

CASE NO.

152

NORTHERN DISTRICT

---

PART OF ENTRE NAPA GRANT

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MARIANO G. VALLEJO

CLAIMANT

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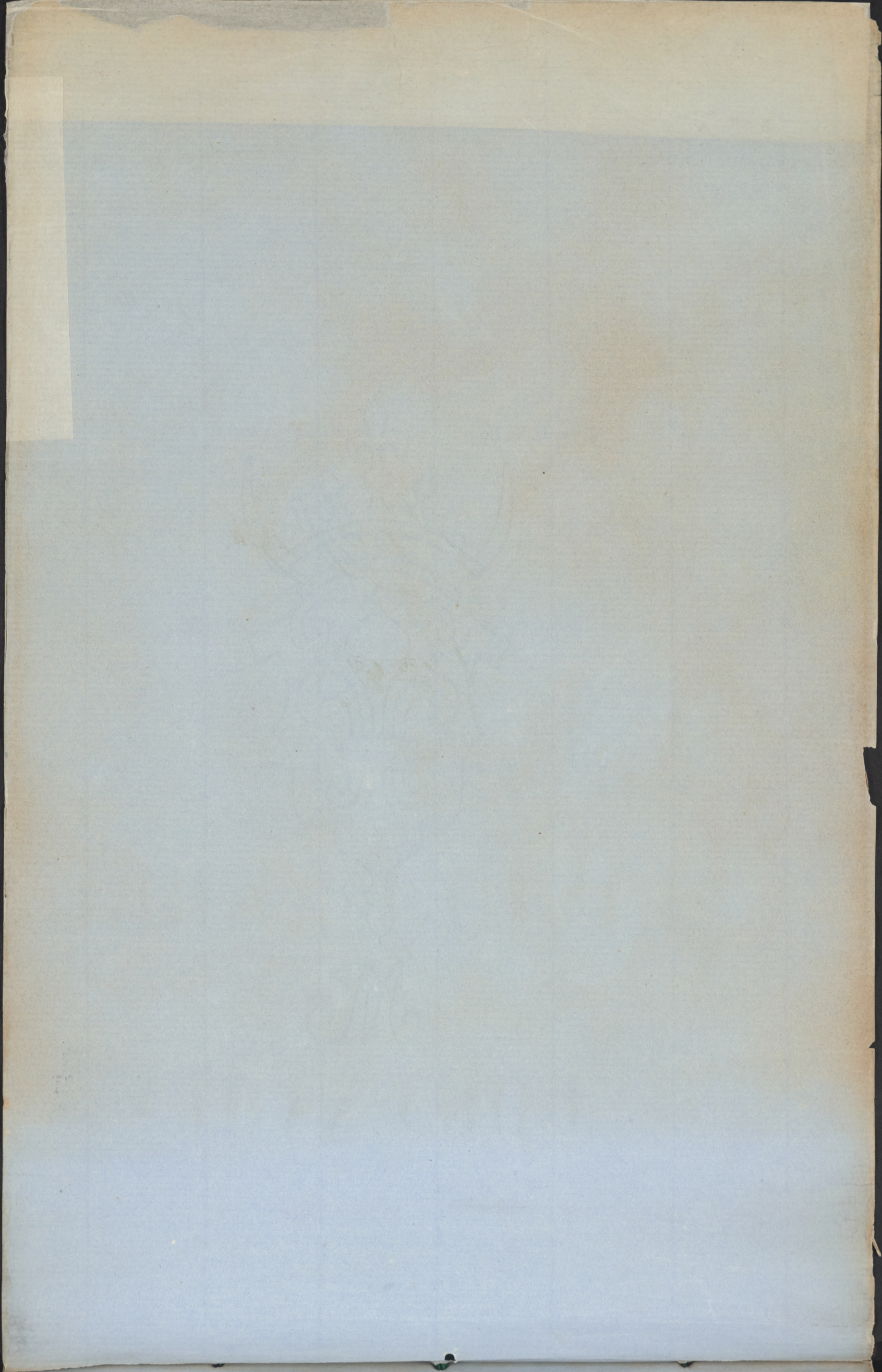
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IN CASE

NO. 337

*Mariano G. Vallejo*

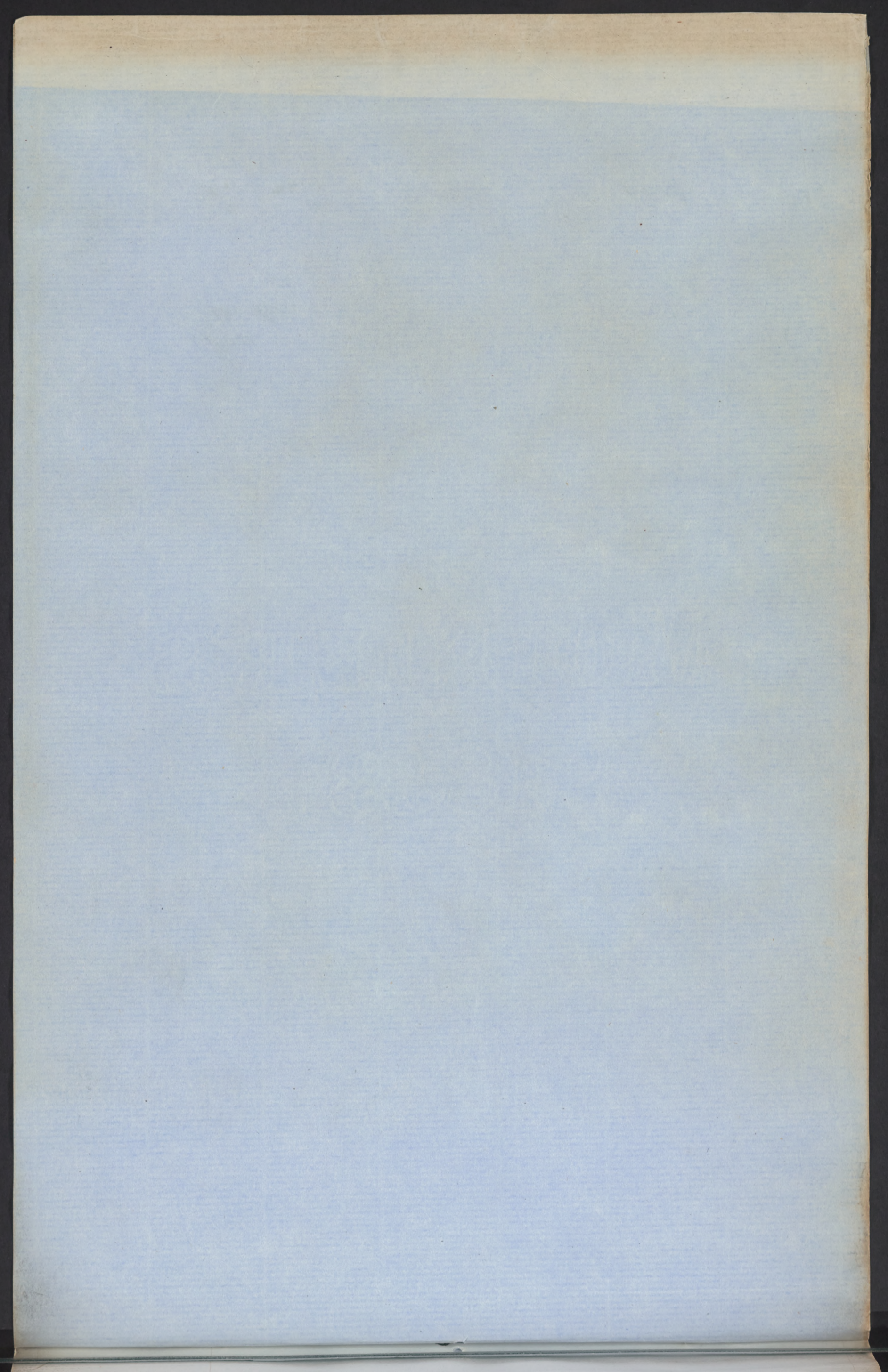
CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"*Entre Napa*"



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Be it Remembered, that on this *Eleventh day of September*, 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 *Mariano S. Vallejo* for the Place named *Entre Sapa* was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *337* and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page *3* of this Transcript.)

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

*San Francisco Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
In Case no. *337*, *Mariano S. Vallejo* for the place named "*Entre Sapa*", the deposition of *Jose de la Rosa*, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner *Henry J. Thornton* was filed.  
(Vide page *4* of this Transcript.)

*San Francisco, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
Case no. *337*, called, on motion of the counsel for the claimant, ordered to the foot of the Docket;

*San Francisco June 20<sup>th</sup> 1854.*  
Case no. *337*, was submitted on briefs and taken under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco June 27<sup>th</sup> 1854

In the same case Commissioner Alfred Welch delivered the Opinion of the Board respecting the Claim;

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San Francisco Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case, on motion of the U.S. Law Agent, the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 22 of this Transcript.)



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Petition

To the Honorable Commissioners to settle Private  
Land Claims in California.

The petitioner Mariano G Vallejo respectfully represents  
That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1836 Mariano Chico  
Governor of California by virtue of authority in him  
vested, granted to Nicolas Figueroa the title of land  
known by the Name of "Entre Napa" or "Napa Abajo" in  
in the present County of Napa containing a little more  
than One square league as described in the title papers  
all which is shown by the Especifico a translation of  
which is submitted herewith marked "A" and the Original  
title or patent, a translation of which is submitted  
herewith marked B

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That the said grant was afterwards duly approved by  
the proper authority, and the possession given in due form  
a translation of which is herewith submitted  
marked "C"

That on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1848 the said  
Nicolas Figueroa sold and conveyed to the petitioner  
a part of the aforesaid tract of land being three hun  
dred Varas on each side, as is more particularly descri  
bed in the deed of conveyance, a translation of  
which is herewith submitted marked "D"

And the petitioner further represents that the said  
Figueroa and the petitioner have been for more than  
sixteen years and that the petitioner now is in the  
quiet and undisputed possession and Occupation  
of the aforesaid tract of land.

That he knows of no conflicting claim.

That he relies for Confirmation of title upon the  
Original papers, translations of which are submitted  
herewith, upon the records and Minutes in the  
Archives of the former government; and upon such  
other and further proofs as he may be advised  
are necessary.

Wherefore he prays the Commissioners to confirm to  
him the aforesaid tract of land.  
By his attys

Mulleck, Peachy & Billings

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San Francisco July 15<sup>th</sup> 1853Deposition of  
Jose de la Rosa

On this day before Com<sup>rs</sup> Harry J. Thornton came  
Jose de la Rosa a witness on behalf of the claimant  
Marciano G. Vallejo - petition No 337 and was duly  
sworn his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary

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My name is Jose de la Rosa; my age is 61 years  
I reside in Sonoma and have resided there over 21  
years. I know the Rancho called "Entre Rapa" it  
is in Napa Valley and was granted to Nicolas  
Heguer in 1834. Heguer first occupied this  
Rancho in 1834; he built a house on it and cows  
had cattle and horses on it and cultivated a  
portion of the land, he continued to occupy it until  
his death; he died in 1853; before his death he sold  
portions of it to Joseph Thompson and others

I know the signatories of Marciano Chiao, Francisco  
del Castillo Negrete, Salvacion Vallejo, Cayetano  
Sorez, Apolinario Miranda, Jacob P. Leese; their  
signatures to the papers before me marked No 1  
(in claim No 337 of same Vallejo) are genuine

U. S. Sub Agent present Jose de la Rosa

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> July 1853Harry J. Thornton  
Com<sup>rs</sup>Taken in Office July 15<sup>th</sup> 1853Geo. Fisher  
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Translation of  
Espediente

Stamp Third Two Reals

Professionally authorized by the administration of the  
Maritime Customhouse of Monterey of Upper California  
for the years 1834 and 1835

Castro

Angel Ramirez

Senor Superior Politecal Chief

Nicolas Yguera, settled on this Frontier; before your  
Excellency, in the manner provided by law represents;  
that some time ago he removed the stock which he  
had in San Francisco on the other side of the port to  
this Pueblo of Sonoma, for the purpose of establishing  
himself here with his family, and having need of a  
private Land for cultivation and for his <sup>see page</sup> subsistence,  
and being such that which is marked out in the  
Map adjoined, which comprises one square league  
in the place of Napa.

Wherefore he prays your Excellency to be pleased to grant  
this request with your accustomed benignity, for  
which he will live entirely grateful.

Sonoma December 30th 1835

(Signed) Nicolas Yguera

(In the margin)

Monterey January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1836.

In conformity, the laws relating to the matter the Ayun-  
tamiento of San Francisco will report if the petitioner  
possesses the requisites provided in the Law of August  
28<sup>th</sup> 1834 to entitle his petition to be attended to: if the  
Land asked for belongs to any private person, Mission  
or Pueblo; if it is incultivable, dependant on the seasons  
or pasture Land and what may be its extent.

These Examinations being finished, this will be papered  
to the Mayor Domo of the Ex Mission of San Francisco in  
order that he may report what he may deem convenient  
Senor Nicolas Gutierrez, Secut. Col. of Cavalry in the  
permanent Army, Commandant General Inspector and  
Politecal Chief of Upper California, this Order  
decrees and signs, of which I certify

Signed Nicolas Gutierrez

(Signed) Francis Castells Neque

Secretary

Senor Superior Politecal Chief

In compliance with the Superior decree of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
January of the present year on this petition of citizen  
Niquera respecting the Land of Napa the Ayunta-  
miento of this Demarcation says the following

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That the petitioner possesses the requisites necessary to be attended to, that the same as he asks for is not comprehended in the 20 border leagues, but is in the 10 littoral leagues, it is exigable, dependent on the seasons and pasture lands: said places were occupied by the Mission of San Solano, but this Ayuntamiento is ignorant whether it is now occupied by that Pueblo, but the Comissioneer or Mayor domo of Sonoma can inform. Pueblo de San Francisco March 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

(Signed) Jose Joaquin Estrelinas  
(Signed) Francisco Sanchez - Secretary  
Administration of San Francisco de Asis

Under date of the 11<sup>th</sup> of March last the Alcalde of the Pueblo of San Francisco sent me two Expedientes for report in compliance with the Superior Decree in the margin of these Expedientes, as I have no knowledge of these lands in as much as they do not belong to my charge; and as I know that they pertain to that of the Ex mission of San Solano, you alone can report upon the matter being the administrator of said lands

God and Liberty. Pueblo of Dolores - April 16<sup>th</sup> 1836  
To the Administrators  
of San Solano (Signed) Gam de Flores

The Administration of San Francisco de Asis in an official note of the 16<sup>th</sup> of the present month sends me the two Expedientes moved by Citizens Ygnacio Pacheco and Nicolas Yguera to report as asked in his said official (communication) and in order to facilitate their advancement I will say that the lands asked for are not occupied by the natives of this Pueblo, nor by the stock or cattle under my charge for the former have their rancho established in common, and the latter occupy the place of Loscol to the Straits of Carqueez where they trouble no one by their location; with respect to the persons who petition they possess the requisites to entitle them to be attended to, and the lands are not included in the twenty border leagues, but are in the 10 littoral, which are referred to in the Decree of August 18<sup>th</sup> 1834 according to the report of the Illustrissimos Ayuntamiento of San Francisco de Asis. The three aforesaid Annexe documents I have the honor to send herewith to your Excellency for the Ends which may please you.

Necessity for the Ends which may please you.

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God and Liberty. Sonoma April 24<sup>th</sup> 1836  
Senor Political (Signed) Antonio Ortega  
Chief of Upper California.

These are true Copies of the two documents sent to me  
and incorporated in the Expediente of Ygnacio  
Pacheco. Monterey - May 5<sup>th</sup> 1836  
(Signed) Castillo

Monterey May 9<sup>th</sup> 1836  
Having seen the petition at the beginning of this Espe-  
diente, the Report of the Ayuntamiento of San Francisco  
those of the Administrators of the Missions of San Fran-  
cisco de Asis and San Francisco Solano, with all else  
presented and deemed proper to be seen. In conformi-  
ty with what is provided in the Laws and Regula-  
tions on the matter, Nicolas Sequera is declared  
Owner in Fee of the Lanzas known by the name of  
"Entre Nappa" as explained by the Map which goes  
with the Expediente.

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Let the corresponding despatch issue, take note of it  
in the proper Book, deliver it to the party interested  
and reserve this Expediente in order to report to the  
Excellent Deputation with its Approbation  
Senor Don Mariano Chico Superior Political Chief of  
Upper California, this Order decreed and signed  
of which I certify.  
(Signed) Mariano Chico  
(Signed) Francisco Castillo (Signed) Secretary

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May passed to the Committee on  
Vacant Lanzas  
(Signed) Maldonado  
Secretary

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Translation Title

Provisionally authorized by the administration of the Maritime Customhouse of Monterey of Upper California for the years 1834 & 1835

Figuerou

A. Ramirez

Revalidated for the years of 1836 and 1837

Gutierrez

A Ramirez

Citizen Colonel Mariano Lebeco Representative of the Nation Guana and Commanding General of Upper California

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Whereas citizen Nicolas Segura a Mexican by birth, has, for his own personal benefit and that of his family, petitioned for a little more than one square league in the place known by the name of Napa the proper measures and examinations being previously made as required by Laws and Regulations on the matter, using the forms which are conferred on me and in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have granted him the aforesaid Land, declaring to him the Ownership of it by these presents, subject to the approval of the Most Excellent Deputation, and under the following conditions, viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> He shall submit to those conditions, which shall be established by the Regulation which is to be formed for the distribution of Vacant lands, and in the mean time neither the parties nor his heirs can divide or alienate that which is granted to them, subject it to any tax, entail, pledge, Mortgage, or other incumbrance even for pious purposes or convey it in Matrimony.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> He may enclose it without prejudice to the openings roads and servitudes, and enjoy it freely and exclusively, making such use and cultivation of it as may best suit him, but within one year at furthest he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> He shall request the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession in virtue of this title by whom the boundaries shall be marked out in the limits of which, between the bounds, he shall place some fruit or forest trees of some utility.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The land of which donation is made is a little more than one square league, as shown by map, which goes in the Expediente. The Magistrate who may give the possession, will cause it to be measured agreeably with the Ordinance bearing to the Nation for its convenience uses, the surplus which may result.

Fees \$20.

5<sup>th</sup> If he contravene these conditions he shall lose his right to the land, and it will be denounceable by another person  
In consequence I order that this present serving him for a title and being held as firm and valid, note be made of it in the proper book and it be delivered to the person interested for his security and other purposes

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Given in Monterey, on the ninth of May 1836

(Signed) Francisco del  
Castillo Negrete } Secretary  
(Signed) Manuel Lhico

Fees \$100 - Note has been made on folio 112 and marked with the number 108 of the Corresponding book, which exists in the Secretary's Office in my charge  
Monterey May 20<sup>th</sup> 1836

(Signed) Castillo

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Translation of  
Said Possession

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To the Justice of the Peace of the Frontier  
Citizen Nicolas Herquero resident of this jurisdiction  
owner of the Rancho of "Napa-abajo" as I may best  
proceed in Law, before you appear and say: that as  
appears by the title which I present with the necessary  
solemnity and oath, I have in my said Rancho a title  
more than one square league, within the boundaries  
mentioned in said title, and as it is necessary for me  
that it should in all times appear where they reach to  
and whether they prejudice me or I injure any one of  
my neighbors, you will be pleased to order that, pre-  
viously taking the necessary examinations of identity  
of the said title and examination, and the colonias being  
summoned, the measurement of my lands be proceeded  
to for which purpose I appoint, for this term and when  
the time may arrive, as measurer, Citizen Rafael  
Navarez, resident of this jurisdiction, skilled in this  
matter of measurements, and let any other person who  
may be interested, appoint another measurer on his  
part, and having done so, let those whom they may  
appoint and the aforesaid Rafael Navarez, by  
me appointed, appear, accept and take the oath  
and in conformity with it let the said measurements  
be proceeded to. Wherefore I pray you that admit-  
ting said document, you will be pleased to order  
that what I have asked be done: and being made  
that said title be returned to me with the origi-  
nal records which may be made for the security  
of my right. This petition and whatever else may be  
necessary.

At the request of my father  
In the Pueblo of Sonoma on the 10th day of the month  
of January 1842 before me, Citizen Salvador Vallojo  
Metitary Commandante and Magistrate of this jurisdic-  
tion, this petition was read, and being seen I admitted  
it, with the document mentioned, and I order that, sum-  
moning the colonias, information be taken of con-  
tiguity, view and examination of said lands at which  
I am ready to assist personally. I thus provided  
ordered and signed with these of my assistance  
Assisting Ulicinquis. Salvador Vallojo

Apolenario Miranda. Cayetano Lopez

In the aforesaid pueblo of Sonoma, on the tenth day of  
the same month and year, I the Magistrate aforesaid  
with those of my assistance, in order to proceed to the

information of identity, caused to appear before me  
Citizen Ramon Mesa, resident of this jurisdiction, by  
Occupation a laborer. of whom I received an oath  
which he made by the sign of the Holy cross in form  
of Law, by which he promised to speak the truth and  
being questioned as to the knowledge he has of the lands  
and places terms and boundaries, pertaining to the  
Rancho of Napu abujo, he said: that for eight years  
he has lived on this frontier, and knows that the lands  
belonging to said place are (the property) of citizen  
Nicolas Aguirre, and that the boundaries are the  
"Arroyo de los Cameros" the Arroyo of Napu, and the  
Main Road below, a little less: that he has seen and  
Examined said lands several times, and that since  
the said Aguirre has bought them, he has worked and  
cultivated them, and his cattle have pastured on  
them; and for a proof of that which he has said  
he is ready to go to said lands with the present  
Magistrate, and point out to him the places, terms  
and boundaries, and how far they extend; all which  
he affirmed and ratified under the oath which  
he has made. He declares that he was twenty five  
years old, and that the legal exceptions do not affect  
him, and he signed it with me and my Assistant  
Assisting Witnesses - Ramon Mesa x  
Apolonario Miranda Salvador Valles  
Gayetano Juarez

In continuation I caused to appear before me and those  
of my assistance, Citizen Jorge Roe, and having made  
him take the Customary Oath, he promised to speak the  
truth, and being asked for the lands, places terms  
and boundaries belonging to the Rancho of Napu  
abujo, he said: that for eight years he has been a resident  
of this Town, and he knows that the lands belong-  
ing to said Rancho are the property of Nicolas  
Aguirre, and that its boundaries are the same which  
the preceding Witness has just declared - that he  
has seen and Examined them several times: and that  
this is all he has to say: Agreeing with the foregoing  
declaration - and he said he was forty nine years  
old, and the legal exceptions not to affect him, and  
he signed with me and those of my assistance  
according to Law Jorge Roe  
Assisting Witnesses - Salvador Valles  
Apolonario Miranda Gayetano Juarez

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In continuation I caused to appear before me and those of my assistance, Citizen Angel Borjuez, and having made him take the usual oath, he promised to speak the truth: Once being asked for the lances, places terminations and boundaries pertaining to the Rancho of "Napa abajo" he said that for three years he has been a resident of this jurisdiction and that the lances pertaining to said Rancho are of the Ownership of Citizen Nicolas Hequera, and its boundaries are those which the preceding Witness has just declared; that he has seen and Examined them on various occasions, and that this is all he can say, under the oath which he has made, which he affirms and ratifies he declared that he was thirty years Old and that the legal Exceptions do not apply to him - and he signed it with me and <sup>those of</sup> my assistance

Assisting Witnesses } Angel Borjuez x  
 Apolinario Meranda } Salvador Vallejo  
 Cayetano Suarez }

Being in the place in the place of "Napa abajo" on the tenth day of the month of January one thousand eight hundred and forty two I the Magistrate acting in virtue of my Office with two assisting Witnesses for want of a Notary public, the witnesses by me Examined being present, Citizen Nicolas Hequera Owner of said lances, and Citizens Cayetano Suarez and Apolinario Meranda, the Colindantes and neighbors I proceeded to see and Examine the lances of said Rancho, and for greater Clearness mounting on horseback in company with all the parties and witnesses referred to I ordered the last named to point out to me the the places, terminations and boundaries of them according to the Signs which they have declared in their depositions, and in compliance they led the way to the part on the East (que runs de otros ranchos) coasting the Estero towards the South until we arrived at the "Arroyo de los Cameros"; thence we continued running going up the Arroyo which runs to the West, to the "Canal del Paso de Abajo" thence going in a Northwesterly direction to the Arroyo of Napa on the West where was concluded the Examination and view of said lances as far as the Witnesses said were the furthest places terms and boundaries of said lances, which places I the said Magistrate saw and Examined with those of my assistance, the witnesses Examined and signed

presented and the acts of the aforesaid examination being compared. That the certainty of the aforesaid lands was certain according to the declarations of said Alcatrazes, and in testimony it was officially recorded and I signed it with those of my assistance and others who know how I certify

Assis. Alcatrazes } Salvador Valles  
Apolinario Miranda } Jorge Roe + Jacob J. Seese  
Cayetano Jurez }

Immediately the Magistrate saw that in order to proceed to the measurements referred to in these acts I order that Cayetano Nicolas Requena, the owner of the lands be notified that he may certify the appointment of surveyor, and also that all the Colindantes by common consent appoint one on their part it being proper that he should be skilled in the matter of measurements and this being done I am ready to designate a day for said measurements. I thus proceeded ordered and signed with those of my assistance

Assisting Alcatrazes } Salvador Valles  
Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Jurez }

On the same day month and year I the aforesaid Magistrate Magistrate saw and notified the act referring to them, to Cayetano Nicolas Requena and his colindantes, and their persons which I know, as it appears above, and having heard and understood it, they said that they heard it, having appointed Cayetano Dolores Cantua as measurer, and the aforesaid Requena notified his appointment of Cayetano Rafael Navarez both skilled in matters of measurements, who was notified to appear accept take the oath and in continental proceed to said measurements as has been ordered; thus they signed it with a sign of the Holy cross before me and those of assistance

I certify } Dolores Cantua x Rafael Navarez x  
Assisting Alcatrazes } Salvador Valles  
Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Jurez }

Immediately afterwards, the foregoing act was made known to the party interested Cayetano Nicolas Requena the measurer Navarez and Dolores Cantua and having understood it they acknowledge notice and signed it with the present Magistrate and those of assistance

Dolores Cantua Rafael Navarez  
Assisting Alcatrazes }  
Apolinario Miranda Cayetano Jurez }

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On the same day month and year written summons were issued to the Colindantes Cayetano Jurez, Don Luis Lis, that they should appear on the Eleventh day of the month in the aforesaid Rancho of Napu-abajo at eight o'clock in the morning of this day, and in testimony I signed it with those of my assistance  
Assisting Witnesses  
Subvencio Vallejo

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Apolonario Merandea, Cayetano Jurez  
In the Rancho of Napu-abajo on the Eleventh day of the month of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, present the parties and the neighbors of sekeo (lunas) I caused to appear before me and those of my assistance, Citizens Cayetano Jurez & Apolonario Merandea, those appointed measures whom I ordered to take a sump rope and to measure off fifty varas of four Castellan palms each which they did in the sight and presence of the persons interested and the neighbors; and in testimony I order that it be officially recorded, and said measurements be proceeded to as is ordered to which I certify also signing it with those of my assistance  
Subvencio Vallejo

Assisting Witnesses  
Apolonario Merandea, Cayetano Jurez  
Being in the fields on the lunas belonging to the Rancho of Napu-abajo, this day, Tuesday of the same month and year, I the Magistrate of this jurisdiction acting in virtue of my Office with two assisting witnesses in front of a Notary Public, present the measures Citizens Rafael Navarro and Dolores Cantua appointed by the parties interested and Colindantes I ordered them to proceed to the measurement of one square league a little more, which corresponds to the Rancho Abajo according to the title presented in obedience to which they commenced said measurements, beginning from the house towards the East, crossing the Estero towards the South to the Arroyo de los Leones following up the Arroyo Westward to the Corral del Napu-abajo where were counted eighteen thousand Castellan varas; thence taking a Northward direction, where three bounces were placed, to the Arroyo of Napu where the last bounce was placed and there were counted twenty four thousand varas; by which was marked out a little more than one square league, finally and in

Syn of his possession and accustomed custom he  
 settled up Alms and gave and threw them to the  
 four places in Manifestation of his legal and legitimate  
 Meets possession which he personally took; and that  
 it may in all times appear and they be recognized  
 as the terminations and boundaries of his lands by all  
 the Others, Neighbors to them, and that such measure-  
 ments were quietly and peacefully made, he asked for  
 a testimony and I the aforesaid Magistrate with those  
 of my assistance give it; that every thing spoken as has  
 been said and that the said measurements have been  
 executed to the best knowledge and understanding  
 of the Measurers as they deposed without any  
 fraud or deceit against any person and for greater  
 security and the ratification of the Deeds which  
 they here make they signed with me and those  
 of my assistance

Assisting Utitneps

Apolonario Miranda

Claytono Suarez

Rafael Navarez

José Cantero

Salvador Valero

In view of this Expediente being concluded in which  
 it appears that judicial possession of the Rancho named  
 "Napa Abajo" five leagues distant from this Pueblo  
 has been given to Citizen Nicolas Toranzo, let the  
 Original with the documents referred to be delivered  
 to the party for his convenience

Citizen Salvador Valero, Military Commandant  
 of this Frontier and Magistrate of this jurisdiction, acting  
 in virtue of my Office, with two assisting Utitneps for  
 want of a Notary Public, thus proceeded to read and  
 signed on the Eleventh day of the month of Jan-  
 uary Eighteen hundred and fifty two

Signed Salvador Valero

Assisting Utitneps

(Signed) Apolonario Miranda

(Signed) Claytono Suarez

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Transfer

En el pueblo de Donoma à los 17 dias del mes de Nov. de 1828. entre los D. D. Sixto Berreyesa apoderado p<sup>al</sup> de D. Nicolas Izura y con su annuencia y aprovacion plena y Dr. Dn J. Vallejo en consideracion à la suma de cien pesos que tiene recibidos en Oro de placa à 16. p. el Onza le vende trescientas varas de tierra que estan en frente de en la parte Occidental del embocadero de Sord cuyas trescientas varas son por cada lado comenzando desde la Chilla de Estero.

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El que suscribe garantiza en la forma de las leyes lo requieren ante Tribunales. ante quien lo defendera à sus propias expensas, cuando sea traspasado. En testimonio de lo cual firmo el presente ante los testigos que firmo.

Donoma Nov. 17 de 1828.

Sixto + Berreyesa  
Testigo: Vct. p<sup>al</sup> don Jn Vallejo Testigo Salvador  
Testigo J de Bantamal

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Transmittion  
of Transfer

In the Pueblo of Sonoma on the 7th day of the  
Month of November 1848 Señores Sixto Berreyesa  
General Attorney in fact of Don Nicolas Figueroa  
and with his consent and full approbation, and Don  
M. G Vallejo, in consideration of the sum of One  
hundred Dollars, which he has received in place  
gold at \$16. he sells him three hundred varas of  
land which are in front of, or on the western part  
of the "Embarcadero de Josebe" which three hundred  
varas are in square, that is three hundred varas on  
each side, commencing from the margin of the Este  
ro. The subscriber guarantees in the form which  
the laws require, before the courts, before which  
he will defend it at his own expense if it being  
regarded upon.

In testimony of which he signs this present, before  
the Witnesses who sign. Sonoma Nov. 7. 1848

Witnesses

(Signed) Salvador Vallejo

Sixto Berreyesa

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Murano & Vallejo

vs

The United States

} For a piece of land 300 varas  
square part of "Contra Napu"  
in Napu County

Opinion The petitioner alleges that the land claimed is part of a larger tract of land granted to Nicolas Steguera by Governor Murano Chico on the 9th day May 1836. and that the small parcel claimed in this case was conveyed by said Steguera to the present claimant on the 7th day of November 1848.

No competent testimony is presented in the case to establish either the grant to Steguera or a conveyance from him to the petitioner.

The claim must therefore be rejected

Rejected

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Decree

In this case on hearing the proofs and allegations introduced by the Commission, that the claim of said petitioner is not valid, and it is therefore hereby decreed that the same be rejected

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And it appearing to the said factum of this Board  
that the Land hereby advertised is situated  
in the Northern District of California it is hereby  
Ordered that two Transcripts of the Proceedings  
and of the decessors 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,

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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 22, 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. 337 on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein

*Mariano G. Vallejo* is  
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of *Entre Napa*

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*

*Geo. Fisher*  
Sig.



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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

San Francisco, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1854

John A. Murre 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. 337 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein *Mariano G. Vallejo* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of *San Ysidro Entre Rios*

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher.