

CASE No.

127

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

LA PUENTE GRANT

JOHN ROLAND, ET AL

CLAIMANT

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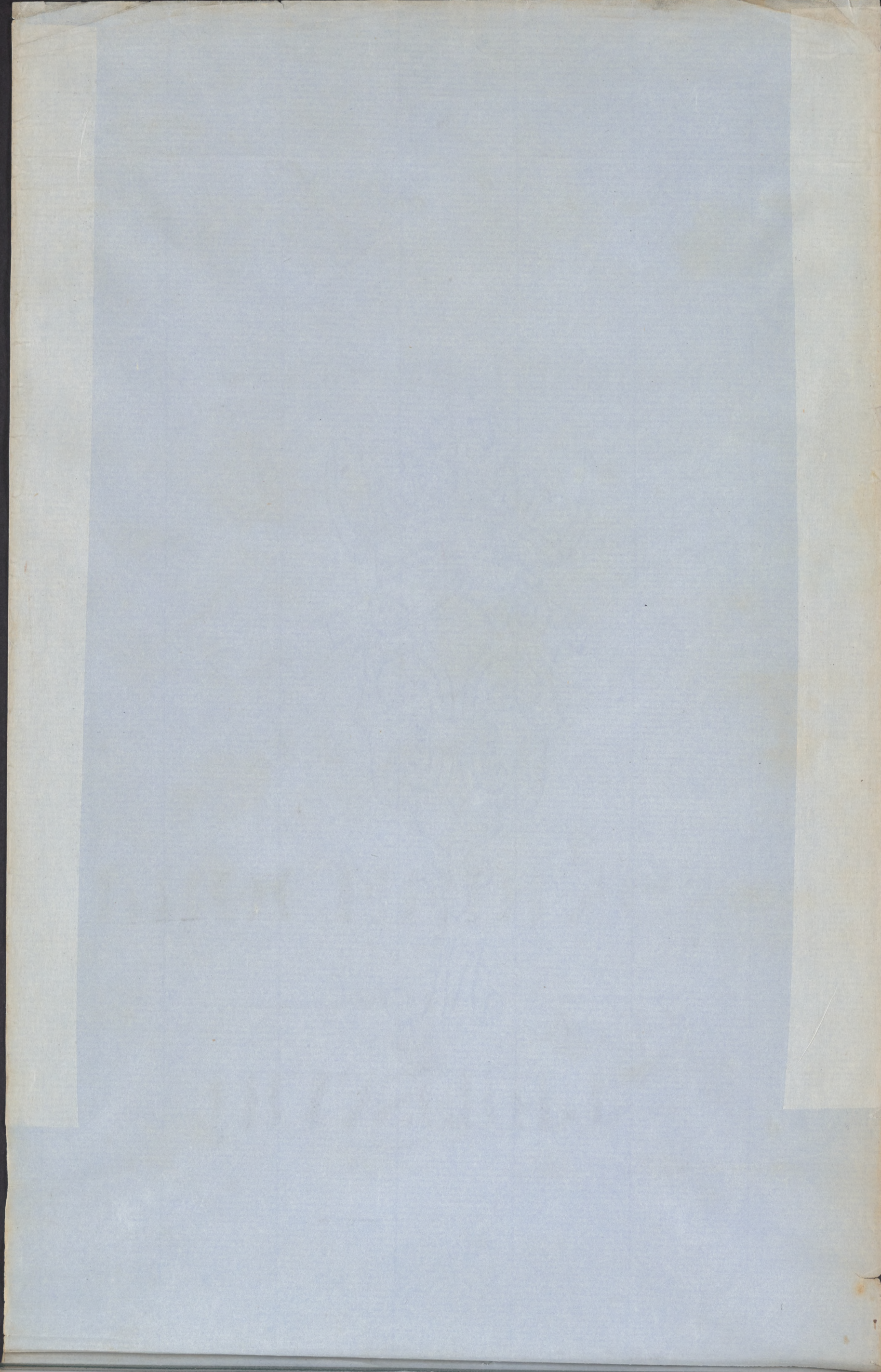
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PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 388

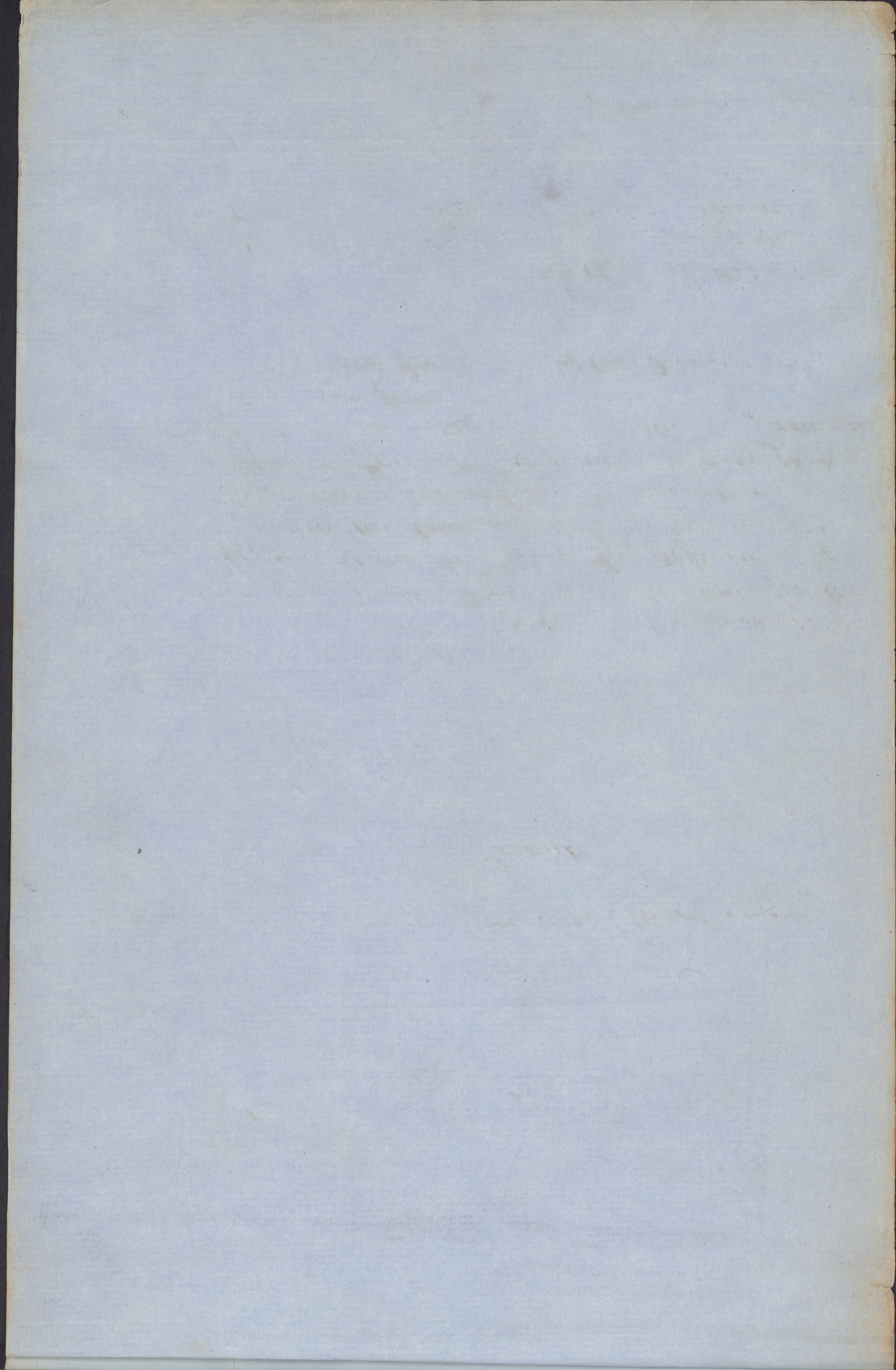
John Polanco Pal CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"La Puente"



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 *ninth day of October*, 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;

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The Petition of *John Rowland et al;* for the Place named "*La Puente*," was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 385, 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;

Los Angeles, October 16th, 1852,
In Case no. 385, *John Rowland et al;* for the place named "*La Puente*," the deposition of *Ygnacio del Valle*, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner *Melano Hall*, with document marked *A. H. B.*, and the translation thereof marked *b*, annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page *4* of this Transcript.)

Los Angeles, Oct 21st 1852,
In the same Case the deposition of *David W. Alexander*, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner *Melano Hall*, was filed;

(Vide page *5* of this Transcript.)

Los Angeles, October 22nd 1852,
 In the same case the deposition of Benjamin
 D. Wilson, a witness in behalf of the claimant,
 taken before Commissioner Melaria Hall, was filed;
 (Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, Sept. 26th 1853.
 Case No. 385 was submitted on Briefs on both
 sides and taken under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco, Sept. 4th 1854.
 In the same ^{case}, Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson
 delivered the opinion of the Board confirming
 the claim;
 (Vide page 57 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Aug. 15th 1854.
 In the same case, on motion of the United States
 Law Agent, the following order was made
 to wit:
 (Vide page 62 of this Transcript.)

To The Honorable Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private Land Claims in California.

Petition

John Roland and Julian Workman represent

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That on the 22nd of July 1845, His Highness the Governor of California acting under the authority of the laws then in force, granted to them a tract of land called La Puente, contained within certain limits specified in the grant, which tract of land lies in the present County of Los Angeles, and that the said grant was duly approved by the Departmental Assembly on the 3rd of October 1848. All which will more fully appear by reference to the document marked "Exhibit" A" herewith filed together with a translation of the same.

That the said land was legally occupied by them in the year 1842 at which time they commenced improving it, and they have continued to occupy and reside on it down to the present time.

That they know of no other claim to any part of this land.

In support of their claim they rely upon the documents now filed and such other evidence as they may hereafter present, and they pray a confirmation of their title to the land designated in the said grant.

A. P. Crittenden
Atto for Claimants

Filed in Office Oct 9 1852
Geo. Fisher
Sec.

Office of U.S. Land Commission
Los Angeles

On the 18th day of October 1852, before me
Neiland Heall one of the Commissioners for ascer-
taining and settling private Land Claims in
California personally appeared Ignacia del
Valle, a witness produced on behalf of the
Claimants John Roland and Julien Workman
in the case which is No: 385 on the Docket
of said Commissioners, who having been
duly sworn testified as follows: The
Associate Land Agent of the United States
having been notified and attending.

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Deposition of
Ignacia del Valle

Question First - What is your name &
age, and where do you reside?

Answer - My name is Ignacia del Valle,
I am forty four years of age and reside in Los
Angeles California.

Question Second. Are you acquainted with
the signatures of Pio Pico and Jose M^a Covarrubias
Answer. I am.

Question Third. Examine the Document
marked Exhibit "B" now shown you and which
is filed as part of this Deposition, and say
whether or not the signatures of Pio Pico and
Jose M^a Covarrubias to the Grant and approval
contained in said Document, as also the signatures
of Covarrubias to the Certificate following the grant,
are genuine.

Question Fourth. What office in California
if any, did said persons hold on the 22nd of
July and 3rd of October 1848?

Answer. During the period above mentioned
Pio Pico was Governor and Jose M^a Covar-
rubias Secretary.

Ignacia del Valle
sworn & subscribed

Before me
Neiland Heall Comr.

Filed in Office Oct 18th 1852

Geo. Fisher Secy

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Office of U.S. Land Commission
Los Angeles Oct. 21st 1852.

Deposition
of David W.
Alexander

On this day before Heiland Hall one of
the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling
Private Land Claims in California, came
David W. Alexander a witness produced in
behalf of the Claimants, John Roland et al,
whose petition is N. 385- on the Docket of
the Board, and was duly sworn his
evidence being given in English.

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The U.S. Associate Land Agent was
notified and attended.

In Answer to questions by Counsel
for the Claimants the witness testified as
follows;

My name is David W. Alexander,
my age is forty years and I reside in
Los Angeles.
I am acquainted with the Rancho called
La Puente, it is in the County of Los
Angeles, about eighteen miles from this
place. It is occupied by Julien
Workman & John Roland. I came to
this country with John Roland in December
1842.

The land was then occupied by said
Workman & Roland, the latter having been
here the year previous.

There had been a considerable quantity
of land cultivated.

Mr Workman had an adobe house on it
in which he was then living with his
family, & he still continues to live in
it. Workman had cattle and
horses on the land in December 1842.

Roland built a large house on the land,
the next season in which he has lived ever since.

David W. Alexander

Sworn & subscribed before me

Heiland Hall, Comr.

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Office of the U. S. Land Commission
Los Angeles Oct. 22nd 1882.

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Deposition of
B. L. Wilson

On this day before Meland Hall one of
the Commissioners for ascertaining and
settling Private Land Claims in the State
of California, came B. L. Wilson a
witness produced in behalf of the Claimant
John Poland et al, whose petition is No.
388, on the docket of the Board and was
duly sworn, his evidence being given in
English.

The U. S. Associate Land Agent was
notified and attended,

In Answer to questions by Counsel
for the Claimant the witness testified as follows:
My name is Benjamin L. Wilson,
my age is forty years and I reside in Los
Angeles, and have resided in California since
the year 1841.

I am acquainted with the Rancho called
Puente. It is situated in this county
about eighteen miles in an easterly direction from
this city. I first saw the land in 1841.

It was first occupied in 1842 by Indian
workman who raised a crop of corn & beans
on it. He had a shanty there in
the spring, and he commenced an Adobe
house into which he moved and he resided
in it the ensuing winter & has continued
living in it ever since.

He commenced buying stock in 1842
and has increased it since, and has now
quite a large stock of cattle horses & sheep.

Workman Poland & myself came to Cal-
ifornia together in 1841. Poland went
to New Mexico for his family in the spring
of 1842, and returned with them in the

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fall of that year. Hee has lived on the
land with his family ever since, he built
an adobe house in 1843 in which he
has resided ever since. Hee has a large
stock of cattle horses & sheep, a large quantity
of the land has been cultivated.

B. D. Wilson

Subscribed & Sworn

Before me

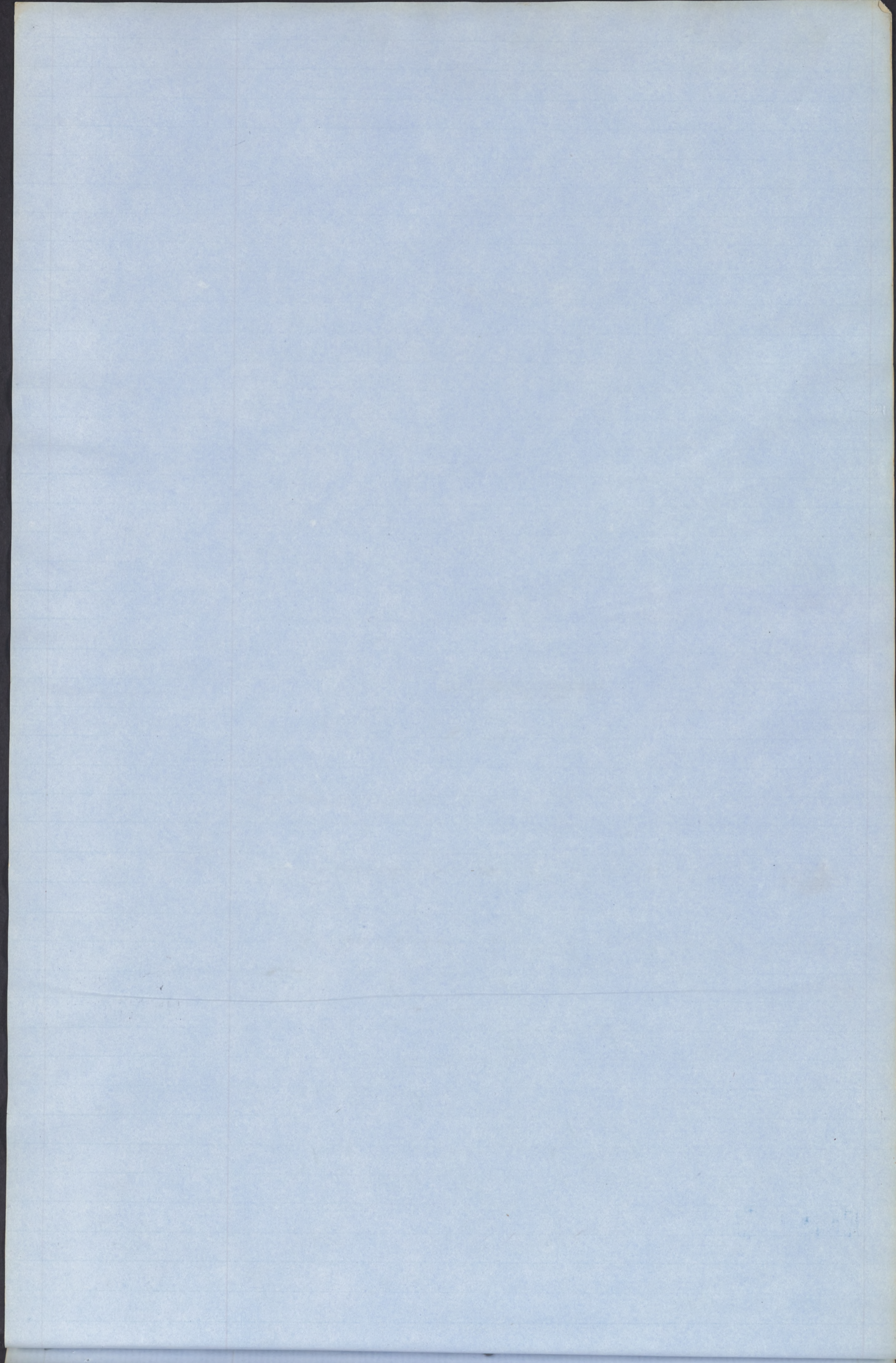
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Mean Doc follows

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Espediente

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Espediente

Promovido por Ciudadano —
naturalizado Sr. Juan Roland
en solicitud del parage llamado la

Puente

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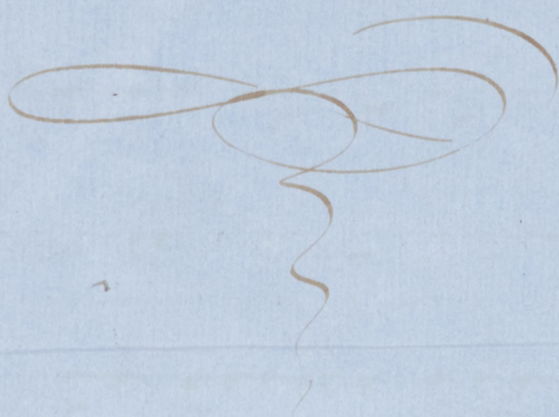
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Año de 1842

Espediente promovido p. D. Juan
Roland en solicitud del parage
de la
Puente



Sello Tercero Dos Reales

Habilitado provisionalmente por la aduana marítima del puerto de Monterrey, en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno —

Lizimeno

Antonio Maffio

Rehabilitado por la misma para el año de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos —

Alvarado

Antonio Maffio

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Monterrey En.º 116
de 1842

De conformidad con lo que pide esta parte se le concede el sitio nombrado la Puente situado entre el Rio de San Gabriel y colindante con los terrenos Arenas, Pinos, Yugo y los Coyotes. Por tanto el interesado se presentará con este decreto a la Prefectura del 2.º Distrito y al encargado del

Exmo. Sr.

Juan Roland natural de los Estados Unidos y naturalizado en la Nacion Mexicana, casado con Mexicana y vecino de nuevo Mexico en quien tengo siete hijos siendo cuatro hombres y tres niñas, deseando la quietud de mi familia y su bien estar que es por lo que anhelo, he venido en radicarme en este Departamento y para verificarlo necesito tener un terreno a donde meter mis bienes y sembrar para mantener mi mencionada familia; y como en la ex-Mision de San Gabriel hay un paraje baldio que se halla en el puente en medio de los terrenos que en este pedimento señalo, siendo que por el oriente colinda con el chino, y con San José,

establecimiento de San Gabriel para que no se le ponga obstaculo alguno en la ocupacion del paraje; del que no sabiendose la estension que tiene se formara exactamente el dicho respectivo por el dicho interesado y lo remitira oportunamente al govrno con este decreto para expedirle el titulo correspondiente. Asi yo Juan B. Alvarado Gtor Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias lo ^{mande y} firme.

y por el Poniente con el Rio de San Gabriel y con Don Luis Arenas al Norte, y por el Sur el San Pedro y los Coyotes y los San Nictos - por lo que suplico a V.E. que se digne concederme en propiedad el terreno que solicito el

[4 BK] que podran ser cuatro sitios de ganado mayor poco mas o menos; por tanto a V.E. suplico protea como pido en lo que recibire gracia y merced

Exmo. Sr. Gobernador
Juan Roland

Alvarado

Ang.º Du.º 31 de 1842.

Presentado el interesado a esta Prefectura como lo previene el Sup.º decreto marginal del Exmo. Sr. Gobernador de este Departamento - fha 12 de Enero del presente año, en que se le concede el sitio nombrado La Puente, presente el antedicho superior decreto al Encargado del Establecimiento de San Gabriel quien no =

[Sello Tercero Dos Reales] [5 BK]

Rehabilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana ma-
ritima del puerto de Monterey, en el Departamento
de las Californias, para los años de mil ochoci-
entos cuarenta y mil ochocientos cuarenta y
uno - -

Himeno

Antonio Maria Osio

Rehabilitado por la misma, para el año
de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos - -

Alvarado

Antonio Maria Osio]

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= lo pondrá obstáculo alguno en
la ocupacion del sitio concedido,
y p^o q^o formando el interesado
el dicho respectivo, con presencia
de los colindantes, se cumplirá
con lo decretado p^o S. E. - Asi yo Santiago
Arguello, Capitan retirado y Prefecto del
D^o Distrito del Departamento de Calif^o lo
decreté y firmé - -

S. Arguello

[S. E. K.]

Por Prefecto de este Distrito - -

L. S.

Auz^o Set^o 8.
1842

Como lo pide
la parte. Ele-
vese el presente
Expediente á
manos del Ex^{mo}
Sr. Gobernador

Juan Rolando oriundo de los
Estados Unidos, naturalizado en la
Republica Mexicana, y casado
con hija del mismo pais, ante
V. S. con la debida respetuosidad
y como mejor parezca digo: que
habiendo cumplido con lo que
el S. E. Govern^{or} de este Depar-
tamento ordena en el decreto fha
14 de Enero del presente año,
que consta en la instancia que

de este Departa-
mento p^a su
superior resolu-
cion -

J. Arguello

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Monterey Feb^o

17 de 1842

Pase esta ins-
tancia, a la Pre-
fectura del D^o
Distrito p^o q^o se
practiquen los
informes de estilo
sobre el terreno
demarcado en el
diseño no reco-
noce propiedad
de algun in-
dividuo -

Monado

respetuosamente acompaño, y
concluido el diseño respectivo
del sitio de la puente duplico
a V.S. que asimismo se sirva
elevarlo a manos del E. Ser.
Go = - - - - -

[W.P.K]

bernador a' fin de que se me esti-
enda el titulo respectivo segun
expresa el mismo decreto y pueda
disfrutar en toda seguridad de
mi propiedad - Por tanto -
A V.S. mego hago como pido que
en ello recitare gracia, juro
no proceder de malicia y lo
necesario tr^o esperando la dis-
pensa de papel comun por
falta de sellado en el lugar
Angelis Feb^o 8 de 1842 -

John Kaland

Angelis Feb^o 25 - 1842

De conformidad con el Sup^o
Decreto q^o antecede, y con arreglo a las leyes y
reglamentos de la materia informe el Juez D^o
de Paz de esta Ciudad si el representante tiene
los requeritos necesarios p^o ser atendido; si el
terreno q^o solicita conforme está disenado en la
explicacion de sus linderos, pertenece a' algun
individuo; y evacuado este informe vuelva el
Exped^o a esta Prefectura p^a los demas fines
que sean convenientes -

Arguello - for

Prefecto →

Anuente al Sup^r decreto que antecede para que obre el contenido de lo que se solicita informe, no puedo menos que verificarlo haciendo presente á esa Prefectura que el representante está naturalizado y tiene los requisitos necesarios p^o ser atendido; y el terreno segun está designado parece ser conforme con el de la fuente, cuyo parage no se ha conocido por propiedad de ninguna persona, pues siempre ha estado por de la Misión de San Gabriel; y en embargo de esta claridad V. S. determinará lo que juzgue conveniente →

Aug. Seto 25 de 1842

José G. Sepulveda

Aug. fha ut supra

Pase este Exped^{te} al encargado, ó P. Ministro de la Misión de S. Gabriel para que produzca un informe en cuanto á aquella comunidad — — — — — [9 PDK]

Arquiello

San Gabriel Seto 25 de 1842 →

El terreno de la puente es de esta comunidad de S. Gabriel y lo tiene ocupado con mas de quinientas bestias caballares y quinientas cabezas de ganado mayor; y de ninguna manera se conforma esta comunidad en que el terreno se enagene pues es el unico punto que tiene la Misión para sembrar y mantener sus bienes

P. Thomas Eleuterio de Estensson

Exmo Sr

Mandados practicar los informes de estilo conforme

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al Superior Dec^{to} marginal de V. E. de 17 de este mes, se advierte p^o ellos q^e el sitio de la puenta pertenecia á la Mision de S. Gabriel, pero apesar de q^e el R. Minto de oha Mision sostiene esta pertenencia, creo q^e no debe estar tan cubierto de tenez, a lo menos en cuanto = [10 PDK]

= á ganado vacuno p^o q^e en la actualidad lo tiene el R. Minto en arrendamiento á un vecino de este lugar; pero como esta Prefectura ve en el mismo Expediente q^e V. E. lo tiene concedido al interesado p^o Dec^{to} Superior de 14 de Enero del presente año, está en un deber el respetar esta concesion

En cuanto al Dizeño presentado p^o el interesado, aunque se ven demarcados los Ranchos colindantes estan fuera de la linea que marca el lindero numerado de 1 á 6 y todo lo q^e se advierte de mas, sin duda es por una mera curiosidad, sin duda embargo de lo informado, V. E. con mas acierto resolverá lo que fuere de su Superior agrado -

Ang^o Setero 28 de 1842 -
S. Arouello

Here follows a sketch or rough map marked [11. PDK]

[12. PDK]
Juan B. Alvarado Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias

Por cuanto D^o Juan Bolans meji-

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caso por naturalizacion ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el paraje conocido con el nombre de la Puente, colindante con el rancho de Sr. José con el de Sr. José de Jesus Linar con el de el Ciudadano Ignacio Palomares y con el de Sr. Luis Arenas con el Rio de San Gabriel con el terreno de Sr. Juan Vélez y la Misión Vieja; practicadas las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos; declarandole la propiedad de el p. las puentes, sujetandose a la aprobacion de la D^{na} Junta Departamental, y a las condiciones siguientes -

1^a No podra el agraciado ni sus herederos dividir ni enagenar el terreno que se le concede, poner censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piedadosa, ni pasarlo a manos muertas -

2^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar los travesaños caminos y servidumbres destinandolo al uso o cultivo - - - - - [13 P. 15]
que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año fabricará casa y estará habitada -

3^a Cuando se le confirme la propiedad de el solicitará del Juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá a mas de las misioneras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad -

4^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor poco mas o menos segun explica el diccionario que corre en el expediente respectivo. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme a ordenanza

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quedando el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion
p^o los usos convenientes ~

En consecuencia mando que teniendose
por firme y validero este despacho se tome
razon de él en el libro respectivo y se entre-
que al interesado para su resguardo y de
mas fines. Dado en Monterey a nueve de
marzo de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos

[14 P.D.K.]

Angelillo Mayo 21 de 1845.

Dada cuenta a la Exma. Asam-
blea en sesion de hoy con este expediente se
pasó a la Comision de terrenos baldios

Pico

Preside

Agustin Oloera
Srio ~

Exmo. Sr. -

La Comision de terrenos baldios ha visto y
examinado con toda la atencion q^l le ha
sido posible el expediente formado del terreno
de la Puente concedido al Ciudadano p^r na-
turalizacion Juan Roland p^r lo q^l veniendose
en conocimiento de hallarse practicados todos
las diligencias q^l aparecen con arreglo a lo
q^l sobre el particular disponen las leyes y q^l
fueron suficientes p^a q^l se le pudiese dar
la propiedad en el terreno al interesado, la
Comision en virtud de esto pone a la deli-
beracion del respetable cuerpo la proposicion
siguiente ~

Se aprueba la concesion hecha al
Ciudadano p^r naturalizacion Juan Roland
del paraje nombrado la Puente concedido

en propiedad el dia 9 de Marzo de 1842 de
entera conformidad con lo prevenido en

[15. BK]

la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el articulo
5º del reglamento de veintinueve de Noviembre
de 1828 - Salvo de omisiones en la Ciudad
de los Angeles Mayo 26 de 1845
Ignacio del Valle Narciso Botello

Angeles Mayo 28 de 1845

En sesion de este dia se aprobó por
la Honorable Asamblea la proposicion del
dictamen antecedente mandando se devuelvan
el presente expediente al Exmo Señor Goberna-
dor p^a los fines consiguientes

Vir Vico

Presidente Agustín Olvera
Año

[15. BK]

Sello de seis pesos

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana
maritima de Monterey para los años de
1839 y 1840

Alvarado

Antonio Madero

Valga p^a el año de 1840

Alvarado

Antonio Madero



Juan B. Alvarado Gobernador
Constitucional del Departam^{to}
de las Californias

Por cuanto D^o Juan Rolando Meji-
cano por naturalizacion ha pretendido para
su beneficio personal y el de su familia el

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paraje conocido con el nombre de la Fuente, colindante con el rancho de San José, con el de D^{no} José de la Luz Sinarés, con el del Ciudadano Ignacio Palomares, y con el de D^{no} Luis Arenas, con el Rio de San Gabriel, con el terreno de D^{no} Juan Perez y la Alcaldia Vieja; practicadas las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras, sustentandose

[17 PDK]

á la aprobacion de la Ex^{ma} Junta Departamental y á las condiciones siguientes

1^a No podrá el agraciado ni sus herederos dividir ni enagenar el terreno que se le concede; ni imponer censo, vinculo, fianza hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

2^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las travesías caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso ó cultivo que mas le acomode

3^a Cuando se le confirme la propiedad de él, solicitará del Juez respectivo que le dé posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho, por el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá amas de las mojoneras algunos arboles frutales ó silvestres de alguna utilidad

4^a El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor

poco mas o menos, segun explica el diseño que corre en el expediente respectivo. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medido conforme a' ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte a' la Nacion para los usos convenientes —

En consecuencia mando que teniendo por firme y valido el presente titulo se tome razon de él en el libro respectivo, y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines —

Dado = ————— [18 B. K.]
en Monterrey a' nueve de Marzo de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos —

Juan B. Alvarado

Manuel Jimeno
Pro —

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Queda tomada razon de este despacho en el libro de asuntos sobre adjudicaciones de terrenos baldios a' fo 9 vuelta — Jimeno

El Excmo. Sr. Gobernador ha dispuesto se tome razon de esta concesion en la prefectura del segundo Distrito — Jimeno

Ang. Marzo 18 de 1842

Tomese razon

Arguella

Queda tomada razon de este titulo a' fo 2 vuelta —

= y 2 parte del libro respectivo llevado en la Prefectura del 2º Distrito — [19 B. K.]

Angelos Marzo 18 de 1842

José R. Arguella

Pro

Pío Pico primer vocal de la Exma Asamblea
y Gobernador interino del Departamento de la
California

Por cuanto los Ciudadanos Juan Rolan
y Julian Workman han pretendido para su
beneficio personal y el de sus familias el terreno
conocido con el nombre de la Fuente que poseen
hace el tiempo de tres años y colinda con terrenos
de los ranchos de San José, de los Nogales, de
Seica, de D^o Juan Perez, de los Coyotes, y Rio de
San Gabriel: practicadas previamente las averigua-
ciones concernientes y usando de las facultades que
me son conferidas á nombre de la Nacion Me-
jicana, he venido en concederles el terreno men-
cionado, declarandoles la propiedad de él por las
presentes letras, entendiendose esta concesion de
conformidad con las leyes, sujeta á la aprova-
cion de la Exma Asamblea departamental, y bajo
las condiciones siguientes

1^a Podran cercar el terreno que se les
adjudica, sin perjudicar las travesias, caminos
y servidumbres: — — — — — [21 PK]

lo disfrutarán libre y exclusivamente destinandolo
al uso y cultivo que mas les acomode, pero
lo tendrán ocupado con Casa habitada, labores
y huertas sembradas

2^a El terreno de que se les hace donacion
es el que demuestra el diagrama que corre en
el expediente. El Juez respectivo les dará la
posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho
y demarcará los lindes, mandando poner las
mojoneras suficientes

En consecuencia mando que sirviendoles

el presente de título y teniéndose por firme y
valedero, se tome razón de él en el libro respectivo
y se entregue a los interesados para su uso y
demás fines.

Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles a
veintidos de Julio de mil ochocientos cuarenta
y cinco.

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Digno Sr.

Juan Roland ciudadano

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Angelés Julio 22
de 1845
Vista la solicitud,
y atendida la
justicia que re-
presenta por ser
público y de toda
notoriedad que el
Ciudadano Julián
Workman ha sido
y es socio y com-
pañero del que re-
presenta en la
ocupación del
terreno de la Puente,
costos y grandes
gastos orogados
en la fundación
y productos que
resultan; esti-
mándosele título
de este terreno
a los ciudadanos
Juan Roland

Mexicano por Naturalización
ante V.E. en la mejor forma
legal y con el mas profundo
respeto se presenta diciendo:
q^e habiendo convenido el q^e
suscrito de comun acuerdo
con el Sr Don Julián Workman
el solicitante a nombre de
ambos la concesion del terreno
de la Puente, que actualmente
poseen, se dirigió en persona
el que suscribe a principio
del año del 842 p^o el punto
de Monterey en donde se
hallaba en aquella vez es-
tublido el Sup^o Gobierno
de este Departamento con
objeto de pretender dicho
terreno de la Puente, lo
cual verificó en seguida de
su llegada a aquel punto
p^o medio de un escrito que
presentó p^o si y solo a su
nombre, habiendo padecido

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y Julian Workman
 en virtud de lo q^d
 se les concedo por
 este decuto; res-
 tituete al primer
 el titulo que por
 si solo obtenia
 de aquel terreno; y
 agreguese esto
 con el present^e
 expediente al que
 fue instruido para
 que aquel se le
 librara; y por
 todo a la Ex^{ta}
 Asamblea a fin
 de que se sirva
 emitir su apro-
 vacion, - Yo Rocio
 Gobernador inte-
 rino del Depar-
 tamento de las
 Californias asi lo
 mande decreté,
 y firmé - Doyse
 Yo Rocio

Don't Mc Covarrubias
 Pres^{te}

se sirva en consecuencia mandar pasar el titulo
 respectivo a la aprobacion de la Honorable Asam-
 blea - Por tanto

el equivoce o falta involun-
 taria de no haber incluido
 en el pedido a su socio Don
 Julian Workman. El Superior
 Gobierno en vista de la soli-
 citud q^d recibio tubo los
 informes que creyo conveni-
 entes dando p^r resultado
 de estos la adjudicacion del
 terreno pretendido conforme a
 la peticion, como lo comprueba
 el adjunto titulo, cuya
 concesion tubo a bien aprobar
 la Ex^{ta} Asamblea; y
 como p^r dichos documentos
 no adquiere derecho alguno
 al terreno de la Puente el
 referido Don Workman
 ocurre el que subsente a la
 autoridad

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de N. E. p^r p^r medio de su
 notario bndud se digno man-
 dar revolidar el repetido ti-
 tulo haciendo constar en el
 que la susodicha, concesion
 es hecha al q^d representa y
 al inunziado Workman, ex-
 plicando igualmente a N. E.
 q^d en caso del q^d tenga a
 bien acceder a esta peticion

A. V. E.

rendidamente reitera su suplica prometiéndose
de la acreditada benignidad del corazón de V. E.
que tendrá una acogida favorable esta solicitud
de cuya gracia le vivirá eternamente reconocido.
Juro no ser de malicia y lo necesario tr.º
duplicando a V. E. se sirva dispensar el uso del
papel p. falta de sellado ~

Angeles Julio 10 de 1845 -

Por ruego del interesado

Ignacio del Valle

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Angeles Agosto 21 de 1845 ~

Dada cuenta a la Exma Asamblea
con este expediente en sesion de hoy se mando
pasar a la Comision de terrenos baldios ~

Pro Vices

Presidente ~

Agustin Oloera

Inte ~

Oxmo Inte

La Comision de terrenos baldios habiendo
examinado las diligencias constantes en el pre-
sente expediente, encuentra que estan practi-
cadas con total arreglo a las leyes respectivas,
y que fueron suficientes para el Sup.º Gov.º
de este Departamento, adjudicara en propiedad
a favor de los C. E. p. naturalizacion D.º
Juan Roland y D.º Julian Workman el paraje
de la Puente en la comprehension de la
Mision de San Gabriel, en esta virtud pone la
Comision a la deliberacion de V. E. las
siguientes proposiciones ~

1.º Se aprueba la concesion de propiedad

hecha p. el Sup. Gobierno de este Departa-
mento en favor de los Señores D.^o Juan Rotundo
y D.^o Julian Workman, —

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del paraje conocido con el nombre de la Puente
en la comprehension de la Alcion de San
Gabriel y en la estension de cuatro sitios
de ganado mayor, p. título librado en 22
de Julio de este año, de entera conformidad
con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el
reglamento de 21 de Ato de 1828 —

2.^a Los agraciados cuidarán de
cumplir con lo prevenido en el art. 12 del
citado reglamento de 1828 p. q. p. ello
consolidado su d.º de propiedad al terreno
puedan disponer libremente de ella —

Salta de Comision Ciudad de los
Angeles Setiembre 30 de 1845 —

Fran.º de la Guerra Narciso Ballotz

Angeles Octubre 3 de 1845

En sesion de hoy se aprobaron
por la C. A. Departamental las dos pro-
posiciones del dictamen antecedente, mandando
se devuelva el expediente original para el
D.º Gobernador para los fines q. sean conve-
nientes —

Vio Vio

Agustino Ochoa
D.º

Con la misma fha que se aprobó quedo
librado a las partes la copia respectiva —

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 under
and by virtue of the second section of the Act
of Congress approved on the third day of March
1853. providing for the Survey of the public
lands in California and for other purposes; I
do hereby certify that the twenty five pre-
ceding and herunto attached pages of tracing
paper numbered from 1 to 25 inclusive
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 a part
of the said archives in this office.

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(S. D. K.)

In testimony whereof I have
herunto signed my name officially
and affixed my private seal, in
lieu of the seal of office which
has not been received at the
city of San Francisco Cal; the
17th day of July 1853 —
(Signed) Samuel D King
Sur Genl. Cal.

Filed in office September 20th 1853
(Sig) Geo. Fisher
Secy

Year 1842,
Expediente
instituted by John Roland
Soliciting the place "La Puente"

Third Seal. two bits

Translation of
Expediente

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime
Custom House of the Port of Monterey for
the years 1840 & 1841.
Primer Antonio M. Osio

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Revalidated by the same for the year 1842,
Alvarado Antonio Maria Osio

Custom
House of
Monterey

M^{te} Excellent Senor

I, John Roland a native of the
United States, and naturalized in
the Mexican Nation, married to a Mexican woman
and a resident of New Mexico by whom I
have seven children, four sons and three
daughters, desiring the repose of my family
and their well being, which is the
chief object of my cares, have come to
establish myself in this Department,
and to attain the same I need a tract of
land on which to put my property, and
which I can cultivate for the support of
my said family, and as there is in the
Exmission of San Gabriel a vacant place
being at the Bridge "La Puente" in the
midst of the lands of these persons whom
I name in this Petition being on the East bound-
ed by St Chino and San Jose, and on the
West by the river of San Gabriel, on the
North by the land of Don Luis Azenas and
on the South by the land of Las Coyotes

Wherefore I beseech your Excy that you will be pleased to grant me in property the land which I solicit, which may be four leagues (sitios de ganado mayor) a little more or less.

I pray your Excy do what I ask whereby I shall receive favor and justice
To His Excellency the Governor
John Polanco.

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(Marginal order) Monterey Jan'y 14' 1842
In conformity with the solicitation of the party the Place called La Puente situated between the rivers San Gabriel and the Lands of Arenas, Perez, Sugo and Los Coyotes and bounded thereby is granted to him.
Wherefore the party interested shall present himself with this decree to the Prefectura of the 2nd District and to the Superintendent of the establishment of San Gabriel, that they may interpose no obstacle to his occupying the place; of which not knowing the extent it has, the party shall make an exact map, and shall in due time send it to the Government with this decree, in order that it may issue to him the corresponding title.
Thus I Inan B. Alvarado Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias ordered & signed.
Alvarado

Angels Jan'y 31' 1842.
The party having presented himself to this Prefectura as directed by the Superior Marginal Decree of his Excy the Gov^r of this Department, dated Jan'y 14' of the present year, in which is granted to him the place called La Puente,
Let him, present the said Superior Decree to the Superintendent of the Establishment of San Gabriel who shall not oppose any obstacle

to the occupation of the place granted; and for the purpose of his complying with the direction of His Excy by making the proper maps in the presence of the adjoining owners. Thus I Santiago Arguello, retired Captain and Prefect of the 2nd District of the Department of the Californias decreed and signed.

S. Arguello

To the Prefect of this District

I, John Roland a native of the United States, naturalised in the Mexican Republic and married to a native of the same country, appear before Your Honor with proper respect, and in the best form, say: that having complied with what His Excy the Gov^t of this Department orders in His decree of Jan^y 14th of the present year, which appears in the application I respectfully present herewith, and having finished the maps of the place La Puente I pray Your Honor to forward it to His Excy the Gov^t to the end that he may issue to me the proper title, as mentioned in the said Decree and that I may enjoy my property with all security;

Wherefore I pray you to do what I ask, that in this I may receive favor, I swear that I act in good faith &c.

hoping that you will overlook this common paper for want of sealed paper in the place

Angeles Feby 8th 1842
John Roland.

Angeles Feby 8th 1842

(Marginal order)

As prayed for let this Expediente be sent to His Excy the Governor of this Department for his Superior Determination

S. Arguello

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(Marginal Order)

Monterey February 15 1842.

Let this application be passed to the Prefectura of the 2nd District - that the Customey reports may be taken as to whether the land marked in the map is the property of any individual.

Alvarado

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Angeles Feb 25th 1842

In conformity to the foregoing Superior Decree and to the laws and regulations on the subject. Let the 2nd Justice of the Peace of this City report whether the applicant has the necessary requisites to be proved, whether the land solicited in conformity to the boundaries marked in the map belongs to any individual, and when this report is completed let the Expediente be returned to this Prefectura for such other purposes as may be proper.

Arguello

To The Prefect.

According to the foregoing Superior Decree and to the laws and regulations on the subject, let the 2nd Justice of the Peace of this city report whether the applicant has the necessary to be proved, whether the land solicited in conformity to the boundaries marked in the map belongs to any individual, and when this report is completed let the Expediente be returned to this Prefectura for such other purposes as may be proper.

Arguello

To the Prefect

According to the foregoing Superior Decree for a report on the contents of the Solicitation I cannot do less than make known to this Prefectura that the Applicant is naturalized and has the necessary requisites to be favored and that the land

as designated in the map appears to be in conformity to the land of La Puente, which place has not been known as the property of any person, since it has always been considered to belong to the Mission of San Gabriel notwithstanding this is clear Your Honor will determine what may be judged convenient.

Angeles Feby 26, 1842
Jose L. Sepulveda

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Angeles Date as above
Let this Expediente pass to the superintendent of Rev. Ministers of the Mission of San Gabriel that he may present a report as to that community.
Arguello.

San Gabriel Feby 26' 1842.
The land of La Puente belongs to this community of S^{ra} Gabriel which occupies it with more than five hundred head of horses and five hundred head of large cattle, and in no manner does this community consent that the land should be alienated since it is the only place which the Mission has for plowing and to support its cattle.
Y^o Thomas Clemente de Estenave

Most Excellent Sir
As directed the Customary reports are taken in conformity to the Superior marginal Decree of Your Excy of the 17th of this month and it is represented therein that the place La Puente belonged to the Mission of San Gabriel but notwithstanding the Rev. Minister of said Mission maintaining its right of property, I believe it is not so much covered with stock at least with horned cattle, because at present it is rented by the minister to a citizen of this place; but as this Prefectura sees in the Expediente that

Your Excy has granted it to the party interested by superior Decree of July 14th of this year it is his duty to respect this concession,

As to the Aesino (or map) presented by the party, although the adjoining ranchos are seen to be marked, they are beyond the line which marks the boundary numbered from (5 to 6) & to 6, and all that is shown besides, is no doubt from mere curiosity. Nevertheless your Excy will more properly determine what should be your Superior's will.

Angeles Feby 28th 1852

S. Arguello

(Here follows a map)

Juan B. Alvarado Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias.

Whereas Don Juan Roland, a Mexican by naturalization has petitioned for his personal benefit and that of his family the Place known by the name of La Puente bounded by the Rancho of San Jose, by that of Don Jose de Jesus Serrano, by that of the Citizen Ignacio Polomares and by that of Don Luis Arenas, by the river San Gabriel, by the land of Don Juan Perez and the Old Mission; the steps being taken and proper enquiries made as required by the laws and regulations declaring it his property by these presents, subject to the approval of the Exch Departmental Junta and to the following conditions,

1st Neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide, nor alienate, the land which is granted to him, nor to impose upon any ground rent, entail, bond, mortgage or other incumbrances though it may be for pious purposes, nor transfer it in mortmain.

2nd He may enclase it without injury to the crossings, roads and servitudes, employ it for (the) such use or cultivation as may suit him, but within one year he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited.

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3rd When the property is confirmed to him he shall solicit the proper Judge to give him the judicial possession in virtue of this title, by whom the boundaries shall be marked on the limits of which he shall put the land marks, some fruit trees or forest trees of some utility.

4th The land of which donation is made is four leagues (sitios de ganado mayor) a little more or less as shown in the maps attached to the Expediente concerning the same. The Judge who shall give the possession shall have it measured in conformity to the ordinance, the surplus thereof to remain to the nation for the convenient uses.

Wherefore I order that this title being held firm and valid be registered in the proper book and afterwards delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes.

Given in Monterey the 9th of March, 1842

Angeles May 21st 1845,

This Expediente was submitted to the Most Excellent Assembly in Session of today and passed to the Commission of vacant lands.

Agustin Olvera
Becky
Prest.

Most Excellent Sir

The Commission of vacant lands has seen and examined with all the attention it has been possible to give the Expediente formed of the land of La Puente granted to the naturalized Citizen John Poland,

and in thereby coming to their knowledge that all the proceedings which appear have been taken with due regard to what in this matter is directed by the law, and that they were sufficient for giving the ownership of the land to the party interested in view of this ^{their} present for the deliberation of this respective body the following advise.

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That the concession made to the naturalized citizen John Poland of the place named La Puente granted in prospect the 9th of March 1842, in entire conformity to what is prescribed by the Law of the 18th of August 1824 and Article 5th of the regulation of the 21th of November 1828, be approved.

Heads of the Commission in the City of Los Angeles May 24th 1845,
Ignacio del Valle
Narciso Botello

Angeles May 28th 1845,
In session of this day the Hon. Assembly approved the foregoing advise ordering that this Expediente be returned to His Excy the Gov^r for future purposes
Diego Pico Pres^t
Agustín Alvarado Sec^y

Irish Seal - Six Dollars
Provisionally Authorized by the Maritime
Custom House of Monterey for the
Years 1839 & 1840
Alvarado Antonio M^o Osio

Seal
Juan B. Alvarado Constitutional
Governor of the Department of the
California.
Whereas Don Juan Poland a Mexican
by Naturalization has petitioned for his

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personal benefit and that of his family the place known by the name of La Puente bounded by the Rancho of San Jose, by that of Don Jose De La Cruz Seminario, by that of the Citizen Ygnacio Polomares, and by that of Don Luis Arenas by the river of San Gabriel; by the land of Don Juan Perez and the old Mission; the proceedings having been taken and enquiries made as directed by the Law and regulation, using the powers which are conferred upon me in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have granted to him the land mentioned declaring to him the ownership thereof by these presents, subjecting himself to the approval of the most Excellent Departmental Junta and to the following conditions;

1st Neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide nor alienate the land which is granted to him nor to impose any ground rent, entail, bond mortgage nor other incumbrance, though it may be for pious purposes, nor to transfer it in any manner.

2nd He may enclose it without injury to the crossings, roads and servitudes; he may enjoy it freely and exclusively employing it for such use or cultivation as suits him best.

3rd When the property is confined to him he shall solicit the proper Judge to give him the Judicial possession in virtue of this Title by whom the boundaries shall be marked, on the limits of which he shall put, besides the land marks, some fruit trees or forest trees of some utility.

4th The land which is mentioned is four leagues (sitios de ganado mayor) a little more or less, as explained in the map which is attached to Expediente thereof.

The Judge who gives the possession

shall have it measured in conformity to the ordinance and the surplus thereof to remain to the nation for the convenient uses.

Wherefore I order that the present title, being held firm and valid be registered in the proper book and be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes
Given in Monterey the 19th of March 1842.

Juan B. Alvarado
Mant Jimeno Secy

This title is registered in the Book of Entries of adjudications of vacant lands at folio 9, reverse

Jimeno

His Excellency the Governor has ordered that this concession be registered in the Prefectura of the 2nd District.

Jimeno

Angeles March 18th 1842

Let it be registered
Arguello

This title is registered at folio 1, reverse and 2 front, of the proper book kept in the Prefectura of the second District
Jose R. Arguello

Sir Sirs Senior Members of the Most Exct. Assembly and Governor ad interim of the Department of the Californias,

Whereas the Citizens John Roland and Julian Workman have petitioned for their personal benefit and that of their families the land known by the name of Lea Puente, which they have possessed during the time of three years

and which is bounded by the lands of the Ranchos of San Jose, of Los Nogales, of Jusa, of Don Julian Perez, of Los Coyotes, and the river of San Gabriel, the proper enquiries having first been made, using the powers which are conferred upon me in the name of the ~~King~~ Mexican Nation, I have granted them the land mentioned declaring them the ownership thereof by these presents this concession being understood to be in conformity to the laws, subject to the approval of the most Excellent Departmental Assembly and under the following conditions, ^{1st} they may enclose the land which is adjudicated to them without injuring the crossings roads and servitudes ^{2nd} they may enjoy it freely and exclusively, employing it for such use or cultivation as most suits them; but they shall have it occupied with a house of cultivation and stock.

^{3rd} The land of which donation is made them is that which is shown in the map which appears in the Expediente.

The proper Judge shall give them Judicial possession by virtue of this Title and shall mark the boundaries ordering sufficient land marks to be placed.

Wherefore I order that these presents serving as a title and being held firm and valid, be registered in the proper book and be delivered to the parties interested for their security and other purposes.
Given at the City of Los Angeles on the 22nd of July 1845.

Most Excellent Sir
John Rolando a Mexican Citizen by naturalisation presents himself before Your

Excellency in the best legal form and with the utmost respect and says:

That the subscribers having agreed with Don Julien Workman to solicit in the name of both the concession of a tract of land called La Puente which they now occupy went in person in the beginning of the year 1842 to Monterey where at that time the Superior Government of this Department was established for the purpose of asking for said Tract of La Puente, which he did shortly after his arrival at that place, by means of a writing which he presented for himself and in his own name alone, by mistake or through his involuntary fault, not having included in the request his associate Don Julien Workman.

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The Superior Government, having seen the solicitation which it received took the reports which it believed requisite, finally making the adjudication of the land asked for in conformity to the petitioners as proved by the annexed Title, and which concession the most Exch. Assembly approved, and as by said Documents the said Workman acquired no right to the land of La Puente, the appeals to your Excy's authority that through your well known goodness you would think proper to order the said title to be revalidated, making it to appear therein that the said concession is made to the petitioners and the said Workman, praying your Excy also that if you think proper to grant this petition you will order the proper title to be submitted to the Hon. Assembly for approval.

Wherefore he humbly prays Your Excy to receive this request, having a favorable result of the application from Your Excellency's well known goodness of heart, and for which favor the subscribers will live eternally grateful.

Sweating that this is in good faith and
what is necessary, and asking you to
excuse this paper for want of sealed.

For the party interested
Ignacio del Valle,

(On Margin)

Angels July 22nd 1845.

In view of this application and in
consideration of being true of what is represented
by the petitioners: It being public and
notorious that the Citizen Julien Work-
man has been and is the Associate and
partners of the applicant in the occupation
of the land of the Sea Puente; and in con-
sideration of the costs and expenses incurred
in the settlement and cultivation. Let a
title of property of said land be issued to the
Citizens John Roland & Julien Workman
by virtue of what is granted them by
this decree; Let the title be recalled
from the former (the letters) which he obtained
for said land for himself alone, attach
the same and the present Expediente to
the Expediente which was formed on the
acquisition of the first title, and let the
whole be referred to the most Excellent
Assembly in order that it may give its
approbation.

Pío Pico Governor ad interim of the
Department of the Californias, thus ordered
decree & signed as I certify,

Pío Pico

Jose Ma Covarrubias
Sec'y

Angels August 4th 1845

This Expediente was submitted to the
Most Excellent Assembly in session of to
day and ordered that to be transmitted to
the Commission of vacant lands

Pío Pico
Pres't

Agustin Olvera
Sec'y

Most Excellent Sir

The Commission of vacant lands having examined the proceedings appearing in the present Expediente, finds that they are conducted in strict regard to the laws on the subject and that they were sufficient for the Super Government of this Department to adjudicate in property in favor of the naturalized citizens John Roland and Julian Workman of the place known by the name of La Puente in the limits of the Mission of S^{ra} Gabriel and in extent four leagues de ganado mayor, by title issued the 22^d of July of this year, in entire conformity to the law of the 18th of August 1824 and the regulation of the 21st of November 1828 be approved.

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2nd That the Grantees should take care to comply with what is prescribed in article 12 of the said regulation of 1828 in order that thus soliciting their right of property to the land they may freely enjoy it.

Heall of the Commission, City of Los Angeles September 30th 1845.
Francisco de la Guerra
Francisco Batetes

Angels, October 3rd 1845

In session of today the Excellent Departmental Assembly approved the two propositions of the foregoing advise ordering that the original Expediente should be returned to his Ex^{ty} the Governor for the purposes which might be convenient
Pío Pico Agustín Olvera
Secy

On the same day on which it was approved the proper copies were delivered to the parties.

I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission to ascertain and settle the Private Land claims in the State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of a Spanish Document in Case No. 388 now on file in this Office.

Office of the Secretary of said Commission
San Francisco this 1st day of February
A.D. 1848.
G^o Fisher Sec.

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The Translation of this Grant and the Approval is already given in the paper on file marked "A" the original grant - marked Exhibit "B" being precisely the same as the copy contained in the Document on file marked Exhibit "A".

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Translation of
Exhibit "B"

Filed in Office Oct 18' 1852
G^o Fisher
Sec.

Spain 1000
follows

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La Puente de San Gabriel Concedido a Juan Roland y a
Julian Watheman. N^o 544.

Exhibit A.

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Pio Pico primer Vocal de la Junta de Asamblea y Gobernador
Interino del Departamento de las Californias.

Por cuanto los ciudadanos Juan Roland y Julian
Watheman han pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de sus
familias el terreno conocido con el nombre de la Puente
que poseen hace el tiempo de tres años y colinda con tierras
de los Ranchos de San José de los Nogales, de Juan y Don Juan
Pena, de los Coyotes Nogales Coyotes y el Rio de San Gabriel, pue-
-do a las prescripciones las diligencias y averiguaciones con cer-
-tas seguir lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos, cuando de
las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Union
Mexicana, he venido en concederles el terreno mencionado al ef-
-ecto de la propiedad de ellos por las presentes letras, con-
-cediéndoles dicha concesion de conformidad con las leyes, sujeta
a la aprobacion de la Junta de Asamblea Departamental y
bajo las condiciones siguientes. 1^o Podran tenerlo sin
pagar las traversias caminos y servidumbres, lo cual han
-aron libre y exclusivamente de sueldo lo al año o dentro
que unas le serun de, pero dentro de un año fabricar
Casa y estana habitada, y ocupada con sus
servos etc. = 2^o El terreno de que se le hace mención
es el que demuestran el plano que corre en el expediente
El Juez respectivo les dará posesion Judicial en virtud de
este despacho por el cual se demarcaran las lindas y pon-
-ran sus mojoneras suficientes. = En lo sucesivo cuando
que servun de les de título el presente y teniendo por
firmes y validos lo que se contiene en el libro respectivo y
se entregue a los interesados para su guarda y de sus
fines. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel
Comun por un haber de los correspondientes. Venito de las

de Julio de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y cinco. Pío Pico - José María Covarrubias. = Soletano. Questa tomada y hecha de este título en el libro á que corresponde. = fecha ut supra. José María Covarrubias. = Es copia tomada fielmente de su original que certifico.

Pío Pico Gobernador Interino del Depart' de las Californias. = La Junta Asambleá Departamental en Sesión de hoy ha acordado lo siguiente. 1º Se aprueba la concesion en propiedad hecha por el Superior Gobierno de este Depart' ante en favor de los señores D. Juan Roland y D. Julian Matheman del parage conocido con el nombre de la Fuente en las empinaciones de las laderas de San Gabriel y en la empuñ de Cuatro Sitios de Gauardo Mayor, por título librado en 22 de Julio de este año, de entera conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1824. 2º Los ayacultados Cuivaran cumplir con lo prescrito en el artículo 1º del estado, Reglamento de 1824 para que por ello consolidado su derecho de propiedad al terreno, puedan disponer libremente de ellos. Y para resguardo de las partes D. Don Juan Roland y de D. Juan Matheman lo hago así saber en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel común por falta de sellado, á tres de Octubre de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y cinco. Pío Pico - José María Covarrubias. Soletano. = Es copia tomada fielmente de su original que certifico.

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noviembre de 1828. = Los agruados Cuñaran de
Cumplir con lo prevenido en el artículo 19. Subletrado, Reg
lamento 12 del Cédulo de 1828, para que por ello Consi-
-derado en derecho de propiedad al terreno, puedan disponer
libremente de ellos. Y para seguridad de las partes el Dn
Juan Roland y Dn Julian Montemayor lo hago así saber.
Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por
falta del sellado. a diez de Octubre de mil ochocientos
Cuarenta y cinco.

Sin Dño primer Vocal de la Junta Attriblen y Gob
-ernador Intermio del Departamento de las Californias.

Por Cuerdo las Ciudadanos Juan Roland y
Julian Montemayor han pretendido para su beneficio personal
y el de sus familias el terreno conocido con el nombre de
la Puente que poseen hace el tiempo de tres años y colinda
con tierras de los Ranchos de S^{ta} Jose, de los Nogales, de
Santa de S^{ta} Juan Peres de las Logos y Rio de San Gabriel
para en todas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones con-
-venientes y usando de las facultades que me son conferidas
a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he venido en conceder
les el terreno mencionado, declarando les la propiedad de el
por las presentes letras, suscritas con esta caucion de Conf-
-ormidad con las leyes. Regta y las Constituciones de la
aprobacion de la Junta Attriblen Departamental y bajo
las condiciones siguientes. = 1.^a Podran cercar el
terreno que se les adjudica, sin perjudicar las posesiones
canonicas y de misindios, lo disfrutaran libre y exclusivamente
destinadas lo al uso o cultivo que mas le aconviene, pero
lo tendran ocupado con casa habitada, con labores
y buen suceso. 2.^a El terreno de que se hace
donacion es el que demuestran el alideno que corre en el
Expediente. El Juez que oviere la posesion Juris in re
Virtud de este despacho y demarcara las lindes man-
-dando poner las mojoneras suficientes.

En consecuencia mandado que serviendo les de
titulo el presente y teniendolo por firme y valido se

tomé daron de él en el libro respectivo. y se entregue al
 subteniente para su resguardo y demás fines. Dado en
 la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel común por no haber
 del sello que corresponde a veinte y dos de Julio del año
 Ochocientos Cuarenta y cinco.

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

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I Samuel D. King Surveyor Genl
 of the United States for the State of California and as
 such now having in my office and under my charge
 and custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish
 and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California, do
 hereby Certify that the 8 preceding and hereunto annexed
 pages of tracing paper numbered from one to eight include
 and each of which is verified by my initials (S D King) and
 a true and accurate copy of certain documents on file and
 forming part of the said Archives in this Office.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed
 my name and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal
 of office) at the City of San Francisco Cal this 14th day
 of September 1852.

Samuel D. King.
 Surveyor General.
 California.

Filed in office. Oct. 9th 1852.

Geo. Fisher
 Secy.

Pío Pico . Irish Vocal of the Excellent
Assembly and Governor ad interim of the
Department of the Californias .

"A"
Translation
of Exhibit

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Whereas the Citizens John Polanco
and Julian Workman have solicited
for their personal benefit and that of
their families the Land known by the
name of La Puente, which they have
possessed for three years and which is
bounded by the lands of the Ranchos of San
Jose; Los Angeles, Lusa, of San Juan Perez
Los Coyotes and the rivers of San Gabriel;
the proper enquiries having first been
made, in the exercise of the powers which
have been conferred upon me in the
name of the Mexican Nation, I have
determined to grant them the said land,
declaring it their property by these pre-
sents, this concession understood
to be in conformity to the laws subject
to the Approval of the Departmental
Assembly and under the following
conditions.

2nd The Land hereby donated is that
which is shown in the desino (map)
which accompanies the Expediente.

The proper Judge shall give them
judicial possession in virtue of this
Decree, and shall mark out the bound-
aries, ordering sufficient landmarks
to be established.

Wherefore I order that these presents
serving as a title and being held firm
and valid be recorded in the proper
book and delivered to the parties interested
for their security and other purposes.

Given at the City of Los Angeles on
this Common paper, there being no sealed
paper of the proper kind, the 22nd of
July 1845.

Pío Pico
Jose M. Covarrubias Secretary.

This title is recorded in the proper book Angeles date as above.
Jose M. Covarrubias

This is a true copy as I certify

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Pio Pico Governor Ad interim of the Department of the Californias.

The Excellent Departmental Assembly in its Session of today have decreed as follows:

1st The concession in property made by the supreme Government of this Department to Don Juan Poland and Don Julian Workman of the place known by the name of La Puente comprised within the limits of the mission of San Gabriel, of the extent of four leagues de ganado mayor, by a title issued the 22nd of July of the present year, in entire conformity to the Decree of the 18th of August 1824 and the regulation of the 21st 1828 is approved.

2nd The beneficiaries shall take care to comply with what is prescribed in the 12th article of the said regulation of 1828 in order that their right of property in the land being established (consolidad) they may dispose of it freely.

And for the security of the parties Don Julian Poland and Don Julian Workman I cause this to be known

Given at the City of Los Angeles on this common paper for want of sealed the 3rd of October 1845

Pio Pico
Jose M. Covarrubias
Secretary

Filed in Office
Oct 9th 1852
Jose M. Fisher
Secy.

This is a true copy from the original as I certify. The second title and approval by the Assembly are precisely the same as the foregoing, the signatures only and certificate being wanting.

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Exhibit
" B " }
Annexed to the
Deposition of
Ignacio del }
Valle }

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Documentos pertenecientes
á los C. C. Juan Roland
y Julian Workman que
acreditan su propiedad sobre
el terreno de la Fuente -

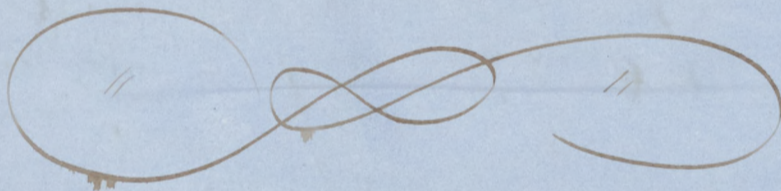


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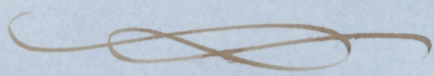
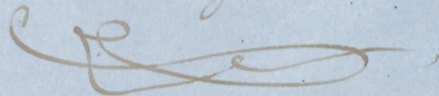
(Signed) H. Hatt

Lello Primero Ocho Pesos

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana
maritima del puerto de Monterey en el
Departamento de las Californias, para los
años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro
y mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Micheltorua

Pablo de la Guerra

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Vic Vic primer vocal de la
Exma Asamblea y Gobernador
Interino del Departamento de las
Californias



Por cuanto los ciudadanos Juan
Roland y Julian Workman han
pretendido para su beneficio per-
sonal y el de su familia el terreno enocido
en el nombre de la Puente que poseen hace
el tiempo de tres años y colinda con tierras
de los Ranchos de San José, de los Nogales,
de Susa, de D^o Juan Perez, de los Coyotes
y rio de San Gabriel; practicadas previamente
las averiguaciones concernientes y usando de
las facultades que me son conferidas
a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he
venido en concederles el terreno mencionado
declarandoles la propiedad de él por las
presentes letras, entendiendose esta concesion
de conformidad con las leyes, sujeta á la
aprobacion de la Exma Asamblea Depar-
tamental, y bajo las condiciones siguientes

1^a Podran cercar el terreno que se

les adjudica sin perjudicar las trabecias
caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutarán libre y
exclusivamente destinándolo al uso y cultivo
que mas les acomode; pero lo tendrá ocu-
pado con casa habitada, labores y bienes
semovientes

El terreno de que se les hace dona-
cion es el que demuestra el diseño que
corre en el expediente: El Juez que diere
respectivo les dará la posesion juridica en
virtud de este Despacho y demarcará los
linderos mandando poner las mojneras
suficientes

En consecuencia mando que sir-
viendoles el presente de titulo y teniendose por
firmo y validero, se tome razon de él en el
libro respectivo y se entregue a los interesados
para su resguardo y demas fines

Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles
á veinteidos de Julio de mil ochocientos
cuarenta y cinco

(Signed) Pio Pico

(Signed) José M. Covarrubias

Pro.

Queda tomada razon de este titulo en
el libro á que corresponde

Angeles fecha ut supra

(Signed) Covarrubias

Pio Pico Gobernador Interino del

Departamento de las Californias



La Exma Asamblea Departamental en Sesion de hoy ha acordado lo siguiente —

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1^a Se aprueba la concecion en propiedad, hecha por el Superior Gobierno de este Departamento en favor de los Señores Don Juan Roland y Don Julian Workman del parage conocido con el nombre de la Fuente, en la compracion de la Mission de San Gabriel, y en la estension de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor por titulo librado en 22 de Julio de este año, de entera conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1826, y el reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 —

2^a Los agraciados cuidarán de cumplir con lo prevenido en el artículo 12 del citado reglamento de 1828 para que por ello consolidado su derecho de propiedad al terreno, puedan disponer libremente de ella —

Y para resguardo de las partes de Don Juan Roland y Don Julian Workman lo hago asi saber. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por falta de sellado, á tres de Octubre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco —

(Signed) Pro Dico

(Signed) Jose M^a Covarrubias

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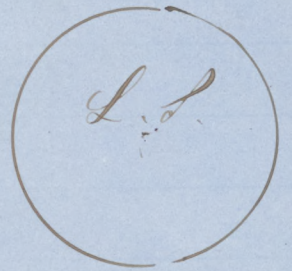
Estado de California }
Condado de los Angeles }

Certifico yo Ignacio del Valle regis-
trador del condado referido; que los documentos
que anteceden, los entregó en esta oficina para
su registro Juan Roland a las cinco horas y
cinco minutos de la tarde de la fecha y despues
de hecha la anotacion respectiva se devuelvo
a dicho Roland —

En cuyo testimonio suscribo mi nombre
y pongo mi sello oficial en la Ciudad de los
Angeles a 24 de Marzo de 1851 —

(Signed) Ignacio del Valle

Derechos de registro }
y rotulacion siete pesos }



Tiled in office October 18th
1852 —

(Signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy

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Documents belonging to Citizens John Poland and Julien Workman which establish their property in the tract of land "La Puente"

Translation of Exhibit "B"

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First Seal Eight Dollars
Provisionally authorized by the Maritime
Custom House of the Port of Monterey
for the years 1844 and 1845.
Michelmorena Pablo de la Guerra

Custom House
of Monterey

Pío Pico Senor Member of
the Most Excl. Assembly and
Governor ad interim of the
Department of the Californias

Political
Government of
Californias

Whereas Citizens John Poland and Julien Workman have petitioned for their personal benefit and that of their families a tract of land known by the name of "La Puente" which they have possessed during three years time and bounded by the lands of the Ranchos of San Jose, of Los Nogales, of Susa, of Don Juan Perez, of Los Coyotes and the river of San Gabriel the appropriate enquiries being first made, and using the powers which are conferred upon me in the name of the Mexican Nation I have granted them the above mentioned tract of land, declaring to them the ownership thereof by these presents; this concession being understood to be in conformity with the laws and subject to the approval of the Most Excellent Departmental Assembly and the following conditions.

1st They may enclose the land which is adjudicated to them without incurring

the crossings, roads & servitudes, they may enjoy it freely and exclusively, employing it for such use or cultivation as best suits them, but they shall have it occupied with an inhabited house, cultivation and cattle.

Qnd The land of which donation is made them is that shown in the map which appears in the Expediente.

The proper Officers shall give them the Judicial possession by virtue of this Title and shall mark the boundaries, ordering them to place usual Land marks.

Wherefore I order that these presents serving them as Title, and being held firm and valid, be registered in the proper Book and be delivered to the parties interested for their security and other purposes.

Given in the City of Los Angeles the 22nd of July 1845, Dio Pico

Jose M. Covarrubias
Secy

This Title is registered in the Book to which it corresponds,
Angeles date as above,
Covarrubias

Dio Pico Governor ad interim of the Department of the Californias.

Book of the Dept.
of the
Californias

The Most Excellent Departmental Assembly in Session of this day has decreed as follows:

1st That the concession in property made by the Superior Government of this Department in favor of Don Juan Polanco & Don Julien Mordman of the place known by the name of Sea Puente within the limits of the Mission of San Gabriel and in extent

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four leagues, (sitios de Ganado Mayor) by title issued the 22nd of July of this year in entire conformity with the laws of the 18th of August 1824 and the regulation of the 21st of November 1828, is approved, 2nd That the Grantees shall take care to comply with the provisions of the 12th Article of said regulation of 1828, that thus consolidating their right of property in the land, they may dispose of it freely.

And for the security of the parties Don Juan Roland & Don Julian Workman I cause this to be known, Given in the City of Los Angeles on this common paper for want of sealed the 3rd of October 1848

Pis Pico,
Jose M^a. Covarrubias
Sec'y

State of California }
County of Los Angeles }

I Ignacio del Valle, Recorder of said County certify that John Roland deposited the foregoing Documents in this Office for record at five minutes after five o'clock P.M. of this day and after making the proper record they are returned to said Roland

In testimony whereof I subscribe my name and affix my official seal in this city of Los Angeles the 4th of March 1851,

Ignacio del Valle

Seal

Recorders Fees \$ 8.

I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission to ascertain &c do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of a Spanish Document in Case No 385 now on file in this Office

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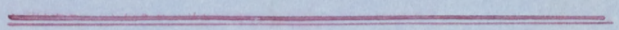
Office of the Secretary of Said Commission
San Francisco Cal this 11th day of February
A.D. 1854

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John Roland & Julian Workman

vs
The United States "La Puente"Opinion of
the Board by
Commissioner
R. Aug. Thompson.

This is a claim for a tract of land situated in the County of Los Angeles, and contained within certain boundaries specified in the Grant.

The history of the case as shown by the traced copy of Expediente from the Archives in the Office of the United States Surveyor General present the following facts.

John Roland one of the Claimants presented to the Governor a petition without date praying for a grant of the land and describing it by metes & bounds; upon this petition there is a marginal Decree dated Jan'y 14th 1842 signed Alvarado conceding to the petitioner a provisional right of occupation and requiring him to make an exact map of the land and submit it to the Government in order that the corresponding title might be issued to him. On the 8th of February following the Claimant Roland renewed his application to the Governor accompanied by a map of the land on which the boundaries are marked out.

Upon this application Governor Alvarado after making the usual preliminary enquiries and investigations on the 9th of March 1842 issued to the petitioner a formal title to the land describing it as the place known by the name of La Puente bounded by the Rancho of San Jose, Don Jose de la Cruz Leineros, by that of the Citizen Ygnacio Polomares, by that of Don Luis Arenas by the river San Gabriel, by the land of Don Juan Perez and the Old Mission

The fourth condition of the grant describes it as containing four sitios de ganado mayor a little more or less as shown by the maps attached to the Expediente with the usual reservation of the Sobrante or surplus for the use and benefit of the Nation.

On the 28th day of May 1845 this grant was duly approved by the Departmental Assembly.

During the same year as appears by the following proceedings a new application was presented to Governor Pio Pico on behalf of John Roland and his partners and associate Julien Workman by Ignacio del Valle setting out that either through error inadvertance or mistake the former proceedings have been carried on, and the grant issued to John Roland alone instead of to him and his associate jointly as it should have been - and praying that the same might be set aside and cancelled, and a new grant issued to the parties in conformity to the prayer of the petition.

This petition was accompanied by the original grant from Governor Alvarado which was surrendered, and appears in the Expediente with the signatures of the Governor and Secretary attached. Upon this petition Governor Pio Pico on the 22nd of July 1845 entered a marginal Decree recalling the former grant and directing "a title of property of said land" to be issued to the citizens John Roland and Julien Workman and referring the whole to the Departmental Assembly for its approbation.

The grant was accordingly issued on the same day, and on the 3rd of October following was duly approved by the Departmental Assembly.

In this last grant the land is described as that shown in the map,

which appears in the Expediente.

No quantity is specified, nor is there any reservation of a Sobrante (overplus). It appears very clear from both grants that it was the intention of the Government to grant all the vacant land lying between the Ranchos named as boundaries, and the river of San Gabriel.

These surround the land on every side and are laid down and defined on the map with sufficient certainty and precision to enable a surveyor to locate and establish its boundaries.

The conditions of the grant in this case differ somewhat from the usual form. The grantees are required to have it occupied with an inhabited house, cultivation and cattle.

The evidence on this point is very full and complete.

Benjamin D. Wilson testifies that he came to this country with Roland in December 1842. The land was then occupied by said Workman & Roland, the latter having been there the year previous.

That there had been a considerable quantity of land cultivated and Mr. Workman had an adobe house on it into which he moved and resided in it the ensuing winter and has continued to reside in it ever since.

He commenced buying stock in the same year and has increased since having now large stocks of horses, cattle & sheep.

Roland returned to New Mexico in the spring of 1842 for his family and came back with them in the fall of the same year, and during the following one built an adobe house in which he has lived ever since.

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He has also large stocks of cattle and horses on it and has cultivated the land extensively.

David W. Alexander testifies to the same effect.

The genuineness of the Original grant and certificate of the Approval of the Departmental Assembly are satisfactorily proven by the Deposition of Ignacio del Valle.

The parties have clearly made out a case entitling them to a confirmation of their claim, and a decree will be entered accordingly.

Filed in Office April 4 1854

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Case No. 388

John Roland & Julian Workman
vs
The United States } "La Puente"

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

The land of which confirmation is made is situated in the County of Los Angeles and is known by the name of La Puente, being the same that was granted to the claimants, John Roland & Julian Workman by Governor Pio Pico on the 22nd of July 1845, and is now held and occupied by them.

This is of the extent shown by the map which appears in the Expediente, a copy of which is filed in

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the case and is bounded by the Ranchos
of San Jose; of Las Nogales of Leuzá,
of San Juan Perez, and of Las Coyotes and
the river of San Gabriel,

Reference for a particular description
to be had to the original grant and map
aforesaid.

Alphens Delcho
Thompson Campbell
R. Aug Thompson,
Commissioners

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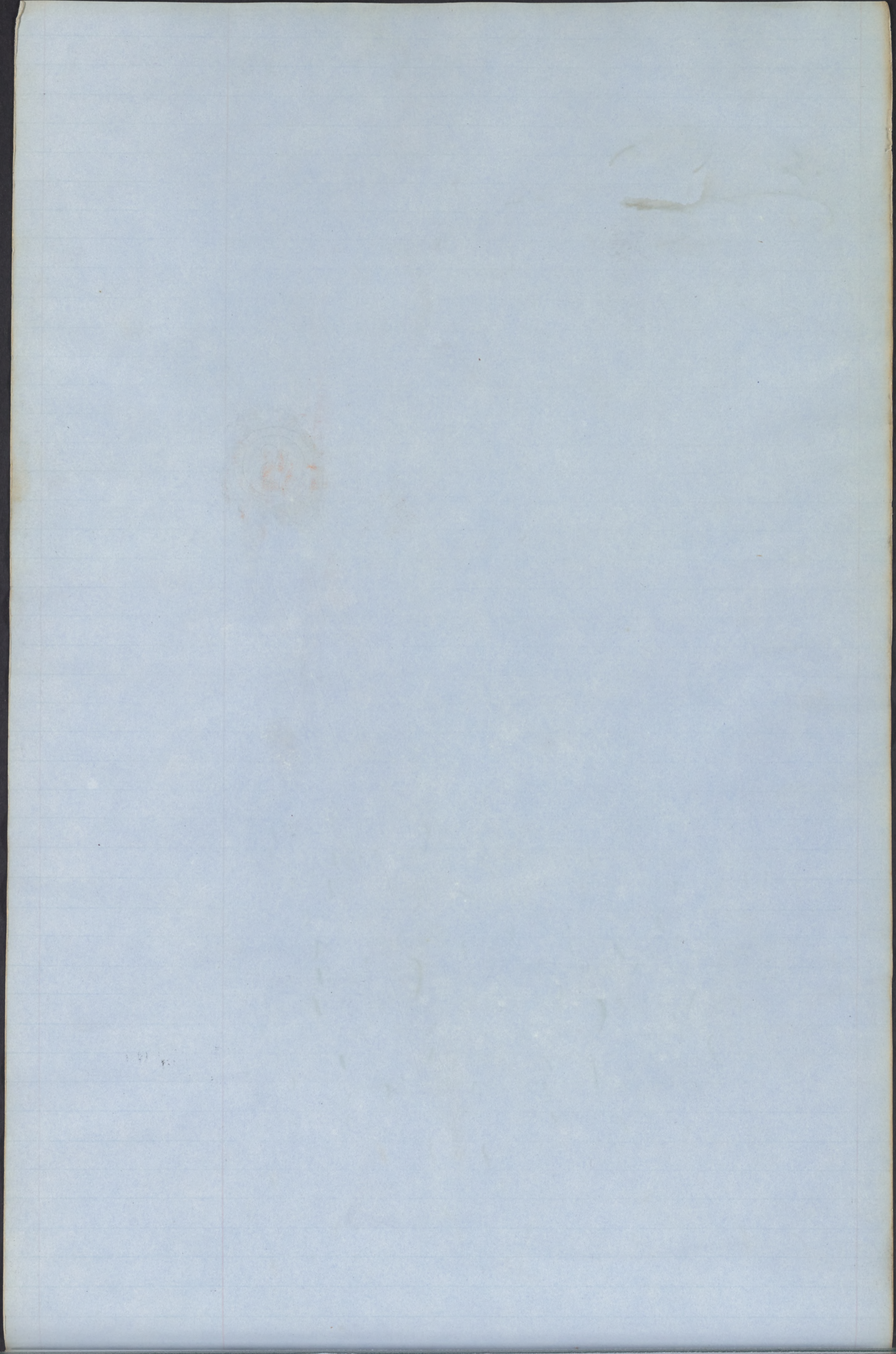
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And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board, that the land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Southern District of California it is hereby ordered

That two Transcripts of the Proceedings and of the Decisions in this case, and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded, be made out and duly certified by the Secretary, and of which Transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, and the others 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 *sixty two* — pages, numbered from 1 to *62*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Transcript 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. *388* on the Docket of the said Board, wherein *John Roland, et al,*

Claimant, against the United States, for the place known by the name of "*La Puente*"

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 *October* A. D. *1854*; and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy=*ninth*.

Geo. Fisher.



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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,
Southern District of California.

No. 127, *Docket*

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

John Rolund et al,
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For La Puente.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD
FROM THE
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,
In Case No. 385.

Filed, November 8th

1854.

*J. E. Fan
Clerk.*

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Transcript
of the
Proceedings

In case _____ No. 385.

John Roland et al. _____ Claimant
_____ v. s. _____

The United States _____ Defendant

For the place named

"La Puente"

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United States District Court
Southern District of California
Clerks Office Los Angeles

I Charles Evans Clerk of the District Court
of the United States for the Southern District of California
do hereby Certify the foregoing nine pages numbered from
1 to 9 both inclusive contain a full true and correct
Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision
of said Court and the papers and evidence on which said de-
cision was founded on file in my office in Case No 127
on the Docket of said Court wherein John Roland et al, are
the Appellors and the United States are the Appellants
for the place called "La Puente"

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the Seal
of said Court at the City of Los An-
geles, California this
day of April 1856

Office of the Board of Commissioners
To Ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims
in the State of California

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Best remembered, that on the 11th day of October Anno-
Domini One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty two, before the Commis-
sioners 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 proce-
dure were had to wit:

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The petition of John Roland Chal, for the
place named La Buente, was presented, and ordered to be filed and
docketed with No. 385, and is as follows to wit:
(vide page 3 of this transcript)

Upon which petition the following subsequent pro-
ceedings were had to wit:

Los Angeles, October 10, 1852, in Case
No. 385, John Roland Chal, for the place named "La Buente"
the deposition of Francisco del Valle, a witness in behalf of the
Claimants, taken before Commissioner Melaud Hall, with documents
marked N. N. P. and the translation thereof marked B. Amended
thereof was filed
(vide page 4 of this transcript)

Los Angeles, Oct 21st 1852
In the same case the deposition of David W. Alexander
a witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner
Melaud Hall was filed
(vide page 5 of this transcript)

Los Angeles, October 22nd 1852
In the same case the deposition of Benjamin D. Wilson a
witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner
Melaud Hall was filed
(vide page 5 of this transcript)

San Francisco, Sept. 26th 1853
In the same case Commissioner J. A. Thompson deliv-
ered the opinion of the Board confirming the claim,
(vide page 5 of this transcript)

San Francisco Aug 15th 1854
In the same case, on motion of the United States law agent
the following order was made to wit:
(vide page 62 of this transcript)

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To the Honorable Commissioners for ascertaining and settling Private Land Claims in California

Petition

John Kolaud and Julian Wassman represent, That

on the 29th of July 1845. His Ex^{ty} the Governor of California acting under the authority of the laws then in force, granted to them a tract of land called La Puente, contained within certain limits specified in the grant, which tract of land lies in the present County of Los Angeles, and that the said grant was duly approved by the Departmental Assembly on the 3rd of October 1845

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All which will more fully appear by reference to the Document marked "Exhibit A" herewith filed together with a translation of the same

That the said land was legally occupied by them in the year 1842, at which time they commenced improving it, and they have continued to occupy and reside on it down to the present time

That they know of no other claim to any part of this land.

In support of their claim they rely upon the document now filed and such other evidence as they may hereafter present, and they pray a confirmation of their title to the land designated in the said grant

J. P. Gutzwiller
Atty for Claimants

Filed in Office Oct 9th 1852
Geo Fisher
Scty

Office of U. S. Land Commission
Los Angeles

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On the 18th day of October 1852, before me Hiland Hall one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private Land Claims in California personally appeared Ygnacio del Valle, a witness produced on behalf of the Claimants John Roland & Julian Woodruff in the Case which is No. 385 on the Pocket of said Commissioners, who having been duly sworn testified as follows: the Oath of said Ygnacio del Valle the United States having been notified and attending

Ygnacio del Valle

Question First. What is your name & age and where do you reside
Answer My name is Ygnacio del Valle, I am forty four years of age, and reside in Los Angeles California

Question Second. Are you acquainted with the signatures of Pio Pico and Jose M Covarrubias
Answer. I am

Question Third. Examine the document marked "Exhibit B" now shown you and which is filed as part of this Deposition, and say whether or not the signatures of Pio Pico and Jose M Covarrubias to the grant and approval contained in said document, as also the signatures of Covarrubias, to the certificate following the grant are genuine
Answer. During the period above mentioned Pio Pico was Governor and Jose M Covarrubias was Secretary

Question Fourth. What office in California, if any, did said persons hold on the 22nd of July and 3rd of Oct. 1845?
Answer. During the period above mentioned Pio Pico was Governor and Jose M Covarrubias was Secretary

Ygnacio del Valle

Sworn & Subscribed before me
Hiland Hall Com^r

Filed in office Oct 18th 1852
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Office of U.S. Land Commissioner
Los Angeles Oct. 21st 1852

Deposition
of
David W. Alexander

On this day before Roland Hall one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private Land Claims in California came David W. Alexander a witness produced in behalf of the Claimants John Roland et al. whose petition is No. 385. on the Rocks, of the Board, and was duly sworn his evidence being given in English

The U.S. Associate Law Agent was notified and attended

In answer to questions by Counsel for the Claimants the witness testified as follows

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My Name is David W. Alexander, my age is forty years and I reside in Los Angeles I am acquainted with the Rancho called San Lucate, it is in the County of Los Angeles, about eighteen miles from this place. This occupied by Julian Workman & John Roland. I came to this County with John Roland in December 1842.

The land was then occupied by said Workman and Roland, the latter having been there the year previous. There had been a considerable quantity of land cultivated.

Workman had an adobe house on it in which he was then living with his family & he still continues to live in it. Workman had cattle and horses on the land in December 1842. Roland built a large house on the land the next season in which he has lived ever since.

Sworn & subscribed before me
Roland Hall Com'r
David W. Alexander

Filed in office Oct 21 1852
Geo. P. Smith
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Office of the U.S. Land Commission
Los Angeles Oct. 22^d 1852

On this day before Meland Hall one of the Commissioners for ascertaining and settling Private Land Claims in the State of California, came B. D. Wilson a witness produced on the part of the Claimant John Roland Esq. whose petition is No. 385. on the docket of the Board and was duly sworn, his evidence being given in English.

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The U.S. Associate Law Agent was notified and attended.

In answer to questions by Counsel for the Claimant the witness testified as follows, My Name is Benjamin D. Wilson My age is forty years and I resided in Los Angeles, and have resided in California since the year 1841.

I am acquainted with the Ranch, called Santa, this (B. D. Wilson) situated in this County about eighteen in an easterly direction from this City. I first saw the land in 1842. It was first occupied in 1842, by Julian Workman, who raised a crop of corn & beans on it. He had a shanty there in the spring, and he commenced an adobe house into which he moved, and he resided in it the ensuing winter & has continued living in it ever since.

He commenced buying stock in 1842 and has increased it since, and has now quite a large stock of cattle horses and sheep. Workman & Roland & myself came to California together in 1841. Roland went to New Mexico for his family in the Spring of 1842, and returned with them in the fall of that year. He has lived on the land with his family ever since. He built an adobe house in 1843, in which he has resided ever since.

He has a large stock of cattle horses and sheep, a large quantity of the land has been cultivated.

Subscribed & sworn before me
B. D. Wilson
Meland Hall Com'r

Filed in office Oct 22 1852
Geo. P. Smith
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Expediente

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Expediente

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Promovido por ciudadano naturalizado
D.^o Juan Polanco
en solicitud del paraje llamado La
Puente

(Dpto)

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Año de 1842

Expediente promovido por D. Juan Goland
Salicitud del paraje ^{de} la Puente

In the District Court of the United States for the
Southern District of California
Los Angeles - - - - - December Term, 1855.

John Polaud et al
Appellees No 124.
ad. (No 385 of Transcript)
The United States
Appellants On Appeal from the United States
Land Commission

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Appeal

A motion of the said Attorney of the United States for the
Southern District of California it is hereby
Ordered by the Court, that an appeal be granted the
United States, from the judgment of this Court against the said
United States, in the above entitled Cause, rendered on or about
the 12th day of February A.D. 1856.

J. C. D. D.
Dist Atty

Filed March 1st 1856
J. E. Farr Clerk
G. S. Morgan 1856

In the United States District Court Southern District of California

The United States Appellants vs Case No. 124

vs John Roland Etal Appellees vs "La Puente"

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Motion for Appeal by Appellees

And now comes the above named Appellees by William G. Dryden their Attorney, and moves the Court to grant an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from a part of the decision rendered in this Court in the above entitled Cause on the 12th day of February A.D. 1850. to wit: From that part of the said decision rendered, rejecting the claim for whatever land might be contained within the exterior limits of the grant, over and above four square leagues of land as appears by the grant & map on file in this case and restricting them to four square leagues.

W. G. Dryden Attorney for Claimants

Filed March 3rd 1850 L. E. Carr etc

In the United States District Court for the Southern District of the State of California

The United States app^{ts} vs Case No. 124

vs John Roland Etal app^{ees} vs "La Puente"

Order of Appeal to Supreme Court

On motion of William G. Dryden Attorney of the above named Appellees it is ordered that an appeal be granted said Appellees to the Supreme Court of the United States from that part of the judgment rendered in the above entitled Cause February 12th A.D. 1850 restricting the claimants to four square leagues with the exterior limits of the grant and map

Filed March 3rd 1850 L. E. Carr etc

[3. D.K]

Jello Percors. No selles
 Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana Maratima del Puerto
 de Monterey, en el Departamento de las Californias para las Aduas
 de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno
 Nueve
 Auto N.º 114
 Rehabilitado por la misma para el Adu de mil
 ochocientos Cuarenta y dos
 Alvarado
 Antonio M. de O. S.

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Don Juan

Don Juan Roland Natural de los Estados Unidos
 y Naturalizado en la Nacion Mexicana, Casado
 en Monterey, Ca. 114 del Sr. Don Mexicana y vecino de Nuevo Mexico en
 quien tengo siete hijos siendo cuatro hombres
 y tres niñas. deseando la quietud de mi
 Con lo que pide esta familia y su bien estar que es por lo q.
 parte se le concede el dolo. he venido a radicarme en este
 el sitio nombrado la Departamento y para verificarlo me encuentro
 punto situado entre tener un terreno donde meter mis bienes
 el Rio de San Gabriel y sembrar para mantener mi mencionada
 y Colindante con los Ganaderos; y como en la N. Mexicana de
 San Juan Arcas. Perez, San Gabriel hay un paraje baldio que se
 llama y los fogotes halla en el Puente en medio de las
 Portante el interesado es que en este pedimento señalo siendo
 se presentará con este que por el oriente Colinda con el punto
 decreto a la Prefectura y con Sr. José y por el Poniente con el
 del 2º Distrito del Rio de San Gabriel y con Don Juan Arcas
 encargada del citab. al Norte. y por el Sur el Sr. Perez y los
 licencias de San Gabriel, Fogotes y los Sr. Nicos - por lo q. su-
 pta que me se le ponga - plico a V.E. que se digna concederme
 obstaculo alguno en la en propiedad el terreno que solicito el
 ocupacion del para- [4. S.D.K]
 ja; del que no sabiendo que podran ser cuatro sitios de ganado
 la estension que tiene mayor poco mas o menos; por tanto a
 se formará exactamente V.E. suplico probar como pido en lo
 el diseño respectivo por que recibire gracia y merced
 el dicho interesado
 y lo remitirá oportuna^{mente}
 al Gob^{no} con este decreto
 para Expedirle el titulo
 correspondiente. Asi lo Juan P. Alvarado Gobern
 Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias lo mande
 y firme
 Juan Roland
 Alvarado

Aug. 3, de 1842

Presentado el interesado a esta Prefectura como lo
previene el Sup. Decreto Marquial del E. Sr. Jor Gobernador
de este Departamento. fha 14 de Enero del presente año en que
se le concede el sitio nombrado la Puente presente el auto dicho
Superior Decreto al Encargado del Establecimiento de San Gabriel
quien no =

[Bello Terreno Dos Reales] [5 D.R.]

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Habilitado provisionalmente para la Aduana Maratima del Puerto
de Monterey, en el Departamento de las Californias, para los años
de mil ochocientos cuarenta y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno
Demora

Habilitado para la misma, para el año de mil
ochocientos cuarenta y dos

Alvarado Antonio de la Cruz



= le pondrá obstáculo alguno en la ocupacion
del sitio concedido y se le formara el terreno de
el terreno respectivo. Con presencia de los
Calificantes, se cumplirá con la descripción p.
de E. en San Santiago Arguello, Capitán

retirado y Prefecto del 2º Distrito del Departamento de Cal-
ifornia, lo decreté y firmé

J Arguello [6 D.R.]

Jor Prefecto de este Distrito

LJ

Juan Boland oriundo de los Estados Unidos
Naturalizado en la Republica Mexicana
y Casado con hija del mismo Pais. Ante
V. S. con la debida respetuosidad y como
mejor parezca digo que habiendo cumplido
como lo pide la Com. que el E. S. Gubern. de este Depar-
tamento ordena en el Decreto fha 14 de
presente Expediente Enero del presente año que consta en la
a' manos del E. S. instancia que respetuosamente acompaño
por Gobernador de este y concluida el terreno respectivo del sitio
Departamento por su de la Puente suplico a V. S. que asimismo
superior resolucioin se sirva elevarlo a manos del E. S.

J Arguello Go = [4 D.R.]

Monterey Feb. 2 de 1842 = berados a fin de que mi estancia en el
del 1842 titulo respectivo segun lo pido al mismo
Hare esta instancia decreté y pueda disfrutar en toda segu-

Monterrey N.L.
 14 de 1842
 Para esta justificación
 a la Prefectura del 2.^o
 Distrito de pro. se practi-
 quen los informes
 de título sobre si el
 terreno demarcado
 en el diseño no re-
 conoce propiedad de
 algun individuo
 Alvarado

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= bernados a fin que se me entienda
 el título respectivo según espresa el
 mismo decreto y pueda disputar con
 toda seguridad de mi propiedad
 for tanto. A. S. meo haga como
 pide que en ello recibirá gracia,
 juro no proceder de malicia y los
 necesarios para espresando la dispensa
 de papel común por falta de sellado
 en el lugar
 Angeles Feb 7 de 1842
 Juan Palau

De conformidad con el sup.^o Decreto y Antecede
 y con arreglo a las leyes y reglamentos de la materia informe
 el Jefe de Paz de esta Ciudad si el representante tiene
 los requisitos necesarios para ser atendido; si el terreno que
 solicita conforme esta designado en la replicación de sus luy-
 deros pertenece a algun individuo; y evacuado este informe
 vuelva el Expediente a esta Prefectura para los de mas fines
 que sean convenientes

Angulo

Prefecto
 Ante al sup.^o decreto que antecede
 para que obre el contenido de lo que se solicita informe
 No puedo menos que verificarlo haciendo presente a esta
 Prefectura que el representante esta naturalizado y tiene
 los requisitos necesarios para ser atendido; y el terreno según
 esta designado parece ser conforme con el del Puente
 cuyo paraje no se ha conocido por propiedad de
 ninguna persona, pues siempre ha estado por de la mano
 de San Gabriel; y sin embargo de esta claridad V. S.
 determinará lo que juzgue conveniente

Ang. Feb 26 de 1842
 J. G. Sepulveda

Auf Sta. ut supra
 o. P. Mente de la Mision de S. Gabriel p. g. reproducera
 su informe en cuanto a aquella Comunidad
 [9 S.D.K.]
 Arzuello

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San Gabriel Feb. 26 de 1842
 El terreno de la Puente es de esta Com-
 unidad de S. Gabriel y lo tiene ocupado con mas de quin-
 -ientos bestias Caballer y gumentos Cabezas de ganado mayor
 y de Menzuna manera se conforme esta Comunidad en que
 el terreno se enajene, pues es el unico punto que tiene la
 Mision para sembrar y mantener sus bienes
 J. Thomas Eleuterio de Estenaca

Am. Jor
 Agradados practicas los informes de todo conforme
 al Superior Dec. Marginal de V.E. de 14 de este mes
 se advierte por ellos que el sitio de la Puente pertenece a
 la Mision de S. Gabriel pero apesar de q. el P. Mente de
 otra Mision postone esta pertenencia. Creo que no debe
 estar tan cubierta de bienes, a lo menos en cuanto a
 a ganado vacuno p. g. en la actualidad lo tiene
 el P. Mente en arrendamiento a un vecino de este lugar
 pero como esta Prefectura se en el mismo Expediente q.
 V.E. lo tiene Concedido al interesado por Decreto Superior de
 14 de Enero del presente Añ. esta en un deber el respu-
 -tar esta Concesion
 En cuanto al Deseo presentado p. g.
 el interesado, Aunque se ven demarcado los Hauchos

[10 S.D.K.]

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Colindantes estan fuera de la linea que marca el lindero
Numerado del a' b y todolo q' se advierte de mas.
sin duda es por una mera curiosidad, sin embargo de
lo informado. V.E. En mas acerte resolvera lo que
quiere de su Superior agrado

Aug. 28 de 1842

J. Aronello

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See follows a sketch on rough } [11. 2. 1866]
map marked

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Juan P. Alvarez, Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las Salinas

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Por cuanto Don Juan Boland Mejicano por Naturalizacion ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el paraje conocido con el nombre de la Fuente Coluante con el rancho de San Juan. Con el de Don José de Jesus Sinar, con el de el Ciudadano Guaciro Salomans y con el de Don Luis Arevalo con el de San Gabriel con el terreno de Don Juan Pires y la mision hija practicadas las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglam^{to}. declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes. Sujetandole a la aprobacion de la Exma Junta Departamental. y a las condiciones siguientes

1^a No podra el agraciado ni sus herederos dividir ni enajenar el terreno que se le concede. sin el consentimiento. o consentimiento. fianza. hipoteca ni otro gravamen, aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.
2^a Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las traversias. Caminos y servidumbres destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode. pero dentro de un año fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3^a Cuando se le conforme la propiedad de el solicitara del juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran los linderos en cuyos limites pondra a mas los mojoneras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es de cuatro sitios de ganado Mayor juco mas o menos segun se explica el deseno que corre en el expediente respectivo. El juez que diere la posesion lo hara medi^a uniforme a ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion por los usos convenientes.

En consecuencia mando que teniendose por firme y validero este despacho se tome razon de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines.

Dado en Montevideo a Nueve de Marzo de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y dos [14 J.D.K.]

Angel Mayo 21 de 1845

Dado cuenta a la Exma Asamblea en sesion de hoy con este expediente

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se pasó a la Comisión de terrenos baldíos

José
Presidente

Agustín Obeso
Sr

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Don José

La Comisión de terrenos baldíos ha tratado y resuelto con toda la atención q. le ha sido posible el Expediente formado del terreno de la Puente Concedido al Ciudadano por Naturalización Juan Roland y. lo q. rememora su conocimiento de hallarse practicadas todas las diligencias q. aparecen con arreglo a lo q. sobre el particular disponen las leyes y q. fueron suficientes para q. se le pudiese dar la propiedad en el terreno al interesado. La Comisión en virtud de este pone a la deliberación del respetable cuerpo la proposición siguiente

Se aprueba la concesión hecha al Ciudadano por Naturalización Juan Roland del paraje nombrado la Puente Concedido la propiedad el día 9 de Mayo de 1842 de entera conformidad con lo prevenido en la ley de 18 de Mayo de 1824 y el artículo 5º del reglamento de ventosas de noviembre de 1828 - Sala de sesiones en la Ciudad de Los Angeles Mayo 24 de 1845

Ignacio del Valle

Marcelo Polito

Los Angeles Mayo 28 de 1845

En sesión de este día se aprobó por la Honorable Asamblea la proposición del dictamen anterior mandando se devolviera el presente Expediente al Excmo. Sr. Gobernador por los fines consiguientes

Roberto
Secretario

Agustín Obeso
Sr



José Luis Pesos

[16 S.D.K.]

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana Marítima de Monterey para los años de 1839 y 1840

Alovarado Antonio Ma Oser
Valya Geo el Ano de 1842
Alovarado Antonio Ma Oser

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Juan P. Alovarado Gobernador Con-
stitucional del Departamento de las
Californias

Yo Cuanto Don Juan Paland Mexi-
cano por Naturalizacion ha pretendido para su beneficio
personal y el de su familia el paraje conocido con el
Nombre de la Buente Coludante con el Rancho de San Joa-
con el de Don Joa de la Cruz Linares con el del Ciudadano
Ygnacio Palamares y con el de Don Luis Armas con el Rio
de San Gabriel con el terreno de Don Juan Perez y la
Mision Vieja; Practicadas las diligencias y averiguaciones
concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos usando
de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la
Nacion Mexicana ha venido en concederle el terreno men-
cionado declarandole la propiedad de el por las pre-
sentes letras. Sujtandose -

[14 J. P. H.]
a la aprobacion de la Excma Junta Departamental y a
las condiciones siguientes -

1ª No podra el agraciado ni sus herederos vindic-
ni suajuar el terreno que se le concede; insinuar censos
vinculos, fianza hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque
sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas

2ª Podra cercarlo por perpetuo las traveras
Caminos y Servidumbres; lo disfrutara libre y exclu-
sivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le
acomode

3ª Cuando se le confirme la propiedad de el
solicitare del juez respectivo que le de posesion juridica
en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran
los linderos en cuyos limites pondra unas de las moju-
neras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna
utilidad

4ª El terreno de que se hace mencion es de
Cuatro sitios de ganado mayor poco mas o menos

Segun explica el Deseo que como con el Expediente respectivo,
El quez que dice la posesion, lo hara medir Conforme a
ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion
para los usos convenientes

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En consecuencia mando que teniendo se
por firme y validero el presente titulo se tome razon
de el en el libro respectivo, y se entregue al titulado
para su resguardo y demas fines.

Dado en la Montaner a nueve de marzo de mil ochocientos
cuarenta y dos [18. D.K.]

Juan Palomares

M. J. Jimeno
Sno

Queda tomada razon de este Despacho en el
Libro de asientos sobre adjudicaciones de terrenos baldios
a fo. 9 vuelta

Jimeno

El Excmo. Sr. Gobernador ha dispuesto se tome razon
de este Comision de la prefectura del Segundo Distrito

Jimeno

A los diez y ocho de marzo de 1842

José Nazario Arouillo

Queda tomada razon de este titulo a fo. 8
vuelta [19. D.K.]

en el frente del libro respectivo llevado en la
Prefectura del 2º Distrito

A los diez y ocho de marzo de 1842
José N. Arouillo
Sno

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Quis for

Angel de julio 22
de 1845

Vista la solicitud
y atendida la
justicia que repre-
sente por ser pub-
lico y de toda inte-
riedad que el Ciu-
dadano Julian Work-
man ha sido y es
socio y Compañero
del que representa
en la ocupacion del
terreno de la Puente,
Cortos y grandes gar-
tos cruzados en la
fundacion y pro-
ductos que resultan,
estendiendose el titulo
de este terreno a
los Ciudadanos
Juan Roland y
Julian Workman
en virtud de lo que
se les concede por
este Decreto; rite-
nese al primer
el titulo que por si
solo obtener de
aquel terreno apre-
guese este con el
presente Expediente
al que fue instruido
para que aquel se
le librara; y pase
todo a la Exma
Asamblea, a fin
de que se sirva
emitir su aprobacion

Juan Roland Ciudadano Mexicano
por Naturalizacion ante V.E. en la
mejor forma legal y con el mas
profundo respeto se presenta diciendo
que habiendo convenido el g. sus-
cribe de comun acuerdo con el Sr.
Don Julian Workman el solicitar a
Nombre de ambos la Concesion del
terreno de la Puente, que actualmente
poseen, se dirigen en persona el que
presente a principio del año del
1845 por el punto de Monterrey en
donde se hallaba en aquella vez
establecido el Sup^r Gobierno de este
Departamento con objeto de pretender
dicho terreno de la Puente. lo cual
verificó en seguida de su llegada
a aquel punto por medio de un es-
crito que presento por si y solo a
su nombre. habiendo padecido
el equívoco o falta involuntaria
de no haber incluido en el pedido
o su socio Don Julian Workman.
El Superior Gobierno en vista de
la solicitud g. recibió tomó los
informes que creyó convenientes dando
por resultado de estos la adjudicacion
del terreno pretendido conforme a
la peticion. Como lo comprueba
el adjunto titulo, cuya Concesion
tubo a breu a probar la Exma. Asam-
blea; y como por dichos documentos
no adquiere derecho alguno al
terreno de la Puente el referido
for Workman - ocurre al que
subscribe a la autoridad
de V.E. para por medio de su
notario bondad se digna mandar
revalidar el repetido titulo haciendo
constar en el que la susodicha

[23. J. R.]

Por Recio Gobernador
interin del Depar-
tamento de las Califor-
nias asi lo mande,
decreté y firmé -
Dagfe J. P.
Rosico

Juan M. Carrubias
Srno

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Concesiones hecha al q. representa
y al Inmucado Winkman. explican-
do igualmente a V.E. q. en caso
del q. tenga á bien acceder a
esta peticion se sirva su Consecuen-
cia mandar pasar el titulo res-
pectivo á la aprobacion de la
Honorable Asamblea. Por tanto
A. V.E. reudidamente reitera su
suplica prometiendole de la mas
citada benignidad del Corazon
de V.E. que tendra una acogida
favorable esta solicitud de cuya
gracia le vivira eternamente
reconocido sus no ser de ma-
licia y lo necesario etc. y
suplicando a V.E. se sirva des-
pues el uso del papel q.
Gatta de sellado

Aug. 10 del 1845.
Por uno del interesado
Francisco del Valle

[24 J. D. C.]

Aug. 14 de 1845.

Dada cuenta á la Honra
Asamblea con este Expediente, en sesion de hoy se
mandó pasar á la Comision de terrenos baldios

Por Recio
Resolte. Agustín Rivera
Srno

Quo for

La formación de terrenos baldíos
habiendo examinado las diligencias constantes en el
presente expediente, encuentro que están practicadas
con total arreglo á las leyes respectivas y que fueron
suficientes para que el sup^{te} Gob^{no} de este Departamento
adjudicara la propiedad á favor de las C. B. q^{ta} natural-
ización D^{no} Juan Roland y D^{no} Julián Borkman el paraje
de la Puente en la Comprehension de la Misión de San Gabriel
en esta virtud por la Comisión á la deliberación del S.
E. las siguientes proposiciones

1^a Se aprueba la Concesión de propiedad
hecha por el sup^{te} Gobierno de este Departamento en
favor de las for^{as} D^{no} Juan Roland y D^{no} Julián Borkman

[25 de D. N.]
del paraje conocido con el nombre de la Puente en la
Comprehension de la Misión de San Gabriel y en la
extencion de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor. p^o título
librado en 22 de Julio de este año. de entera con-
formidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, y el
reglamento de 21 de Abo de 1828

Q^{ue} Los agraciados cuidaran de cumplir
con lo prevenido en el art: 12 del citado regla-
mento de 1828 para que por ello consolidado su
D^{no} de propiedad al terreno puedan disponer libre-
mente de ella

Salá de Comisión. Ciudad de los
Ángles. Setiembre 30 de 1845.
Mano de la Guerra Narciso Botello

Ayuntamiento Octubre 3 de 1845

En la Sesion de hoy se aprobaron
por la C. A. Departamental las dos proposiciones
autenticas. mandando se devuelva el Expediente original
para el E. G. Gobernador para los fines de plan consue-
ntes

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Agustin Alvarez
F. N. N.

En la misma Sesion que se aprobó quedo
librada a las partes la copia respectiva

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of the United States for California

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I Samuel A. 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 under and by virtue of
the second section of the Act of Congress, approved on the third
day of March, 1853, providing for the survey of the public lands
in California and for other purposes; do hereby certify
that the twenty five preceding and herewith attached pages
of tracing paper numbered from 1 to 25 inclusive and each
of which is verified by my initials [S.A.K.] exhibit a
true and accurate copy of a document on file and form-
ing a part of the said Archives in this office

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have herewith
signed my name officially and affixed
my private seal, in lieu of the seal of
Office, which has not been received,
at the City of San Francisco, Cal: the
4th day of July 1853

Signed, Samuel A. King
Surv^r Gen^l of Cal.

Filed in Office September 26th 1853

(Signed) Geo Fisher
Clerk

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Year 1842

Expediente
instituted by John Roland of
Soliciting the place "La Buente".

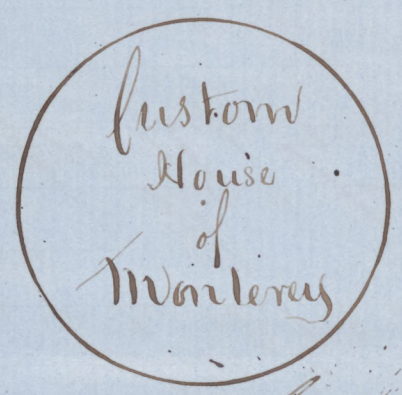
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Third Feb. two bits

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime Custom
House of the Port of Monterey for the Years 1840 & 1841

Translation
Expediente

Demanded Antonio M. Osio
Revalidated by the same for the Year 1842.
Abogado Antonio M. Osio



St. Excellent Señor

John Roland a Native of the
United States. And naturalized in the
Mexican Nation. Married to a Mexican Woman and a
resident of New Mexico by whom I have seven Children. Four
sons and three Daughters. Desiring the repose of my Family
and their well being. Which is the Chief object of my care
have come to establish myself in this Department. And to
attain the same I need a tract of land on which to
put my property. And which I can establish sufficient
for the support of my said family. And as there is in
the ex mission of San Gabriel a vacant place being
at the Bridge "La Buente" in the midst of the lands of
three persons whom I name in this petition being on
the East bounded by El Chico, and San Jose. And on
the West by the river of San Gabriel. on the North by the
land of Don Luis Arenas and on the South by the land
of Los Coyotes. Wherefore I beseech Your Excellency that You
will be pleased to grant me in property the land which
I solicit. Which may be four leagues (Peticion de ganado
mayor) a little more or less.

I pray Your Excellency to do what I ask whereby I
shall receive favor and justice.

His Excellency the Governor

John Boland

(Marginal Order)

Monterey Jan 7 14th 1842

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In Conformity with the Solicitation of the party the place called La Puente situated between the river of San Gabriel and the lands of Arcuas, Perez, Lugo and Los Coyotes and bounded thereby is granted to him

Wherefore the party interested shall present himself with this Decree to the Prefecture of this Establishment of San Gabriel that they may interpose no obstacle to his occupying the place; of which not knowing the extent it has the party shall make an exact map; and shall in due time remit it to the Government, with this Decree in order that it may issue to him the corresponding title.

Thus I Juan B Alvarado Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias ordered & Signed

Alvarado

Angels Jan 31st 1842

The party having presented himself to this Prefecture as directed by the Superior Marginal Decree of His Excellency the Governor of this Department dated Jan 14th of the present Year, in which is granted to him the place called La Puente,

Let him present the said Superior Decree to the Superintendent of the Establishment of San Gabriel who shall not oppose any obstacle to the occupation of the place granted; and for the purpose

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of his compliance with the directions of His Excellency
by making the paper map in the presence of the adjoin-
ing owners. Thus I Statute's Arzuello, retired Captain
and Prefect of the 2nd District of the Department of the
California Decree and signed

J. Arzuello

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In the name of this District
John Roland a Native of the United States
Naturalized in the Mexican Republic, and married to a
Native of the same County, appears before your Honor
with proper respect, and in the best form, saying that
having complied with what His Exclty the Gov^r of this
Department orders in this Decree of Jan^y, 14th of the present
year, which appears in this application, I respectfully
present herewith, and having finished the map of the
place La Cruz, I pray Your Honor to forward it to
His Exclty the Governor to the end that he may issue to
me the proper title as mentioned in the said Decree,
and that I may enjoy my property with all security

Wherefore I pray you to do what I ask
that in this I may receive favor, I swear that I act
in good faith &c. Hoping that you will overlook
this common paper for want of sealed paper in the
place

Angles, Feb^y 8th 1842
John Roland

(Marginal Order)
Expediente be sent to his Exclty the Governor of this
Department for his Superior Determination
Angles, Feb^y 8th 1842
J. Arzuello

(Marginal Order)

Monterey Feb. 14th 1842

Let this Application be passed to the Prefectura of the 2^o District that the Customary Reports may be taken as to whether the land marked in the map is the property of any individual

Alvarado

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Sanchez Feb. 28th 1842

In Conformity to the foregoing Superior Decree and to the laws and regulations on the subject. Let the 2^o District Justice of the Peace of this City, report whether the Applicant has the necessary requisites to be proved, whether the land solicited in conformity to the boundaries marked in the map belongs to any individual, and when this report is completed let the Expediente be returned to this Prefectura for such other purposes as may be proper

Arguello

To the Prefect

According to the foregoing Superior Decree and to the laws and regulations on the subject let the 2^o Justice of the Peace of this City report whether the Applicant has the necessary to be proved, whether the land solicited in conformity to the boundaries marked in the map belongs to any individual, and when this report is complete, let the Expediente be returned to this Prefectura for such other purposes as may be proper

Arguello

To the Prefect
 According to the foregoing Superior Decree for a report
 on the Contents of the Solicitation. I cannot do less than
 make known to this Prefecture that the Applicant is Nat-
 uralized and has the necessary Requisites to be favored
 and that the land is designated in the map, appears to
 be in Conformity to the land of La Puente, which place has
 not been known as the property of any person, since it
 has always been considered to belong to the Mission of
 San Gabriel, notwithstanding this is clear Your Excellency
 will determine what may be judged convenient.

Angeles Feb 21st 1842

Jose S. Sepulveda

Angeles Date as aforesaid
 Let this Expediente pass to the proper - Account
 of Rev. Minister of the Mission of San Gabriel that he
 may present a report as to that Community

Angeles

San Gabriel Feb 21st 1842

The land of La Puente belongs to this Community
 of San Gabriel which occupies it with more than five hun-
 dred head of Horses and five hundred head of large Cattle
 and in no manner does this Community Consent that the
 land should be alienated, since it is the only place which
 the Mission has for sowing & to support its Cattle

P. Thomas Esteban delatoro

Most Excellent Sir

As directed the Customary reports are
 taken in Conformity to the Superior marginal Decree of
 Your Excellency of the 17th of this month and it is rep-
 resented therein that the place La Puente belonged to the
 Mission of San Gabriel but notwithstanding the Rev. Minister
 of said Mission maintaining its right of property. I believe
 does not so much Conced with stock, at least with
 Horned Cattle, because at present it is rented by the
 Minister to a Citizen of this place; but as this Prefecture

sees in the Expediente that Your Excellency has granted it to the party interested by Superior Decree of Jan 7th 1852 of this year it is his duty to respect that Concession

As to the Deseo (or Map) presented by the party, although the adjoining ranchos are seen to be marked, they are beyond the line which marks the boundary numbered from (5 to 6) A to C, and all that is shown besides, is no doubt, from mere Curiosity. Nevertheless from what is reported, Your Excy will more properly determine what should be your Superior will

Angles Feb 7 28th 1852

J Aguillo

Enclosed follows a map

Man B. Alvarado Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias

Whereas ^{Don} Juan Roland a Mexican by Naturalization has petitioned for his personal benefit and that of his family the Place known by the name of La Buena bounded by the rancho of San Jose, by that of Don Jose de Jesus Sinceres, by that of the Citey de Ignacio Palomares, and by that of Don Juan Arcuas, by the river San Gabriel, by the land of Don Juan Perez and the old mission; the steps being taken and proper inquiries made as required by the laws and regulations declaring it his property by this present, subject to the approval of the Excl^{ta} Departmental Junta and to the following conditions

1st Neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide nor alienate the land which is granted to him nor to impose upon any ground rent, tithe, bond, mortgage, or other pecuniary charge, though it may be for pious purposes, nor transfer it in mortmain

2nd He may enclose it without injury to the crossings, roads and servidumbres, but pay for the purchase or cultivation as may suit him, but within one year, he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited

3rd When the property is confirmed to

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I shall select the proper Judge to give him the judicial possession in virtue of this title, by whom the boundaries shall be marked on the limits of which he shall put the land marks, some fruit trees or fruit trees of some utility

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The land of which donation is made is four leagues (catorce de quatro mayor) a little more or less as shown in the map attached to the Expediente concerning the same. The judge who shall give the possession shall have it measured in conformity to the ordinance, the surplus thereof to remain to the Nation for the common uses

Wherefore I order that this title being held firm and valid be registered by the proper books and afterwards delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes

Given in Monterey the 9th of March 1842

Angles May 2nd 1845

This Expediente was submitted to the most Excellent Assembly in session yesterday and passed to the Commission of vacant Lands

Pro Rata Agustín Alvarez
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Mr. Call for

The Commission of vacant Lands has seen and examined with all the attention it has been possible to give the Expediente formed of the demand of a Decree granted to the Naturalized Citizen John Roland and it thereby coming to their knowledge that all the proceedings which appear have been taken with due regard to what in this matter is directed by the laws, and that they were sufficiently for

giving the ownership of the land to the party interested
in view of this they present for the deliberation of their
respective bodies the following advice

That the Concession made to the Nat-
uralized Citizen John Roland of the place named La
Buenta granted in property the 9th of March 1842 in
future conformity to what is prescribed by the law of the
18th of August 1824, and article 5th of the regulation of the
21st of November 1828, be approved

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Hall of the Commission in the City of
San Diego May 24th 1845

Guaciro del Valle
Francisco Botello

San Diego May 28th 1845
In session of this day the Hon Assembly ap-
proved the foregoing Decree above, ordering that this
Ejecutorie be returned to his Exclty the Governor for
future purposes

P J P
Pro Sics Pro de
Antonio Chaves
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Just Seal of Roland
Provisionally Authorized by the Maritime Custom
House of Monterey for the Years 1839 & 1840
Alvarado Antonio de la Cruz

Excmo. Sr. D. Juan J. Alvarez Constitucional
 Gobernador del Departamento de California

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Whereas Don Juan Polanco a Mexican by Naturalization has petitioned for his personal benefit and that of his family the place known by the Name of La Puente bounded by the Rancho of San Jose by that of Don Jose de la Cruz by that of the Celestino Yaguez Salomones and by that of Don Luis Arce by the town of San Gabriel; by the land of Don Juan Perez and the old mission; the proceedings having been taken and enquiries made as directed by the law and regulations using the powers which are conferred upon me in the Name of the Mexican Nation, I have granted to him the land mentioned declaring to him the ownership thereof by these presents, subjecting himself to the approval of the most Excellent Departmental Junta and to the following Conditions

1st Neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide nor alienate the land which is granted to him nor to impose any ground rent, future mortgage nor other incumbrance, though it may be for pious purposes, nor to transfer it in mortmain

2^d He may locate it without injury to the crossings, roads and servitudes; he may enjoy it freely and exclusively employing it for such use or cultivation as suits him best

3^d When the property is confirmed to him he shall solicit the proper judge to give him the juridical possession in virtue of this title by whom the boundaries shall be marked on the limits of which he shall put besides the land marks, some fruit trees or forest trees of some utility

4th The land which is mentioned is four leagues (Sitios de Guado Mayor) a little more or less, as explained in the map which is attached to Expediente thereof

The Judge who gives the

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Proportion shall have it measured in Conformity to the Ordinance and the surplus thereof ^{to the Nation} to remain for the Government uses

Wherefore I order that the present title being held firm and valid be registered in the proper book and be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes

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March 1842

Given in Monterey the 19th of

Juan P. Novales
M. J. Jimeno
Secy

This title is registered in the Book of Entries of Adjudications of vacant Lands at Sale of Revenue
Jimeno

By Order of the Governor has ordered that this Concession be registered in the Prefectura of the 2nd District
Jimeno

Argelles March 18th 1842
L. de la Registraduría
Argelles

This title is registered at Sale of Revenue and 2nd part of the proper Book kept in the Prefectura of the second District
J. P. Arguelles

Pro Sec. Div. Member of the Most Excellent Assembly and Governor ad interim of the Department

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 of the Californias Whereas the filipino Juan Holand
 and Julian Workman have petitioned for the personal
 benefit and that of their families the land known by the
 name of La Puente which they have possessed during
 the time of three years and which is bounded by the
 lands of the Ranchos of San Jose, of Los Nogales, of
 Susa, of Don Juan Perez, of Los Coyotes, and the rancho
 of San Gabriel, the proper authorities having first been made
 using the powers conferred upon me in the name of the
 Mexican Nation I have granted them the land men-
 tioned, declaring them the owners thereof, by these
 presents. This concession being understood to be in
 conformity to the laws, subject to the approval of the
 Most Excellent Departmental Assembly and under
 the following conditions

1st They may enjoy the land which
 is adjudicated to them without injuring the crossings,
 roads and servitudes

They may enjoy it freely and
 exclusively, employing it for such use or cultivation
 as most suits them; but they shall have it occupied
 with a house, cultivation and stock

2^d The land of which donation
 is made them is that which is shown in the map
 which appears in the Expediente

The proper judge shall give them
 judicial possession by virtue of this title and
 shall make the boundaries, ordering sufficient land
 marks to be placed

Wherefore I order that these presents
 serving as a title and being held firm and valid
 be registered in the proper book and be delivered
 to the parties interested for their security and other
 purposes.

Given at the City of Los Angeles
 on the 22nd of July 1845

Most Excellent Sir
 Juan Holand a Mexican Citizen by Naturalization
 presents himself before your Excellency in the best
 legal form and with the utmost respect and says,

That the subscribers having agreed with Dⁿ Julian Workman to solicit in the Name of both the Concession of a tract of Land called La Puente which they now occupy about in person in the beginning of the year 1842 to Monterey where at that time the Superior Government of this Department was established for the purpose of asking for said tract of La Puente. Which he did shortly after his arrival at that place by means of a Writing which he presented for himself. And in his own Name alone, by mistake or through his ^{not having} involuntary fault, included in the request his associate Dⁿ Julian Workman.

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The Superior Government. having seen the solicitation which it received took the reports which it believed requisite, finally making the adjudication of the land asked for in Conformity to the Petition, as proved by the Annexed title. And which Concession the most Excellent Assembly approved. And as by said Documents the said Workman acquired no right to the land of La Puente he appeals to your Excl^y Authority that through your well known goodness you would think proper to order the said title to be revalidated, making it so appear therein that the said Concession is made to the petitioner, and the said Workman. Praying your Excl^y also, that if you think proper to grant this Petition, you will order the proper title to be submitted to the Hon^d Assembly for approval.

Wherefore he humbly prays your Excellency to receive this request, hoping a favorable result of the Application from your Excellency, well known goodness of heart. And for which favor the subscribers will live eternally grateful. Swearing that this is in good faith. And what is necessary, and asking you to receive this paper for want of sealed.

For the party interested
Ynacio del Valle

(Ca. Maglar)

San Diego July 22nd 1845

In view of this Application and in consider-

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ation of being true of what is represented by the
 Petitioner; it being public and notorious that the
 filigra Julian Workman has been and is the associate
 and partner of the applicant in the occupation of the
 Land of the La Buente; And in Consideration of the
 Costs and expenses incurred in the settlement and cul-
 tivation, let a title of property of said land be issued
 to the Citizens John Roland & Julian Workman by virtue
 of what is granted them by this Decree; Let the title be
 recalled from the former (the letter) which he obtained
 for said Land for himself alone, attach the same of
 and the present Expediente ^{to the Expediente} which was formed on the
 acquisition of the first title, and let the whole be
 referred to the most Excellent Assembly in order
 that it may give its approbation

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Provis Governor ad interim of the
 Department of the Californias, thus ordered - decreed
 & signed as I certify
 Provis
 Juan M. Forastero
 Secy

Los Angeles August 4, 1845
 This Expediente was submitted to the Most
 Excellent Assembly in session of to day and or-
 dered that to be transmitted to the Commission
 of Vacant Lands

Provis
 Secy
 Juan Rivera
 Secy

Most Excellent Sir

The Commission of Vacant Lands having examined the proceedings appearing in the present Expediente in strict regard to the Laws on the subject, and that they were sufficient for the suprd government of this Department to adjudicate in property in favor of the Naturalized Citizens John Boland and Julian Workman of the place known by the name of La Puente in the limits of the Mission of San Gabriel and in extent four Leagues de Ganado Mayor, by title issued the 22nd of July of this year, in entire conformity to the Law of the 18th of August 1824. And the Regulation of the 21st of November 1838 be approved

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And that the Grantee should take care to comply with what is prescribed in article 12 of the said Regulation of 1838. in order that thus soliciting their right of property to the land they may freely enjoy it

Hall of the Commission. City of S.
August September 30. 1845

Francisco de la Guerra
Francisco Puello

August October 3^o 1845

In session of today the Excellent Departmental Assembly approved the two propositions of the foregoing advice ordering that the original Expediente should be returned to his Excl^{ty} the Governor for the purposes which might be convenient

F. Puello

Agustin Alvarez
Secy

On the same day on which it was approved the proper Copies

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Were delivered to the parties

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I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land
Commission to ascertain and settle the Private
Land Claims in the State of California do hereby
Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct trans-
lation of a Spanish Document in case No. 385 -
Now on file in this office

Office of the Secretary of said
Commission San Francisco this 1st day
of February A.D. 1845

Geo Fisher
Secy

The Translation of this Grant and the appro-
val is already given in the paper on file marked "A"
the original Grant marked Exhibit "B" being pre-
cisely the same as the Copy contained in the
Translation of Document on file marked Exhibit "A".

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Translation of Document
Exhibit "B"

Filed in Office Oct 18th 1852

Geo Fisher
Secy

Queda tomado razon de este título en el libro a que
Corresponde. Fecha *ut supra*. J. M. Covarrubias
Es copia sacada fielmente de su original que certifico

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Por D. D. Gobernador Interino del Departamento de la
California - La Excm. Asamblea Departamental en sesion de
hoy ha acordado lo siguiente

1^o Se aprueba la Concesion en propiedad hecha
por el Excm. Gobierno de este Departamento en favor de los Señores
D. Juan Roland y D. Julian Borckman del Paraje Conocido
con el Nombre de La Puente en la Comision de
San Gabriel y en la cantidad de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor. Por
título librado en 22 de Julio de este año. en entera conformidad
con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre
de 1828.

2^o Los agraciados cuidaran cumplir con lo prevenido
en el artículo 12 del citado Reglamento de 1828. para que por ello
consolidados su derecho de propiedad al terreno. puedan
disponer libremente de ellas. Y para resguardo de los partes
D. Don Juan Roland y de D. Julian Borckman lo hace así saber
en la Ciudad de Los Angeles en este papel común por falta
del sellado. a ~~trece~~ ^{tres} de octubre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y
cinco. D. D. F. F. = J. M. Covarrubias Secretario =
= Es copia sacada fielmente de su original que certifico

Por D. D. Gobernador Interino del Departamento de la Cal-
ifornia

La Excm. Asamblea Departamental en sesion de hoy
ha acordado lo siguiente

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ision de la Misión de San Gabriel. en la cantidad de cuatro
sitios de ganado mayor. Por título librado en 22 de Julio
de este año. de entera conformidad con la ley de 18
de Agosto de 1824 y el Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre
de 1828. - Los agraciados cuidaran de cumplir
con lo prevenido en el artículo 12 del citado Reglamento
12 del citado de 1828. para que por ello consolidados su
derecho de propiedad al terreno. puedan disponer libre-

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mente de ellos. Y para resguardo de las partes, el D^o Juan Roland y D^o Julian Workman lo hizo así saber. Dado en la ciudad de Los Angeles en este papel comun por falta del sellado, a tres de octubre de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y Cinco

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Por D^o Sr. Jefe Vocal de la Excm^a Asamblea y Gobernador Interino del Departamento de las Californias

En Cuanto los Ciudadanos Juan Roland y Julian Workman han pretendido por su beneficio personal y el de sus familias el terreno conocido con el nombre de La Raeta que pasan hace el tiempo de tres años y Colinda con tierras de Los Ranchos de San Joaquin, de los Mozales de Sasa, de D^o Juan Perez, de las foguetes y Rio de San Gabriel, practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones correspondientes, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana ha venido en concederle el terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras entendiendole esta concesion de conformidad con las Leyes, sujetos a las de la aprobacion de la Excm^a Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes

1^a Podran cercar el terreno que se les adjudica sin perjudicar las travesias, caminos y servidumbres, lo disfrutaran libre, y esclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode pero lo tendran ocupado con Casa habitada, con labores y breves semovientes

2^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es el que demuestra el D^o de el que corre en el Expediente. El Jefe, diere la posesion juridica en virtud de este Despacho y demarcara las linderos, mandando poner los mojones suficientes

En consecuencia mando que sirviendo de titulo el presente y teniendo por firme y valedero se tome razon de el en el libro respectivo, y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines

Dado en la ciudad de Los Angeles en este papel comun por no haber del sello que corresponde a veinte y dos de Julio de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y Cinco

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

I, Samuel R. King, Surveyor General
of the United States for the State of California and as such
having in my office and under my charge and custody, a
portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican
Territory or Department of Upper California, do hereby certify
that the 8 proceedings and hereto annexed pages of
tracing paper numbered from one to eight inclusive and
each of which is verified by my initials (S.R.K.) contain
a true and correct copy of certain documents on file and
forming a part of the said Archives in this office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
signed my name and affixed my
private seal (not having a seal of
office) at the City of San Francisco
Cal. this 14th day of September 1852

Samuel R. King
Surveyor General
California

Filed in office Oct 9, 1852

Geo Fisher
Clerk

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Pro Vis. Just. Vocal of the Excellent Assembly
and Governor ad interim of the Department of the
California

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Translation
of Exhibit

Whereas the Citizens John Roland and Julian
Workman have solicited for their personal benefit
and that of their families the land known by the
Name of La Fuente which they have possessed
for three years. And which is bounded by the lands
of the Rancho of San Jose, Los Angeles, Susa, of San
Juan Perez, Los Coyotes, and the river of San Gabriel,
the proper inquiries having first been made, in the
exercise of the powers which have been conferred
upon me in the Name of the Mexican Nation, I
have determined to grant them the said Land
declaring it their property by their presents, this
Concession understood to be in conformity to the
Laws subject to the approval of the Departmental
Assembly and under the following Conditions

1^o The land hereby donated is that which
is shown in the Decree (map) which accompa-
nies the Expediente

The proper Judge shall give them
Judicial possession in virtue of this Decree
and shall mark out the boundaries, ordering
sufficient land marks to be established

Wherefore I order that these presents,
serving as a title and being held firm and valid
be recorded in the proper book and delivered
to the parties interested for their security and other
purposes

Given at the City of Los Angeles
on this Common paper, there being no sealed
paper of the proper kind, the 22nd day of
July 1845

Pro Vis.
Jose M^o Covarrubias,
Secretary

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This title is recorded in the proper Book
Aug 1845 date as above

José M. Forarrubias
This is a true Copy as I certify

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Pro P. Governor ad interim of the Depart-
ment of the Filiformas

The Excellent Departmental Assembly
in the session of today have decreed as follows

1st The Concession in property made by
the Supreme Government of this Department to Don Juan
Roland and Don Julian Workman of the place known
by the name of Sabucute, comprised within the limits
of San Gabriel (Mission of) of the extent of four leagues
de cuadrado mayor, by a title issued the 22nd of July
of the present year, in entire conformity to the law of
the 18th of August 1824. And the regulation of the 21st
1828, is approved

2^a The beneficiaries shall take care to
comply with what is prescribed in the 12th article of the
said regulation of 1828 in order that their right of
property in the land being established (consolidated)
they may dispose of it freely

And for the security of the parties Don
Juan Roland and Don Julian Workman I cause this to
be known

Given at the City of Santiago on this
Common Paper for want of sealed this 3rd of
October 1845

Pro P.
José M. Forarrubias
Secy

Filed in
office Oct.
9, 1852

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This is a true copy of the original as I certify
the second title and approval by the Assembly are precisely
the same as the foregoing, the signatures only and certifi-
cate being wanting

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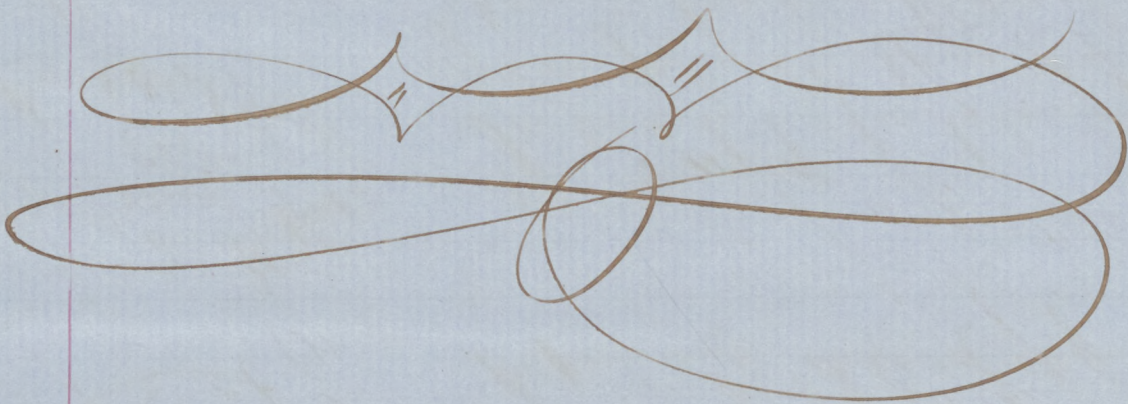
Exhibit
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Juanes del Valle

Documentos pertenecientes a
los s. f. Juan Roland y Julian
Workman que acreditaban en propiedad
sobre el terreno de La Puente

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(Signed) H. Hall

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Señor Primer Ocho Pesos

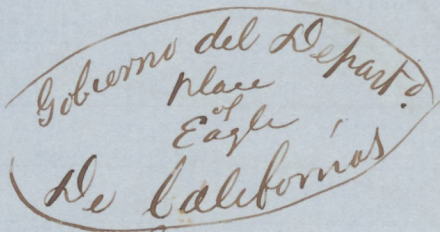
Habilitado Provisionalmente por la Aduana Mexicana del Puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de las Californias, para los años de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y Cuatro y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y Cinco

Micheltorena

Jabla de la Guerra



Por el Sr. Primer Vocal de la Exma Asamblea y Gobernador Interino del Departamento de las Californias



Por cuanto los ciudadanos Juan Roland y Don Julian Cortez han pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de La Puente que poseen hace el tiempo de tres años y Colinda con tierras de los Ranchos de San Jose, de los Nogales, de Santa Ana, de Don Juan Perez, de los Coyotes, y Rio de San Gabriel; practicadas previamente las averiguaciones, ensermentes y usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he venido en concederles el terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, entendiendose esta Concesion de conformidad con las Leyes, sujeta a la aprobacion de la Exma Asamblea Departamental, y bajo las condiciones siguientes

1. Podran cercar al terreno que se les adjudica sin perjudicar las travesas Caminos y servidumbres: lo disputaran libre y la clausuramente destinandolo al uso y cultivo que mas le acomode pero lo tendra ocupado con casa habitada y bienes semovientes

El terreno de que se les hace donacion

Como es el que demuestran el diseño que corre en el Expediente. El juez respectivo les dara la posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho y demarcara los linderos mandando poner las mojeras suficientes

En consecuencia mando que sirva de validez el presente de titulo y tenencia por firme y baledero. se tome razon de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue a los interesados para su resguardo y de mas fines

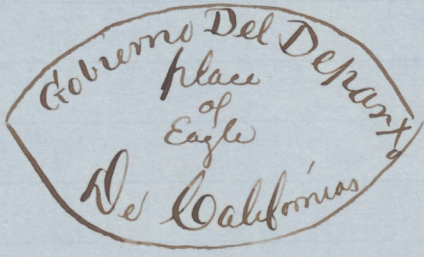
Dado en la Ciudad de Los Angeles a veinte de julio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco

Firmado Pro Jico
 Firmado J. M. Covarrubias
 J. M.

Dada tomada razon de este titulo
 en el libro a que corresponde

Dada fecha ut supra
 Firmado Covarrubias

Pro Pro Gobernador Interino del Depart-
-amento de las Californias



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La Exma. Asamblea Depart-
-amental en sesion de hoy ha acor-
-dado lo siguiente

1^o Se aprueba la Concesion la propiedad hecha por el Superior Gobierno de este Departamento la favor de los señores Don Juan Roland y Don Julian Workman del para-
je conocido con el nombre de La Puente, en la compen-
sion de la Mision de San Gabriel y en la retencion de
Cuatro sitios de ganado mayor por titulo librado en 22 de
Julio de este año de esta conformidad con la ley de 18
de Agosto de 1824, y el reglamento de 21 de Noviembre
de 1828

2^o Los Agraciados Cuidaran de cumplir
con lo prevenido en el articulo 12 del Estado reglamento
de 828 para que por ello consolidado su derecho de
propiedad al terreno puedan disponer libremente de
ello

Y para resguardo de las partes de Don Juan Roland
y Don Julian Workman lo hago así saber

Dada en la Ciudad de Los Angeles en este
papel comun por falta del sellado á tres de octubre
de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y Cinco

Pro Pro
J. M. Covarrubias
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Estado de California
Condado de Los Californios

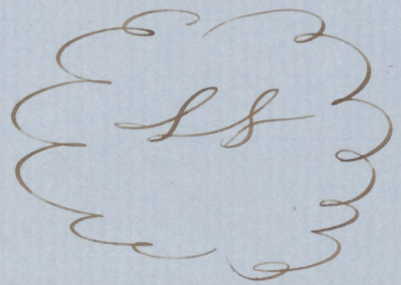
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Certifico yo Ignacio del Valle Registrador
del Condado referido; que los documentos que anteceden
los entrego en esta oficina para su registro Juan Roland
a las once horas y cinco minutos de la tarde de la
Jha y despues de hecha la anotacion respectiva
se devuelve a dicho Roland

En Cuyo testimonio suscribo mi nombre
y pongo mi sello oficial en la ciudad
de Los Angeles a 4 de Marzo de 1851

Ignacio del Valle

Recebo de Registro
y Rotulacion de los Perros



Filed in office October 18th 1852

Ignacio del Valle
Secty

Documents belonging to citizens John Roland,
and Julius Workman which establish their property in
the tract of San La Puente

First Seal Eight Dollars

Simulation
of
Exhibit
"B"

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime Custom
House of the Port of Monterey for the years 1844 and
1845

Nicheltorena

Pablo de la Guerra

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Custom House
of Monterey
Seal

Pro Vice Governor of the
most Excellent Assembly and
Governor Ad interim of the De-
partment of the Californias

Political
Government
of
California

Whereas citizens John Roland and
Julius Workman, have petitioned
for their personal benefit and that of their families a tract
of land known by the name of La Puente which they
have possessed during three years time, and bounded
by the lands of the Ranchos of San Jose, of Los Angeles,
of Jupa, of Don Juan Beres, of Los Coyotes, and the river
of San Gabriel, the appropriate inquiries having first
been made, and using the powers which are conferred
upon me, in the name of the Mexican Nation I
have granted them the above mentioned tract of
land, declaring to them the ownership thereof by their
parents; this concession being understood to be
in conformity with the laws and subject to the
approval of the most Excellent Departmental
Assembly and the following conditions

1st They may enclose the land which
is adjudicated to them without injury to the pro-
prietors, roads, & servitudes, they may enjoy it freely
and exclusively, employing it for such use or

Cultivation as best suits them, but they shall build
a house have it occupied, with an inhabited house
Cultivation and Cattle

And, The land of which donation is made
them is that shown in the map, which appears in the
Expediente

The proper Officer shall give them the pu-
blic possession by virtue of this title and shall mark
the boundaries, ordering them to place usual land marks

Wherefore I order that these presents serving
them as title, and being held firm and valid, be regis-
tered in the proper book and be delivered to the parties
interested for their security and other purposes

Given in the City of San Angeles the
22nd of July 1845

For me
Don M^o Ferreras
Sey

This title is registered in the Book to
which it corresponds
Angles date as above
Ferreras

Don Juan Governor ad interim of the De-
partment of the Californias

Gov^t of the Dept
of the
Californias

The most Excellent Departmental
Assembly in session of this day
has Decreed as follows

That the Concession in property
made by the Imperial Government of this Department in
favor of Don Juan Roland & Don Julian Workman of the

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place known by the name of La Puente within the limits of the Mission of San Gabriel and in extent four leagues (Cuartos de leguas mas) by title issued the 22nd of July of this Year in virtue Conformity with the law of the 18th of August 1824 and the regulation of the 21st of November 1828, is approved

And that the grantees shall take care to comply with the provisions of the 12th article of said regulation of 1828, that thus consolidating their right of property in the land, they may dispose of it freely

And for the security of the parties Don Juan Roland & Don Julian Workman I cause this to be known

Given in the City of Los Angeles on this Common paper for want of sealed the 3rd of October 1845

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Pro Sec
Jm McCarroll's
Secy

State of California
County of Los Angeles

I Juan del Valle, Recorder of said County, Certify that John Roland deposited the foregoing Documents in this office for record at five minutes after five o'clock P.M. of this day and after making the proper record they are returned to said Roland

A testimony whereof I subscribe my name and affix my official seal in this City of Los Angeles the 4th day of March 1851

Juan del Valle
Recorder

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I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of a Spanish Document in Case No. 385. Now on file in this office

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Office of the Secretary of said Commission
San Francisco Cal this 1st day of February
A.D. 1854

Geo Fisher Secy
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Case No. 385

John Roland & Julian Wakeman
vs
The United States

"La Puente"

Opinion
of the
Board by
Commissioner
R. A. Thompson

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This is a claim for a tract of land situated in the County of Los Angeles, and containing within certain boundaries specified in the grant

The history of the case as shown by the traced copy of Expediente from the archives in the office of the United States Surveyor General present the following facts

John Roland one of the claimants presented to the Governor a petition without date praying for a grant of the land, and describing it by miles and bounds; upon this petition there is a marginal decree dated Jan. 14, 1842 signed Alvarado, conceding to the petitioner a provisional title right of occupation and requiring him to make an exact map of the land and remit it to the Government, in order that the corresponding title might be issued to him.

On the 8th of February following the claimant Roland renewed his application to the Governor accompanied by a map of the land on which the boundaries are marked out

Upon this application Governor Alvarado after making the usual preliminary inquiries and investigations on the 9th of March 1842 issued to the petitioner a formal title to the land, describing it as the place known by the name of La Puente bounded by the Rancho of San Jose Don Juan de Lery Secares, by that of the Citizun Ygnacio Palomares, by that of Don Luis Arceas, by the river of San Gabriel, by the land of Don Juan Perez and the old mission

The fourth condition of the grant describes it as containing four sitios de ganado mayor a little more or less as shown by the map attached to the Expediente with the usual reservation of the Sobrante or surplus for the use and benefit of the Nation.

On the 28th day of July 1845 this grant was duly approved by the Departmental assembly

During the same year as appears by the following proceedings a new application was presented to Gov Pro Rio on behalf of John Roland and his partner and associate Julian Workman by Ygnacio de Valle setting out that either through error inadvertence or mistake the former proceedings have been carried on, and the grant issued to John Roland alone instead of to him and his associate jointly as it should have been, and praying that the same might be set aside and cancelled, and a new grant issued to the parties in conformity to the prayer of the petition

This petition was accompanied by the original grant from Governor Alvarado which was surrendered and appears in the Expediente with the signatures of the Governor and Secretary attached. Upon this petition Governor Pro Rio on the 22nd of July 1845, issued a Marginal Decree recalling the former grant and directing a title of Property of said Land "to be issued to the Citizens John Roland & Julian Workman and referring the whole to the Departmental Assembly for its approbation

The grant was accordingly issued on the same day, and on the 3rd of October following was duly approved by the Departmental Assembly

In this last grant the land is described as that shown in the map which appears in the Expediente

No quantity is specified; nor is there any reservation of a Sobrante (overplus)

It appears very clear from both grants that it was the intention of the Government to grant all the vacant land lying between the ranchos named as boundaries and the River of San Gabriel

There surround the land on every side, and all laid down and defined on the map with sufficient certainty and precision to enable a surveyor to locate and establish its boundaries

The Conditions of the grant differ in this case somewhat, from the usual form

The grantees are required to have it occupied with an inhabited house, Cultivation & Cattle

The evidence on this point is very full and complete

Benjamin Workman testifies that he came to this country with Roland, in December 1842 the land was then occupied by said Workman & Roland the latter having been there the year previous

That there had been a considerable quantity of land cultivated and Mr Workman had an Adobe house on it into which he moved and resided in it the ensuing winter and has continued to reside in it ever since

He commenced buying stock in the same year and has increased since having now large stocks of horses cattle and sheep

Roland returned to New Mexico in the Spring of 1842 for his family and came back with them in the fall of the same year, and during the following year built an adobe house in which he has lived ever since

He has also large stocks of cattle and horses on it and has cultivated the land extensively

David W Alexander testifies to the same effect of the genuineness of the original grant

and certificate of the approval of the Departmental Assembly are satisfactorily proven by the deposition of Ygnacio del Valle

The parties have clearly made out a case entitling them to a confirmation of their claim, and a Decree will be entered accordingly

Filed in Office April 4. 1854

Geo Fisher
Secretary

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In this case on hearing the proofs and depositions it is adjudged by the Commission that the claim of the petitioners is valid.

It is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed.

The land of which confirmation is made is situated in the County of Los Angeles and is known by the name of La Puente being the same that was granted to the claimants John Roland & Julian Workman by Governor Pio Pico on the 22nd of July 1845. and is now held and occupied by them.

This of the extent shown by the map which appears in the Expediente, a copy of which is filed in the Can. and is bounded by the Ranchos of San Jero. of Sr. Morales, of Sr. Baza, of Don Juan Berz, and of Los Coyotes and the river of San Gabriel. Reference for a particular description, to be had to the original grant and map aforesaid.

Alphus Felch
Thompson Campbell
Chief Commissioner

Filed in office April 4th 1854

Wm. Fisher
Clerk

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And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Southern District of California it is hereby ordered

That two transcripts of the proceedings and of the Decree in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made out and duly certified by the Secretary and of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States

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Office of the Board of Commissioners
to ascertain & 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 fifty two pages numbered from 1 to
52, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and
full Transcript 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 385, on the Docket of the said Board
Wherein John Roland et al are the Claimants
against the United States for the Place known by
the Name of "La Puente"

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto
set my hand and affix my official
(not having a Seal of Office) at San
Francisco this thirtieth day of October
A.D. 1854 and of the Independence
of the United States of America the
Seventy Ninth

Seal

Geo Fisher
Secy

United States District Court
Southern District of California
Clerks Office Los Angeles

I Charles E. Carr Clerk of the District Court
of the United States for the Southern District of California
do hereby certify that the foregoing sixty two pages numbered
from 1 to 62 both inclusive contain a full, true and
correct copy of Transcript in Case No. 127, filed in my
office wherein John Roland Etal are appellants and the
United States are Appellants for "La Bunte"

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal
of said Court at Los Angeles, Cal-
ifornia this _____ day of
Nov 1856

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United States District Court
Southern District of California
Clerks Office Los Angeles

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Be it remembered that on the _____ day of _____
A.D. 1855 in the District Court of the United States
for the Southern District of California, the following proceedings
were had to wit: A duly certified transcript of the Record
of the proceedings and decision of the U.S. Board of Land
Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private Land Claims
in the State of California, and of the Documentary Evidence
and testimony of witnesses upon which said decision was
founded in the Case wherein John Roland Etal are the
Claimants against the United States for the place called
"La Puente" was received and filed, and docketed with
No. 1274 on the Docket of said Court, and is in the
words and figures following, to wit:

(vide page 1)

Upon which the following subsequent proceedings were
had in their chronological order to wit:

Los Angeles July 27th 1855
A Notice of Appeal from the decision of the Board
of Commissioners filed by the Attorney General of the U.S.
(vide page 3)

Los Angeles Nov 8th 1855
The Petition for review filed by Ford W. DeWitt
(vide page 3)

Los Angeles Nov 30th 1855
Answer of Appeller filed
(vide page 6)

Los Angeles Jan 25th 1856
In same case stipulation filed by att. for appeller
(vide page 6)

In same case Decree of the Court filed
Doyle March 7th 1886
(vide page 7)

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In same case Motion for appeal filed by Appellus
Doyle March 3rd 1886
(vide page 5)

In same case order of appeal granted Appellus & filed
Doyle March 3rd 1886
(vide page 8)

In same case order granting an appeal to the U.S. filed
Doyle March 7th 1886
(vide page 9)

Office of the Attorney General of the United States

Washington 14th Jan 1855

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Appeal

You will please take notice that in the above case decided by the Commission to ascertain and settle private land claims in the state of California in favor of the claimants. And a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 30th day of October 1854 the appeal in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California will be prosecuted by the United States

Signed / C. Cushing Attorney General

Filed Feb 24th 1855 Referr etc

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California City and County of Los Angeles. State of California

John Roland Etal appears vs The United States app'ts

Roller No. 124. Transcript No. 385.

To the Hon. Isaac H. Ogier. Judge.

The petition of Francis Deed a resident of said City & County & State Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California who petitions in this behalf for the United States. And being present in the name and behalf of the United States represents as follows. That he to wit; on or about the 9th

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day of October A.D. 1852. John Roland and Julian Workman presented a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the state of California, when sitting as a Board, claiming a tract of land, called La Puente, situate in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter to-wit: on or about the 4th day of April A.D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed the final decision, the said claim of said petitioners.

That thereafter to-wit: on or about the 8th day of November, A.D. 1854, a duly certified transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California and marked No. 385; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made a part of this petition. That on or about the 30th day of October, A.D. 1854, the Hon. Caleb Cushing, Attorney General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter to-wit: on or about the 27th day of February, A.D. 1855, the said Attorney General of the United States, filed, or caused to be filed, in behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the United States.

Your petitioner further represents that the land claimed as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within the jurisdiction of the Hon. Court.

Your petitioner further represents and insists that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reversed, reversed and set aside for many errors and imperfections of law and evidence apparent in said certified transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said cause filed and appealed from as aforesaid.

And your petitioner denies all and singular each and every allegation in the said petition of said claim-

...ants presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And
Your petition further denies that the said Claimants
have any valid right or title to said land claimed
as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

And no sufficient proof having been made
of the allegations in said petition to said Commissioners
or in support of the said Claim. No decision confirming
the same should have been made by said Commissioners,
but the said Claim should have been rejected by them.

And the said Claimant, having no valid right or title
derived from the Spanish or Mexican Governments to the
land claimed as aforesaid, the lawful right and title
in and to the said land was acquired by, and it now
belongs to the United States, by virtue of conquest, and the
Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Limits and Settlement between
the United States and the Republic of Mexico, made at
the City of Guadalupe Hidalgo February 2^d A.D. 1848.

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Wherefore, the said Pacific Ind. Attorney
of the United States for the Southern District of California,
for and in behalf of the United States, by reason of the
premises and in pursuance of the Act of Congress
entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land
Claims in the State of California" Approved March 3^d
A.D. 1851. And the laws and statutes in such case
made and provided, prays that the said Claimants
or their Attorneys may be served with a copy of
this petition; and that this Honorable Court will
review the said decision of said Commissioners, and
reverse the same; and decree on the validity of
the same, and decree the alleged title to be invalid
with costs and general relief.

[Signature]

Attorney of the United States
for the Southern District of Cal.

Filed Nov. 8th 1855
[Signature]

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, Los Angeles County

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Lands called "La Monte"
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And now comes the above named Appellee
William G Dryden their Attorney and for answer to the
Petition for review filed in this cause by the Appellants

Says That their title to the lands claimed by them in
this case is good and valid,

Wherefore they would pray the judgment of
this Honorable Court that the decision of the United States
Board of Land Commissioners may be affirmed, and their
title to the lands claimed in this case may be deemed
to be valid, and for his costs in this behalf expended
and for such other or further and general relief as may
be agreeable to Equity and good conscience and the nature
of their case require

And the Respondents admit that the
lands claimed by them are situate within the jurisdic-
tion of this Court

W. G. Dryden
Attorney for Appellee

Filed Aug 30th 1855.
C. E. Farr cler

John Roland Etal vs The United States
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Stipulation

In the U.S. District Court Southth Dist of California
It is admitted by the Attorney for the Appellee in the above
entitled Cause that Julian Workman, one of the above Appellees was not a citizen by birth
of Mexico, and that he was a native born subject of Great Britain

Aug. 25. 1856

W. G. Dryden, Attorney for Appellee

Filed Aug 25th 1856. C. E. Farr cler

District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California

The United States, appellants } No. 127.
John Rowland et al appellles } "In Rem"

This cause coming on to be heard at a regular term of this Court on an appeal from the final decision of the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California, under the Act of Congress, approved March 3^d Ad 1851 upon the Transcript of the proceedings, and decision, and the papers and the evidence on which said decision was founded, and it appearing that said Transcript has been duly filed according to law, and Counsel for the respective parties having been heard, It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the decision of the said Commissioners be affirmed to the extent of four square leagues, and that the claim of John Rowland and William Workman the appellles in this case to the land described in the grant in this case to that extent, is a good and valid claim, and the same is hereby confirmed to said appellles to the extent of four square leagues within the exterior limits, as described in the grant and map to which it refers, and as bounded and described as follows. East by the lands of the Rancho of San Jose and Nogales, North by the lands of the Rancho of Azusa, West by the Old Mission and River of San Gabriel South by the lands of Juan Perez and the lands of the Coyote Rancho making the four square leagues granted to be included in their exterior boundaries, reference for their more particular description to be had to the Grant and Map which are on file as evidence in this case hereby confirming to the appellles four square leagues of land within the exterior boundaries as aforesaid

Filed March 21st 1851
Signed C. E. Swan }
By O. Morgan depy }

Decree

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 17th January 1855.

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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 30th day of October 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Southern - district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cushing

Attorney General.

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U.S. District Court
Southern District

The United States

vs.

John Rowland
et al.

Notice of Appeal from Att^y. Gen.

Filed Feb^r. 27th 1855.

C. E. Lawrence
clerk.

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

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Washington, 17th January 1856.

John Rowland et al. }
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The United States. }

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Clayton

Attorney General.

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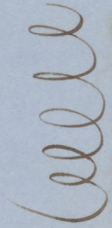
United States of America, } SS.
Southern District of California.

TO

The President of the United States,

John Roland and Julian Workman

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GREETING :

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against you, and each of you, in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *8th* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

P. Ord U.S. Atty. for the Southern District of California in behalf of the United States praying said Court renew the decision of the U.S. Land Commissioners of 24th day of April A. D. 1854 confirming your claim to the land called La Puente situate in the County of Los Angeles and appealed by the Attorney Genl. of the United States

and that you, and each of you, are required to appear at said Court, in said City, within ten days after the service hereof, if served on you within the County of Los Angeles, and within twenty days if served on you in the County of San Diego or San Bernardino, and within forty days if served on you in any other County of said State, exclusive of the day of service, and answer said petition, or that judgment by default will be taken against you, and each of you, and the prayer of the said petitioner will be granted, with costs. *the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this *tenth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five at Los Angeles aforesaid.

J. E. Farr

Clerk.

Marshal cost
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United States of America,
Southern District of California,
U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

John Rolan, et al., appears

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The United States, appellee

SUMMONS.
Rec'd. Nov-13 1855
Edward Hunter
U. S. Marshal

I served this summons along with the proper copy of the petition upon *John Rolan*
by delivering to him personally
a true copy of the same, in
the county of Los Angeles
at his residence in the Southern District of California on
the 20 day of Nov A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

Clerk. }

Edward Hunter
U. S. Marshal.

I served this answer on J. Ord U. S. Atty
for the South Dist of California by
delivering to him a copy of the same
at Los Angeles this 13th day of Dec 1857
Edward Hunter
U. S. Marshal

Marshals cost

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Case No. 127.

U. S. Dist. Court
Southern Dist of California

John Rowland et. als.
Appellees

vs.

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Appellants

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In the US Dist Court South Dist of Cal.
It is admitted by the Attorney for the
appellants in the above entitled cause,
that Julian Workman, one of the above
appellants, was ~~not~~ a Citizen by birth of
Mexico, ~~at~~ and that he was ~~so~~ a native
~~and~~ born subject of Great Britain,
July 25. 1836.

W H Bryan
SD

Attorney for Appellants

No 127

U S Dist Court.
South Dist of Cal.

Sho Rowland et al
appears

ad.

The United States
appls.

Stipulation ~~filed~~

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J. E. Lang
clerk

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In the United States District Court
for the Southern District of the State
of California

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Appellants } Case N. 127.

vs
John Rowland et al } La Puente
Appellees }

On Motion of William G. Bryan
Attorney for the above named Appellants,
it is ordered that an Appeal be granted
said Appellees, to the Supreme Court
of the United States from that part of
the judgment rendered in the above
entitled Cause February 12th A.D. 1856 -
restricting the Claimants to four
Square Leagues within the exterior
limits of the Grant and Map.

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W. G. Bryan

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And Now comes the above named
Appellees, by William G. Dry their
Attorney, and moves the Court to grant
An Appeal to the Supreme Court of
the United States from a part of the
decision rendered in this Court,
in the above entitled cause on the
12th day of February A.D. 1856, to wit;
from that part of the said decision
rendered, rejecting ^{the claim for} "Whatever land
might be contained within the exterior
limits of the grant, over and above
four Square Leagues of land -
as appear by the ^{Grant of} Map on file in this case and
restricting them to four Square Leagues." W. G. Dry

Attorney for Claimants

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The United States
Appellants

vs
John Rowland & Co.
Appellees

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W. G. Dryden

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John Roland et al

APPELLEE,
VS.
UNITED STATES,
APPELLANT.

No. 127.

(No. 385 of Transcript.)

On Appeal from the United States Land Commission.

On motion of P. ORD, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, it is hereby

ORDERED by the Court, that an appeal be granted the United States, to the Supreme Court of the United States, from the judgment of this Court against the said United States in the above entitled cause, rendered on or about the 12th day of February A. D. 1856.

P. Ord
Dist Att.

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The United States
Appellants

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By O'Morgan Deputy

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Court of the State of California.

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John Rowland et al. } "La Puente"
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Now at this day appear the
Claimants by their Attorney William G. Dryden
and pray this Honble. Court for an Order, to
set aside an Order made in this case,
on the 3rd day of March A.D. 1856, granting
an appeal to the Supreme Court of the
United States, no decree having been
made and entered in this cause.

And the Claimants further
pray this Honble. Court, for an Order,
to Open this cause, for a Re-hearing
upon the Merits. — and would ever
pray as in duty bound &c

W. G. Dryden

Attorney for Claimants

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vs
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In the District Court of the United States for the
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December Term 1856.

On this 12th day of Feb^r 1857, appears in open Court
On behalf of T. Ord, Attorney of the U. States
for the Southern Dist. of Cal., and on answering
suggestion to the Court that this cause was
argued and submitted, on the 25th of January 1856, ^{and finally confirmed to the claimants,}
to the extent of 48,000 ^{acres} ~~beings~~, and as more
confirmed on the 12th of February 1856, and appealed
to the Supreme Court of the U. States by the said
Claimants, on the 3rd of March 1856. and on motion
of Appellants, an appeal granted to appellants
to the ^{said} Supreme Court on the 7th of March 1856.
But lately, ^{during this term} ~~from~~ the granting of said appeal, ^{to said Court,}
it has been found that the final decree of
the Court ^{in said cause} was not, from inadvertence signed,
^{now moved} ~~being~~ that the said decree in said ~~cause~~
cause, be now signed by the Court. Nunc
pro tunc.

T. Ord

Att^y of U. S.

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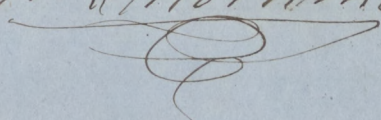
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John Rutledge et al } "La Puente"
Appellees. }

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William Workman being duly sworn
deposes and says, that he is one of the
Claimants in the above entitled cause,
that he has discovered testimony, which
as he is informed and by his Attorney
and verily believes is material and
necessary in the support of his claim,
and further, that affiant believes
that he will be able in a short time
to procure said testimony and present
it to this Honorable Court.

This affiant further says, that
he is informed by his Counsel and believes
that the Supreme Court of the United
States, has made late decisions, which
if this affiant has further time he
will be able to present to this Honorable
Court, in support of his claim.

Wm Workman


Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 7th day
Feb. A.D. 1857.

W E Dryden
County Judge

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appellants

vs
The United States,
appellant

Affidavit.

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And now at this day comes the said
Appellees by William G. Dryden their
Attorney, and the Appellants by T. Ord
Esq. District Attorney, and the Motion
of the Appellees to vacate the appeal
~~as well on the part of the Claimants,~~
~~as on the part of the United States~~
in this cause; and the same having
been heard by the Court, and being
fully understood, the said Motion
is hereby granted, and the said
appeal vacated. The same having
been granted by the Court ^{imprudently} ~~imprudently~~,
as no decree of this Court had been
signed and entered by this Court
according to law.

And it is further ordered,
that said cause be set down for
re-hearing - which is accordingly
^{now} done in open Court.
July 12. '57

W. G. Dryden
Attorney for Appellees

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United States within and for
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Amble. Isaac S. R. Ogier Judge,

December Term 1836.

The United States
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John Rowland et al } "La Puente"
Appellees }

Transcript from the Board of
Land Commissioners N^o 385.

This cause coming on to be heard, ^{on a rehearing} on Appeal
from the decision of the Board of Land
Commissioners to ascertain and settle
private land claims in California upon
the Transcript of the proceedings and
decision of said Board and the doc-
-umentary and other evidence upon
which said decision was founded,
~~and also upon other evidence taken~~
~~and filed in that Court.~~ And Counsel
for the respective parties parties having
been heard it is...

Ordered, adjudged and Decreed
that the decision of said Board of
Land Commissioners declaring valid
and confirming the claims of the Appellees
John Rowland and William Workman
to the land described in their petitions
to said Board and set forth in the
documentary and other evidence in this
case, be and the same is hereby

affirmed, And that their title to said land is a good and valid one.

The land of which Confirmation is hereby made is situated in the County of Los Angeles, and is known by the name "La Puente" and the same granted on the 22nd day of July A.D. 1845, to John Rowland & William Workman by Governor Pio Pico.

The land adjoins and is bounded by the lands known by the names Rancho de San Jose de los Nogales de Juso de Don Juan Perez, de los Coyotes and Rio de San Gabriel. according to the Grant and the Map to which reference is had, Provided however if the land within said boundaries exceeds in quantity eleven square leagues, then the Confirmation hereby made is made to eleven square leagues and no more. But if the land within said boundaries is less in quantity than eleven square leagues, then the Confirmation hereby made is made to such less quantity.

James W. Ogden
U.S. Dist. Ct.
for the S. Dist. of Cal.

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The United States
Appointments

by
John Rowland of my
appellants.

Decree.

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Wm Isaac & H. C. G. Jones

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Dec: Term 1854

The United States
Appellants
vs
John Roland et al
Appellees

Now on this day come the parties aforesaid by their attorneys the appellants by R. W. D. and the appellees by W. G. Orman Whumpson on motion of attorneys of appellants praying that the Order heretofore made in this case on the 3rd day of March A.D. 1854, granting an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, be ^{and also the order of the 7th of March} ~~vacated~~ ^{set aside} and vacated and that a re-hearing be granted to the Appellants and on showing to the satisfaction of the Court - that no decree had been made and entered in this cause, it is

Ordered and adjudged that the Order heretofore made on the 3rd day of March A.D. 1854 granting an appeal to the Supreme Court be and the same be vacated and set aside and a rehearing of said cause is hereby granted to the said Appellants Isaac & Jones
W. G. Orman Whumpson
Attorneys for the Appellants

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Order granting a
rehearing etc

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California Land Claims

Attorney General's Office

29 Sept. 1856,

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Sir:

In the case of the claim of John Roland et al: confirmed to the claimants by the Commissioners, case no. three hundred and eighty-five (385), and also confirmed on appeal by the District Court, appeal in the Supreme Court will not be prosecuted by the United States.

I am

Respectfully

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Pacific Ord Exp

U. S. Attorney

Los Angeles

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L. Sims Clerk
J. H. Colman
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John Roland, et al. App^{es}
vs
The United States, App^t

Docket No. 127.

Transcript No. 385.

TO THE HON. ISAAC S. K. OGIER, JUDGE :

The Petitioner of Pacificus Ord, a resident of said City, County, and State; Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, who petitions in this behalf for the United States, and being present here in Court, in the name and behalf of the United States, represents as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on or about the 9th day of October A. D. 1852, John Roland and Julian Workman,

presented a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, when sitting as a Board, claiming a tract of land called La Puente, situate in the County of Los Angeles State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 4th day of April A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioners. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 8th day of November A. D. 1854, a duly certified transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, and marked No. 385; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition. That on or about the 30th day of October A. D. 1854, the Honorable Caleb Cushing, Attorney-General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and

evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter, to wit:
on ^{or about} the 27th day of February A. D. 1855, the said
Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in
behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District
Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said
decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United
States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the
United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed,
as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within
the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents
and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said
Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for
many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified
transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said
cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all
and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimants
presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further
denies that the said claimants ~~has~~ ^{have} any valid right or title to said land claimed
as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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And no sufficient proof having been made of the allegations in said pe-
tition to said Commissioners, or in support of the said claim, no decision con-
firming the same should have been made by said Commissioners; but the

said claim should have been rejected by them. And the said claimant, having no valid right or title derived from the Spanish or Mexican Governments, to the land claimed as aforesaid, the lawful right and title in and to the said land was acquired by, and it now belongs to the United States, by virtue of conquest, and the Treaty of peace, friendship, limits and settlement, between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, made at the City of Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2d, A. D. 1848.

Wherefore, the said Pacificus Ord, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, for and in behalf of the United States, by reason of the premises, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," approved March 3d, A. D. 1851, and the laws and statutes in such case made and provided, prays that the said claimants, or ~~his~~^{their} attorneys may be served with a copy of this petition; and that this Honorable Court will review the said decision of said Commissioners, and reverse the same; and decide on the validity of the same, and decree the alleged title to be invalid: with costs and general relief.

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P. Ord

Attorney of the United States for
the Southern District of California.

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U.S. Dist Court,
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John Roland et al
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vs.

The United States,
applt.

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C. E. Carr
clerk

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P. B. A. et al.

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District of California
The United States }
vs appnts } No 127 In Dist Court
John Roland and }
William Workman } La Puente

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Now comes J P Gitchell
United States District Attorney for the
Southern District of California and excepts
to the final survey made by the United
States Surveyor General for the State of
California of the lands claimed by the
appellors in the above entitled cause

The lines of said survey to which
exceptions are hereby made are designated
upon the map of said survey now
on file in this Court. as follows
to wit Lines nos 11-12-13-14-15-16-
17-18-19-21-22 and 23. said line No
11 commencing at a point on said map
marked "Low Red Hill" Stake L P 11 and
chared stake and said line No 23 ending
at a point on said map marked Post
and chared stake.

J P Gitchell United States District
Attorney for the Southern District of California

being duly sworn deposes and
says that the foregoing exceptions
are true as he is informed and
verily believes

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J. P. Mitchell
W. & S. B. B. B.

From the subscribed before me this 22nd day of Dec 1880

J. Smith ckc
of John & Whelan Debr

To the Appellants or their Attorney
in the above entitled Cause

You are hereby notified
that the hearing of the above and pre-
siding exceptions in the above entitled
cause will be brought on to a hearing
before said Court within thirty days
after the service of the same upon you
or as soon thereafter as counsel can
be heard -

J. P. Mitchell
W. & S. B. B. B.

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United States

vs

John Howland et al

Exceptions to
Survey

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. }

John Roland et al
appellants

No. *127*

"*La Puente*"

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The United States
appellants

It being suggested to the Court that the survey of the land claimed in this case, made under final decree, and approved by the U. S. Surveyor General for California, does not conform to said decree and is erroneous and that said survey will be to the injury of the *parties*

appellants & applicants
on application of *J. R. Hutchell U.S. Dist. atty*
it is ordered that the said Surveyor General return to this Court *forthwith*
the plat of said survey, and that the *United States - appellants*

be allowed *Twenty* days, from and after the return thereof, to file exceptions thereto; and it is further ordered that a certified copy of this order be served upon the said Surveyor General for his information.
I. S. K. OGIER, U. S. District Judge.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. }

I, C. Sims, Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the original order, made and entered on the *25* day of *May* 1860, in said case, No. *127* on the docket of said Court, wherein *John Roland et al* are claimants against the United States, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof I herewith set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this the *ninth (9)* day of *June* 1860.

C. Sims, Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. }

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
To J. W. MANDAVILLE, U. S. Surveyor General, for California—Greeting:

You are hereby notified that the United States District Court, for the Southern District of California, at the *December* Term of said Court, 1860, in case No. *127* on the docket of said Court, wherein *John Roland et al* are claimants against the United States, made and caused to be entered an order, of which the above and foregoing is a certified copy herewith transmitted to you for your information, and you are hereby required to take notice of the same.

Witness the Hon. ISAAC S. K. OGIER, Judge of the United States District Court, for the Southern District of California, this the *9th* day of *June* 1860.

Attest my hand and the seal of said Court the day and year last above written
C. Sims, Clerk.

I served a Copy of the Within personally on
J W Maudeville U.S. Surveyor General for
California in the City of San Francisco
on June 12th 1860

James C Bennie
U S Marshall
for W Buchanan
Dep U.S. Marshal

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John Roland and

ads
The American States

Order for return
of
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Served June 12
at 12 o'clock
Filed in office at this
the 22nd day of June
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In the District Court of the
United States for the Southern
District of California
John Roland et al } In District Court No 127
vs } La Puente
The United States } No 385 S P

Now Comes the United States
by W Mitchell United States District Attorney
for the Southern District of California - and
suggests to the Court that the survey of the
premises in this case heretofore made and
and approved by the Surveyor General of the
United States for the State of California -
is not made in accordance with the
final decree of the Court in this cause,
and that the said United States will
be injured thereby - therefore moves for
an order of this Court upon said Surveyor
General directing him to return into
Court forthwith the approved plat of
the survey aforesaid for the further
action of this Court

W Mitchell
U S Dist Atty

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In U S Dist Court

John Roland et al

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Deposition of Henry Hancock a
Witness produced on part of the United States
and taken in Open Court in the City of Los
Angeles, on Thursday the 2^d Day of October
AD 1862

Present, B. Whiting U.S. Dist. atty
on part of the United States and Valency
E. Howard in behalf of Claimant

Henry Hancock being duly sworn testi-
fied as follows, to wit

My name is Henry Hancock, resident
at present at Benicia,

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Questions by B. C. Whiting U. S. Dist
Atty., and answers thereto

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I am acquainted with the tract of land in question, and executed the survey of the same as well as those of the adjoining Ranchos. The survey of this Rancho was made under the direction of the Surveyor General, 11 Leagues, having been the limit as to quantity, the Western boundary was the river San Gabriel, the Northern the road to San Bernardino, the Eastern a Rancho called La Mojales, the Southern the Rancho called Los Coyotes & that of San Bartolo,

The Rancho Los Coyotes does not appear on the Map on file here for the reason that the Rancho La Habra lies between it and the Rancho of La Puente. The Rancho of La Habra & Los Coyotes were both owned by the same parties at the time I made this survey and as I then understood it that portion here marked La Habra was what was meant by Los Coyotes, for in speaking of that tract of land both La Habra & Los Coyotes were all called Los Coyotes.

I now understand that they were two separate tracts or grants but afterwards came into the hands of the same owner

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and were then known as one tract
The owner of La Habra & Los Coyotes
Camp & Rio contended that their land went
farther north than the southern boundary of
La Coyotes. As shown on the map here shown
me & marked thereon - opposite the point on the
southern boundary of La Puente Rancho here
marked Post and Charred Stake.

The deputants met on the ground
and agreed upon a line at that point or
~~to the line of division between~~ upon the
question by the Comt.

Why did you run line 16
to so short an angle

Answer - I ran it in the direction of a
certain object on some two miles distant from
Station 16, on the angle, South East, in conformity
to the direction of the northern boundary of the
Rancho called Rancho de la Pasa, and from station
16 to stations 15 & 14 the lines were run at
right angles in order to conform to the
legal subdivisions of the public land -

Questions by U. S. Dist Atty
Who surveyed the public lands at
that point & when were they surveyed

Ans I myself surveyed them. Subsequent
to the survey of the Rauchos in the vicinity

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My instructions for the Survey having
referred me to the Aescuo as a guide
would have warranted me in running the
Eastern boundary of the Rauch from Station
12 South Easterly into the hills South of the
Rauch of Los Nogales & in such a manner
even as to have included at least $2\frac{1}{3}$ of
said Rauch Los Nogales & the old house
of the Claimant thereof

Why did not you run it according to
the instructions

Ans Because the Claimants of the
Rauch Los Nogales had had judicial pos-
-session given to them of that tract up to
the place called El Paso de los Carretas
shown on the map, & the Claimants of the
Rauch de la Puente agreed upon the line
with Ricardo Vieja owner of La Nogales as
here shown by Station 13 on the map

The quantity of land included in the
Survey of La Puente is a little less than
Eleven Leagues

The Rancho of Los Nogales, as surveyed thereat was called into Court and finally changed by Decree of the District Court to terminate about a mile and a half up the arroyo. - terminate on the West - and East of the present Western boundary of Los Nogales, as shown by this map. I have since the Decree of the Court that Case subdivided that portion of the Rancho of Los Nogales, lying between the Western boundary here shown & the Western boundary last decreed by the Court something over a mile East of it.

The Rancho of Los Nogales, was for one square League - the line of the juridical possession gave some two Leagues, its Western boundary was from Station No 13 to Station 14. marked here El Paso de los Carretas, according to that juridical survey

Q. How near to the Eastern line of the Plat of La Puente does Los Nogales as finally surveyed Come

A. It Comes within a mile & a quarter or thereabouts, at the nearest point

Q. How near the point called El Paso
de las Carretas does the nearest point
of the Western boundary for Nogales as
finally surveyed come.

A. At least three miles

I am confident the survey as made
is within the juridical ~~possession~~ boundaries

Joseph H. Cannon

Questions by J. E. Howard

Q. What is the number of acres in
Eleven Leagues, according to the rules of the
S. G. & Office

A. 48,790 acres

Henry Hancock
Presented & sub. before
Mexican Court this
20 Oct 1867
John P. White, Clerk
of S. G. & Office

No 127 SD
U. S. Dist Court
South - Dist Cal

Sam Roland et al

^{vs}
United States

Dep^t of H. Hancock
Att^y Gen^l for U. S.

Filed Oct 2, 1862

John D. Whelan
Clk

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In the District Court of the United
State In and for the Southern District
of the State of California
Intermediate Term for October 1862

The United States } 127
 } On Return of Survey
 } for the Rancho of
John Roland & }
Wm Workman } The La Puente

Now on this day this
Cause coming on to be heard on the
return of the final survey herein and
it appearing to the satisfaction of the
Court, that the said final survey of the
tract of land herein claimed known by the
name of the La Puente has been duly
made and approved by J W Mandeville
United States Surveyor General for the State
of California. and that in pursuance
of the order of this Court a certified
copy of the plat of said Surveyor
General has been duly filed in this
Court on the - day of

And it further appearing to the satis-
-faction of the Court that all the
publications and proceedings required
by the rules of this Court and the act

of Congress in relation to the approved surveys in California approved on the 14th day of June AD 1860 have been duly made and exceptions to said survey filed herein and the same having been fully heard upon the evidence and arguments of Counsel therein, and the case having been duly considered by the Court

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the exceptions to said survey herein filed, be and the same are hereby overruled and that the said final survey to the tract of land known as the Rancho of La Puente and claimed by said Polana & Workman be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed by the Court

And it is further ordered that the plat of final survey herein filed be returned to the said United States Surveyor General together with a copy of this order

This done in open Court this 4th day of October AD 1862

Hetcher M. Waugh
U.S. Dist. Judge S. Cal.

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W S Dist Court
The United States
vs
John Kellogg and

Final decree on
return of survey

Filed Oct 24th 1862
John O. Wheeler
Clerk

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