. A. F." was filed;

(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco January 4 '1854.

In the same case the deposition of Robert Liver-
 more, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken
 before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, was filed;

(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco June 13 '1854.

Case no. 128 was submitted on briefs and taken
 under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco July 10th 1854.
 In the same case the Counsel for the Claimant
 filed the following Stipulation, to wit:
 (Vide page 17 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco Aug. 1st 1854.
 In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch
 delivered the Opinion of the Board, confirming
 the claim:
 (Vide page 19 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco Aug. 15 1854.
 In the same case, on motion of the W. S. Law
 Agent, the following order was made, to wit:
 (Vide page 72 of this Transcript.)

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Petition

Before the Hon U S Land Commission
 Jose Maria Amador gives notice that he claims the Rancho of San Ramon in Contra Costa County containing four leagues or the equivalent of eighteen hundred varas and bounded by the Mission lands of San Jose and the Olmueda Spring on the South, the Amador creek of San Ramon on the North and East and West by the Mountains or Sierra. The grant of the four leagues was made by Jose Figueroa Governor of the Territory of Upper California, on the 22 day of January 1834 and approved by the Departmental Board and the grant of the Augmenting of eight hundred varas was made by the same Governor on the 14th day of August 1835 and which was further evidenced by a title de titulo issued by Jose Figueroa Governor as aforesaid on the 17th of August 1835 which was duly recorded among the archives in the proper office on the 18th day of August 1835 and which is herewith shown to the Hon Commission in Exhibit marked (A) with a Transcription of the same.

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The decree of the 22d July 1834 and 14th of August 1835 and the accompanying design, are believed to be among the archives in the possession of the Surveyor General of the U S and the Claimant prays that he may be permitted to file and exhibit the same when ever he can procure them or certified copies thereof.

The Claimant avers that there are no conflicting claims to his said Rancho of San Ramon and that he was in possession of the same when the grant was made has continued in the peaceable possession thereof and is now in possession of the same, with those who hold under him by purchase and that he has erected buildings on said Rancho and complied with the conditions in the grant.

The Claimant further states that the said Rancho was surveyed by Adam Brown Alcalde of Contra Costa County in 1848 and the certificate thereof is herewith shown to the Commission in Exhibit marked (B).

Wherefore the Claimant prays for a confirmation

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of his title according to Law
Wm Claude Jones
Atty for Amador

Filed in Office March 23rd 1852
Geo. Fisher
Secretary

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Deposition
of Pedro
Chaboya

San Francisco April 9. 1852

On this day before Notary Hall one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling Private Land Claims in California came Pedro Chaboya a witness produced in behalf of the Claimant in the case of Jose Maria Amador being number 128 on the Docket of the Commission as a witness sworn

The Law Agent was duly notified and attended

In answer to inquiries propounded by the Counsel for the Claimant the witness testified as follows viz the testimony being given in the Spanish Language and interpreted by the Secretary of the Board

My name is Pedro Chaboya I am about sixty six years (years) of age and reside in the town of San Jose

I am acquainted with Jose Maria Amador and with the Rancho San Ramon which is about five leagues from the Mission of San Jose said Amador has been in possession of said Rancho about twenty six years. He built a house on the land in 1826 situated between two springs it was an adobe house.

The Springs to the South of the house are called Alamillos Nueva Run on the boundaries of the land Amador has been in the possession of the Rancho ever since 1826 and is still in possession.

In answer to inquiries by the Law Agent the witness says that by Amador having possession of the land he means that he occupied it, built a house on it cultivated the land and had stock on it. He lived on the land, I do not know that the Mission of San Jose claimed the land previous to the grant to Amador, I don't know but I think Amador occupied the land by the permission of the Mission because the Mission having had Shepherds with sheep there about the year 1835

The witness explains and says that the Sheep of the Mission only run on land adjoining San Ramon after Amador took possession in 1826

Amador was Mayor Donor of the Mission but I

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can not tell at what time At the same time he owned
the Rancho San Ramon

Pedro Charoya

Given and Subscribed
Before me
Helena Hall
Comm

Filed in Office April 9th 1852
Geo Fisher
Secretary

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Deposition of Augustin Bernal
Office of the Board of Commissioners of California
San Francisco June 24th 1852
On this day before me Helena Hall one of the
commissioners for ascertaining and settling
private Land Claims in the State of California
came Augustin Bernal a witness produced in
behalf of the Claimant Jose Maria Amador whose
Petition is No 128 on the Docket of the Board
and was duly sworn His evidence being given
in the Spanish Language was interpreted by the
Secretary

The Law Agent was notified and did attend

The following questions by the Counsel for the
Claimant were answered as follows
Question 1st What is your name age and residence
Answer Augustin Bernal fifty years nearly
Live in the Rancho of San Augustin in the County
of Contra Costa
Question 2nd How long have you lived in Califor-
nia and how long in the neighborhood where you
now live?

Answer I have lived in California ever since I
was born and in this neighborhood all the time

Question 3rd Do you know Jose Maria Amador
and if so how long have you been acquainted with
him

Answer I know him we were brought up together
since we were children

Question 4th Do you know upon what Rancho or in what place he resides

Answer He lives in the Rancho of San Ramon in Contra Costa County

Question 5th When did he first go to live in that rancho

Answer In the year 1830

Question 6th State the circumstances of his going upon that Rancho to live as far as you know them

Answer He built an adobe house on the Rancho in that year and also a corral and took his cattle upon the Rancho. The house might be about 25 varas long. He took about 100 cattle upon the Rancho and also about 80 horses.

He commenced sowing grain in 1831 in which year he sowed a great deal. Don Kern exactly how much. He has sowed a great deal every year since. At first the sowed lands were not fenced but after some time when the cattle got into his crops he fenced in the cultivated lands.

The cattle for many years increased very much at the present time he has less than formerly. He has always occupied and cultivated this Rancho personally since he first went upon it and has never since lived anywhere else. He has since built a new house about 1842 and has put many improvements upon the Rancho.

In 1846 he pulled down the last house and built another larger. He has brought up a large family upon this Rancho. There have been his men from time to time ever since 1830 cultivating all kinds of crops in the Rancho such as grain potatoes onions and other vegetables.

Question 7th Do you know whether or not the possession of the land has at any time been interrupted

Answer I never heard of any interruption except in regard to a small piece where Morris lives where the line was in question.

Question 8th What were the boundaries and what was the extent of the Rancho of which Amador took possession in 1830

Answer The Rancho was ten leagues square extending South from the Agency of San Ramon two leagues towards San Jose. The house stood on one side of the Rancho.

Question 9th How often have you been upon the Rancho of San Ramon since 1830

Answer Every year several times I have been there on various occasions and am familiar with the Rancho

In answer to questions by the Law Agent the witness testified as follows

The distance of the nearest point of the land from the coast of San Francisco Bay is about five leagues The distance from the coast of the Bay to the farthest point of the Rancho may be about eight leagues, I cannot tell the distance of the land from the coast of the Ocean

I cannot tell the number of vinas cultivated it was a considerable field

Agustine T. Bernal
witness

Subscribed and sworn
Before me

Hilanda Hall
Commissioner

Filed in Office June 24th 1852
Gen. Fisher Secretary

Deposition
of Thomas
O. Larkin

Office of the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners &c
San Francisco Decr 23rd 1853

This day before Commissioner Alphons Felch came Thomas O. Larkin a witness in behalf of Claimant Jose Maria Amador No 128 and was duly sworn deposed as follows

Questions by Mr Williams Attorney for Claimant

Question What are your name age and place of residence?

Answer My name is Thomas O. Larkin my age is fifty one years and I reside in San Francisco in California

2 Question Are you acquainted with the name writing of Jose Figueroa and Francisco de la Castilla Negrete if you look in the document mention

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shown to you marked by paper No 1 with the initials
A J purporting to be a grant to Jose Maria Amador
and an order to this Deposition and state whether
the signatures of said persons when they occur
in and upon said document are their true and
genuine signatures

Answer I am acquainted with the hand writing
of both the persons named in this interrogatory
and have often seen them write,

The said signatures
are their true and genuine signatures
Thomas O. Searles

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My Green has Associate
Law Agent was present at the
taking of this Deposition but
performed no question to the
testress

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 23rd day of December 1853
Alpheus French
Commissioner

Filed in Office December 23rd 1853
Geo Fisher
Secretary

Deposition
of Manuel
Miranda

San Francisco April 6th 1853
On this day before Com Sel and Hall came Man-
uel Miranda a witness on the part of the Cla-
imant Jose Maria Amador Petition No 128
and was duly sworn his evidence being interpreted
by the Secretary

The W G Associate Law Agent was present

In answer to inquiries by Com Sel for the Claimant
the witness testified as follows

My name is Manuel Miranda
I reside in Contra Costa County and am thirty eight
years of age

I live on the Rancho called San Ramon
and have known it all my lifetime A house was
first built on the Rancho in the year 1830 by

Jose Maria Amador I then lived with him and have
lived with him until about six years since Amador
has continued residing in the place to the present
time, The house before mentioned near the Sulphur
Springs

He has two or three houses on the land
since the first He occupied the land with cattle
horses and sheep and cultivated a portion of it
I know that part of the land occupied by Murray
and Galloway I cultivated the land when they were
here for said Amador after his house was built
At the place where Fallow lives we raised wheat
and corn and beans

All the land that is now fenced
in by Murray and Fallow was occupied by
Amador

Manuel + Mariana a
witness

Given and Subscribed

Before me

Adiana Hall
Clerk

Filed in Office April 6th 1853

Geo Fisher

Secretary

Deposition
of John C
Hays

Office of the Commissioners of Land Claims in
California San Francisco

This day before Commissioner Thompson Campbell
came John C Hays a witness in behalf of Claimant
Jose Maria Amador Case No 128 who after being
duly sworn depose as follows

What is your name age and place of residence

My name is John C Hays age thirty six years
and I reside in the City of San Francisco

Will you state what the distance of the meridian
line crossing the mountain Diablo is from the
shore of the ocean at base line of township two (2) South
according to the United States official Survey?

The above question not answered

What is the distance of the Meridian line crossing
Mount Diablo from the shore of the ocean where it
is intersected by the township line between township

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one and two South of Monte Diablo?
The distance is near about thirty two (32) miles

Questions by Land Agent
What is the distance of the same point from the
nearest point on the shore of the Bay of San
Francisco?

To which question the attorney for Claimant
objected

It is about fifteen (15) miles
John C. Hays

Sworn to and Subscribed
Before me this 27th day of August
A.D. 1853.

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Camp

Filed in Office August 27th 1853
Geo Fisher
Secretary

Deposition
of
Elam Brown

Office of the Land Commission for
California San Francisco July 28th 1853
This day before me appears Pelchone of the Commis-
sion to ascertain and settle Private Land Claims
in the State of California came Elam Brown a
witness produced in behalf of the Claimant Jose
Manuel Amador being No 128 on the Docket of the
Commission and after being duly sworn testified
as follows

Questions by the Snyg Attorney for the Claimant
1 Question What are your name and place of residence
Answer My name is Elam Brown and I reside in
Santa Costa County California

2 Question How long have you resided there and
have you had any public office there?

Answer I moved into that County in the year 1847
I think in the month of March, The County was not
then organized, In the month of April the same year
I received a Commission from Col Mason who
was then acting Governor of California as Alcalde
I continued to act as Alcalde until the year 1849
About the first of January of that year I resigned the office

3 Question Do you know the Rancho of San Ramon or Amador Rancho?

Answer I do

4 Question Is it within the limits in which you have jurisdiction as Alcalde?

Answer It is

5 Question Were you at any time while acting as Alcalde called upon to act with regard to the boundaries and possession of said Rancho and if so please state all you know respecting such a claim

Answer In the year 1847 I think in April I was called upon by Mr Amador to give him legal possession as he termed it of his Rancho Grant with him on the day appointed. He had Mr Lugo more than to interrupt as I could not understand the Spanish Language. I had no chain or compass and there was none within my reach. There was none in the Country at that time so far as I know. We measured with a rope, we first measured the rope and measured the land with the rope we commenced on the high lands at the North West corner of the Rancho about three quarters or half a mile from the Valley of San Ramon.

From this point we ran in a straight line across the Valley touching the Southern most bond of the San Ramon estate. I can not tell the precise direction of this line. It was in an easterly direction but I can not tell whether it ran North or South of East. We ran in the direction last mentioned until we reached the Tassajara Creek, then we ran in a South Westwardly direction following the creek to a point where we erected a stake on the East bank of the creek.

From this point we ran in a Westwardly direction to the high lands, across the Valley at a point where the Arroyo de los Muertos comes out of the Mountains. We continued this line to a point about a half a mile on to the high lands by the course which we run. Then as we run with the high lands in a Northwardly direction to the place of beginning, several persons were present at the time when the line on the South side was run. Perhaps eight or ten persons. Robert Livermore and Valentine Amador were present.

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Nothing further was done by me except to give
Am Alvidor a certificate of the Survey or measure-
ment

Am Hon and Law Agent objects to this testimony as
incompetent to prove judicial possession or survey
an Alcalde appointed and acting in 1847

Testimony taken subject to the objection
6 Question Do you know the house of one Fallon
and if so state in what direction from that house the sou-
thern line of the Ranch as given by you runs?

Answer I know the house it is north of the line above
mentioned and I should think between a quarter and
half a mile distant

7 Question Do you know the house of Amador?

Answer I do know the house he built and lived in

8 Question How far east is it of the western bound-
ary of the Ranch?

Answer It is situated I should think three quarters
of a mile or more, it would not exceed a mile

9 Question When was the Alvidor house built?

Answer I do not know except from others I first
saw it in the fall of the year 1847 or in August of
that year

On reflection I find I have made a mis-
take in the date of the Survey and measurement
and in the date of my appointment as Alcalde
The year should be 1848 instead of 1847 as
above written

10 Question State the character and value of the
improvements (if any) which you saw on the Ranch
at the time of the Survey

Answer The house was a large and well finished
adobe house for the country at that time, there was
also a long row of small adobe buildings used
for looms and spinning and a good corral

He had land under cultivation but not much
except a garden which I believe as far as I can not
tell how much land was cultivated but suppose
three or thirty acres

I should say the improvements
were worth at that time two thousand Dollars or more
E. A. Brown

Am Hon and the Law Agent
was present at the taking of this
Deposition but propounded no questions to the witness

I was on board and sworn to before me
at San Francisco this twenty eighth
day of July A.D. 1853

Alphus Welch
Commissioner

Filed in Office July 28th 1853

Geo. Webster
Secretary

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Deposition
of Robert
Livermore

Office of the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners in &c
San Francisco January 4th 1854

This day before Commissioner Alphus Welch came
Robert Livermore a witness in behalf of Claimant
Jose Maria Amador Petition No 128 who after being
duly sworn deposed as follows

Question by Mr. Williams Attorney for Claimant
Question What are your name age and place of residence
Answer My name is Robert Livermore my age is
fifty four years and I reside in Alameda County
in California

2 Question Are you acquainted with the Rancho
called San Ramon or Amador's Rancho? if you
state how long you have known it and what
are its boundaries

Answer I have been acquainted with said Rancho
ever since 1832, It is bounded on the North by the
Rancho de San Ramon on the Eastward by the Tomas
Alto on the Westward by the Sierra and on the
South by the line of the Mission lands of San
Jose

3 Question What quantity of land is contained
within the boundaries above stated?

Answer From ten to a dozen hundred
varas, I am assured it with claim Brown,

4 Question State what you know in regard to the
occupation and cultivation of this land by Amador
the original grantee

Answer I know he has occupied it since the year
1832 with his cattle and with cultivation
He has built three houses on the place He has
lived on it with his family all the time from
the year 1833 until last year,

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The first house was built by him on the place in 1832 The cultivation commenced in the year 1833 and he moved his family into it in that year

Questions by the Green Horn Associate Land Agent

Question When does the Arroyo of San Ramon above mentioned empty and what lands does it separate from this Rancho?

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Answer It empties into the Arroyo de las Animas and that empties into the Susun Bay It divides the Rancho of San Ramon from the Rancho of the Valley of San Ramon which is the land of Bartolo Pacheco

Robert Livermore

Subscribed and Sworn to
Before me this fourth day of
January A.D. 1854

Alphons Felch
Commissioner

Filed in Office January 14th 1854
Geo Fisher
Deputy

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de Sn José Guadalupe 1833

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Expediente

Sobre el parage nombrado de
San Ramon solicitado por
José Maria Amador.

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Sello Cuanto Una Cuartilla

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna del punto de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

Rehabilitado por la referida Oficina para los años de 1833 y 1834.

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J. J. Gomez.

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Don Comandante General.

Monterey, Abril
24 de 1833.

De conformidad con las leyes de la materia, Uniforme el Ayuntamiento del Puesto de S. José de Guadalupe si el interesado obtiene los requisitos prevenidos p.^o ser atendido en su solicitud: si el terreno q. pretende esta comprendido en las 2 leguas limitrofas ó 10 literales q. año proximo pasado y siendo mas del espesa la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, si ha pertenecido ó pertenece á propiedad particular, Corporacion ó Pueblo, ó se conoce por valdío, con lo demas q. sea consiguiente á la

El Sr. D. Jose Maria Amador, con el debido respeto q. debe se presenta ante V. S. por medio de este escrito a siendo a V. S. presente que ha hecho echo la solicitud de un parage nombrado las Juntas a sus señores ante cesores y hasta la fecha no ha tenido ningun provido, de ninguna de las dos solicitudes que tiene hechas. Dicho parage dista de la Misión de S. José 12 leguas poco mas ó menos, así a el norte por haver estado los parages mas inmediatos ocupados por la inmediata Misión y habiendolos desocupados el mes ó 10 literales q. año proximo pasado y siendo mas del agrado del solicitante un parage nombrado Sr. Ramon, (distante de esta Misión siete leguas al Norte) para el fomento de bienes Ganado Mayor y particular, Corporacion ó Pueblo, ó se utencion de su familia; y habiendole propuesto al R. P. P. de esta Misión si le seria de estorcion á la referida Misión fomentando dicho parage con bienes de

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Materia: haciendo q. el interesado puse en el diseño del terreno q. solicita, q. se agregara á continuación de este decreto.

Figueroa.

Ganado y Caballería, y respondiendo q. no, le ha fomentado con la cantidad de seiscientas cabezas de Ganado Vacuno, una Manada de Yeguas, cincuenta Caballos Mangos, cinco yuntas de bueyes, y fabricado en dicho paraje una casa de adobe de veinte y ocho varas, y una quenta de mil quinientas sepas y cincuenta arboles frutales, y no teniendo mas de un corto merito para ser acreedor á la gracia q. solicita, lo primero ser hijo del pais y lo segundo haber sido su padre fundador de estas tierras, y despues de abersido fundador sirbio en

la carrera militar 47 años, y el interesado haber servido en la Milicia 8 años y en la Caballería 10 años cinco meses.

Por tanto suplico á V.S. le comenda dicho paraje en atención de lo que arriba espuesto, y lo encontrare meritorio, de q. le bibira reconocido.

Mision de S. Jose 15 de Abril de 1833.

Jose Maria Amador.

En Cumplim^{to} del Sup^{or} decreto debo decir que el interesado es Ciudad. natural con servicios á la patria en la Guerra y Milicia, de conducta onrada, casado con tres de familia barones, con sobrados bienes de campo para obtener sitios y laborioso; el terreno q. solicita ha estado desocupado de la finca de D. S. en Casa de Cinc. ^{tos} q. tiene, asi ha el Norte legua y tres cuartos asta el paraje de S. Ramon q. cita y de estos á la parte del Sur q. demuestra su diseño la Laguna, como una legua la q. ocupaba en un tiempo la Mision de S. Jose q. colinda esta este en el seno de la jurisdiccion si no tiene las 10 leguas litorales p^{ta} el mar parib^o q. desemboca al Sto de S. Fran^{co}. sin embargo ha tener la trabaja de Sierra angosta y aunq. no ficando propriamente en el

paraje q. cita, mas si en los confines del q. paraje nombrado el llano de gentil separata.

Pueblo de S. José Guadalupe Mayo 13 de 1833.

Salvo Pacheco.

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Sello Cuarto una Cuartilla.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comision Subalterna interior del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

Rehabilitado por la espresada Oficina para los años de 1833 y 1834.

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Monterey Mayo 15 de 1833.

Informe el Comandante Militar de S.º Fran.º sobre los particulares á que se contrae este expediente, y sobre si el interesado ha servido en la carrera militar acompañando copia de su filiacion. Evacuado su informe pasará, con el igual objeto el expediente, al R.º P.º Ministro de la Misión de S.º José quien de luego y encargo se servirá exponer lo que se le ofusca.

Figueroa.

Agustín V. Zamorano.

Srio.

Sor. Jefe Sup.º Político.

Consecuente al decreto 15 del presente q. v.º. estampa en el memorial del Ciudad.º José M.º Amador, digo en mi concepto el citado hostiene los requisitos prebiados para que se les atiendan á la solicitud q. da este informe: q. el terreno q. pretende no es San Ramon pues de donde esta fabricada la casa á San Ramon hay legua y tres cuartos el dicho paraje lo desocupo la Misión de S.º José poco mas de un año el terreno q. pretende el solici-

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tante no está comprendido en las veinte leguas limitrofes con ninguna nación estrangera ni las diez litorales á que se refiere el art. 4.º de la ley de 18 de Ag.º de 824.
San Fran.º Mayo 21 de 1833.

José Sanchez.

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San Jefe Superior Político.

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El terreno que en este Expediente se pide, en ninguna manera, entiendo ser comprendido en la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824; y aunq. solo pertenece á esta Comunidad, no lo contemplo necesario p. ella sino solo q. algunos menor se ingiere de alguna parte y necesite traslado á otro terreno p. su conservacion; p. en este caso, protesto el postulante recibir las borregas en todo tiempo, y en cualquier punto del paraje llamado St. Ramon, q. es lo unico q. él solicita, lo q. se ve demarcado en el adjunto plano p. una linea de tinta negra, y lo q. tan solam.º esta Misión puede ceder atendiendo á la honradez y genio laborioso de quien lo pide.

Noticia de Sr. Sr. José y otro 22 de 1833.

Sr. José M.º de Jesus Gong.

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tante no esta comprendido en las veinte leguas limitrofes con ninguna nacion estrangera ni las diez litorales a que se refiere el art. 4.º de la ley de 18 de Ag.º de 824.
San Fran.º Mayo 21 de 1833.

José Sanchez.

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San Jefe Superior Político.

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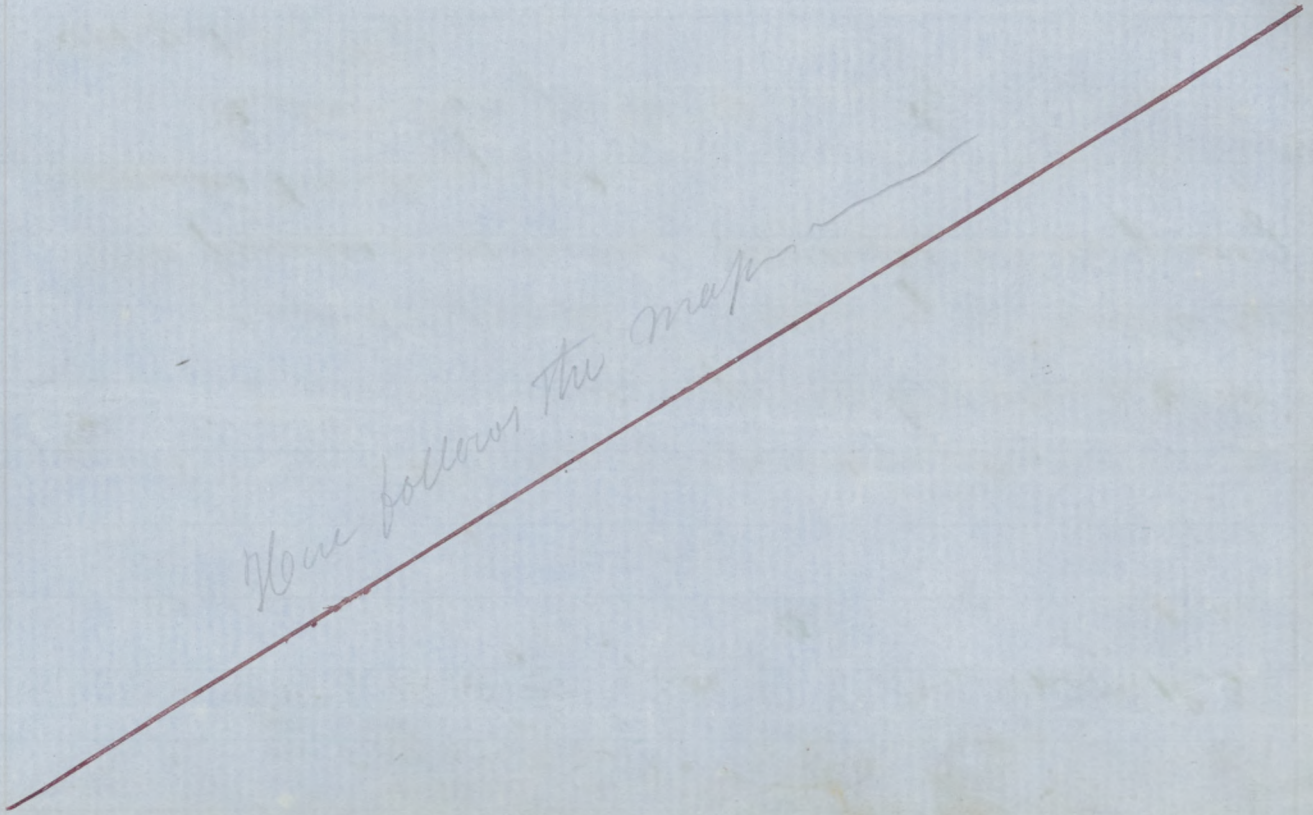
El terreno que en este Expediente se pide, en ninguna manera, entiendo ser comprendido en la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824; y aunq. solo pertenece a esta Comunidad, no lo contemplo necesario p.ª ella sino solo q.º de ganados menor se inquiete de alguna peste y necesite traslado a otro terreno p.ª su conservacion; p.ª en este caso, protesto el postulante recibir las borregas en todo tiempo, y en cualquier punto del paraje llamado St. Ramon, q.º es lo unico q.º él solicita, lo q.º se ve demarcado en el adjunto plano p.ª una linea de tinta negra, y lo q.º tan solam.º esta mision puede ceder atendiendo a la honradez y genio laborioso de quien lo pide.

Atencion de Sr. Sr. José y otro 22 de 1833.

Sr. José M.ª de Jesus Gong.º

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Sello Nuevo Dos Reales

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna interina del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

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Compañia de Caballeria del Real Presidio de San Francisco = Filiacion = pies = pulg. = Lin = José Maria Amador hijo de D^o Pedro y de D^a Ramona Noriega natural del Presidio de S^t Francisco dependiente del Corregimiento del Gov^o de Monterey y vecindado en el Pueblo de S. Jose de Oficio lampista
 ||| su estatura 5 pies pulgadas y lineas, su edad veinte y quatro años su religion C. A. R. sus señas estas: Pelo y cejas castaño ojos pardos nariz regular color triguero barbi lampista. Sento plaza voluntariamente por diez años, en el referido Presidio de S. Fran^{co} el dia quince de Octubre = del año de mil ochocientos diez y ocho = = y se le leieron las penas que por viene la Ordenanza y Adiciones a ella y por no saber firmar hizo la señal de la Cruz quedando advertido de que es la justificación, y no le servira de disculpa alguna, siendo testigos el Cabo Jose Rullas Berrellesa y el cadete D^o Jose Moraga dijo su casado = Luis Arguello = Jose Guadalupe Moraga = Jose Rullas Berrellesa = Notas =

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Ed. C. Mariano G. Vallejo Comand^{te} de la Comp^a de Caball^{er} form^{ta} de S. Fran^{co}:

Certifico: q. la copia q. antecede es sacada de la original q. existe en el Archivo de la Comd^{te} de mi mand^{do}. S. Fran^{co} 21 de Mayo de 1833.

M^o G. Vallejo.

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9^a L. No.

Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

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Monterey Dic. 16 de 1833.

Pase al Alcalde del Pueblo de San José Guadalupe ante quien la parte de Jose Maria Amador producira una informacion de tres testigos idoneos q. seran interrogados sobre los puntos siguientes: 1.^o Si el solicitante es Sind. Originario por nacimiento, si es casado y tiene hijos si es de buena conducta: 2.^o Si el terreno q. pretende pertenece a la propiedad de algun particular; Mision Pueblo o Corporacion; si es de regadio temporal o abrevadero; y q. es- tension tendra: 3.^o Si tiene bienes de campo con q. poblarse o posibilidad de adquirirlos. Evacuadas estas diligencias bud- ra el Expediente para su resolucion. El Sr. J. Jose Fi- gueroa General de Brigada Comandante Genl. Insp.^{te} y Jefe Sup.^{te} Politico de la Alta California asi lo mando decretó y firmó de q. doy fé.

Jose Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano
Srio.

Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

10^a L. No.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna interina del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California p.^{ta} los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos

Rehabilitado por la representada Oficina p.^{ta} los años de 1833 y 1834.

Consecuente al Superior decreto q. ante sede de fecha 16 del q. corre y stampa en el Memorial del b.^o Jose M.^a Amador

en cuya virtud este Ayuntamiento hizo comparecer al interesado á quien igualmente se le pidieron los 3 testigos necesarios y presente al Sr. Carlos Castro Leonardo Flores y Luis Chaboya.

En el mismo tiempo se ase presentur al primero si juraba decir verdad en todo lo q. se le ba á interrogar dijo q. si q. se llamaba Carlos Antonio Castro natural de la Villa del fuerte casado y su oficio gabonero y q. conose al Sr. Jose M^a Amador p^r. con ducta onrada mejiicano de nacimiento casado de segundas nupcias con 3 de familia q. el citio q. pretende sabe q. pertenecia en un tiempo á la Misión de S. Jose mas en d^{ia} esta desocupado q. es de temporal unicamente y aboraderos q. su estension se regula de 3 á 4 leguas y q. tiene sobrados bienes de campo p^r. poblar lo q. firma y doy fe.

Salvo Pacheco, Carlos Castro.
Tomas Pacheco
Fris.

En el mismo dia se yso comparecer al segundo testigo Leonardo Flores y preguntado si juraba decir verdad en todas lo q. se le ba á interrogar dijo q. si q. se llamaba Leonardo Flores natural del Presidio de Sta. Barbara casado con 3 de familia q. conocia al Sr. Jose M^a Amador de conducta onrada mejiicano de naciunt^o y q. ha q. lo conose mas de 20 años casado con 3 de familia q. el terreno q. este solicita sabe q. esta des ocupado a unque en un tiempo lo ocupaba la Misión de S. Jose q. solo es de temporal y aboraderos y q. se considera la estension de 3 á 4 leguas en cin con ferencia q. tiene sobrados ganados p^r. ocupado de lo q. doy fe, y por no saber firmar lo ase con la señal de cruz.

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Salvo Pacheco, Leonardo Flores +
Tomas Pacheco
Fris.

En este momento se yso comparecer al tercer testigo Luis Chaboya y preguntado si juraba decir verdad en todo lo q. se le ba á interrogar dijo q. si q. se llamaba Luis Chaboya casado natural del Presidio de S. Francisco q. conose al interesado

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Jose M^o. Amador de conducta onrada Mexicano de nacimiento q. es casado con 3 de familia q. el terreno q. este solicita es ta des ocupado q. en un tiempo tenia la Misión de S. Jose ganada q. solo es de temporal y abrevaderos q. le regula la estension de 3 á cuatro leguas q. sabe tiene mas de mil reses p^o. p^ollarlo con lo que queda concluido el auto de q. doy fé.

Pueblo de S. Jose Guadalupe Atoe 29 de 1833.
Sabris Pacheco. Luis Chaboya.
Tomas Pacheco
Eris.

Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

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Monterey Enero 22 de 1834.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este expediente el informe de la autoridad Municipal del Pueblo de S. Jose Guadalupe, el del Comandante Militar del Povoio de S. Fran^o. el del R. P. Ministro de la Misión de San Jose la oposicion de testigos con todas lo demas que se tubo presente y verconvind; de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y Reglamentos de la materia se declara á Jose Maria Amador dueño su propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon colindante con el rio y boca de la Cañada de este nombre de Norte á Sur y de Este á Oeste con Sierras laterales sujeto á las condiciones q. se estipularon; librese el despacho correspondiente. tomese razon en el libro respectivo y dirijase este expediente para para la debida aprovacion á la Exma Diputacion territorial en cuyo caso el interesado á quien se le hará saber este decreto, presentara nuevamente su titulo para que se revalide. E. Sr. D. Jose Figueroa General

de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decreto y firmó de que doy fe.

José Figueroa.

Agustín V. Zamorano.

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13 L.M.

En veinte y ocho días del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro habiendo ocurrido á esta Secretaría el Ciudadano Dolores Pacheco á nombre de Ciudadano José Ma. Amador se le hizo saber el decreto que antecede del Sr. Jefe Superior Político y enterado de él dijo: q. lo oye y queda conforme esto respondió y p.^o la debida constancia lo firmó conmigo el Secretario.

Agustín V. Zamorano.

Dolores Pacheco.

Monterey Julio 28 de 1834

Comiamente pase á la Excelentísima Diputación Territorial para su aprobación.

Figueroa.

Monterey Julio 29 de 1834.

En Sesión de este día acordó la E. Diputación puse este Expediente á las Comisiones unidas de Colonización y terrenos baldíos.

Figueroa.

Jose Maria Alcalá

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Las Comisiones unidas de Colonización y terrenos baldíos impuestas del Expediente q. se mandó practicar p.^o pretención q. el Ciudadano José Ma. Amador hizo del paraje nombrado San Ramon y no encon-

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trando en el objecion alguna q. haser siendo outodo conforme con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el art. 5.º del Reglamento de 21 de Mayo de 1828 ofuese a la deliberacion de esta Exma Diputacion la siguiente proposicion.

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Se aprueba la concesion hecha al Ciudadano Jose M. Amador del parage nombrado S. Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834.

Montorey 30 de Junio de 1834.
Jose A. Estudillo. Carlos Ant. Carrillo
Jose T. Ortega. Jose Castro.

Dado cuenta a la E. Diputacion en sesion de hoy con el anterior dictamen, aprovo la E. Diputacion la unica proposicion en q. concluye q. dice:

"Se aprueba la concesion hecha al C. Jose M. Amador del parage nombrado S. Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834".

Y en consecuencia se devuelve el expediente al S. G. S. Politico p. su curso. Montorey Julio 3da 1834
Jose Figueroa.

Jose Maria Maldonado
Sno.

15 L. M.

Sello Fiscal Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comision Subalterna del puerto de Montorey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. Rafael Gonzalez.

Montorey Julio 23 de 1834

En vista del acuerdo de la Exma Diputacion Territorial del dia 31 de Julio ultimo en confirmacion del terreno de San Ramon pretendido por el Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador: librese el titulo respectivo: tomese razon en el libro a que corresponde y entreguese al interesado para

su resguardo y otras fines. El Sr. D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político de la Alta California, así lo mandó decretó, y firmó de
 quedos y fé.

Jose Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano,
 Frio.

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Jose Figueroa General de Brigada, de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General Insp. y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

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Por cuanto el Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador Mexicano p.^o nacimiento ha pretendido p.^o su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Sr. Ramon colindante con la Misión de S. Jose Arroyo de S. Ramon y la Sierra; practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto p.^o leyes y Reglamentos mandos de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Excmo Diputación Territorial del día 31 de Julio p.^o p.^o aprobando la concesión del citado terreno de Sr. Ramon echo un decreto 22 de Enero del presente año al referido Ciudadano Jose M.^o Amador: a nombre de la Nación Mexicana he venido en conferirle el referido terreno declarandole la propiedad de el p.^o las presentes letras y sujeto a las condiciones siguientes.

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1.^a Que se sometera a las q. establecidas el reglamento q. se ha de formar p.^o la distribución de terrenos baldíos y q. entre tanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el q. se le adjudica: imponer censo vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea p.^o causa p.^o fiadora ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las traversías comunales y servidumbres; lo disfrutara libre y exclusivamente destinandole al uso o cultivo q. mas le acomode; p.^o dentro de

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un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3^a Solicitara del juez respectivo q. le de posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho p.^a el cual se señalaram los linderos en cuyos limites pondra a mas de las mofoneras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4^a El terreno de q. se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor segun se plica el disenyo q. corre en el expediente. El Juez q. diere la posesion lo hara medir conforme a ordenanza; quedando el sobrante q. resulte a la Nacion p.^a los usos convenientes.

5^a Si contravinieren a estas condiciones perduran su derecho al terreno y sera denunciado p.^a otro.

En consecuencia mando q. terminose p.^a firme y valdese este titulo se tome razon de el en el libro a q. corresponde y se entregue al interesado p.^a su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterrey a 1^o de Agosto de 1834 = Jose Figueras - Agustin C. Zamorano - Secretario.

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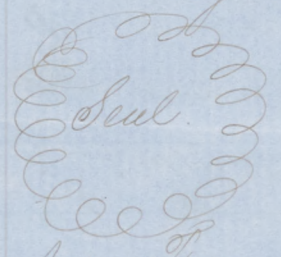
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Sello Tacero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Puerto de Monterrey en el Depto. para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueras.

Rafael Gonzalez



Jose Figueras General de Brigada del Ejercito Nacional de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico del Territorio de la Alta California

Por cuanto el Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon situado ante en la Pasion de San José de...

yo de San Ramon y la Sierra; practicadas firmemente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Excelentisima Diputacion Territorial del dia treinta y uno de Julio proximo pasado aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de San Ramon echado de veinte y dos de Enero del presente año al referido Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador á nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en conferirle el respectivo terreno declarandole la propiedad de el por las siguientes letras y sujeto á las condiciones siguientes.

1.^a Que se someterá á las que estableciere el reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entre tanto, ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni maguar el que se le adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa, ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjuicio de las travesías caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutara libre y esclusivam^{te} destinandolo al uso ó cultivos que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año á lo mas fabricará casa y estara habitada.

3.^a Solicitara del juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se señalarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá á mas de las arborescencias algunos arboles frutales ó silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4.^a El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor segun república el mismo que corre en el repudiante. El juez que diere la posesion lo hará en conformidad á ordenanza, quedando el sobrante que resulte á la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

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

En consecuencia mando que teniendo se por firme y valido este titulo se tome razon de el en el libro á que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo

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y demas fines: Dado en Monterrey a primeros de agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Jose Figueroa.
Agustin V. Zamorano.
Sros.

21 L.P.N.

Queda tomada razon de este ~~titulo~~ sobre adjudicacion de terrenos a fojas cuarenta y seis numero cuarenta y cuatro q. obra en la Secretaria de mi cargo, en Monterrey a cuatro de agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.
Zamorano.

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Rancho de S. Ramon Julio 5 de 1835.

Sr D. Jose Figueroa

Mi respectado Gral y Señor, despues de saludarle con el respeto debido paso a molestarlo, y es que apesar de su clemencia benigno se digno mandar se autorizo mi segundo asistente que a V.S. presente en la Misión de S. José; en mi nombre y en el de mi compañero Dolores Pacheco; hago a V.S. estas suplicas de mis papeles por hallarme actualm^{te} en su pleito con mis vecinos Bautista Pacheco y Mariano Castro, y estimare a V.S. se digno hacer se me manden mis dichos papeles p^{ta} librarme de istorios con mis dichos vecinos y con esto Rno de molestarlo queda V.S. mandará este su menor subdito que atento B. S. M.

Jose M. Amador.

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Al Sr D. Jose Figueroa
Gral de Brigada de los ejercitos
Mexicanos y Jefe Superior
Politico del Territorio.

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Contestacion.

S. D. Jose M. Amador.

Monterrey Julio 11 de 1833.

El segundo Expediente q. en su carta me dice pre-
sente, ha sido ocuposamente buscado en la Secretaria i no
se ha encontrado, por lo q. tendra q. reponerla presentando otro
cuero, al q. se le daran seguir sus tramites sin dilacion
especificando si la tierra esta medida y cuales son sus linder-
os todo lo q. se unira al expediente primitivo q. en el q.
existe en esta Secretaria.

Soi su apmo.

J. F.

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Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

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de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta Califor-
nia para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil
ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Ramirez.

Monterrey Julio 24 de 1833.

Informe al C. P. M. de la
Chiria de S. Jose p. el terreno q.
solicita el interesado en esta in-
stancia pertenece o no a la
Mision. El Sr. D. Jose Figue-
roa General de Brigada
Comand. General Chispato
y Jefe S. Politico de la
Alta California, asi lo man-
di decreto y firmo de q. doy
fe.

Jose Figueroa.

Eis. ^{Seco} del bastillo Noyrete.

El Ciudadano Jose M. Amador
ante Ud. con el debido respeto com-
pene haciendo presente que a
consecuencia de haberse perdido
un documento en q. solicite la
posesion de un terreno adyacente
al sitio q. ya poseo, he tenido q.
reiterar la misma solicitud,
siendo el expresado terreno de mil
y ochocientas varas medidas des-
de una linea designada como
linderos de las tierras de la Mision
de San Jose, hasta el ojo de agua
nombrado del Alamillo (todo lo

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que se espresa en el dibujo que ya he presentado, y en donde estoy fabricando una casa de adobe. Por lo que suplico se digno de procurar como debe pedido jurando no ser de malicia &c.

Jose M^o. Amador.

Mision de San Jose
y julio 18 de 1835

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Jeefe Superior Político

He visto el Superior decreto de V.S. de 24 del corriente en el que se me ordena informe si el terreno q. solicita el Ciudadano Jose M^o. Amador pertenece ó no a la Mision, y obsecuente siempre á las oramus de V.S. digo: si es indudablemente pertenece este terreno á la Mision de mi cargo.

S. Jose y julio 28 de 1835

Fr. Jose M^o. de Jesus Gong^o.

Monterrey agosto 1^o de 1835

Buelva este expediente al R. P. Ministro de la Mision de S. Jose, para que exprese si podra ó no conceder a Amador el terreno q. pretende; si lo posee ó se le ha permitido ocuparlo en clase de prestamo, ó si se perjudica la Mision si le hara falta dicho terreno; informara igualmente todo lo que se le ofrezca relativo á este negocio. El S. D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana Comandante Genl =

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Sello Terceos Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Ramirez.

= Inspector y Jeefe Superior Político de Territorios de la Alta California así lo mando decretado y firmo de que doi fe.
Jose Figueroa. — Sr. Fr. del Castillo Negrete.

Señor Jefe Superior Político.

El terreno q. en este expediente se solicita y ocupa a la fha. de S. Jose M^o. Amador, no en calidad de prestamo sino con el objeto de solicitarlo de ese Superior Gobierno, aunque seria muy útil a esta Misión de mi cargo, no lo contemplo necesario p^o. así este como principalmente el paraje llamado S. Ramon cedido ya antes por esta comunidad en favor del citado Amador, tiene la precisa condicion y certidumbre de admitir las herrogas de esta Misión siempre q. le convenga, de consiguiente, repito, no lo contemplo este terreno como necesario e indispensable, y así bien puede ser si fuere de su Superior agrado, el agraciarse con el al q. lo solicita.

Esto es Sr. todo lo q. me ocurre el informar a V. S. conforme al Superior decreto de 1 del corriente.

S. Jose y Agosto 9 de Agosto de 1835.

F. J. M^o. de Jesus Gonz.

Monteuni Agosto 14 de 1835.

Vista la peticion con que de principios este expediente, la informacion del Ayuntamiento del Pueblo de S. Jose Guadalupe, el informe del Comandante Militar de S. Fran^o. el del R. P. Ministro de la Misión de S. Jose la exposicion de testigos, la solicitud q. con fha. 18 de Julio de este año presento pidiendo ampliacion, con todas las demas q. se tuvo presente e verconvino; de conformidad con lo dispuesto p^o. las leyes y reglamentos de la materia se declara a Jose Maria Amador dueño en propiedad =

29 L. M.

Sello Precioso Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Ramirez,

= del terreno conocido con el nombre de S. Ramon con la ampliacion q. solicita el interesado de mil i ochocientos

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varas desde una lima designada como lindero de las tierras de la Misión S. Jose, hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del Alamillo que le sirvan de linderos interiores, sujeta a las condiciones q. se estipularan, librese el despacho correspondiente, tomese razon en el libro respectivo i dirigase este expediente p.^a la debida aprobacion a la E^{ma}. Diputacion Territorial en cuyo caso el interesado a quien se le hara saber este decreto presentara nuevamente su titulo p.^a q. se le revalias. El S.^o D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante Gral. Inspector i Jefe Superior Politico del Territorio de la Alta California asi lo mando decreto y firmo de lo q. doi fe.

Jose Figueroa.

Dño.
F. Castillo Negrete. 119

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Jose M^{te}. Amador.

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Jose Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General Inspector i Jefe Superior Politico del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el Sr. Jose M^{te}. Amador Mexicano p.^a nacimiento ha pretendido p.^a su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de S^{to}. Ramon, colindante con la Misión de S^{to}. Jose Arroyo de S^{to}. Ramon y la Sierra Practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto p.^a las leyes y Reglamentos usando de las facultades q. me son conferidas i de conformidad con el acuerdo de la E^{ma}. Dip^{ta} Territorial del dia treinta y uno de Julio p^o aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de S^{to}. Ramon hecha en decreto de veinte y dos de Enero del año p^o de 1834 al referido Jose M^{te}. Amador a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en conferirle el referido terreno con la ampliacion q. se le concedio p.^a decreto de catorce de Agosto de este año declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, i sujeta a las condiciones siguientes.

1^a Que se sometera á las q. estableciere el Reylaminto q. se hade formar p.^a la distribucion de terrenos baldios i q. entu tanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán decir ni imaginar el que se le adjudica imponer censo vinculo fianza hipotecaria ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

2^a Para cercarlo sin perjudicar las trasvias caminos y servidumbres: lo disfrutara libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso i cultivo q. mas le acomode p.^a dentro de un año á lo mas fabricara casa i estara habitada.

3^a Solicitara del Juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se señalara los linderos en cuyos limites pondran á mas de las mostradas algunos arboles frutales i silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4^a El terreno de q. se hace mención es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor. con un aumento ó ampliacion de mil y ochocientos varas q. p.^a decreto de catorce de Agosto se le concedió en este presente año entendiendose esta ampliacion desde una linea designada como lindero de las tierras de la Misión de S.^t Jose hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del Alamillo como se vea el diseño q. corre en el Expediente. El Juez q. diere la posesion lo ara medir conforme á ordenanza, quedando el sobrante q. resulte á la Nacion p.^a los usos convenientes.

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

En consecuencia mando q. teniendo p.^a firme q. valedero este titulo se tome razon de el en el libro q. corresponde i se entregue al interesado p.^a su resguardo i demas fines.
Dado en Monterrey á diez i siete de Agosto de 1833.

Agosto 27 de 1835.

En sesion de este dia acordó la E. Diputacion pose á la Comision de terrenos baldios.

Figueroa.

Jose Maria Maldonado, Sec.

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Exmo Sr.

La Comision de terrenos baldios impuesta del expediente q. se manda practicar ha pretension del Ciudadano Jose Ma. Amador por el terreno nombrado Sr. Ramon no encontrando en el objecion alguna q. haer siendo en todo conforme a la ley de 18 de Apto. de 1824 y el art. 3.º del Reglamento de 21 de Ato. de 1828 o por a la deliberacion de V. E. la siguiente proposicion.

Se aprueba la concesion hecha al Ciudadano Jose Ma. Amador del paraje nombrado Sr. Ramon concedido en diez y siete de Apto. de 1835.

Monterey 18 de Apto. de 1835.
Jose Castro.

Apto. 19 de 1835.

En sesion de hoy se aprobo el dictamen q. antecede y se acordó pase este exp.º al S. G. P. p.º en conclusion.

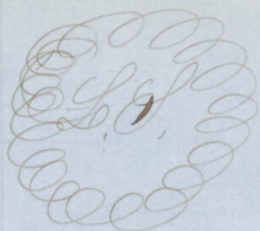
Jose Castro.
Jose Maria Mald.º
Seco.

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 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 or Department of Upper California, do hereby certify that the thirty three preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to thirty three 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 said Archives in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, officially,

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and affixed my private seal (not having
a seal of office) at the City of San Fran-
cisco, Cal. the fifteenth day of January
1853.

Sam. D. Wing,
Sur. Genl. Cal.

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Filed in Office July 25th 1853.
(Signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy.

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of the
Expediente

Jurisdiction of the
Town of San Jose
Guadalupe - } N 44 + 46 in the year
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Expediente
Relating to the place named
San Ramon
solicited by

Jose Maria Almador
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Ratified by the said Office for the years 1833 and 1834

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To the Commandant General
 Citizen Jose Maria Anador with
 In conformity with all due respect before you appears by
 the laws on the subject means of this writing requesting that
 let the Ayuntamiento having made an application for
 of the part of San Jose a piece named Las Juntas to the
 Guadalupe Report Gentleman your predecessors up
 whether in the party to this date he has got no decision for
 has the provided neither of the two applications made
 requires to be attended by him already said piece is 12
 leagues a little more or less distant
 whether the land from the Mission of San Jose to
 he solicits is in the wards north for having been the
 area in the 20 leagues must places occupied by the
 party leagues or in immediate Mission and it has
 the 10 territorial leagues granted them in the year last
 mentioned in the past and pleasing the applicant
 Law of 18 of August last a piece named San Ramon
 1824 whether it has (some leagues distant from
 appointed or in this Mission to the north) for
 applicants to private the breeding of stock black cattle
 property Corporat and stud of horses, and for agri-
 culture or Town or is culture for the support of his fam-
 ily and having proposed it to the
 vacant with all kind of President of this Mission
 other matter whether it would be to the incum-
 encing the since of the said Mission to breed
 project making in said place stock of cattle
 the party present and horses and he answering that
 the sketch of the it was not, he has bred them in
 land he solicits a number of dry cows and heads
 to be annexed to of black cattle, a stud of mares
 fifty tamed horses, five yokes of
 oxen and built in said place
 an Adobe house of twenty eight
 rooms and an orchard for fifteen
 hundred stocks of wine and fifty fruit
 trees and having but a little more

(Signed)
Figueroa

to be meritorious to the gift he solicits 1st for being a native of the Country and 2d for his Father having been a settler of those lands and after having been a settler he served in the Military career 17 years and the party interested having served the Militia 8 years and the Cavalry 10 years and 5 months.

When you he prays you to grant him said place in consideration of the above statement and I shall find it meritorious and for which I should be thank

Mission of San Jose April 13th 1833
(Signed) Jose Manuel Amador

In compliance with the Superior decree I have to state that the party is a native citizen, he has served the Country in the and militia of honorable conduct he is married and with a family of three sons, with a good amount of cattle to obtain a tract and is industrious; the tract applied for has been vacant and is from the house which is of all of 28 vacas toward the North a league and three quarters to the place of San Ramon above mentioned and from there to the South where the sketch shows the lagoon some one league, which the Mission of San Jose occupied at one time being bounded thereby this is amidst the jurisdiction, it is not in the 10 littoral leagues up to the sea which empties to the Port of San Francisco although it has the pass of the narrow Mountain and although he is not properly settled in the place which he mentions but in the company thereof and the place named "el alamo de Santa Cipriana"

Mission of San Jose San do Inse May
13th 1833
(Signed) Gabriel Padua

Mission of May 15th 1833

Let the Military Commandant of San Francisco report on the particulars to which this Expediente refers and whether the party has served in the military career annexing thereto a copy of his personal description "filiacion" after his report having been

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made, let this Expediente be referred to the Rev^d Minister of the Mission of San Jose for the same purpose who as secretary and as solicitor will be pleased to report as it may occur to him

(Signed) Figueroa

(") Agustín V Zamorano
Secretary

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Mr Superior Politic Chief

Pursuant to the decree of the 15th instant which upon their entrance in the presence of citizen Jose Maria Amador I state that in my opinion the party mentioned has the requisites provided to be attended in the application to which this report refers that the tract of land he solicits is not San Ramon for from where his house is to San Ramon there are a league and three quarters the Mission of San Jose has quitted the said place a little over a year, the land the applicant seeks to obtain is not included in the twenty limiting leagues with any foreign nation, nor in the ten littoral ones to which the art^o 4th of the Law of 18th of August 1824 refers

San Francisco May 21st 1833

(Signed) Jose Sanchez

Mr Superior Politic Chief

The tract of land asked for in this Expediente, by no means I can care to be compensated under the Law N^o 18 of August 1824 and as this is only appertains to this community I do not think it necessary to it but only when the Shop &c are infected with any plague and need to be removed to another place for their preservation but in this case the Petitioners promise to receive the Shop &c at any time and in any part of the place named San Ramon which is the only one that he solicits and which is marked out in the annexed plan by a black line and which this Mission can only cede all owing to the honesty and loyalty of the applicants

Mission of San Jose November 22, 1833

(Signed) Fray Juan de S.

José Gonsalves 3

Cavalry company of the royal garrison of San Francisco

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filiation - full - in the Luis Jose Maria Amador
 Son of the Pedro and of Mrs. Ramona Noriega native
 of the Presidio of San Francisco, a dependent of the
 Corregimiento of the Government of Monterey and re-
 siding in the Town of San Jose a yeoman by trade
 his height 5 feet inches and his twenty four years
 old his Religion R.C. and he has marks on these
 his hair and eye brows of chestnut color eyes of black
 nose regular nose of a brownish complexion beard
 less he voluntarily entered into the service ten years
 in the said Presidio of San Francisco on the 15th
 of October of the year 1818 and the penalties pro-
 vided by the ordinance and additions that to him
 read to him and for not being able to sign he
 made a mark of a cross being administered that
 it is for his observance and nothing shall exculpate
 him from it being witness Corporal Jose Reyes
 Benayosa and Cadet Don Jose Moraga said
 to be married

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(Signed) Luis Arguilla
 Jose Guadalupe Moraga +
 Jose Reyes Benayosa - Notes =
 Citizen Mariano G. Kallips
 Commandant of the Company of Cavalry of the
 line of San Francisco. I certify that the foregoing
 copy is taken from the original existing in the file in
 the office under my command San Francisco
 May 21st 1833

Signed M. G. Kallips

Monterey Decemr 16th 1833

Let it be referred to the Magistrate of the Town of San
 Jose Guadalupe before whom the party Jose Maria
 Amador shall produce an information by three
 competent witnesses who shall be interrogated about
 the following points

- 1st whether the applicant is a Mexican citizen by
- birth whether he is married and has any children
- whether he is of good deportment and whether the tract
 he solicits appertains to the property of any private
 individual, Mission, Town or Corporation whether
 it is susceptible of migration or dependent upon the
 seasons or pasture land and what extent it may
 have, 3rd whether he has any cattle with which
 there is a probability of acquiring it after three

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informations having been taken let the Expediente be returned for its decision to Don Jose Figueroa Brigadier General Comandante General Inspector and Superior Politico Chief for the Upper Californias Comandante de Arma and Siza which I attest

(Signed) Jose Figueroa
(") Agustine V. Zimmerman
Secretary

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Pursuant to the foregoing Superior decree bearing date the 16th Instant entered on the Memorial of Citizen Jose Maria Amador in, virtue whereof this Ayuntamiento caused the party interested to appear of whom likewise were required the necessary witnesses; he produced Citizens Carlos Castro, Leandro Flores and Luis Chaboya at the same time the former one was caused to state whether he would swear to tell the truth in all matters upon which he shall be interrogated he stated he would that his name is Carlos Antonio Castro, native of the Town of "Puerco" he is married and a soap maker by trade and that he knows Citizen Jose Maria Amador of honorable department Mexican by both names of Second Marriage and has 3 children in that he knows the tract asked for to belong at one time to the Mission of San Jose, but at this time it is unoccupied it is only dependent upon seasons and pasture land that he calculates its extent from 3 to 4 leagues and that he has abundant Cattle to stock them in to which I sign my name and attest

(Signed) Salvador Pacheco
(") Carlos Castro
(") Tomas Pacheco
Secretary

On the same day the second witness Leandro Flores was caused to appear and asked whether he would swear to tell the truth in every matter upon which he should be interrogated he stated he would that his name was Leandro Flores, native of the Military post of Santa Barbara, married and has 3 children that he knows Citizen Jose Maria Amador of honorable department Mexican by both names and that it is for upwards of 20 years that he knows him; he is married and has 3 children, that he knows the tract the latter solicits to be unoccupied although at one time the mission of San Jose

occupia, that it is only dependent upon the seasons and
pasture land and that its extent is considered to be
from 3 to 4 leagues in circumference. That he has
abundant cattle to stock it which I attest and as he can
not sign he makes a mark of a cross

(Signed) Gabriel Pacheco
Lionard Flores + Tomas Pacheco
Secretary

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at this moment the third witness Luis (Chaboya
is caused to appear and asked whether he would swear
to the truth upon all which he should be interrogated
he stated he would that his name is Luis (Chaboya
married, native of the military post of San Francisco
that he knows the party Jose Maria Amador of his own
department, Mexican by birth that he is married and
has 3 children, that the land he solicits is unoccupied
that at one time the Mission of San Jose had cattle
upon it that it is dependent upon the seasons and pasture
land that he estimates its extent from 3 to 4 leagues
that he knows he has upwards of one thousand head of
cattle to stock it with where with these proceedings he
concludes which I attest

Town of San Jose Guadalupe 27th
December 1833

(Signed) Gabriel Pacheco
Luis Chaboya Tomas Pacheco
Secretary

Meeting January 22nd 1834

In view of the Petition which with this expedite begins
the report of the Municipal Authority of the Town of San
Jose Guadalupe, that of the Military Comandante
of the Presidio of San Francisco, that of the Rev. F.
Minister of San Jose the dispositions of interest is
with all the further proceedings had present and which
was proper to be viewed in accordance with the Pro-
visions of the Laws and regulations upon the subject
Jose Maria Amador is declared owner in property of the
tract of land known by the name of San Redon on
bounded by the River and north of the bar of
this name from North to South and from East to
West by the lateral Mountains subject to the con-
ditions which shall be stipulated by a proper dispa-
ch to be issued and to be made in the respective

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and this expediente be sent to the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation for its due approval in which case the party interested to whom this decree shall be made known shall men by present his title in order to be confirmed
Tenor Don Jose Figueroa Brigadier General Com mandant General Inspector and Superior Political Chief for the Territory of Upper California thus Com manded Decreed and Signed which I attest

(Signed) Jose Figueroa
(") Augustin V Zamorano
Secretary

on the twenty eighth day of the month of July 1834 citizen Dolores Pacheco in the name of Citizen Jose Maria Almadar having called at this Court and Office, the foregoing decree of the Superior Political Chief was made known to him and being apprised of it he stated that he read it, and he conforms to it thus he answered and for due proof he signed with myself the Secretary

(Signed) Augustin V Zamorano
(do) Dolores Pacheco

Monday July 28th 1834

Let it be referred first to the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation for its approval

Signed Figueroa

Monday July 29th 1834

In session of this day the Most Excellent Deputation has resolved - let this Expediente be referred to the Joint Committee on colonization and vacant lands

(Signed) Figueroa
(") Jose Maria Almadar

Most Excellent Sir

The Joint Committee on Colonization and vacant lands having been apprised of the Expediente to which was added to be formed by an application which citizen Jose Maria Almadar made for the place named San Ramon and not having any objection thereto it being in my paper agreeable with the law of 18 August 1824 and the article 5th of the Regulation of 21st November 1828 offer for the deliberation of this Most Excellent Deputation the following proposition "The grant made to

Citizen Jose Maria Amador for the place named
San Ramon granted on 22nd of January 1834 be
approved

Monteury July 30th 1834

(Signed) Jose A. Estruillo

(do) Carlos Antonio Cavillo

(do) Jose J. Ortega

(Signed) Jose Castro

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account having been given to the most Excellent
Deputation in session of the day of the foregoing report
the most Excellent Deputation approved the only propo-
sition which in it ended thus - "The grant made
to citizen Jose Maria Amador of the place named San
Ramon granted on the 22nd of January 1834 is appro-
ved. This upon the Expediente is returned to the Superior
Politic Chief for its course. Monteury July 31st 1834

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

(do) Jose Maria Maldonado
Secretary

Monteury August 1st 1834

In view of the resolution of the most Excellent Terri-
torial Deputation of the 31st day of July last in con-
firmation of the tract of land of San Ramon soli-
cited by Jose Maria Amador, let a title respecting
there to be issued an entry be made in the proper
book and be it delivered to the party interested for
his safety and other purposes. Genl Gen Jose Figueroa
Brigadier General Commandant General Inspector
and Superior Politic Chief for the Upper Califor-
nia thus commanded decreed and signed which
I attest

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

(do) Agustin Zamora
Secretary

Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the Mexican
Republic Commandant General Inspector and Super-
ior Politic Chief for the Territory of Upper California
Whereas Citizen Jose Maria Amador Mexican by
birth has solicited for his personal benefit and that
of his family the tract of land known by the name of
San Ramon bounded by the Mission of San Jose
Creek of San Ramon and the mountains and the steps

And investigations concerning them to have my been
 previously taken according to the dispositions of
 the laws and Regulations & exercising the powers com-
 mitted upon me and in conformity with the resolution
 of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the
 31st day of July last past approving the grant of the
 said tract of San Ramon made by decree of 22nd
 of January of the present year to the said Citizen Jose
 Ma. Alvarez in the name of the Mexican Nation I have
 complied to him the said land declaring to him the en-
 ownership thereof by these present letters and subject to the
 following conditions

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1st That he shall submit to those which the Regulation
 that is to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands
 shall establish and that in the meantime neither the
 grantee nor his heirs shall alienate or alienate what is
 adjudicated to him impose ground rent or tail se-
 curity mortgage or any other liability at though for
 a pious cause nor transfer it to another

2nd He may fence it without injuring the passages
 roads and servitudes, he may enjoy it fully and
 exclusively applying it to the use or cultivation that
 may suit him best, but within one year at the most he
 shall build a house and it shall be inhabited

3rd He shall solicit from the proper Magistrate to
 give him judicial possession by virtue of this dispatch
 by whom the boundaries shall be marked, in the limits
 of which he shall put beside the land marks some
 fruit or useful forest trees

4th The land of which mention is made is of four
 leagues "sitio de Sanado Mayor" as shown by the sketch
 annexed to the Expediente, The Magistrate giving
 the possession shall cause it to be measured ac-
 cording to or according to the surplus thereof to remain to
 the Nation for the proper uses

5th If he shall contravene these conditions he shall
 forfeit his right to the tract and shall be deemed void
 by another

Wherefore I command that this title being held
 firm and valid an entry thereof be made in the proper
 book and it be delivered to the party interested for his
 safety and other purposes Given in Monterrey on the 1st
 of August 1834

(Signed) Jose Fojimora
 (do) Augustin V Zamorano Secy

Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the National Army of the Mexican Republic former and General Inspector and Superior Police Chief for the Territory of the Upper California

Whereas Citizen Jose Maria Amador Mexican by birth has solicited for his personal benefit and that of his family the tract of land known by the name of San Ramon bounded by the Mission of San Jose Creek of San Ramon and the mountains all the steps and investigations concerning them to having been pursued by taking account of the dispositions of the Laws and Regulations exercising the powers conferred upon me and in conformity with the resolution of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the 31st day of July last past approving the grant of the said tract of San Ramon made by Decree of 22nd of July of the present year to the said Citizen Jose Maria Amador in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have concluded to grant the said land declaring to him the ownership thereof by these present letters and subject to the following conditions

1st That he shall submit to those which the regulations that is to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands shall establish and that in the meantime neither the grantee nor his heirs shall alienate or alienate what is adjudicated to him impose ground rent or other security mortgage or any other liability although for a pious cause nor transcribe it to his heirs

2nd He may fence it without injuring the passages roads and servitudes he may enjoy it fruitfully and exclusively applying to the use or cultivation that may suit him but not within one year at the most he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited

3rd He shall solicit from the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession by virtue of this despatch by whom the boundaries shall be marked in the limits of which he shall plant besides the land marks some fruit or useful forest trees

4th The land of which mention is made is of four leagues square de Ganado Mayor as shown by the sketch annexed to the Expediente

The Magistrate giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to dimensions the surplus thereof to remain to the

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nation for the proper uses,

5th If he shall contravene those conditions he shall forfeit his right to the tract and shall be deemed void by another

Wherefore I command that this title being held firm and valid an entry thereof be made in the proper book and it be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes Given in Montevideo on the 14th of August 1834

Signed Jose Figueroa
de Augustin Zamorano
Secretary

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An entry of this title is made of adjudicating lands at folio 46 N° 44 which is in the General office under my charge at Montevideo on the 14th of August 1834

Signed Zamorano
Rancho of San Ramon July 5th 1835
For Don Jose Figueroa
My Respected General

After saluting you with due respect I will trouble you that is I hope from your kind heart you will be pleased to order, ^{be} attested my second expediente which I presented to you at the Mission of San Jose in my name and that of my companion Dolores Pacheco I made of on this request of my papers for I am at present in a law suit with my neighbors Benito Pacheco and Mariano Castro and I shall thank you if you will be pleased to cause my said papers to be sent to me to get rid myself of quarrels with my said neighbors and so I am sorry to trouble you - your May command as you please

Your Obedient Subject
Signed Jose Ma Amador
To Don Don Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the Mexican Army and Superior Politic Chief for the Territory in Montevideo

Answer
Mr Jose Ma Amador
Montevideo July 11th 1835
The second expediente which in your letter you say you have presented has been carefully searched in

the Secretaries Office and it is not found through you will replace it presenting an other one which will be made to follow its course without delay specifying whether the land has been measured and which are its boundaries and all that shall be joined to the first Expediente which is the one existing in this Secretaries Office

I am - Yours Affly
(Signed) J. P.

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Montreal July 24th Citizen Jose Ma Amador before 1835 Let the R your Honor with due respect and P.M. of the Missionaries representing that in consequence of San Jose reportance of having been lost one document which the tract must when in solicited possession which the party of a tract of land adjacent to the limits in this Petition tract I already possess I was obliged appertain or not to reiterate the same application to the Mission since the said tract being of one thousand Don Jose Figueroa and eight hundred was measured Brigadier General from a line designed as boundary Commandant General of the lands of the Mission of San Jose Inspector and the spring named de amillo all Superior Potitic which is mentioned in the sketch (copy for the appu that I have already presented) (copy in a thus can when I am building an adobe house man and decreed and therefore I pray your Honor will be signed which I pleased to grant as I have already attested prayed & sworn in it is not made (sig) Jose Figueroa cious &c (do) Francisco de la Cruz Mission of San Jose July 18th 1835

To the Superior Potitic Chief

I have seen the Superior decree of your Honor of the 24th Instant in which I am ordered to report whether the tract of land that Citizen Jose Ma Amador solicits appertain or not to the Mission and always obedient to the orders of your Honor I state that this tract is undoubtedly appertaining to the Mission under my charge

San Jose July 28th 1835
(Signed) Fray Jose Ma de p Gonz

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Monteury August 1st 1835

Let this Expediente be returned to the Head P. Minister of the Mission of San Jose in order to state whether the tract of land which Amador solicits can be granted to him or not whether he possesses it, or he was allowed to occupy it by way of a loan or whether the Mission is injured or the said tract is absolutely necessary to her likewise he will report all that may occur to him relating to this affair Señor Don Jose Fejerson, Brigadier General of the Mexican Republic Commandant General Inspector and Superior Politic Chief for the Territory of the Upper California thus Com manded decreed and signed which I attest

Signed Jose Fejerson
de Fran^{co} de Castillo Ayuste
Secretary

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Mr Superior Politic Chief

The tract of land which in this Expediente Citizen Jose Ma Amador solicits and occupies not by way of a loan but with the object of soliciting it from the Superior Government although it might be useful to this Mission under my charge I do not think it necessary in as much as both this and chief by the place called "San Ramon" granted already by this Community in favor of said Amador upon the precise condition and sure to admit the sheep of this Mission whenever it is to the purpose consequently I repeat I do not think this tract necessary and indispensable so your honor may as well, if pleased grant it to the applicant

This is all Sir that occurs to me to report to you Hon or pursuant to the Superior decree of the 1st Instant San Jose August 9th 1835

(Signed) Fray J^e Made Jesus Gonz^z

Monteury August 11th 1835

In view of the Petition which with this Expediente begins the report of the Ayuntamiento of the Town of San Jose de Guadalupe the report of the Military Commandant of San Francisco that of the Head P. Minister of the Mission of San Jose the depositions of witnesses, the application which he made bearing date the 18th of July of this year asking an amplification and all the further process which had been presented and was

proper to be considered in conformity with the provisions of the laws and regulations upon the subject. Jose Maria Amador is declared owner in property of the tract of land known by the name of San Ramon with the amplification which the party solicits of one thousand and one hundred and eighty acres from a line designated as boundary of the land of the Mission of San Jose to the Springs named at an idle which will serve to him as interior boundary subject to the conditions which shall be stipulated in a proper dispatch be issued, an entry be made in the proper book and this disposition to be directed to the most Excellent Territorial Deputation for due approval in which case the party interested to whom this decree shall be made known shall produce newly his title that it may be confirmed to him. I am General Inspector and Superior Political Chief thus Com in an act decreed and signed which I attest.

Signed Jose Figueroa

" General del Castillo Ayate
Secretary

Jose Ma Amador

(64) Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the Mexican Republic General Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of the Upper California

Whereas Citizen Jose Ma Amador Mexican by birth has solicited for his personal benefit and that of his family the tract of land known by the name of San Ramon bounded by the Mission of San Jose creek of San Ramon and the mountains all the steps and investigations concerning them to having been pursued by taking account to the provisions of the laws and regulations exercising the powers conferred upon me and in accordance with the resolution of the most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the 31st day of July last past approving the grant of said tract of San Ramon made by decree of 22d of January of the year last past of 1834 to the said Jose Ma Amador in the name of the Mexican Nation

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I have conferred to him the said tract of land with the amplification which had been granted to him by decree of fourteenth of August of this year declaring to him the ownership thereof by these present letters subject to the following conditions,

1st That he shall submit to those which the regulation to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands shall establish and that in the meantime neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide or alienate what is adjudicated to him impose grant rent entail security mortgage or other liability although for a pious cause nor transfer it to another

2nd He may fence it without injuring the passages roads and Dividedas he may enjoy it fully and exclusively applying it to the use or cultivation which may suit him best but within one year at the most he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited

3rd He shall solicit the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession by virtue of this despatch by whom the boundaries shall be marked in the limits of which he shall put various the land marks some fruit or useful forest trees

4th The tract of which mention is made is of four leagues Sitos de Ganado Mayor with an increase or extension of one thousand eight hundred acres which by decree of fourteenth of August was granted to him in this present year this extension to be understood to be from a line designated as boundary of the lands of the Mission of San Jose to the Spring named Carrillo as mentioned in the sketch which is annexed to the expediente

The Magistrate giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to the manner of the surplus thereof to remain to the Nation for the proper uses

5th If he shall contravene these conditions he shall forfeit his right to the land and shall be punishable by others

When upon I commanded that this title being held firm and valid entry thereof be made in the proper book and it be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other uses Given at Monterey on the 17th of August 1835

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August 27th 1835.

In session of this day the
most Excellent Deputation has resolved let it
be referred to the Committee on vacant lands
(Sejnia) Figueroa
do Jose Maria Maldonado
Secretary

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Most Excellent Sir

The Committee on vacant lands being apprised
of the Expediente which was ordered to be formed
by application of Citizen Jose Ma Amador for
the tract of land named San Ramon

Not finding there in any
objection thereto it being in all respects in accordance
with the Law of 15th of August 1824 as with article
5th of the Regulation of 21st of November 1828
Ours for the deliberation of Your Excellency the
following proposition

The grant made to Citizen
Jose Ma Amador of the Place named San Ramon
granted on the seventeenth of August 1835 is
approved

Monday 28th of August 1835
Sejnia Jose Castro

August 29th 1835

In session of to day the foregoing proposition
was approved and resolved let this Expediente
be referred to the Political Chief for its conclusion

Sejnia Jose Castro
do Jose Maria Maldonado
Secretary

Filed in Office July 23rd 1853
Geo Fisher
Secretary

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Dellos Primeros Seis Casos.

A.
Original Title
Annexed to the
Deposition of
Thomas C. Gaskin.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco. *Figuras.* A. Karming.

Jefe Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana Comandante Jral Inspector i Jefe Superior Político del territorio de la alta California.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano Jefe Maria Amador Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido p. su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de S. Ramon colindante con la Misión de S. Jefe Arroyo de S. Ramon i la Sierra. Practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes i reglamentos, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Excmo Diputacion Territorial del dia 31 de Julio p. p. apro- vando la concesion del citado terreno de S. Ramon hecha en decreto de 22 de Enero del año p. p. de 1834 al referido Sr. Jefe M. Amador; a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en conferirle el referido terreno con la ampliacion q. se le concedio por decreto de catorce de Agosto de este año declarandole la propiedad de el p. las presentes letras i sujeto a las condiciones siguientes: 1^a Que se someterá a las que estableciere el reglamento q. se ha de formar p. la distribucion de terrenos baldios i que entretanto ni el acre- graciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el q. se le adjudica ni pasarlo a manos muertas. — 2^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las traversias caminos y seriedumbres; lo disputará libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo q. mas le acomode; pero dentro de un año al mas fabricara casa i estara habitada. — 3^a Solicitara del Juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se señalarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá a mas de las matorra- ras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad. — 4^a El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor con un aumento o ampliacion de mil e ochocientos varas que por decreto de catorce de Agosto se le concedio en este presente año entendiendose esta ampliacion desde una linea designada como lindero de las tierras de la Misión de S. Jefe hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del Alamillo como se expresa el diseño q. corre en este expediente. El Juez q. diere la posesion lo hará asi conforme a ordenanza, quedando el sobrante q. resulte a la Nacion p. los usos convenientes. — 5^a Si contraviniera a estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será denunciado por otro. — En consecuencia mando q. terminada p. firma y

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Valeros este título se tome razón de el su el libro q. corresponde i se entregue al interesado
p. su resguardo i demas fines. Dado en Monterrey a diez i siete de Agosto de mil ochocientos
treinta y cinco.

Jose Figueroa

Srio.
F. del Castillo Nepote.

Queda tomada razón de este título en el libro correspondiente, al folio sesenta y
seis. Monterrey Agosto diez i ocho de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Srio.
F. del Castillo Nepote.

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy.

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Translation
of Title

Jose Figueroa Bugadur General of the Republic
of Mexico Commandant General Inspector and
Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper
California

Whom as the Citizen Jose Maria Amador
a Mexican by birth has solicited for the benefit
of him self and family the land known by the
name of San Ramon bounded by the Mission of
San Jose Anoyo de San Ramon and la Reina
having pursued by taking the legal steps and
necessary investigations required by laws and
Regulations by virtue of the power conferred on
me and in conformity with the decision of the
most Excellent the Territorial Deputation of the
31st day of July last past approving the grant of
the above described lands made by decree on the
22nd day of January last past to the aforesaid
Citizen Jose Maria Amador and in the name of the
Mexican Nation I have granted him said land
with the augmentation granted by decree of the 14th
day of August of this year declaring unto him the
property thereof by these present letters subject to the
following conditions

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1st. That he shall conform to the conditions that
will be established in the regulations to be made
for the distributions of vacant lands and mean
while neither himself nor his heirs shall divide or
alienate the land adjudicated to him nor impose
on it any rent or ail bond mortgage or any
other incumbrance even for pious purposes
Neither shall he convey it into mortmain

2nd. He may fence it without prejudice to the cross
ings roads and servitudes and enjoy it fully and
exclusively according to the same to the use or cultiva-
tion which may best suit him but within one
year at the most he shall build a house and
it shall be inhabited

3rd. He shall solicit the respective Judge to give
him legal possession by virtue of this title by
whom the boundaries shall be marked over the
limits of which besides the land marks he shall
plant some fruit trees or wild ones of some useful-
ness

The land above mentioned is from Estero de Juan
Mayor (4 square leagues) with an augmentation

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of one thousand and eight hundred acres which was granted to him by a decree of the 14th of August of the present year.

This Augmentation is to be understood from a line drawn as the boundary of the lands of the Mission of San Jose to the Spring (ojede agua) called de Alamillo as represented by the map accompanying the Expedition to

The Yeage who gives possession now have it measured according to ordinance. The surplus which may result remaining to the nation for common uses.

5th If he can traverse these conditions he shall forfeit his right to the land and it may be alienable for another party.

In consequence I order that this title being held as firm and valid be entered in the proper book and be delivered to the grantee for his security and other uses.

I was in Monterey this 17th day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty five

Signed Jose Figueroa
Francisco del Castillo Regente
Secretary

This patent has been entered in the corresponding Book folio 66

Monterey 18th of August 1835

Signed Francisco del Castillo Regente
Secretary

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct Translation from the Spanish on file in this Office
San Francisco May 3rd 1852
Gen Fisher
Secretary

Made in Office May 3rd 1852

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Sello Precioso Dos Reales.

Expediente

(Habilitado) provisoriamente por la administracion de la Armada Maritima de Monterey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzalez.

Mision de S. Jose

Sr. Jefe Supor Político.

Septiembre 8 de 1834.

El Ciudadano Jose M. Amador ante v. s. con

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Informe el Ayuntamiento del Pueblo de S. Jose y evacuado q. sea pase este expediente al P. Ministro de S. Jose con igual objeto.

el debido respeto se presenta y dice, que en primeros de agosto del presente año se digno V. S. de concederme un sitio nombrado San Ramon, colindante con la Mision de San Jose y la Sierra cuyo documento acompaño, solicitando se sirva de aumentar la extension del referido sitio con un pedazo de terreno de como un cuarto de legua hacia el rumbo del Sur, hasta un ojo de agua conocido por el nombre del Alamillo, para el objeto de fabricar una casa y plantar una huerta no habiendole solicitado en mi

Figueroa.

primera instancia, por haber faltado el consentimiento del N. P. Mtro. de la Mision de San Jose la que ya no hace uso ninguno del referido terreno. Por lo que A. V. E. suplico se digno por propicia mi instancia concediendome el terreno que pretendo que a gracia que recibiré por donde no ser de malicia y. Mision de San Jose y Septe 7 de 1834.

Jose M. Amador.

En cumplimiento del superior decreto q. antecede dijo: q. la parte de terreno q. pide la parte interesada en aunm. de la primera solicitud esta pretendida por el Ciudadano Dolores Pacheco, esta parte dispon-

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ga v. s. lo q. allan combeniente ademas la = [Note by the Sr. Genl. The dotted line shows the present margin of the paper of the original document. LDK. Sr. Genl.] = Mision de S. Jose lo ocupa en un

ganado Maron sin necesidad; y por cuya lo volverá a desocupar. Para este Expediente P. Mtro. de

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la Misión de San José.

Pueblo de San José Guad. Jue 8 de 1834.

Chasullo.

Sor. Yefe Superior Político.

El terreno q. en este Expediente se solicita no me parece sea necesario a esta Misión, ni tampoco q. de poseerlo algún particular resulte a ella algún gravamen si el solicitante procura dividirlo con algunos cerros ó potreros de los terrenos de esta Corporación.

Misión de San José y Jue 9 de 1834.

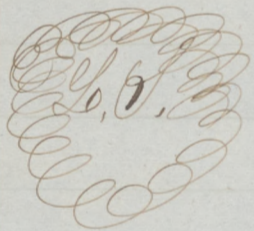
Fr. J. M. de Jesus Gonz.

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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 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 or Departments of Upper California do hereby certify that the two preceding & herewith attached pages of tracing paper numbered one and two and each of which is verified by my initials (S.D.K.) exhibit a true and accurate copy of a document 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 the fifteenth day of January 1853.



Sam. D. King
Sur. Gen. Cal.

Filed in Office July 23rd 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher

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[Handwritten signature]

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Translation
of the
Expiante

Third Seal Two Reals

Provisionally by the administration of the Mountain
Custom House of Monterey for the years 1834 and
1835

Fejuroa

Rafael Gonzalez

My Superior Politic Chief

Mission of San Jose

September 8th 1834
Let the Ayuntamiento of San Jose
of the Town of San Jose
this Expediente be refer-
red to the Father
Minister of San Jose
for the like purpose

Signed

Fejuroa

Citizen Jose Ma Amador before
you with due respect app-
ears and states that in the first
report and after which of August of the present year you
Honorable has been pleased to grant
him a tract named San Ramon
bounded by the Mission of San Jose
and the Mountains the documents
of which I am very true to solicit
be pleased to increase the 4 ten
of the said tract with a piece of
land of about a quarter of a league
in a direction towards the South to
a Spring known by the name of
Alambillo for the purpose of build-
ing a house and setting up a vege-
table garden. I not having solicited
it in my first petition for being want-
ing the consent of the Reverend Minis-
ter of the Mission of San Jose which
you makes no use of the

said land therefore I pray your Honor will attend to
my petition propiously granting me the tract I request
which will be a favor I will receive swearing it
is not malicious &c

Mission of San Jose September 7th 1834
(Signed) Jose Ma Amador

In compliance with the foregoing superior Decree
I state that the portion of land which the party interested
asks in addition to the first application is that solicited
by Citizen Dolores Pacheco in this way,

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Your Honor will order what may deem proper for
that the Mission of San Jose occupied it in one blank
in black cattle without necessity and for which the original
has been desoccupied

Let this Expedient be referred to
the Father Minister of the Mission of San Jose
Town of San Jose Guadalupe
September 8th 1834
(Signed) Charoya

Mr Superior Politic Chief

The tract of land solicited in this Expedition to I do
not think to be necessary to this Mission nor either
from any private individual possessing it, it will
be of any injury to her if the solicitant seeks to
divide it with any fence or a pasture ground from
the lands of this Corporation

Mission of San Jose September 8th 1834
Signed Fray Je. Maria Jesus
Gonzalez

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Secretary

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Stipulation
and Extract
from Deed

Before All G. Land Commissioners for the adjudication
of Private Land Claims in California

No 128 Jose Maria Amador for the place called San
Ramon

No 349 Leo Norris for the same place

It is hereby stipulated and agreed that the above cases
may be consolidated and considered together by the
Board and if the Commissioners shall decide that
the original claim ought to be confirmed,

Then shall be confirmed
to the said Amador the whole tract & except one square
league or thereabouts untraced in a deed of conveyance
an extract from which is herewith filed when in town
Lynch and Leo Norris and their wives convey to James
W. Douglass the whole of said tract & except one square
League therein particularly described and it is
further agreed that the said one square league
& excepted and reserved may be confirmed to
said Leo Norris

July 10, 1854
San Francisco

Brown Pratt and Tracy
attys for J. M. Amador

J. B. Crockett
Atty for Leo Norris

Extract from the Deed referred to in the foregoing
stipulation showing the league to be excepted from the
confirmation to Jose Maria Amador

Especially reserving and excepting
from this conveyance the following described tract to wit
Beginning at the N W corner of said Rancho as
surveyed and marked out by Francis Maria Comby
Surveyor of Contra Costa County and running
South by direction on the line of said Rancho as
surveyed a distance of one Spanish league provided
it does not come to the line of the land surveyed for
and sold to Samuel Russell and if it is less than
a league to Russells northern line then it is to come
to a point parallel to the most northerly point of
Russells line and running in an easterly direction
one Spanish League to a point which would give

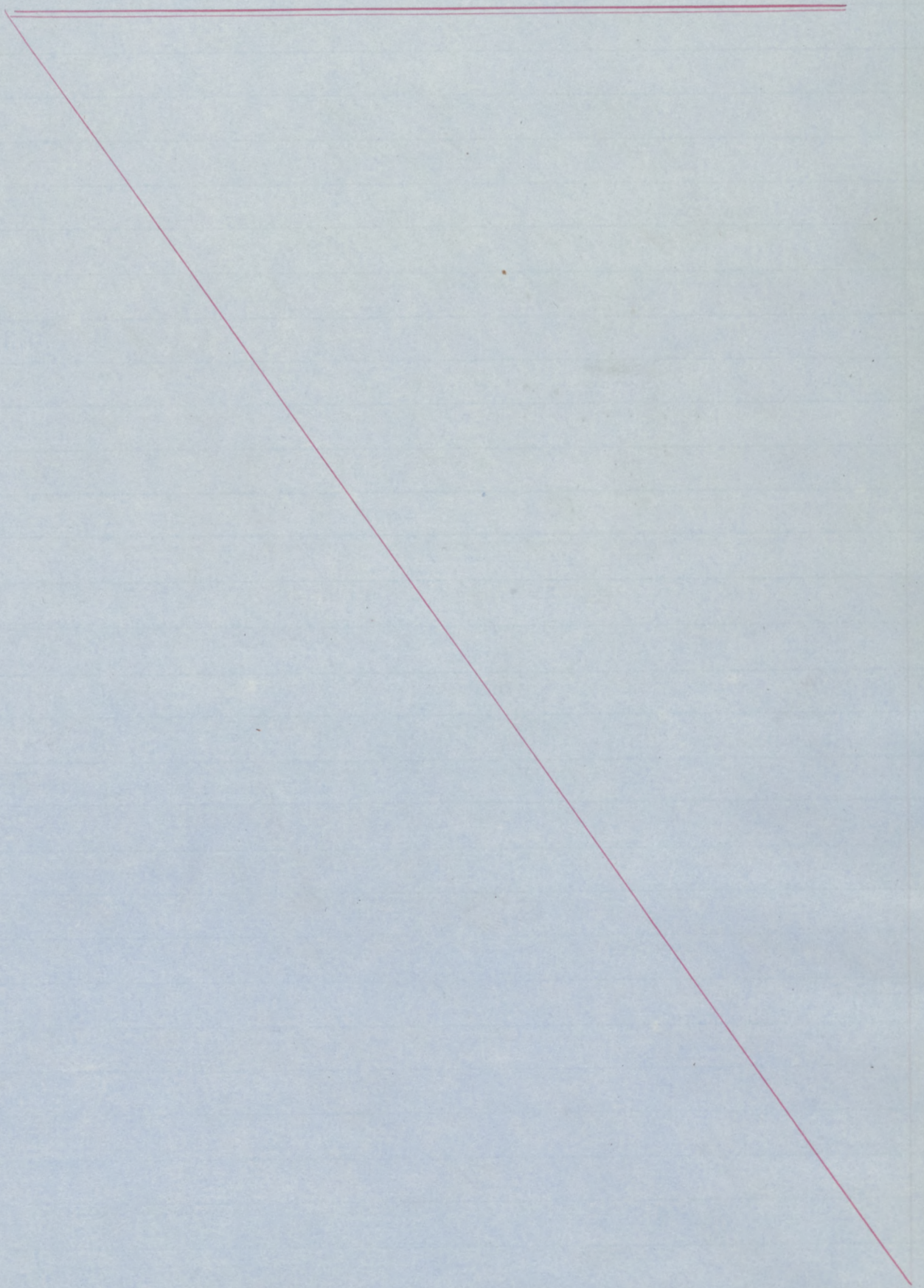
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The area of one square Spanish league in case
it be less than a league to Russells northern line
then is in a northerly direction to the northern line
of the Rancho of San Ramon as surveyed by William
Purman. Then is in said northerly line to the place of
beginning so as to measure and contain exactly one
Spanish League as near in a square form as prac-
ticable

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Opinion
of the
Board

Jose Maria Amador }
 vs } For the place called San Ramon
 The United States } in Contra Costa County containing
 four square leagues and 1800 varas
 of Land

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The Claimant in this case has given in evidence duly
 proved a grant of the land claimed made to him by
 Governor Jose Fiqueroa on the 17th day of August
 1835 together with a certificate of the approval thereof
 by the Territorial Deputation on the twenty seventh
 day of the same month. He has also filed a traced
 copy of the Expediente from the Archives showing
 that he first took on the 1st of August 1834 obtained
 from the same Governor with the approval of the Depu-
 tation a grant of four square leagues comprising the
 larger portion of the premises now claimed.

He subsequently applied for
 the grant of a small building lot of eight ten varas
 and varas adjoining the same and after due
 proceedings had to obtain in return a decree
 of concession was made in accordance with the
 prayer of the applicant and the grant now given
 in evidence was thereupon issued covering both the
 premises previously granted and the augmentation
 thereof which was solicited.

The first grant is not given in
 evidence but its existence and validity are fully rec-
 ognized in the proceedings resulting in the issuing
 of the second the last mentioned grant however
 covers the entire premises claimed in the case.
 The depositions in the case abundantly prove that
 the Claimant built a house on the premises and
 lived there with his family before the first grant
 was made that it has been his family residence ever
 since and that he has constantly cultivated and con-
 tinued to make improvements on the land from that
 time to the present.

The land is described in the grant
 as bounded by the Mission of San Jose the Arroyo
 de San Ramon and La Sura with an augmen-
 tation of 1800 varas which is to extend from the bor-
 ndars of the lands of said Mission to the spring
 called de Alamillo and the map accompanying
 the Expediente is referred to as showing the locality

and boundaries of the land, From an examination of these descriptions aided by the testimony of the witnesses on the subject of the limits of the Rancho and the physical features of the country, I think there will be no difficulty in running the exterior lines of the premises designed by the grantor.

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The land granted here over is described in the title papers as containing four square leagues and a judicial measurement was required. This seems never to have been obtained under the Mexican Authority, the informal certificate of an American Alcalde made after the treaty was concluded not being entitled to that effect.

There is evidence however that the entire premises described in the grant do not contain more than the quantity of land conceded by the grant and this as we have repeatedly declared is sufficient where the exterior form and limits of the tract are well defined to supply the place of a judicial measurement.

The Commission is of opinion that the case before them is of this character and that the Claimant is entitled to the premises as described in his grant.

A Petition was filed by Leo Norris (Case No. 349) and is now pending before this Commission claiming a portion of these premises under a conveyance made by said Almador and wife to him.

By a stipulation filed in this case the said Almador relinquishes his right to a compensation of about one square league of the land described by metes and bounds.

A Decree will accordingly be entered confirming to him the entire premises with the exception and reservation of the land thus described and relinquished on the record.

"Confirmed"

Filed in Office August 1st 1854.

Geo Fisher
Secretary

Decree
of
Confirmation

Jose Maria Amador
vs
The United States

In this case on hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Commission that the said claim of the said Petitioner is valid and it is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed.

The land of which confirmation is hereby made is situated in Cortes Costa County and known by the name of San Ramon and is in the occupancy of said Amador and is bounded and described as follows to wit

Bounded on the North by the Arroyo de San Ramon on the South by the lands known as the lands of the Mission of San Jose on the East and on the West by the mountains enclosing said Valley of San Ramon the said tract of land containing four square leagues together with a piece of land in augmentation to the thing and which is equal a cent thrust of one thousand and eight hundred varas this extension to be understood to be from a line designated as boundary of the lands of the Mission of San Jose to the Spring named Alamello

Reference for the said land here mentioned to be had to the map connected with the Expediente a traced copy of which is on file in this case excepting and reserving from the premises here described that portion thereof which is bounded as follows to wit

Beginning at the North west corner of said premises and running in a southerly direction on the line of said Rancho a distance of one Spanish league provided it does not come to the line of the land surveyed for and sold to Samuel Russell and if it is less than a league to Russells Northern line then it is to come to a point parallel to the most northerly point of Russells line and running in an Easterly direction one Spanish League or to a point which would give the area of one Spanish League in case it be less than a league to Russells Northern line

Then in a Northerly direction to the Northern line

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of the said Rancho of San Ramon thence on said
Northby line to the place of beginning so as to meas-
ure and contain exactly one Spanish League as near
in a square form as practicable

Alphus Welch

R. Ay Stimpson

S. B. Farnell

Commissioners

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Secretary

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that
the land hereby adjudicated is situated in the North-
ern District of California it is hereby
- Ordered that ten Trans-
- cripts of the Proceedings and of the decision 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

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 *Twenty two* — pages, numbered from
1 to 72, 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. 128 on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein *José Maria Amador* is

the Claimant, against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "San Ramon"

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

Geo. Fisher.



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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 7th March 1855.

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Son Maria Anador

vs.

The United States.

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You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 10th day of December 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cushing

Attorney General.

No 144,
U.S. Dist Court North D.

The United States

vs
Jose Ma. Amador

Appeal Notice.

Filed April 14, 1855,
by J. A. Chereau,
Deputy.

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 7th March 1855.

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José Maria Amador

vs.

The United States.

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Cushing

Attorney General.

No 144 -

U. S. D. Court N. Dist.

The United States

vs.

Jose Maria Amador

Appeal Notice.

Laid May 5, 1855,
by Chevers,
Deputy.

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

The United States
Appellants
vs
Jose M. Amador Appellee

The Petition of the United States by
their Attorney represents: that this case
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 _____
and 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 deem the said title
to be invalid. Respectfully,

A. Russell
Asst U.S. Atty.

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Jessie Maria Gordon

Patricia Gordon

Filed Dec: 10. 1855
J. O. Gordon
Deputy

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And now comes, the Appellee
and says, there is no error
in the judgment and finding
of the N.D. Land Commission
vs. E. A. Gordon
for Appellee

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

The United States
Appellants
vs
Jose M. Amador
No. 128

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 Appeller
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 1st day of
Dec. 1854; that a notice of Appeal
was filed on the 9th day of Jan'y. 1855;
and 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
S. W. Ingraham
U.S. Dist. Atty

No. 144

U.S. Dist. Court

The U. States
vs
Jose M. Arredondo

Petition

Filed Dec 10, 1855
by Cheever
Deputy

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California Land Claim.

Attorney General's Office

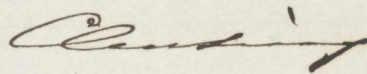
24 December 1856.

Sir:

In the case of the claim of José Maria Amador, confirmed to the claimant by the Commissioner, case no. one hundred and twenty-eight, (128), appeal will not be prosecuted by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,



Wm. T. Blending Esq.

U. S. Attorney,

San Francisco.

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

The United States }
v } No 144 : 2-128.
Jose Maria Amador }

In pursuance of a notice from the Attorney General of the United States, hereunto annexed, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that no further appeal shall be taken in this case on the part of the United States, and that the Claimant have leave to proceed under the decree of this Court heretofore rendered in his favor, as under Final Decree.

Wm Blomding
Dist Atty.
Brown Pratt & Tracy
Atty, for Claimant

No 144,
U. S. District Court

The United States

v
Jose Maria Amador

No. ~~72~~¹⁴⁴ : Tr 128

Stipulation

Filed Febry 10. 1857.
W. H. Chewie,
Deputy.

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 Tuesday the tenth
day of February, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and
fifty seven.

Present:

The Court: Oden Hoffman, District Judge.

The United States

vs
Jose Maria Amador

No. 144; Tr 128

The Attorney General of
the United States having given notice that no appeal
to the Supreme Court of the United States will be
prosecuted in this case, and a stipulation having
been entered into by the District Attorney that no
further appeal shall be taken on the part of the United
States and for leave to the claimant to proceed under
the decree of this Court heretofore rendered in his favor;
on motion of the District Attorney it is Ordered,
adjudged and decreed that the claimant have leave
to proceed under the decree of this Court heretofore
rendered in his favor, as under Final Decree.

Oden Hoffman
U. S. Dist Judge

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U. S. District Court

The United States

vs

José María Amador

N^o 144; Tr 128

Order

Filed Feb 10. 1857.
W. H. Chever, Deputy

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In the District Court of the United States in & for the Northern District of California

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The United States } No 144 Dist Ct
vs } No 128 Land Comm
Jose Maria Amador } San Francisco

Michael Murray being duly sworn deposes that there has been a final deed of confirmation in the above entitled case, of the land therein described, to the claimant Jose Maria Amador, & in virtue of the said deed, the Surveyor General of the United States, for California has caused a survey to be made of the said lands, which survey was approved by the said Surveyor General on the 19th day of November 1860, & the first publication by the said Surveyor General of his approval of the said survey was made on the 20th day of November 1860. Deponent further states, that on the 28th day of October 1850, the said Jose Maria Amador, who was the original grantee of the said lands & was then the owner & in possession thereof, by his deed of that date, for a valuable consideration, conveyed to deponent a portion of the said land, which portion is described as follows in the said deed of conveyance.

to wit: "The following named piece, parcel or tract of land, situated on my rancho of San Ramon & located & bounded as follows to wit Commencing at a point, seven hundred varas North of my South line of my Rancho, as surveyed by the County Surveyor of Contra Costa County, on the second, third and fourth days of July, A.D. 1850, and at the foot of the hills in a westerly direction from my house, and being the North western corner of a tract of land this day sold by me to Jeremiah Fallon from thence North along the foot of the hills Seven hundred varas, thence East, and at right angles with the first line, Three thousand, two hundred and fourteen and $\frac{2}{7}$ varas, thence in a Southerly direction, and parallel with the first line, Seven hundred varas, thence in a westerly direction Three thousand and two hundred and fourteen and $\frac{2}{7}$ varas to the place of beginning, being fifteen hundred varas square of land and immediately North of, and bounded by the tract of land this day sold by me to Jeremiah Fallon." Deponent further states that soon after the date of said conveyance, he entered, by virtue thereof, into & upon the possession of the said land so conveyed to him & has ever since continued & now is in possession thereof, claiming title thereto by virtue of said conveyance. He further states that the aforesaid survey, as made & approved

by the Surveyor General, is erroneous in this respect, that it does not conform to the original grant nor to the said final decree of confirmation & does not include the greater portions of the land so conveyed by said annador to deponent, whereas the whole of said land ought rightfully to have been included therein, He further states, that if said survey had conformed to the grant & decree of confirmation, it would have embraced all the land so conveyed to deponent.

Michael Murray

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of December A.D. 1860
A. W. Higgins
Notary Public.

Dec 14 4,
San Ramon.
U. S. District Court

The United States

vs
Jose Maria Amador

Affidavit of Mr. Murray.

Crockett & Crittenden
Attys for Mr. Murray

Filed Dec: 10, 1860,

W. D. Chever
Dist

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

The United States } Dist. Ct. No 144
vs } Land Comm No 128
Jose Maria Amador } "San Ramon"

The petition of Antonio Smit, Juan Bernal,
and Augustin Bernal shews to the Court
that a survey has been made of the
land known by the name of "San Ramon"
situated in the County of Alameda and
finally confirmed to the said Jose Maria Amador,
that said survey was approved by the
Surveyor General of the United States for
California on the 19th of November 1850, and
the first publication by said Surveyor
General of the notice of his approval of said
survey was made on the 20th of November
1850; that the petitioners are the owners
of an adjoining tract of land known as
"El Valle de San Jose" which has been
finally confirmed to them, and the survey
thereof made has been made and approved
by said Surveyor General and is now before
this Court for examination and adju-
dication upon objections made thereto
by the petitioners; that the survey of

Said tract of land called "San Ramon" includes a portion of the land claimed by the petitioners as part of said Rancho "El Valle de San José" and your petitioners are advised and believe that said survey is incorrect, and they wish to contest it.

Wherefore they pray that an order be made directing the said Surveyor General to return the said survey of the land called "San Ramon" to this Court for examination and adjudication.

Crockett Contender
Atty^o for Petitioners

Antonio Sandoz being sworn says that he has heard the foregoing petition read and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Antonio Sandoz

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of December A.D. 1850.

Wm. H. Higgins

Notary Public.

No. 144,
U. S. District Court
San Ramon

The United States.

vs.

José Maria Amador

Petition
of Ant. Sando Juan Bernal
and Aug. Bernal

Filed Dec: 10, 1860.

M. St. Charles,
Clerk

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Crockett & Criffenden
Attys for Pet.

In the District Court of the United States, in & for
the Northern District of California

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The United States } No 144 Dist. Ct
vs. } No 128 Land Comm
Jose Maria Amador. } San Ramon.

Jeremiah Gallon, being duly sworn de-
poses that there has been a final de-
cree of confirmation in the above enti-
tled cause, of the land therein described,
to the claimant Jose Maria Amador
and in virtue of the said decree the Surveyor
General of the United States for California
has caused a survey to be made of the said
lands, which survey was approved by the
said Surveyor General, on the 19th day of
November 1860, and the first publica-
tion by the said Surveyor General of his
approval of the said survey was made
on the 20th day of November 1860. Depon-
ent further states, that on the 25th day
of October 1850, the said Jose Maria Am-
ador, who was the original grantee of the
said lands, & was then the owner and in
possession thereof, by his deed of that date
for a valuable consideration conveyed
to deponent a portion of the said lands, which

portion, is described as follows in the said deed of conveyance to wit; "the following named piece, parcel, or tract of land situated in my Rancho of San Ramon and comprising fifteen hundred varas square, and located and bounded as follows to wit; Commencing on the South line of my Rancho, as surveyed by the County Surveyor of Contra Costa County on the second, third and fourth days of July A.D. 1850, at the foot of the hills from thence running Seven hundred varas North along my west line to be governed by the foot of the hills, Thence running in an Easterly direction, and at right angle with said first line Three thousand two hundred and fourteen and $\frac{2}{4}$ varas; Thence running in a Southerly direction and parallel with the first line Seven hundred varas; Thence in a Westerly direction Three thousand two hundred and fourteen and $\frac{2}{4}$ varas to the place of beginning, comprising fifteen hundred varas square of land the boundaries to be designated as herein described by survey."

Deponent further states, that soon after the date of said conveyance, he

entered, by virtue thereof into and upon
the possession of the said lands so
conveyed to him, and has ever since
continued, and now is in possession
thereof, claiming title thereto by virtue
of said conveyance. He further states
that the aforesaid survey so made and
approved by the Surveyor General, is
erroneous in this respect; that it does
not conform to the original grant, nor
to the said decree of confirmation
and does not include the greater
portion of the land so conveyed by
said Amador to deponent, whereas
the whole of said land ought right-
fully to have been included therein.
He further states that if said survey
had conformed to the grant and decree
of confirmation, it would have em-
braced all the land so conveyed to
deponent.

Freemant Fuller

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of December A. D. 1860
A. W. Wiggins
Notary Public.

No. 144,
San Ramon.
U. S. District Court.

The United States

vs.

Jose Maria Amador

Affidavit of J. Fallon

Crockett & Crittenden
Attys for J. Fallon

Filed Dec: 10, 1860.
W. A. Cheverus,
Clerk

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 ten day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States,

v.

Josi Maria Amador.

IN LAND CASES.

District Court No. 144.

Land Com. No. 128.

AND now at this day on application of Brockitt & Brittenden Attorney for Smith, et al. IT IS ORDERED, that the Surveyor General of the United States for California return into this Court, on or before Wednesday, the 26th day of December A. D. 1860, his Official Survey and Plat of the land finally confirmed in the above entitled cause, known as "San Ramon" and situated in the County of Alameda in said District; AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the United States Marshal for this District serve upon the said Surveyor General, without delay, a certified copy of this order, and make due return hereon.

Served personally by copy on James W. Man-
demille Surveyor General for California
San Francisco
December 10th 1860
P. L. Solomonow
vs. J. Marshall
By L. D. Solomonow
Deputy

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No. 144

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of California.
IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES,

v.

Jac. M. Amador,

ORDER TO RETURN SURVEY.

Returnable 26th Dec; 1860

Issued 10th Dec; 1860.

Filed Dec; 12. 1860

W. A. Cheney,
Clerk.

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

Jose Maria Amador } In the matter of the
vs } Survey & location of
The United States - } the Rancho San Ramon

Samuel B. Martin being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is part owner of the lands claimed in the above entitled cause and also of the adjoining Rancho known as the Santa Rita, through mere conveyances from the Grantors of the Mexican Government.

That the said Rancho of San Ramon has been finally confirmed, and surveyed by the Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California.

That said survey has been ordered into this Hon Court, by parties claiming to own adjoining lands, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 14, 1860, for examination and adjudication -

Wherefore he prays leave to intervene in this cause for the protection of his rights -

Sworn to and subscribed Dec: 29, 1860, before me.

J. P. Martin
N. C. Chivers,
U. S. Com

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U. S. Dist. Court,

The United States,

- vs -

José M^{te} Amador,

Intervention of
S. B. Martin,

Filed Dec: 29, 1860,

W. A. Chesler,

At a Stated Term of the DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of California, held at the Court Room, in the CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, on Wednesday the second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States,

v.

Jose Maria Amador,

IN LAND CASES.

District Court No. 144,

Land Com. No. 128,

AND now at this day the United States Marshal having made return upon the Monition heretofore issued in this cause, that he had given due notice as therein commanded; on motion of *Crockett & Crittenden*, Attorneys for *Murray, Fallon, Sivil, et al.*, proclamation was made that all parties having, or claiming to have, an interest in the survey and location of the land finally confirmed in the above entitled cause, appear and intervene for the protection of such interest; *The U. S. Attorney* appeared for *The U. S.*, and *E. W. F. Sloan* appeared for *Claimant*, *John J. Williams* appeared for *S. B. Martin*, *Crockett & Crittenden* appeared for *Sivil, et al.*, and on motion ordered that they have *twenty days* to file exceptions to *Survey*, and no other party appearing

whereupon IT IS ORDERED, that the default of all parties not appearing as aforesaid be and the same is hereby entered.

No. 144.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES,

v.

Josi Ma Amador.

ORDER ON RETURN OF MONITION.

Filed January 2, 1861.

M. A. Cheves,
Clerk.

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United States of America,)
Northern District of California.) ss.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
To the Marshal of the United States for the Northern District
of California,

GREETING:—

WHEREAS, objection has been made to the official survey and location of the land finally confirmed, in case No. 144, to *José Maria Amador* known as "*San Ramon*", and situated in the County of *Alameda* in said District.

NOW THEREFORE YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the President of the United States of America, to give due notice to all parties having, or claiming to have, an interest in such survey and location, that they be and appear before the District Court of the United States for said District, sitting in Land Cases, on or before Wednesday, the *26th* day of *December* A. D. 1860, at 11 o'clock, A. M. (if that day shall be a day of jurisdiction, and if not, on or before the next Wednesday thereafter,) then and there to intervene for the protection of such interest, or their defaults will be taken. And what you shall have done under this writ do you then and there make return thereon.

WITNESS, the Hon. OGDEN HOFFMAN, Judge of said Court, at San Francisco, in said District, this *10th* day of *December* A. D., 1860 .

M. J. Chever

CLERK.

The within Motion was received by me on
Monday the 10th day
of Decr 1860, and in obedience thereto

I have given due notice, as therein commanded, by causing
the publication of said notice, for 3 consecutive

Wednesdays, in the San Francisco Herald, commencing
on the 15th day of Decr

1860; and for 2 consecutive Saturdays, in the
"Alameda & Gazette"
a paper published nearest the land, commencing on the
15th day of Decr 1860.

Dated San Francisco, Dec 20th 1860

P. L. Solomon
U. S. Marshal.

No. 144

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Northern District of California.
IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES.

v.

Jose M. Amador,

MONITION.

Returnable 26th Decr 1860.

Issued 10th Decr 1860.

Filed January 2, 1861.

H. A. Chivers

Clerk.

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

The United States
vs
Jose Ma Amador -

Five days further time are
allowed Antonio Amador,
Juan Bernal and Augustin
Bernal and Michael Murray
to Fallin to file their
several exceptions to the
survey in this case -
July 22, 1861.

John Hoffman
U. S. Dist Judge

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U. S. District Court

The United States

vs

Jose Ma Amador

Order for time
to file exceptions

Filed January 22, 1861,
W. H. Cheves,
Clerk

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In the District Court of the United States,
for the Northern District of California,

The United States. } No 144. Dist. Ct.

vs. }

No 128. S. O.

Jose Maria Amador. } "San Ramon"

Jeremiah Fallon, who has intervened
for the protection of his interest in the above
entitled cause, now comes by his Attorneys
and excepts to the approved survey made
by the United States Surveyor General
for California, of the lands mentioned in
the Decree of confirmation, in the above
entitled cause, a copy of the plat of
which survey has been returned into
said Court and for cause of exception
alleges and sets forth the following to-wit:
1st That the said survey is erroneous because
the Southern line thereof, is further towards
the North, than is authorized, either by the
original grant, or the Decree of confirmation.
2d That said survey does not embrace the
lands sold and conveyed by the said
Jose Maria Amador, in the year 1850,
to the said Fallon, and on which he has
ever since resided, the said Amador, at
the date of said conveyance being in

possession, and claiming title thereto under the said original grant; and he avers that the said lands so sold and conveyed to him by said Amador, are situated immediately South of the South line of said approved survey and are a part of the lands embraced in the original grant, and in the decree of confirmation, and ought to have been included in said survey; but are wrongfully excluded therefrom.

3^d That in the year 1850, and prior thereto, the said José Maria Amador, then being the owner and in possession of said lands under and by virtue of said original grant, and one José Dolores Pacheco, then being the owner of the Rancho of Santa Rita, which adjoins the Southern boundary of the lands so granted to said Amador, the said Amador and Pacheco agreed upon, and marked out a dividing line, between their said Ranchos, and mutually agreed that said division line should forever be respected as the true boundary between them, and thereupon, in the year 1850, the said Fallow, or the faith of said agreement, and on the assurance

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both of the said Amador and the said Pacheco that the said agreed line, was the true boundary between the said Ranchos, purchased for a valuable consideration of said Amador a portion of the lands situated to the North of said dividing line, and in virtue of said purchase, took possession, improved, and has ever since resided upon the land so purchased, and he avers that the said agreed line, was and is the true boundary on the South, of the lands so granted and confirmed, to said Amador, but the said approved survey erroneously departs from the said agreed line, and the Southern line of said approved survey is located so far to the North of the said agreed line, as to exclude from said survey, the whole or much the greater part of the lands so purchased by said Fallow, whereas, the South line of said survey ought rightfully to have conformed to said agreed line, and to have included the lands so purchased by said Fallow:

4th That in the year 1850, and prior thereto, the said Jose Maria Amador being the owner and then in the possession of the lands granted and which have

been confirmed to him in the cases afore-
said, and one Jose Dolores Pacheco, and
those claiming under him, being in the
possession and owners of the Santa
Rita Rancho, which adjoins the said
Amador, or San Ramon Ranch, on its
Southern boundary, the said Amador,
and the said Pacheco, and all those
claiming under him, mutually
agreed upon the Southern line of the said
Amador's Ranch, and the Northern line
of the said Santa Rita Ranch, and the
line so agreed upon, was to be the dividing
line between the said Ranches, and
he avers that the said Pacheco, and
those claiming under him, and the
said Amador, mutually agreed
that said agreed line should be respect-
ed as the division line between said
Ranches; and the said Fallon avers,
that on the faith of said agreement,
he purchased for a valuable consider-
ation, of said Amador, certain portions
of the said land situated North of the said
agreed line, and within the boundaries
of the land so granted and confirmed
to said Amador, and has ever since
occupied, and now resides upon, and

has improved the same with

has improved at great expense, the lands so purchased; and he avers, that the South line of said approved survey ought to have been identical with the said agreed line, which is the true and proper Southern line of the lands so confirmed to said Amador; But the South line of said approved survey, is located so far to the Northward, of said agreed line, as to exclude from said survey, the whole or greater part of the lands so purchased by said Fallow.

Wherefore he prays, that said approved survey be set aside, or reformed in such manner as to include therein the lands sold and conveyed by said Amador, to said Fallow.

Crockett & Gritteden,
Attorneys for Fallow.

No 144.
U. S. District Court.
"San Ramon"

The United States

vs

Jose Maria Amador

Exceptions to Survey of
Jeremiah Fallon

Crockett & Pittman
Attys for Fallon

Filed July 31, 1861.
W. S. Chenevix
Clerk

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

The United States. } No 144. Dist Ct.
vs. } " 128. L.C.
Jose Maria Amador } "San Ramon"

Michael Murray, who has intervened
for the protection of his interest in the
above entitled cause, now comes by
his Attorneys, and excepts to the approv-
ed survey made by the United States
Surveyor General for California, of the lands
mentioned in the Decree of Confirmation,
in the above entitled cause, a copy of
the plat of which survey, has been re-
turned into said Court, and for cause of
exception, alleges and sets forth the fol-
lowing, to wit:

- 1st. That the said survey is erroneous because
the Southern line thereof is further towards
the North, than is authorized either by the
original grant, or the Decree of confirmation;
- 2d. That the said survey does not embrace
the lands sold and conveyed by the said
Jose Maria Amador, in the year 1850, to
the said Murray, and on which he has ever
signed, resided, the said Amador, at the date

said amoganes, being in possession and claiming title thereto, under the said original grant, and he avers that the said land so sold and conveyed to him by said Amador, are situated immediately South of the South line of said approved survey, and are a part of the lands embraced in the original grant, and in the decree of confirmation, and ought to have been included in said survey; but are wrongfully excluded therefrom.

3rd That in the year 1850, and prior thereto, the said Jose Maria Amador, then being the owner and in possession of said lands under and by virtue of said original grant, and one Jose Dolores Pacheco then being the owner of the Rancho of Santa Rita, which adjoins the Southern boundary of the lands so granted to said Amador, the said Amador and Pacheco agreed upon, and marked out a dividing line between their said Ranchos, and mutually agreed that said division line should forever be respected as the true boundary between them, and thereupon in the year 1850 the said Murray on the faith of said agree-

ment, and on the assurance, both of the said Amador, and of the said Pacheco, that the said agreed line was the true boundary between the said Ranchos, purchased for a valuable consideration of said Amador, a portion of the lands situated to the North of said dividing line, and in virtue of said purchase, took possession of, improved, and has ever since resided upon the lands so purchased, and he avers, that the said agreed line, was and is the true boundary on the South of the lands so granted and confirmed to said Amador, but the said approved survey erroneously departs from the said agreed line, and the Southern line of said approved survey is located so far to the North of the said agreed line as to exclude from said survey, the whole or much the greater part of the lands so purchased by said Murray; whereas, the South line of said survey, ought rightfully to have conformed to said agreed line, and to have included the lands so purchased by said Murray.

4th That in the year 1850, and prior thereto,

The said José Maria Amador, being the owner and then in possession of the lands granted, and which have been confirmed to him, in the cause aforesaid, and one José Dolores Pacheco, and those claiming under him, being in the possession, and owners of the Santa Rita Rancho, which adjoins the said Amador, or San Ramon Rancho, on its Southern boundary, the said Amador, and the said Pacheco, and all those claiming under him, mutually agreed upon the Southern line of the said Amador's Rancho, and the Northern line of the said Santa Rita Rancho, and the line so agreed upon, was to be the dividing line between the said Ranchos; and he avers, that the said Pacheco, and those claiming under him, and the said Amador, mutually agreed that said agreed line should be respected as the division line between said Ranchos, and the said Murray avers that on the faith of said agreement, he purchased for a valuable consideration, of said Amador, certain portions of the said land situated North of the said agreed line, and within the boundaries of the land so granted and confirmed to said Amador, and has ever since oc-

occupied, and now resides upon, and has improved at great expense the lands so purchased; and he avers, that the South line of said approved survey ought to have been identical with the said agreed line, which is the true and proper Southern line of the lands so confirmed to said Amador; But the South line of said approved survey, is located so far to the Northward, of said agreed line, as to exclude from said survey, the whole or greater part of the lands so purchased by said Murray.

Wherefore he prays, that said approved survey be set aside, or reformed in such manner as to include therein the lands sold and conveyed by said Amador to said Murray.

Crockett & Crittenden

Attorneys for Murray.

No 144.
U. S. District Court.
"San Ramon"

The United States

vs
Jose Maria Amador

Exceptions to Survey
of Michael Murray.

Crockett & Pittman
Attys for Murray.

Filed January 31, 1861,
W. G. Chivers,
Clerk

District Court of the United States, for the
Northern District of California.

The United States. } No 144. Dist Ct.
vs. } " 128. S. C.
Jose Maria Amador. } "San Ramon"

Antonio Suro, Juan Bernal, and Aug-
ustin Bernal, intervening in this cause
for the protection of their interests, object
to the survey, made by the Surveyor General
of the United States, for the State of California
of the said land called "San Ramon" which
survey has been approved by the said Sur-
veyor General, and a plat thereof, filed in
this Court, on the 21st day of January 1851.
and as their grounds of objection, and
exception thereto, they specify the following
to-wit: That part of the said land called "San
Ramon" granted to said Amador, to-
wit; one league thereof, has been
heretofore finally confirmed to one
Eso Morris, who derived his title thereto
from said Amador, and a patent therefor
has been issued by the United States,
to the said Morris; that the said league
of land, is the said land excepted
and reserved, by the decree of confirmation

ation to said Amador, and which is therein mentioned, as the "portion" sold to Russell, and that if the same be excepted, the said survey includes more land than was granted to said Amador and is confirmed to him by said Decree.

2^d That the land, mentioned and described in the grant to said Amador and the diseno therein referred to, and in said Decree of confirmation, is the land known as the "Valley of San Ramon", and the Eastern boundary thereof is formed by the hills, or mountains enclosing said Valley on the East; and that said survey is erroneous in this, that it includes other lands lying eastward of said eastern line, and includes other ranges of hills, and other valleys, amongst which is the Valley, or Canada de Tasa-jera, which is part of the tract of land called "El Valle de San Jose", which was granted on the 10th of April 1839. by Juan B. Alvarado, then Governor of California to these Interveners, and to one Antonio Maria Pico, and has been finally confirmed to these Interveners.

3^d That the Eastern line of said survey, in-

stead of being so run as to include in
the survey, the Pasajero Creek, or Arroyo,
should follow the hills which form
the Eastern boundary of the Valley of San
Ramon, that is to say, should according
to said grant, cédulas and decree of con-
firmation, fall to the Westward of the
line designated on said plat of survey
as the "Mount Diablo Meridian line".
Wherefore the Interveners pray that said
survey be rejected, and set aside, and
that a new survey be ordered to be made
and the Eastern line thereof to be run ac-
cording to its true and correct location
as the same is herein alleged to be.

Crockett & Pittendren
Attys for Interveners
Senior Counselor in General

No 144
U. S. District Court.
"San Ramon"

The United States

vs
Jose Maria Cuadros

Exceptions to Survey
of Simo & Juan & Aug. Bernal.

Crockett & Criffindin
Atty for Interveners.
Simo & Bernal

Filed January 31, 1861,
W. G. Chesebrough
Clerk

The United States v. José Maria Amador
District Court of the United States - Northern District of California
No. 144
San Ramon

Northern District of California S.S.

James H. Dougherty

being duly sworn deposes & says that he is the holder, by purchase & conveyance from José Maria Amador of an undivided ~~three fourths~~ two thirds of the tract of land described in the above entitled case, except certain portions previously sold to Harris, Russell & Murray, ^{and Fallon} in severalty. and as such purchaser and grantee from the said Amador, he is interested in the true location & survey of said tract of land.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, A.D. 1860

James H. Dougherty

Wm. Williams
U. S. J.

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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 *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~fifty~~ *sixty one*.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

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"San Ramon"

And now at this day comes James M. Dougherty, by his attorneys, E. W. F. Sloan and John B. Williams, and moves the Court, upon his affidavit hereto annexed, for leave to intervene herein for the protection of his interest in the land finally confirmed herein, the official survey whereof is now before the Court for examination and adjudication:

Whereupon, It is ordered, that the default of heretofore taken and entered on the 2^d day of January, 1861, be opened, and that the said James M. Dougherty, by his said attorneys, be and hereby is allowed to intervene for the protection of his interest in the matter of the survey and location of the land finally confirmed in this case.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Northern District of California.

The United States

vs.

Jose' Maria Amador

*Order allowing
James M. Dougherty
to intervene.*

Filed *February 5th* 1861
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José M. Amador

To

*Calhoun Benham - John S. Williams
John R. Williams and E. W. J. Sloan*

You are hereby notified that the testimony of
*Sharon Brown, Eliza Brown, J. M. Amador,
Michael ^{myself} ~~Williams~~, John Murphy
Julien ~~Fallon~~*
in the above entitled cause in behalf of

will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, commencing on *Tuesday* the *26* day of *March* A. D. 186*1*, at *11* o'clock, M., and continuing from day to day until finished, at my office, No. *14* U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Dated at San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, this *19* day of *March* A. D. 186*1*.

M. D. Cheney
U. S. COMMISSIONER.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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José M. Amador,

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U. S. COMMISSIONER.

*Shery accept service of a copy
of the within notice,
Mr. Williams
att. for Douglas*

W. F. ...

In the District Court of the United States

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

The United States,

v.

Jose M^o Amador

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. *144*

Land Com. No. *128*

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this *second* day of *April* A. D., 1861, at the City of San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, before me, WM. H. CHEVERS, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, personally appeared *Elam Brown* a witness produced in behalf of *Intervenors Murry & Fallon* in the above entitled cause, now pending in said Court under the Acts of Congress to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, who, being duly sworn, testified as follows: ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~
~~a sworn interpreter.~~

PRESENT: *A. P. Kittenden for Intervenors Murry & Fallon. J. J. Williams for Intervenors Martin, E. W. J. Sloan and J. D. Williams for Intervenors Daugherty, and the U. S. Atty.*

QUESTIONS IN BEHALF OF THE *Intervenors Murry & Fallon.*

Question 1st,

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

Ans.

My name is Elam Brown, my age is 64 years, and my residence is in

Contra Costa County.

2.

How long have you resided in California, and where?

Ans.

I came to California in the Fall of 1846, I lived in Santa Clara County District one year. since that I have lived in the vicinity where I now reside.

3.

Did you ever make a survey of the San Ramon ranch, for Luis Maria Amador, if so when?

Ans.

I assisted in measuring the ranch in 1848, I think in the month of May.

4.

Did you hold any official position at that time, if so what?

Ans.

I held the office of Alcalde by commission from Colonel or Governor Mason.

5.

At whose request and for what purpose did you make said

measurement?

measurement?

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Ans.

At the request of Mr. Amador, to ascertain, ^{and define} the boundaries between him and his neighbors.

Q.

How was the said measurement made?

Ans.

With a rope, I don't recollect the length, it was a long one, without instruments, that is, without chain or compass. The rope was measured.

Q.

Describe the said survey, where you began, and all that was done?

Ans.

We went on to the high land to the west of the valley, took a range East, as well as we could judge, launching the southern bend of the San Ramon Creek, measured two leagues in that direction for a northern boundary. Then running South ~~to~~ until we struck the Tasajero creek, I think it was

about a quarter of a mile distant,
then down the Tasaajos, till we
made the distance of two leagues
from the Northern line, the cor-
ner post was set on the East
side of the Tasaajos creek, ^{in the vicinity of} ~~near~~
the Tule land, and, ^{about} ~~not more than~~
a rod from the bank of the
creek, we then commenced on
the Northern line, near the center
of the valley and ran down the
valley in a southerly direction
two leagues, which fell nearly
opposite, but a little east of
Amador's house, where Daugherty
now lives, then continued 1800
varas south, ^{to} near the branch
of the creek called Arroyo
Muertero, we set a stake there,
we then went onto the high
land West and measured East
~~to where~~ in a line with this
last post, ~~to where~~ ^{and with} ~~taking~~ the
line of the creek where it came
into the valley, to the Tule land,
I don't remember the distance.
The reason why, ^{we} ~~we~~ ⁱⁿ ~~we~~ ^{run} ~~we~~ ^{ning}
southerly line down the valley,
we started ~~from~~ ~~not~~ from the

corner of the valley instead of

Centre of the valley, instead of at the beginning point of the measurement, was because of the unevenness of the ground and the difficulty of measuring on the Mexican side of the tract.

Robert Livermore, ^{deceased} Valentin Amador, José Maria Amador, Antonio Amador, and some others, I don't recollect their names were present at that survey.

8.

Please state what enclosures or cultivation you observed at that time on Amador's ranch, and what if any, additional enclosures or improvements were subsequently made by him?

Ans.

At that time there was a small piece enclosed for a garden, it might have been one two or three ~~or~~ acres, it was to the East of the house and near the Spring branch, and on the north side of it. The corral was to the Northwest of the house. The next year Mr. Amador had quite a large piece of wheat I think

about 15 acres, and the next year after that he had as much as 30 acres or thereabouts I think. There may have been more or less. It was south of the Spring branch, towards the Arroyo Menetas it commenced near the house, on the East side of the road, and extended along the road ~~from 50 to~~ some 70 rods, perhaps more. This cultivation had a fence, ~~around it~~ ^{along the road}, made of forks, tops of trees and brush. At the south E. end it run down D to, and my impression is that it closed, at the Tules. I am not positive about any fence, except that alongside the road.

Q.

Do you know where Michael Pinsky and Jeremiah Gallan now reside, Can you state whether or not the places occupied by them respectively are within the limits of the fence you have spoken of?

Ans.

I have not been at their places for ~~five~~ ^{several} years & suppose I

know where they used to reside

know where they used to reside,
four or five years ago. I
think Mr. Murg's place was
evidently within that enclosure,
Gallon's place was outside of it
I think.

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It is admitted that objec-
tions were and are hereby made
to each of the foregoing questions
and answers, by Counsel for
Dougherty and Martin, as being
irrelevant and incompetent testi-
mony.

— Crop Examination —
Questions by Mr. Sloan
Dec. 10.

Describe as nearly as you can
how far distant from the Laguna
you leave the stake on the
Eastern side of the Casajero, at
the southern extremity of the
Eastern line?

Ans.

I think that when the waters
are up, the flow of the Laguna
would come up pretty near
the stake, at low water it would

be some distance

11.

Is the channel of the Tasajero clearly defined down to the Laguna, or does it partially disappear before it reaches the main body of the Laguna?

Ans.

The Tasajero, at the place where the post was set, is clearly defined; a short distance below it spreads out, and leaves the channel measureably.

12.

Did you make that measurement according to Amador's title papers, by you examined at the time, or according to the directions of Amador?

Ans.

Amador had his title papers there, they were interpreted to me by Livermore, and that served as the guide, with respect to the four leagues, I cannot say whether the papers relating to the 1800 areas were shown or not, I do not remember.

Quinta de San Juan de los Rios

Questions by Mr. J. J. Williams
Dec. 13.

In adding the 1800 acres to the
four leagues were you not
governed by the directions of
Amador?

Ans.

~~My~~ I cannot recollect.

Deposition closed.

Elan Brown

Brown to and Subscribed April
2nd, 1861, before me,
W. H. Chevers,
U. S. Com'r

No. 144.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES,

v.

José M. Amador.

DEPOSITION OF

Elaw Brown

on part of Interveners

Murray & Fallon.

Filed April 8th 1861.

M. A. Cherev.

Clerk.

In the Dist. Court of the U. S. Northern District

The United States

vs
Jesse Muraw & Alexander

George B Singley J. M. Commissioner
and J. Franklin Williams by their Attorney against
the approved Survey in this case, made by the United
States Surveyor General, for California a certain
copy of which Survey and the plat thereof being
on file in this Court in this case, and
they aver and state that the said Survey is
erroneous.

1st Because the said Survey does not conform to
the original Survey of Commission Grant or 1 degree
in the case, but is a spurious third.

2 The said Survey is erroneous because the Northern
line therein is located a long distance South
of the original line of said Grant, which is the Northern
boundary line of said Grant, and a deviation of
such in the original Survey of Commission Grant
and Survey, and which error is therein also
shown, and a deviation as the initial erroneous
line of said Grant.

3 The said Survey is erroneous because it does not
include some which was taken and conveyed by
Jesse Muraw & Alexander, once his wife in the year 1836 to
the said. George B Singley J. M. Commissioner and
J. Franklin Williams, they now being situated on
the South side of the original line of said Grant

bounded thereby and being north of the northern
 boundary line of said approved survey, and
 which is enclosed within the original enclosure
 front and design, and which should have
 been enclosed within the official survey but
 has been improperly excluded therefrom
 A deed in the month of October 1850, the said
 Jesse Mann Ancestor, the original grantee over the
 General fee estate in the above mentioned
 said Ranch, sold and conveyed for a valuable
 and sufficient consideration to the said singly
 mentioned & willing as tenants in common all
 that part of the said Ranch, of said Person
 deceased, as lying and being situate north of
 a certain line survey of James Brown, in
 the month of July 1850, which line he described
 as being a part of one within the boundaries
 of the said Ranch, whereas prior to said
 said Ancestor, on the 17th day of August 1835,
 and those Subscribers over, that they purchased
 the said land in good faith and paid therefor
 a valuable & sufficient consideration that the said
 land so sold to them is within the boundaries &
 forms a part of the said Ranch, and should be
 enclosed in the survey thereof, and that the same
 has been wrongfully excluded therefrom -

They pray that the said survey be set aside
 and a new Survey ordered to be made the said land
 of the Subscribers
 James A. Brown
 Attest singly committed Meeting

No 144.

U. S. Dist. Court.

The United States

vs

Jos Maria Ausler.

Exceptions to Survey by,
Jingly, Vermont & Williams

Thomas A Brown
Atty for Jingly Vermont & Williams

Filed June 14. 1861.

W. G. Cheves,
clerk

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This Indenture made and entered into this 28th day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty Between Jose Maria Amador and Soledad Alviso Amador his wife of the County of Contra Costa and State of California of the first part and Geo B Tingley of the County of Santa Clara F M Warmcastle and J F Williams of the County of Contra Costa and State aforesaid Witnesses that for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand Dollars in hand paid to the parties of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part hath sold released and quit claimed and by these presents do grant sell release and quit claim unto the parties of the second part all their right title claim and interest in and to that part of the land known as the San Ramon lying north of the Northern boundary line of said Jose Maria Amador as surveyed by Warren Brown on the second third and fourth days of July 1850 and contained in the grant given to Jose Maria Amador dated the 17th day of August 1835

To Have and To Hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said George B Tingley F M Warmcastle and J F Williams their heirs and assigns to their sole use forever so that neither we the said Jose Maria Amador and Soledad Alviso Amador nor their heirs

nor any person or persons claiming under them shall at any time hereafter by any way or means have claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or appurtenances or to any part or parcel thereof forever

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In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Jose Maria Amador (S)
Solidad Alviso ^{Sney} Amador (S)
mark

The words and Solidad Alviso Amador interlined between the 31 & 32 line
Witness Robert Burnie
B R Holliday Jose Rother holder
Andrew H Brodie

Ex 13

State of California)
County of Contra Costa) " On this 28 day of October
AD 1850 personally appeared before me County Clerk of said County Jose M Amador personally known to me to be the person who executed and is described in the foregoing Deed and in my presence acknowledged that he signed the same of his own free will for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Given under my hand and official seal this date first above written at office in Martinez
Thomas A Brown County Clerk of Contra Costa County

State of California }
County of Contra Costa }^{ss} On this 1st day of
November 1850 personally appeared before me the
undersigned County-Clerk of Contra Costa County, Soledad
Alvise Amador personally known to me to be the
person described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument and signed the same in
my presence and after being examined by
me apart from her husband and the contents
of the foregoing being fully made known to her
acknowledged that she executed the same of
her own free will without Coercion or undue
influence on the part of Jose M Amador her husband

LS

Given under my hand and official seal
this date first above written

Thomas A Brown County-Clerk of
Contra Costa County

The foregoing deed was filed for Record 2^d
day of November 1850 at 4 o'clock & 40 minutes
interlining as is before noted Recorded 11th December
1850 Thomas A Brown Recorder

State of California }
County of Contra Costa }^{ss}

I, S. C. Wittmeyer, County-
Clerk and ex officio County-Recorder in and
for said County do hereby certify that
the above and foregoing is a true

full and correct copy of the Record
of a Deed now of Record in my office
in Book of Deeds volume 1 pages 173

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Witness my hand and the seal
of County Recorder of Contra
Costa County - this 4th day of
June AD 1861

L P Wittington

County Recorder

By J H Alsop Deputy Recorder

ND

Jose M Amador &
wife

to

George B. Fingley et al

See

Copy of Record

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

The United States.

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José Maria Amador.

George B. Sengley,
John Armstrong, and A. Smith
Witnesses, being solemnly sworn,
depose and say that
they severally own an interest
in the Rancho San Bruno
Alameda was granted to Jose
Manuel Amador by Jose Juan
Governor of California in
the year 1834, that said
interest in the said Rancho
is particularly described, and
the extent thereof, indicated
in a certain survey of survey
executed by the said Jose Manuel
Amador and Solomon Adams
Amador his wife on the 28th
day of October 1854, and delivered
to those parties, a certain copy
of which is hereto attached.
Affiants further state that and
the said survey to them as
affore said they state and

and they are informed and believe a person having been excluded from the survey of said Renew. as the same was made, and approved by the numerous Surveyors General, of the United States for Oregon in the day of,

and which is now pending in this court, J. F. Williams, Sulphur Spring, J. W. Warrick to 5 June 1841 -

H. H. Cheever, Geo B. Fingley

Geo B. Fingley, U. S. Com.

Seen to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of June A.D. 1841
Clinton Palmer, Notary Public

In the foregoing of said Renew and the whole thereof and know that John George B. Fingley, J. M. Warrick & J. Warrick in witness pray this court, to set aside the deposit of said Renew in this cause against them and that they be allowed to intervene and file objections to the approval survey of said Renew of said Renew, and that they be allowed to witness testimony and be heard in order thereof.

James B. Fingley
Att. for Intervener

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U. S. Dist. Court,

The United States,

v

José M. Amador,

Intervention of
J. F. Williams,
S. M. Waincastle,
and
Geo. B. Singler.

Filed June 14, 1861,
W. A. Cherrish,
Clerk.

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Thos. A. Brown,
Atty for Petitioner

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 *14th* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *one*.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States, } D. C. 1444,
v. } S. C. 128,
José M. Amador, } "*San Ramon*."

And now at this, on motion of Thos. A. Brown, Esq., Attorney for the petitioners J. F. Williams, S. M. Warmcastle, and Geo. B. Pringle, it is ordered by the Court that the default heretofore entered herein be, and the same is hereby, opened for the purpose of allowing said petitioners to intervene, and file objections to the survey.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of California.

The United States,

v.

José M. Amador,

Order allowing
Williams, et al. to
intervene.

Filed June 14, 1861.

W. H. Cheverus,

Clerk.

At a Special Term of the DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the Northern District of California, held at the Court House in the City of San Francisco, on the 14th day of June, 1861, the following case was presented for the consideration of the Court:

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

The United States

v

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John Goutz, Adm of
Jose Dolores Pacheco, dec?

Same

v

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Jose Maria Amador

Same

v

3 n: 102

Antonio Sinal et al

It is hereby agreed
and stipulated that any and all
testimony taken or to be taken by any
or either of the parties or intervenors in
either one of the above entitled causes
may be used, so far as the same is
applicable or pertinent, in each and all
of said causes on the trial thereof, and
with like effect as if said testimony
had been taken in each of said causes,
subject however to the same legal exceptions

and objections as the said testimony would have been liable to if taken in each cause separately, the only intent of this stipulation being to waive any objection to said testimony predicated on the ground that it was not taken in the particular cause in which it shall be offered. It is further agreed that this stipulation be filed in the case of the U. S. v. José Maria Amador, No. 144.

San Francisco, June 26, 1861.

W. H. Sharp
U. S. Atty.

E. W. F. Sloan Atty.
for Daugherty.
Crockett / Outlander
Atty for Smith
Augustin & Juan Bernal
Murray & Fallow -

U.S. District Court

The United States

vs
Jose Maria Amador

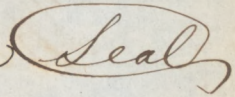
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admitting testimony
in 102, and 155,

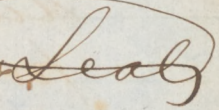
Filed June 27, 1861,

N. O. Cherec,
Clerk

This Indenture made and entered into this 28th day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty between Jose Maria Amador and Solada Alviso Amador his wife of the County of Contra Costa and State of California of the first part and George B. Fingley of the County of Santa Clara, F. M. Warmcastle and J. F. Williams of the County of Contra Costa and State aforesaid Witnesses: That for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars in hand paid to the parties of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part hath sold, released and quitclaimed and by these presents do grant, sell, release and quit claim unto the parties of the second part, all their right, title claim and interest in and to that part of the land known as the San Ramon lying north of the northern boundary line of said Jose Maria Amador as surveyed by Warren Brown on the second, third and fourth days of July 1850 and contained in the Grant given to Jose Maria Amador dated the 17th day of August 1835. To have and to hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said George B. Fingley, F. M. Warmcastle and J. F. Williams their heirs and assigns, to their sole use forever; so that neither the said Jose Maria Amador, ^{and Solada Alviso Amador} nor their heirs, nor any person or persons claiming under ~~them~~ them shall at any time

hereafter by any way or means, have claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or appurtenances, or to any part or parcel thereof forever In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands & seals sealed and delivered

in the presence of Jose Maria ^{and} Amador 

The words "and Solado" ^{and} ~~Alvise~~ Amador ^{mark}
interlined between the 31st & 32^d line ^{here} Salidad ~~Alvise~~ Amador 
Witness ^{mark}

Robert Birnie
B. R. Holliday
Jose Protherhauser
Andrew H. Broder

State of California
County of Contra Costa
On this 2nd day of October
A. D. 1850, personally appeared
before me County Clerk of said County Jose
Maria Amador personally known to me to be
the person who executed and is described in the
foregoing deed and in my presence acknowledged
that he signed the same by his own free will
for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Given under my hand and
official seal this 2nd day of
above written at office in
Contra Costa

Thomas A. Brown
County Clerk of Contra
Costa County



State of California
County of Contra Costa

On this 21st day of November 1850

Personally appeared before me the undersigned County Clerk of Contra Costa County Soledad Alvarin a minor personally known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and signed the same in my presence and after being examined by me apart from her husband and the contents of the foregoing being fully made known to her acknowledged that she presented the same of her own free will without coercion or undue influence on the part of Isaac M^r Alvarin her husband

Given under my hand and official Seal this date first above written

Thomas A Brown
County Clerk of Contra
Costa County

Dues from
Jose M^o. Amador
vs
Warmcastle
Debtors &
Gringley

The within dues were
filed for Record 2nd
day of November 1861
at 10 o'clock & 40 minutes
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Pages 174 & 175 Volume
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Thomas A. Brewer
County Recorder

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Exhibit Warmcastle & Co.

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San Francisco, July 5, 1861.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed that Exhibit Warmcastle No 1, being an original deed from Jose Maria Amador and wife to Geo B. Tringle, J. M. Warmcastle and J. F. Williams for a certain tract of land, and dated Oct 28, 1859, be admitted as evidence herein on the part of intervenors Warmcastle et al without further proof of execution, but subject to all legal objections except that provided for by this stipulation; and the said exhibit is hereby specially objected to as incompetent, irrelevant and inadmissible.

Crockett & Co attorneys

attorneys for intervenors
Murray, Fallow, Sumner
& Bernals -

E. H. Sloan }
Geo B. Williams }
Attos for intervenor
J. W. D. A. e. g. e. r. t. y

Wm H. Sharp
U. S. Atty

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U. S. District Court.

The United States.

— vs —

Josi M. Amador.

Stipulation in reference
to Exhibit Warrcastle
No. 1.

Filed July 5, 1861,

W. St. Chesnut,

clerk

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 Tuesday the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

<i>The United States.</i>	102,
v.	
<i>Antonio Suroel, et al., Jose Maria Amador, John Gutz, Adm^r.</i>	144, 155,

And now at day, on reading, and filing, notice of motion, and on motion of Mr Crockett of counsel for the Claimants, and Intervenor it is ordered by the Court that the proofs herein be closed in ten days, and the cause be brought on for hearing on Monday, the 6th day of January next.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

The United States.

v.

*Antonio Suro, et al.
Jose Maria Amador,
John Yontz, Adm^r*

*Order to close proofs in
10 days and setting cause
for 6th proximo.*

Filed *December 17*, 1861.

W. H. Chesebrough

Clerk.

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

The United States.

vs.

Antonio Suro et al.

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"El Valle de San José"

The United States.

vs.

John Gough, Adm'r.

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"Santa Rita"

The United States.

vs.

José Maria Amador.

No 144.

"San Ramon"

You will please take notice, that on Monday
the 16th day of December, inst, at the opening of
the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter
as Counsel can be heard, we shall meet
said Court, for and order fixing a day, before
which the proofs shall be closed, and for
a hearing, in the above entitled causes, and
each of them.

Dated San Francisco, Dec 12th 1861.

D. J. Williams

Crockett & Co. Attorneys

J. B. Williams

Attorneys for Suro et al

and C. W. J. Sloan Esq.

Murray & Fallow.

and W. H. Sharp Esq.

U. S. District Attorney.

102, 144, 155,

U. S. District Atty

Let the within motion be made
on 17th inst. Ego P. Sloan and
J. J. Williams
for Doughty
W. H. Sharp
U. S. Atty.
J. J. Williams

U. S. vs Suro et al
U. S. vs Young adum
U. S. vs Amador
Nos 102, 155, & 144.

Filed December 17, 1861.
H. D. Clever,
Clerk.

Notices of motions
for order closing prep
Copy recd. Dec 12, 1861.

W. H. Sharp
U. S. Atty.
Sloan & Williams
for Doughty.
J. J. Williams by
James S. Thomson

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Cook & Gutteridge
Attys for the U. S.

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IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 144

Land Com. No. 128

Lucia Maria Amador

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 21st day of January A. D., 1862, at the City of San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, before me, WM. H. CHEVERS, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, personally appeared Jeremiah Fallon a witness produced in behalf of the Att. & Ent. Daugherty in the above entitled cause, now pending in said Court under the Acts of Congress to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, who, being duly sworn, testified as follows: his evidence being interpreted by taken by consent a sworn interpreter.

PRESENT:

*Messrs Sloan & Williams
for Att. & Ent. Daugherty, J. J.
Williams for Ent. Martin, and
W. K. Sharp U. S. Atty.*

QUESTIONS IN BEHALF OF THE

Att. & Ent. Daugherty.
Question 1st,

*What is your name, age and
place of residence?*

Ans.

*My name is Jeremiah Fallon,
my age is about forty nine*

years, I reside on the Amador ranch in Alameda County, where I have lived since 1851

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2.

Are you acquainted with José María Amador, and the Interveners J. W. Wainwright, J. J. Williams and Geo. B. Tingley, if so how long have you known them?

Ans.

I do, I have ~~known~~ ^{known} them in 1850 and since.

3.

Look at Exhibit Wainwright No. 1, filed herein July 3rd 1851; state whether you know anything of its execution and the circumstances attending it?

4.

In October 1850 I saw that deed presented by J. Franklin Williams to Amador for him to execute in the name of Martínez. Amador declined to do so because he had no

interest in the land described

interest in the land described
in it, he said there that he
claimed no interest in the
land North of the Northern
line of the Maroon Grant
survey. They replied to him,
that if he would sign the
deed they would fight the
people - the Indian Pacheco
and others, - on the other side
of the creek. I remember
that when they prevailed
upon him to execute the
deed Robert Dierie, D. R.
Holliday and perhaps some
others signed it as witnesses.
H

Do you know anything
further in this connection
that would be of service to
either of the parties?

Ans.

I know nothing more, except
that there was no consideration
paid for this deed, inasmuch
as the charge for services,
which was the intended
consideration was afterwards
collected from and paid.

by Amador.

Crop Examination waived.

Frederick T. Fulton

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Examined and subscribed
January 21, 1862, before me,
W. D. Chever,
U. S. Comptroller

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES

v.

José Maria Cuador

DEPOSITION OF

Jeremiah Fallon

on part of *Claimant, T*

Intervenor Dougherty.

Filed *January 28,* 186*2,*

W. H. Chever,

Clerk.

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In the District Court of the United States
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IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 144

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Jose Maria Amador

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 21st day of January A. D., 1862,
at the City of San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, before me, WM. H. CHEVERS,
a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Dis-
tricts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to
take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United
States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, personally appeared
Michael Murray a witness produced in behalf of
the Claimant & Ent. Daugherty in the above entitled cause, now
pending in said Court under the Acts of Congress to ascertain and settle the private land
claims in the State of California, who, being duly sworn, testified as follows: his
evidence being interpreted by Taken by consent
a sworn interpreter.

PRESENT: Messrs Sloan & Williams for
Claimant & Ent. Daugherty. J. J.
Williams for Intervenor Martin.
& H. H. Sharp U. S. Atty.

QUESTIONS IN BEHALF OF THE Cl. & Ent. Daugherty.

Question 1st,

What is your name, age, ^{and} place
of residence?

Ans.

My name is Michael Murray,
my age is fifty three years,

I reside on the Amador ranch
in Plameda County, where I
have lived since 1857.

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Q.

Are you acquainted with
Don's Maria Amador, and
the Interveners J. M. Warm-
castle, J. J. Williams, and
Geo. P. Tingley, if so how
long have known them?

Ans.

I have known Amador since
1847, I have known George
P. Tingley and J. J. Williams
in and since 1850, I have known
~~Don's~~ Warmcastle for several
years before, I knew him
in Mexico

Q.

Look at Exhibit Warmcas-
tle No. 1, filed herein July
3rd 1861, state whether you
know anything of its execu-
tion, and the circumstances
attending it?

Ans.

I only ^{know} that Tingley, Warm-
castle and Williams handed

a deed to Amador to sign

a deed to Amador to sign for some land lying between North of the ~~line~~ Northern line of Amador as surveyed by Warren Brown, and Amador said that he did not own any land North of that line and refused to sign any deed. To the best of my recollection this was in the wet season of the year 1850 or 1851, and some months after the Warren Brown survey. They replied to Amador that it did not make any difference whether he had any right to it or not, to convey his right to them, if he had any, and they would fight them on the other side of the San Ramon creek altogether. Tho. A. Brown came from Martinez to the ranch to take the acknowledgment of Mrs. Amador of the deed to me, and according to the best of my recollection he took her acknowledgments of the deed to the said

Interveners at the same
time.

A.

Do you know anything
further in that connection
that would be of service to
either of the parties?

Ans.

I do not.

Michael Newby

Shown to, and subscribed January
21st, 1862, before me,

W. D. Chivers,

U. S. Comr.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES

v.

Josi Maria Amador

DEPOSITION OF

Michael Murry

on part of *Wainant &*

Interessa Dougherty

Filed *January 28, 1862,*

M. H. Cheever,

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It is hereby
stipulated and agreed by and between
the above named claimant and J. W.
Dougherty, Samuel B. Martin, ~~Michael~~
~~Murray~~, ~~Jeremiah Fallon~~, Antonio Sunol,
Juan Bernal, Agustín Bernal and the
United States, by their respective attorneys,
that an order may be entered confirming
the official survey of ^{the} land confirmed
in this cause, shown by the certified
copy plat from the U. S. Surveyor General's
office filed in the cause January 21, 1861,
so far as the rights and interests of the
above named parties are involved, leaving
open all questions affected by the inter-
ventions of Michael Murray, Jeremiah
Fallon and J. F. Williams and others.

Concketo Henttender
for Juan & Agustín Bernal &
Antonio Sunol -

E. W. Sloan, atto.

for claimant, & James
M. Dougherty.

Geo. Williams atty
for Saml. B. Martin.
Saml. B. Martin.

Wm. H. Sharp
U. S. Atty.

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Stipulation
for an order to
Confirm survey

Filed March 4, 1862,

W. H. Cheney,
Clerk

In the District Court of the United States

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

The United States,

v.

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 144

Land Com. No. 128

Jose M. Amador

To

Calhoun Benham Esq.

*Warren Brown, Sam Brown, J. M. Amador
J. Fallon and John Murphy* You are hereby notified that the testimony of
in the above entitled cause in behalf of *Interenor Murray*

will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, commencing on *Sunday* the *26* day of *March* A. D. 1861, at *11* o'clock, *AM.*, and continuing from day to day until finished, at my office, No. *14* U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Dated at San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, this *19* day of *March* A. D. 1861.

D. H. Cheever

U. S. COMMISSIONER.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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To

D.W. Conroy, Jr.
County Clerk, So.

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v.

IN LAND CASES.

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Jose M. Amador

To

Calhoun Benham Esq

You are hereby notified that the testimony of
Harvey Brown, Elam Brown, J. M. Amador
Michael ^{Murphy} ~~Beardsley~~ and John Murphy
in the above entitled cause in behalf of Intervenor Fallon

will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the
Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledg-
ments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes
depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress
in that behalf, commencing on Tuesday the 26 day of March
A. D. 1861, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and continuing from day to day until finished, at
my office, No. 14 U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then
and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Dated at San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, this 19 day of March
A. D. 1861.

D. H. Chevers

U. S. COMMISSIONER.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Jose Chacmador

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To

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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
In the District Court of the United States

The United States

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In the District Court of the United States
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

The United States,

v.

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 144
Land Com. No. 128

José M.^a Amador

To

Calhoun Benham Esq.

You are hereby notified that the testimony of
Steven Poom, Elmy Poom, J. M. Amador
M. Murray and J. Fallon
in the above entitled cause in behalf of Interveners Sanol Etal
will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the
Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledg-
ments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes
depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress
in that behalf, commencing on *Tuesday* the *26* day of *March*
A. D. 186 *1*, at *11* o'clock, *A.M.*, and continuing from day to day until finished, at
my office, No. *14* U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then
and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Dated at San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, this *19* day of *March*
A. D. 186 *1*.

W. H. Cheever

U. S. COMMISSIONER.

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José M^a Amador,

Dist. Court No. *144,*

Land Com. No. *128,*

To *Calhoun Benham, A. C. Atty.*
John J. Killigan, J. B. Williams,
and E. W. F. Sloan,

You are hereby notified that the testimony of

A. M. Pico, José Borriga, José Fernandez,
Pedro Chabolla, E. Galeido, José Agüera,
Ant. Agüera, A. M. Wilson & H. J. Lewis,

in the above entitled cause in behalf of the
Interveners Murray, Fallon, Suisse, & Bernal,
will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, commencing on *Monday* the *2nd* day of *April* A. D. 1861, at *10* o'clock, *A.M.*, and continuing from day to day until finished, at my office No. 14 U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Witness my hand and official seal at the City of San Francisco,
in said District, this *13th* day of *April*
A. D. 1861.

A. C. Cheever,

U. S. COMMISSIONER.

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San Francisco.

April 13, 1860.

Copy of the within
notice served on
me this day.

J. Williams

Dunham

W. S. Atty

Wm B Williams

Edw T Row

& Milling

U. S. District Court.

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The United States
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Jose Maria Amador

San Francisco, Aug 30, 1861.
It is hereby stipulated and
agreed that all parties to the above
entitled cause and those of John
Goutz and A. Suroel et al, have fifteen
days further time from this date
within which to close the proof.

Orsbeth & Co Attorneys

Atty for Murray

Fallon, Suroel & Remond -

William & Thornton

Atty for Claimants in
U. S. vs Goutz & for same
as Interveners in the other cases

E. W. P. Sloan & J. S. Williams
for Dougherty.

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The Board of Commissioners have confirmed this claim without suggesting any doubt as to its entire validity.

The genuineness of the grant is not disputed and it appears to have been approved by the Departmental Assembly - The conditions have been fully complied with and the land premises granted have been the family residence of the grantee from a period prior to the signing of the grant by whom ~~the~~ ^{he} has ^{been} cultivated and improved the his land down to the present time.

A part of his land has been conveyed by him to other parties and he now asks for a confirmation of his claim to the remainder - a decree to that

~~A decree~~ effect was made by the Board of Commissioners.

A decree must therefore be entered in this Court affirming the decision of the Board & confirming the claimants title to the extent solicited.

Jose Maria Amador, San Ramon
4 leagues Alameda Co
Confirmed. CWT Sloan

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Jose M. Amador

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In the United States
District Court for the
Southern District of
California on
appeal from the U. States
Land Commission
to ascertain and settle private land claims
in California
The
United States, appellants,
vs
José Maria Amador, appellee

This case came on
to be heard at a stated term of this
Court on appeal from the final decision
of the Commission to ascertain and settle
private land claims in the State of
California under the act of Congress
approved 3^d March 1851, upon the
transcript of the proceedings and
decision and the papers and
evidence on which said claim
was founded, and counsel of
the parties having appeared, whereupon
it is hereby ordered, adjudged,
and decreed, that, the claim of
the appellee is valid, and the
decision of said Commission, be
affirmed and in all things
affirmed. And it is hereby
adjudged and decreed, that

that the claim of the appellee
be confirmed.

The land of which confirmation is
hereby made is situated in Contra Costa
County and known by the name of San
Ramon and is in the occupancy of said
Amador and is bounded & described
as follows to wit:

Bounded on the North
by the Arroyo de San Ramon on the
South by the lands known as the lands
of the Mission of San Jose on the East
on the west by the Mountains enclosing
said valley of San Ramon the said
tract of land containing four Square leagues
together with a piece of land in accretion
thereof which is adjacent thereto of One
Thousand Eight hundred varas, this ex-
-tention to be understood to be from a line
designated as boundary of the lands of
the mission of San Jose to the Springs
named Alamillo -

Reference from the said land above mentioned
to be had to the map connected with the
Expediente a traced copy of which is on
file in the case, excepting & preserving
from the premises above described that
portion of which is bounded as follows
to wit -

Beginning at the North west
Corner of said premises, running
in a southerly direction on the
line of said Rancho a distance
of one Spanish league provided
it does not come to the line of the
land surveyed for & sold to Samuel
Russell if it is less than a league
to Russell's northern line then it
is to come to a point parallel
to the most northern part of Russell's
line and running in an easterly
direction one Spanish league
or to a point which would give
the area of one Spanish league
in case it be less than a league
to Russell's northern line.

Thence ⁱⁿ a northerly direction to the
northern line of the said Rancho
of San Ramon thence on said
northerly line to the place of
beginning so as to measure &
contain exactly one Spanish
league as near ⁱⁿ a square
form as practicable.

Agdew Hoffbauer Jr.
U. S. Dist. Judge

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Societate Amador,
Decree.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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

The United States

vs.

S. B. H. H.

Case No. Amador

The President of the United States of America,

TO

*Greeniah Fulton and
Michael Murray*

GREETING:

You are hereby required, That all and singular business and excuses being set aside, you appear and attend before the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, to be held at the Court House in the City of San Francisco, on the *twenty first* day of *January* A. D. 18*62*, at *11* o'clock, *A.M.*, then and there to testify in the above stated cause now pending in said District Court, on the part of the above named *Claimant*. And for a failure to attend you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court, and liable to pay all loss and damages sustained thereby to the party aggrieved,

Witness, the Hon. OGDEN HOFFMAN, JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of California, this *fourth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *sixty two* and of our independence the eighty-*sixth*.

Attest,

H. A. Cheever Clerk.

By

Deputy Clerk.

MARSHAL'S RETURN.

I have served this Writ personally by copy on *Michael Murray* & *Sorenson Hallam* by delivering a Copy of the writ to them in person at their places of their residences

this *8th* day of *Janry* 18*62*

Wm. Rabe U. S. Marshal.

By *Newton Ingram* *Spel* Deputy.

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District Court of the United States

FOR THE

Northern District of California.

Michael Murray

vs.

John W. Amador

SUBPOENA

FOR

Michael Murray

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Filed

Clerk.

By

Deputy.

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W. S. Marshall's Office
Not. Dist. of Cal.
To serve the return & subpoena.
Newton Ingram
Spel
Janry 14th 1862
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In the District Court of the United States
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

The United States,

v.

Luís Maria Amador

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 144

Land Com. No. 128

To *J. J. Williams, Crockett & Crippenden,
J. A. Brown and W. H. Sharp U.S.
Atty.*

You are hereby notified that the testimony of

*Michael Murray & Jeremiah
Gallon,*

_____ in the above entitled cause in behalf of the
Intervenor S. H. Daugherty

will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, commencing on *Thursday* the 19th day of September A. D. 1861, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and continuing from day to day until finished, at my office No. 14 U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Witness my hand and official seal at the City of San Francisco,
in said District, this 12th day of September
A. D. 1861.

W. H. Cheney

U. S. COMMISSIONER.



San Francisco Cal.
September 12th 1861.

Due service of a copy of the
within is hereby acknowledged.

Wm H. Frazer
H. S. Atty
Williams & Thornton.

Brookings & Co. Attorneys
Mailed copy of the within
addressed to "J. A. Brown Esq.
Mariney"

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U. States, appellants

No 128. José M^a. Amador

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Claim for the Rancho of
San Ramon situated in the
County of Contra Costa,
for form language of lands
Grant by Governor Figueroa
August 1835

Translation of grant Dec: 51,
59. Translation of Expediente No. 43.

Proof of title, possession, and
cultivation, Dec: 7, 9.

Stipulation of to the
parties to whom confirmation
shall be made Dec: 67,
Opinion of Board No. 69.

This is a complete grant,
approved by the Departmental
Assembly. It has been peacefully
occupied by the grantee from
a period previous to the grant
and by his vendees up to this time.
There is no contest as to the
generality of the grant or
performance of conditions. It
was confirmed by the Board
of Land, whose opinionfully
states the case
Dec: 7, 11.

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J. M. Amador

cds

United States

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IN LAND CASES.

Jose Maria Cuador,

Dist. Court No. *144,*

Land Com. No. *128,*

To *W. H. Sharp, C. W. F. Brown, S. A. Brown,*
John J. Williams, and
John B. Williams,

You are hereby notified that the testimony of
Nasario Galindo, and
Mrs. J. Lewis,

_____ in the above entitled cause in behalf of the
Intervenor Murry & Fallon,

will be taken before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, commencing on *Friday* the *23d* day of *August* A. D. 1861, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and continuing from day to day until finished, at my office No. 14 U. S. Court Rooms; and you are hereby further notified to then and there appear and propound such questions to the said witness as you may deem fit.

Witness my hand and official seal at the City of San Francisco,
in said District, this *16th* day of *August*
A. D. 1861.

W. H. Chevers,

U. S. COMMISSIONER.

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Aug: 23, 1861,

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I hereby admit service
of copy within notice,
August 16, 1861,

Wm H. Sharp
U. S. Atty.
Geo. B. Williams
John S. Williams
My James D. Houston
E. F. Sloan

Copy of within notice mailed
by me to G. A. Brown at Martinez
this 16 August, 1861,

W. H. Choate,
U. S. Com.

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

The United States, } No. 1444. D. C.
vs. } "San Ramon"
Jose Maria Amador. }

You will please take notice that on Wednesday
the 19th day of June inst., at the opening of the
Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as Coun-
sel can be heard, we shall move the Court
for an order fixing the time, within which
the proofs shall be closed, and for the hear-
ing, in the above entitled cause.

Dated at San Francisco June 15th 1861.

To } Crockett & Crittenden
Wm. H. Sharp Esq. } Attorneys for Intervenor
U. S. District Attorney } Sumner, Munroe & Fallon.
and J. J. Williams Esq.

Attorney for Martin.

and C. W. F. Sloan &

J. B. Williams Esq.

Attorney for Dougherty.

No. 144.

In the District Court
of the United States.

"San Ramon"

Has served a copy
of within, admitted
June 15. 1881.

Williams & Thornton
Wm D Sharp

Per G F Sharp

Robt B Williams

The United States.

as
Jose Maria Amador

Noticed of motion.

30 days

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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, Dec 30th 1854

John A. Munroe 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. 128 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein Jose M^o Amador is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of "San Ramon"

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher.