

CASE NO.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

LAGUNA SECA GRANT

CATHARINA MANZANELI DE MUNRAS

CLAIMANT

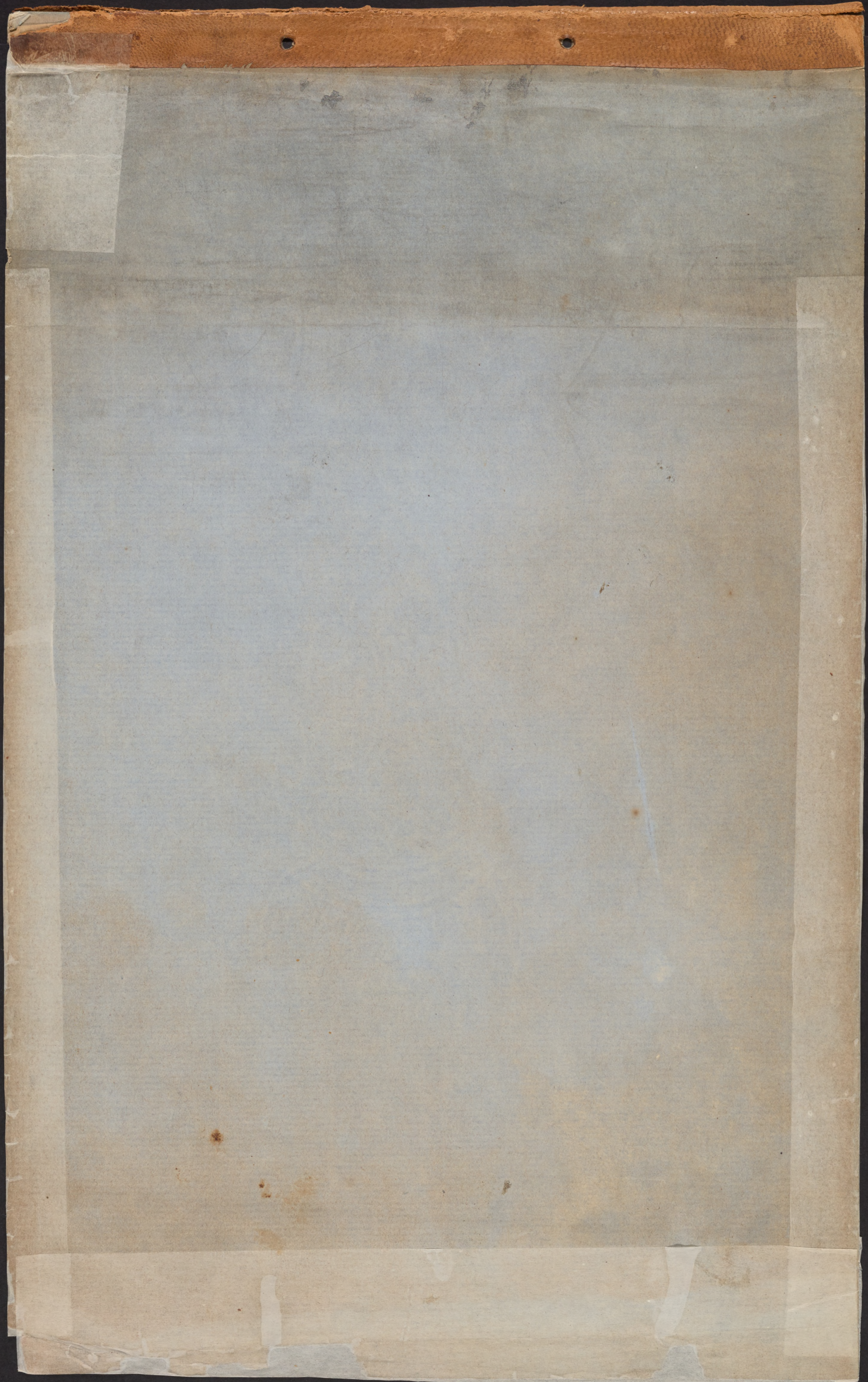
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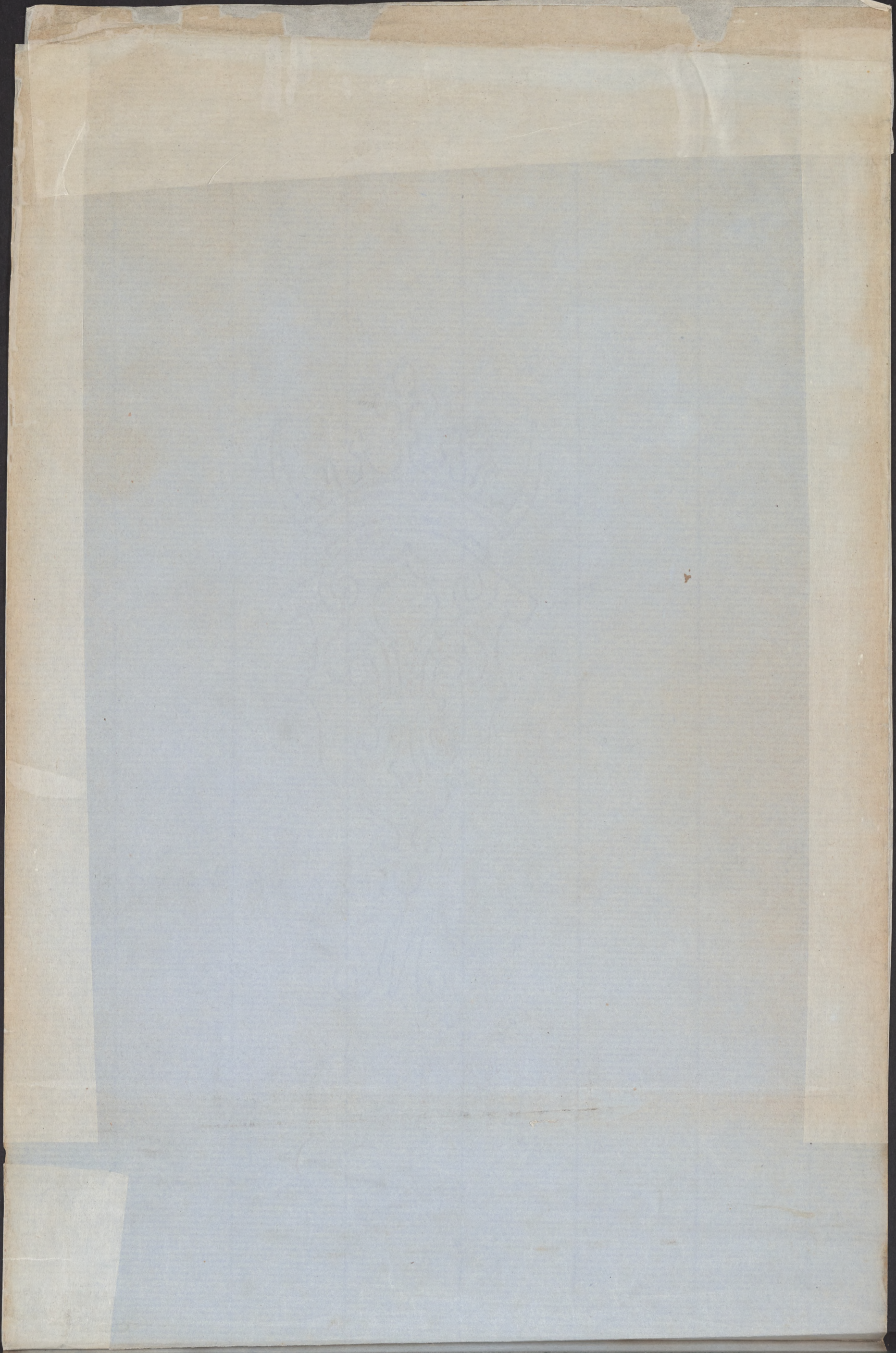
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PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

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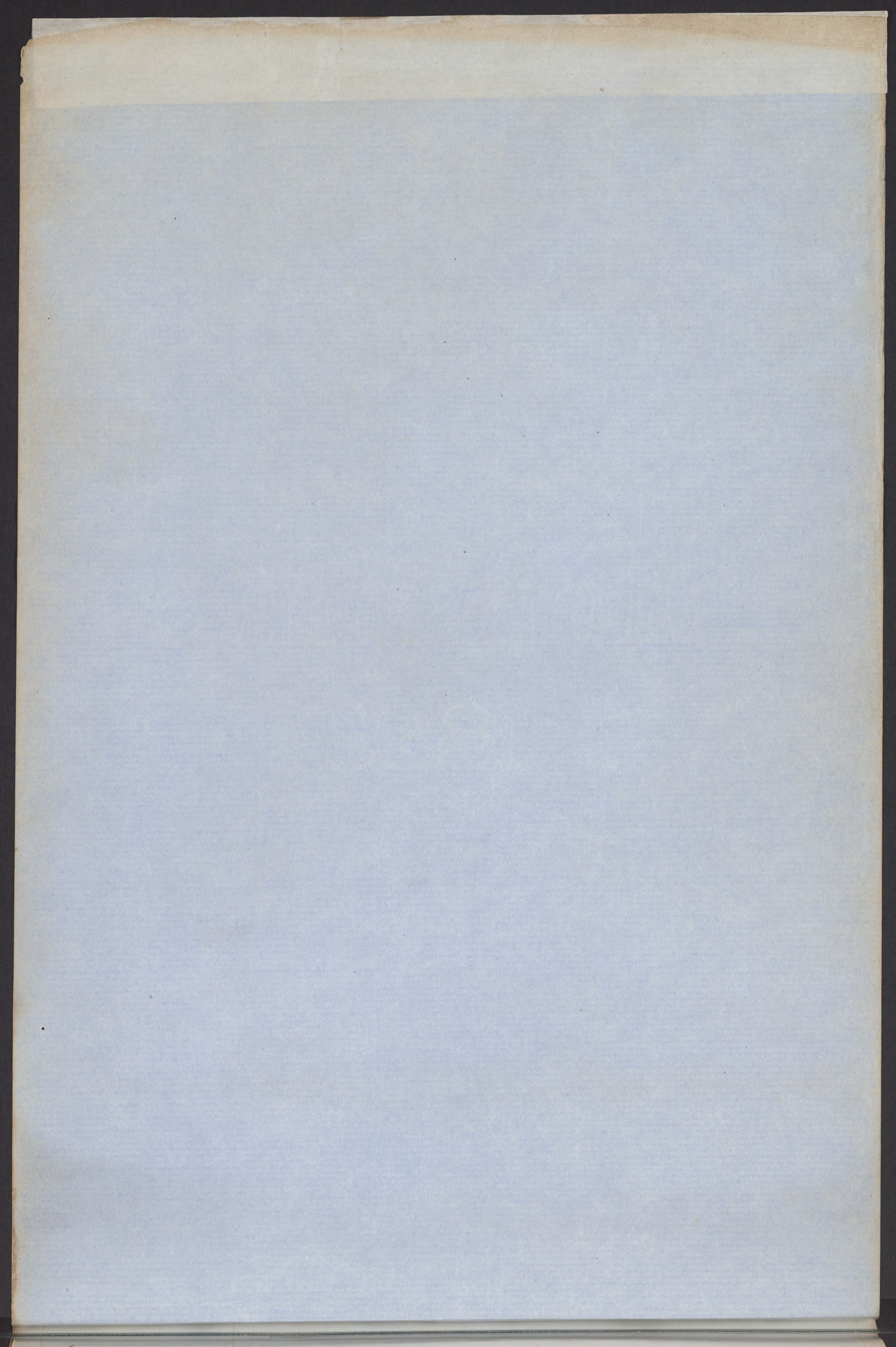
Catharine Manganeli de Murray CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"Laguna Seca"



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 *third day of April*, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Two, before the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America, the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

The Petition of Catharina Manzanelli de
Munras for the Place named

"Laguna Seca"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 155 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

San Francisco April 7th 1852

In Case No 155 Catalina Manzanelli de Munras the Deposition of David Spence a witness in behalf of the claimant taken before Commissioner Heilana Keall was filed and is in the words and figures as follows to wit

(Vide page 33 of this Transcript)

Los Angeles Oct 8th. 1852

In Case No 155 Catalina Manzanelli de Munras for the place named "Laguna Seca" On Motion of the learned for the claimant the following Order was entered to wit (Vide page ^{or day of} _{summary} of the Transcript)

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San Francisco Feb'y 28th 1853

On Motion of the United State Associate Law Agent it was Ordered that the following Case be placed on the Trial Docket to wit N^o 155 Beatilina Manzanoli de Munras "Laguna Seca,"

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San Francisco March 28th 1853

Case No 155 "Beatilina Manzanoli de Munras for the place named "Laguna Seca" Call'd. the Lenned for the Claimant. Mr Rose read the Petition and the papers in Evidence. The U. S. Asst Law Agent read and filed his Brief Submitta and taken under advisement by the Board

San Francisco April 11th 1853

In Case N^o 155 Beatilina Manzanoli de Munras for the place named "Laguna Seca," the Commissioner Henry J. Thornton delivered the Opinion and the Decree of Final Confirmation of the Board
Ordered that the said Opinion and Decree of Final Confirmation of the Board be Recorded on the Records of this Board

Which Opinion and Decree are as follows
to wit

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for
ascertaining Private Land Claims in the State
of California.

Your petitioner Catharine Marzorelli
of Murras, a resident of the County of Monterey in
the State of California, would respectfully represent
to your honorable board that she claims a certain
tract of land called the Rancho of Saguna Seca,
containing somewhat more than a half a league of
land (about three thousand acres) situated in the
aforesaid County of Monterey in the State of Cali-
-fornia; & that she claims the same in fee by
virtue of a grant made to her under the authority
of the Mexican Government, by Jose Figueroa, Brig-
-adier General of the Mexican Army, Commandant
General, Inspector, & Superior Political Chief of the
Territory of Upper California, bearing date the 22nd
of January A. D. 1834, & approved by the Hon
Territorial Deputation on the 17th of May A. D.
1834. And your petitioner would further represent
to your honorable Board that judicial possession
of said land was given unto her (the said grantee)
on the 11th day of September A. D. 1834, & the
boundaries thereof designated & defined, & that she
those claiming under her, are now & have been ever
since in the peaceable possession thereof, & that she
has no knowledge of any interfering claim whatever.
And your petitioner herewith presents to your Hon
Board, copies of all the papers pertaining to said
land, (so far as to her known), namely; 1st and
marked A, a correct copy of the original grant,
& of the approval of the same by the Hon Territorial
Deputation in the Spanish Language, (originals
now in the possession of your petitioner) - 2nd
& marked B, a copy of the original papers of ju-
-dicial possession, also in Spanish, (originals
now in the possession of your petitioner) - 3rd and
marked C, a true translation of the grant, of the
approval of the Territorial Deputation, & of the orig-
-inal papers of Judiciary Possession. and 4th
& marked A. A. A certified copy of all the papers

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justaining to said Ranch, now in the Government
 Archives; being in Spanish idiom, & consisting of 1st
 The petition of M^{rs} C. M. to the Town Council (Ay-
 untamiento) of Monterey, 17th Nov 1832, for permis-
 sion to occupy provisionally the Canadita or
 Rancho in front of the Laguna Seca, which was gran-
 ted to her by the Ayuntamiento 18th Nov. 2nd
 of the petition of M^{rs} C. M. dated Feb 20th 1833. to
 Governor Figueroa, to grant to her the Canadita or
 per diagram accompanying it. 3rd of Governor
 Figueroa's decree, under date 23rd Feb. that the Ay-
 untamiento of Monterey give him all the nec-
 essary information about it. 4th of the Ayunta-
 miento report, under date of 13th March, that
 the land be granted to her, on condition that, should
 the act passed by the Territorial Deputation in
 1830, defining the Town boundaries, be confirmed
 by the Supreme Government, that this land
 being included in the Ejidos of Monterey should
 be subject to the tax, (Canon) which the Town author-
 ities might levy thereon. 3rd of Governor Fig-
 ueroa's decree, under date of 18th May 1833, that
 the land be granted to her, subject to what is con-
 tained in the Report of the Ayuntamiento & the
 approbation of the Hon. Territorial Deputation,
 6th of the copy of the Grant, (& also the original
 title) by Governor Figueroa, under date of the 23rd
 of May 1833, to M^{rs} C. M. of the Canadita or
 Rancho (also the original diagram). 7th of the
 petition of M^{rs} C. M. under date 21st Nov, 1833
 to Governor Figueroa, to grant her an extension
 or enlargement of the land, so as to answer as a
 Cattle Ranch, & 8th of a new & enlarged diagram.
 9th of Governor Figueroa's decree, under date 20th
 of Nov; that the Ayuntamiento give the necessary
 information concerning the same. 10th of the
 Ayuntamiento's Report, under date of the 30th
 Decr, 1833, that it may be granted unto her under
 the same conditions as the former (Canadita)

11th of Governor Figueroa's decree, under date of the 9th of January 1834, declaring it granted unto her subject as before. — 12th of a copy of the Grant to Mrs C. M. under date of the 22nd of January A.D. 1834, by Governor Figueroa. 13th of the report of the committee of on Vacant Lands, under date of the 10th of May 1834, that the grant of the Laguna Seca, to Mrs C. M. be approved. 14th of the approval of the same, under date of the 17th of May 1834, by the Hon Territorial Deputation. 15th of the decree of the Governor, under date of the 12th of July 1834, that a certificate be given to Mrs C. M. of the confirming of the grant of the 18th of May 1833 unto her as also of the extension of the same on the 9th of January 1834. & lastly, of a copy of the certificate given to Mrs C. M. by Figueroa, under date of 12th of July 1834. And your petitioner would further represent to your Honorable Board, that she has had said Rancho occupied & stocked with cattle, the land cultivated, vineyards planted, & the other improvements as prescribed by the title made thereon; that said land is not within the 20 leagues limitrofes, stated in the act of the 18th of August 1824; & that although it be within the ten leagues, litorales spoken of in the same law of 1824, yet, that the Ayuntamiento in the Report of its Committee, under date of the 13th of March 1833, declared said law to be an impediment to agriculture & the prosperity of the country, and that the same should be abrogated, which report was approved by the Governor. And your petitioner would further represent to your Honorable Board, that further proof of title &c, will be made should you think necessary or so desire. And your petitioner now prays your Honorable Board to take into consideration her claim to said land, decree her title to be valid, and confirm and ratify the same.

And your petitioner will ever pray as in duty bound.

Catharine Manzuelli de Munnas.

by her Attorney

Wm H. McKee.

Done at Monterey

30th March 1852.

Filed in Office April 3rd 1852.

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Jurisdiccion
de Monterrey

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Año de
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Espediente

Promovida por D.^a Catarina Manzaneti de Murras pidiendo ampliacion al terreno de La Canadita de en frente de La Laguna Seca

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Espediente

Sobre el Paraje que comprende La Canadita en frente de La Laguna Seca solicitada para su cultivo p.^a

D.^a Catalina Manzaneti de Murras.

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Sello Tercero

Dos Reales

Para los años de
y seis y ocho cientos

Seal on
the
original

ochocientos veinte
veinte y siete.

Stamp in
the original
for the years
1828 & 1829

Sr. Jefe Supor. Politico.

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for the years
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Maria Catalina Manzanelli de Mouras
vecina de esta Capital, ante V.S. como mas haya
lugar se presenta diciendo que con fecha 17. del
ultimo Noviembre presento al
Ayuntamiento de este lugar,
la peticion que devidamente a-
compaña, la cual decretada como
se manifiesta hizo comprender
a la solicitante los gastos de
quinientos pesos para el fin
de mudar el lugar que pidio,
de esteril a fructifero plantando
en el una viña y arboles fructi-
feros, mas como no posee un do-
cumento q. acredite en forma la
propiedad de este sitio, o poro-
piamente solar, anhelo a de-
no perder los indicados gastos
q. ha invertido, se ve en el
caso de pedir se le conceda ha-
ciendo presente a V.S. q. el pa-
rajo de q. se trata es una corta
cañada q. corre frente a la
Laguna Seca, de la figura
y medidas que demuestran el
diseño que adjunta. Por
tanto A. V.S. pendiamente
suplica la interesada q. por
un efecto de su bondad le
conceda lo que lleva pedido,
en lo q. recibirá merced -

Monterrey Febrero 25
de 1835.

De conformidad
con las leyes de la mate-
ria infrone el Ayuntamien-
to de esta Capital si la
interesada obtiene los requi-
sitos para mudos para ser
atendida en su solicitud:
Si el terreno que pretende
está comprendido entre las
20 leguas limitropes ó 10.
leguas que reprisa la
Ley de 18 de Agosto de
1824; Si ha pertenecido
ó pertenece a propiedad
particular corporacion ó
Pueblo, ó se conoce por bal-
dío con todo lo demas que
sea conveniente a ilustrar
la materia

Figuero

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Catalina Manzanillo de
Munras

Sr. Jefe Supor. Politico.

El Ayuntamiento de esta Capital, con el objeto de dar á V.S. el informe que se sirva pedir en su Superior Decreto, pasó la presente solicitud á la Comision qf. conoce en asuntos de Colonizacion y terrenos baldios, quien presento el dictamen qf. se mandó agregar á este Expediente. Y como su contenido es lo qf. en el particular debe informar esta Corporacion, lo reproduce en todas sus partes, devolviendo á V.S. el presente en cumplimiento de lo acordado en Sesion de 26 del actual.

Monterey Mayo 30, de 1833.

Marcelino Escobar

José Maria
Maldonado
Secro.

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Monterey Mayo 18, de 1833.

Vista la peticion con qf. da principio este Expediente el informe de la autoridad municipal de esta capi con tras lo demas qf. se tubo presente y concubino de conformidad con lo espuesto por Leyes y Reglamentos de la materia se declara á Dona Catalina Manzanillo de Munras dueña en propiedad de la Canadita cerca de la Laguna Seca, y si resultare pertenecer á los ejidos de Monterey se someterá á pagar el Canon qf. se le imponga cuando se arreglen los linderos, sujetandose á las demas condiciones qf. se estipularon; librese el Despacho correspondiente tomese razon en el Libro respectivo y dirijase este Expediente para la debida aprobacion á la Ecsm. Diputacion Territorial, en cuyo caso la interesada á quien se le hará saber este Decreto, presentará

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movimiento su titulo para q. se le revalide. El
Sr. D. José Figueroa Comandte. Gral. Insp. y
Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta
California así lo mandó decreto y firmo de
q. doy fé

José Figueroa
Agustín V. Zamorano
Secro.

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Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Para los años de mil ochocientos
veinte y seis y original mil ochocientos
y siete

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on the original
for the years
1828 & 1829

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1832 & 1833

El día 22 del mes de Mayo de mismo
año habiendo ocurrido D.^a Catalina Manzaneli
de Mouras á esta Secretaria de mi cargo se
le leyó el antecedente Decreto del Sr. Jefe Su-
perior Político y enterada de él dijo: q. lo oyo
y firmo.

Catalina Manzaneli de
Mouras
Agustín V. Zamorano

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Sello Cuarto una Cuartilla
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria
Subalterna interina del Puerto de Monterey
de la Alta California, para los años de mil
ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta
y dos.

Salvador Espinosa
Ostrada

Nuestro Ayuntamiento

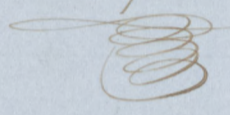
Maria Catalina Manzaneli de Mouras, ante la notoriedad de V. A. como mejor el

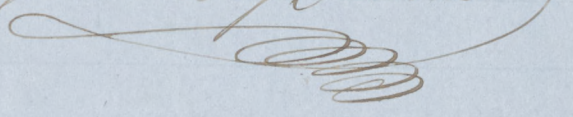
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el derecho le permite, comparece y dice: Que hallandose en el dia con comodidades suficientes para establecer giros que le proporcionen en lo subsiguiente medios de asegurar su subsistencia y la de su familia en estado de orfandad a que pueda reducirse su desgraciada suerte, como visitada natural, ha creido mejor ir poniendo algunos bienes raices en parafu. qui le preste alguna seguridad; y no encontrando mas á proposito que el que comprende la Cañadita q. esta inmediata á la Laguna Seca q. corresponde á los ejidos de este lugar, por cuya razon impetra á V.S. por estar en sus facultades le conceda dicha Cañada p. cultivarla, plantando arboles frutales, una vina y los hortaliza necesarios, para el consumo de su casa.

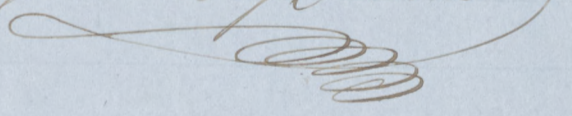
Monterey 18 de Nov^{ra} de 1832.

Salvador Espumosa


Monterey 17 de Nov^{ra} de 1832.
 Catalina Manganti de Munras


Por tanto á V.S. suplica le conceda esta gracia en que recibirá merced jurando no ser de malicia y lo necesario &c.

Monterey 17 de Nov^{ra} de 1832.

Catalina Manganti de Munras


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Y. Ayuntamiento

La Comisión encargada de abrir dictamen sobre asuntos de Colonización y terrenos baldíos, vista la petición de la Srta. Catalina Manzanelli de Murras, y decreto que acomp.^a no puede menos q. referir á esta Corporación el escrito que encuentra al dar este dictamen, pues si bien concierne á la pretensión con las qualidades requeridas p.^a la opción del terreno de que se trata v. q. este no estando en las veinte leguas limítrofes, si lo está en las diez litorales de q. habla la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1825, y é aqui el obstáculo q. se le presenta á la Comisión p.^a sus operaciones presentes y futuras; pues está persuadido de que acaso ninguno ó muy pocos terrenos q. se soliciten p.^a una sola persona estara fuera de las litorales p.^a prueba de esa acersion basta considerar que por consecuencia ningun individuo q. no tenga mayores recursos p.^a colonizar se querra retirar mucho de su población vecina, donde p.^a su fomento tiene los auxilios necesarios. La Comisión juzga p.^a esto q. los inconvenientes se deven arrastrar p.^a poder dar fomento á la Agricultura, ramo á la verdad muy interesante p.^a la prosperidad Territorial. Siguiendo pues la Comisión su objeto hace presente, q. el terreno q. pretende la interesada no ha sido propiedad particular; pero que actualmente pertenece á los ejidos q. estan demarcados segun se debe p.^a la Exma. Diputación en el año de 1830 no obstante no haver circulado á este Ayuntamiento su verificación á aquella Corporación y faltar la suprema aprobación. Por otra parte la interesada tiene segun se sabe hecho un gasto de tres á cuatrocientos pesos en el referido terreno á consecuencia de haversele concedido provisionalmente al Ilustre Ayuntamiento el año proximo pasado; en tal concepto presenta la Comisión al Ilustre Ayuntamiento p.^a su deliberación la siguiente proposición.

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Puede concederse á la interesada el terreno que pretende en circunstancias de of. (si en efecto queda aprobada p.^a el Supremo Gobierno la demarcacion de los ejidos of. ha detallado la Exma. Diputacion) tenga of. recibir el arrendamiento of. la autoridad competente le señale desde aquella superior aprobacion.

Monter.ⁱ 15 de Marzo de 1833.

Jose Antonio Romero José Arila

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José Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Nacionales Mexicamos, Comand.^{te} General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto D.^a Catarina Manganeli de Munsás ha pretendido p.^a su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno de la Canchita y esta frente de la Laguna Seca en las inmediaciones de este Puerto: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto p.^a Leyes y Reglamentos, usando de las facultades q. me son conferidas; en Decreto de 18 del corriente á nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarandole la propiedad de el p.^a las presentes letras extendiendose dha. concesion con entera conformidad á lo dispuesto p.^a las leyes y sometiendose á pagar el canon que se le imponga, si resultare pertenecer á los ejidos de Monterrey cuando se arreglen sus linderos á reserva de la aprobacion ó desaprobacion de la Exma. Diputacion Territorial y del Sup.^{mo} Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes:

1.^a Que se someterá á los q. estableciere el Reglamento of. se hace formar p.^a la dis-

Tribucion de terrenos baldios, y que entre tanto ni la agraciada ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica: imponer senso, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen - aunq. sea p. causa piedadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

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2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las trovecias, caminos y servidumbres. lo disputará libre y esclusivamente determinandole al uso y cultivo q. mas le acomode; pero dentro de un año a lo mas, fabricará casa y estará habitada -

3.^a Cuando se le confirme la propiedad solicitará del Juez respectivo q. le dé posesion juridica en virtud de este Despacho p. el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá a mas de las Mojoneras, algunos arboles frutales ó silvestres de alguna utilidad

4.^a El terreno de q. se hace donacion es de una area ó superficie de Doscientas setenta y siete mil setecientas y cinco varas cuadradas poco mas ó menos seg. el diseño q. corre en el Expediente: el Juez q. diere posesion lo hará medir conforme á Ordenanzas p. señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante q. resulte á la Nacion p. los usos convenientes.

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

En consecuencia mando q. sirviendole de titulo el presente y teniendose p. firme y valedero se tome razon en el Libro á q. corresponde y se entregue á la interesada p. su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterrey á 23 de Mayo de 1833 - Jose Figueroa - Agustin V. Zambrano Sect.

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Sello Tercero Dos Reales
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Adminis-

Tracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey,
para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y tres, y
mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa.

Jose Rafael Gonzales

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Monterrey Noviembre

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Agreguese esta al Expediente de la materia informe la Secretaría lo q. se le ofresca, y dese cuenta para resolver

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Sr. Jefe Sup.º Político

La solicitante pretendiendo ampliamen al terreno de la Cañadita frente de la Laguna Seca abrazando desde el encinal de los gatos hasta el Portezuelo. Mas como el diseño que acompaña no expresa numericamente la distancia de terreno q. quiere se le conceda nuevamente, creo de necesidad, p.º q. V.º pueda resolver con acierto se le devuelva á la interesada este Expediente p.º q. señale ó dibuje en el expresado terreno la escala proporcional al p.º

Sr. Jefe Sup.º Político.

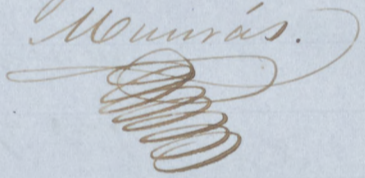
Catalina Manzanelli de Mouras, natural de la Real Publica Mexicana en la ciudad de Monterey de la Alta California ante V.º respetuosamente conforme haya lugar en derecho expono. Que como aparece por el adjunto Documento que devidamente acompaña le fué adjudicado en 23 de Mayo proximo pasado, una corta estension de tierra en el paraje llamado la Laguna Seca, para solo el objeto de plantar arboles frutales ó silvestres de utilidad y fabricar casa. Con notable esfuerzo ha conseguido lo que por medio de la esterilidad de la tierra, una viña y lo demas que fue su primer objeto y como á la vez se encuentra dueña del numero de cuatrocientas cabezas de ganado mayor y sesenta de Caballada, sin tener en donde poderlos reducir para su fomento p.º de a.º se sirva ampliarle en el mencionado terreno la

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q. p.ª ella se puede me- estension que se indica en el
 dir el ó su adjunto dicen pues en su in-
 perficio del terreno teligencia no esta reconocido hasta
 nuevamente solicitado ahora por propiedad particular
 No obstante V.ª se sin de ningun individuo Corporacion
 virá resolver lo q. tu- ó Pueblo siendo por consiguiente
 bienfconveniento. balesis. En conformidad al de-
 Monterrey 21 de recho á que halla lugar queda con
 Nov.ª de 1833. una entera sujecion á las condi-
 Agustin V. Zamorano cionis y articulos que se sirva de-
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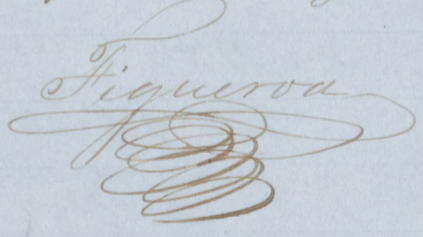
De la justa consideracion
 de V.ª espera el resultado mas
 favorable en lo que recibira gra-
 cia protestando á V.ª un entero
 reconocimiento y respeto.

Monterrey 21 de Novi-
 embro de 1833.

Catarina Manganelli de
 Mourás.


Monterrey Nov.ª 21. 1833.

Como opina el Secretario debuelrase
 esta instancia á la interesada para los fines
 que se indican

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Sello Segundo *MM Doce Reales.*

Para los años de mil ochocientos
veinte y seis y ocho y siete

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in this place
of the
Seal

Habilitado por esta Administracion p.^a el
año de mil ochocientos treinta y tres.
Figueroa. Jose Rafael Gonzalez.



Don José Figueroa, General de Brigada
de los Ejercitos Nacionales Mexicanos,
Comandante General Inspector y Je-
fe Superior Político del Territorio de
la Alta California.

Por cuanto D.^a Catarina Manzanetti
de Mourás ha pretendido para su beneficio per-
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que está frente de la Laguna Seca en las inme-
diaciones de este Puerto: practicadas previamente
las diligencias y averiguaciones consiguientes se-
gun lo dispuesto p.^a Leyes y Reglamentos; usando
de las facultades que me son conferidas; en Decreto
de diez y ocho del corriente á nombre de la Nacion
Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno men-
cionado declarandole la propiedad de él por las pre-
sentes letras, estudiendose dicha concesion con entera con-
formidad á lo dispuesto por las Leyes y sometiendose á
pagar el Canon que se le imponga, si resultare pertenecer á
los ejidos de Montuzy cuando se arreglen sus linderos, a re-
serva de la aprobacion ó desaprobacion de Excelentísima Dipu-
tacion Territorial y del Supremo Gobierno y bajo las con-
diciones siguientes.

Primera: Que se someterá á las que estableciere
el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de
terrenos baldios, y que entretanto ni la agraciada ni sus
herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica;
imponer censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen

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aunque sea por causa p[er]dida ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

Segunda: Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las travesías, caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinándole al uso y cultivo que, mas le acomode; pero dentro de un año á lo mas, fabricará casa y estará habitada.

Tercera: Cuando se le confirme la propiedad, solicitará del juez respectivo que le dé posesion jurídica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá á mas de las Mojoneras, algunos arboles frutales ó s[er]vicios de alguna utilidad.

Cuarta: El terreno de que se le hace donacion es de una area ó superficie de doscientas sesenta y siete mil setecientas varas cuadradas, mas ó menos, segun esplica el diccionario que corre en el expediente; El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme á ordenanza para señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante que resulte á la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

Quinta: Si contraviniere á estas condiciones perderá sus derechos al terreno y será denunciado por el Sr. D.

En consecuencia mando que sirviendole de Título el presente y teniendose por firma y validos si tome razon en el Libro á que corresponde y se le entregue á la interesada para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterrey á veinte y tres de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres.

Jose Figuerola

Agustin V. Zamorano
Scrio.

Queda tomada razon de este Despacho en el Libro de actas de Titulos, sobre adjudicacion de terrenos á fojas tres, numero tres, que obra en el Archivo de la Secretaria de mi cargo. Monterrey veinte y tres de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres.

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Sello Precioso: Dos Reales.

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Jose Sup. Político.

La que suscribe en atencion al decreto de N.º de 21 del corriente remite al informe expedido por la Secret.ª Político, remite el dictamen que adjunto a la presente solicitud con la escala dibujada como se pide para los fines que tengo a bien.

Monterrey 27 de Noviembre de 1833.

Catarina Manzana de Mouras

Monterrey Nov.º 26 1833.

Agreguese a este Expediente anterior promovido por la interesada y reunidos parecer a informe del Ayuntamiento de esta Capital.

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En sesion de hoy se dió cuenta al Y. Ayuntamiento con este Expediente, y se acordó pase a la Comision de Colonizacion p.ª q. entró dictamen, y puso en 11 ff. útiles
Monterrey 14. de Diciembre de 1833.

Jose Maria
Waldonado
Secro.

Sea Jose Superior Político.

El Y. Ayuntamiento de esta Capital con el objeto

de dar á V. S. el informe q. se sirva pedir en su Superior decreto de 26 de Noviembre del año p. p. pasó la presente solicitud á la Comisión permanente de Colonización y terrenos baldíos quien presentó en sesión de hoy, el dictamen que se mandó agregar á pto Expediente, y como su contenido es lo q. en el particular debe informar esta Corporación, le reproduces en todas sus partes devolviéndole á V. S. el presente en cumplimiento de lo acordado, en dicha sesión.

Monterrey Enero 4, de 1834.

Man. Jimeno
Casarin

José María
Maldonado
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Delo Tercero; Dos Reales.

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Figueroa

José Rafael González

M. G. A.

La Comisión nombrada de Colonización y Terrenos Baldíos á vista el Expediente de Matilde Catalina Mangambi de Mencias relativa á q. se le conceda ampliación de terreno desde los límites del C. Manjarres hasta el Portisuelo de la Laguna Seca; q. la Comisión informa no reconoce por Valdeño dho. terreno, p. considerable perteneciente á los ejidos de esta Municipalidad segun lo detallado por la Exma. Diputación Territorial en el año de 1830. El referido terreno, es de regadío, ni de temporal, y si de abrevaderos; por lo q. la Comisión ofrece á la Diliberación del Y. A. las siguientes proposiciones:

1ª Puede considerarse ala interesado el Ter-

rens q. pretende poseser Ciud.^a Mexicana

2.^a Y si se le concede q. sea bajo las mismas circunstancias q. se le concedió el q. actualmente posee.

Monterrey 30 de Diciembre de 1833.

Jose Avila Jose Antonio Romero

Monterrey Enero 9 de 1834.

Vista la peticion con que dá principio este Expediente, el informe de la autoridad Municipal de esta Capital, la que en 21 de Noviembre ultimo hizo la interzaga que obran en el mismo Expediente pidiendo ampliacion al terreno que por decreto de 18 de Mayo del año p.p.p. se le concedió: el informe que sobre esto particular dá la autoridad Municipalidad de esta Capital, referido con todo lo demas que se tubo presente y aver convenido de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, se declara a D.^a Catarina Manzanetti de Monras dueña en propiedad del terreno que se le ha ampliado en el paraje de la Cañadita de la Laguna Seca, colindante con el Senadero de los Gatos, el Portuquelo y lomas laterales, sin perjuicio del aprovechamiento comun del Pueblo, por lo respectivo á pastos, aguas, lenas, maderas &^a y sujetandose á pagar el canon que se le imponga si resultare pertenecer á los ejidos de esta Capital cuando se arreglen sus linderos y á las demas condiciones que se estipularen: librese el Despacho correspondiente quedando agregado el anterior al Expediente: tomese razon en el Libro respectivo y dirigase este Expediente para la debida aprobacion á la Exma. Diputacion Territorial, en cuyo caso la interzaga, á quien se le hará saber ese decreto, presentará nuevamente su titulo para que se le revalide El Sr. D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante General, Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fé.

Jose Figueroa

Agustin V. P. Ramirez
Sr. J.

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Sello Tercero; Dos Reales.

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J. Figueroa

Rafael Gonzalez

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En 17 de Enero de 1834 habiendo ocurrido a esta Secretaria la parte de D.^a Catarina Manzanelli de Monras se le hizo saber el decreto q. antecede del Sr. Jefe Superior Político y enterada de él dijo q. lo oye y queda conforme y p.^a la divina const. lo firmo conmigo

Agustin V. Zamorano

Catarina Manzanelli de Monras

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Jose Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Nacionales Mexicanos, Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto D.^a Catarina Manzanelli de Monras, Mexicana p.^a nacimiento, ha pretendido p.^a su beneficio personal y el de su familia ampliacion al terreno de la Cañadita de enfrente de la Laguna Seca colindante con el Linderero de los Gatos, el Portuquelo y Lomas laterales practicadas porviamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes seg.ⁿ lo dispuesto p.^a leyes y reglamentos; usando de las facultades q. me son conferidas; en decreto de orden del cortiente a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle la ampliacion del terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras, entendiendase dha. con sesion con entera conformidad a lo dispuesto p.^a las leyes sin perjuicio del aprovechamiento comun del

Pueblo q. lo respectivo á pastos, aguas, maderas
 leña &c. y sujeta á pagar el Canon q. se le im-
 ponga el resultado pertenecer á los ejidos de esta Ca-
 pitral cuando se arreglen sus linderos á reserva de
 la aprobacion ó desaprobacion de la Coma. Diputa-
 cion Territorial y del Supremo Gob.^{no} y bajo las
 condiciones siguientes:

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1.^a Que se someterá á las que estableciere el Reg-
 lamento q. se ha de formar 2.^a La distribucion de ter-
 renos baldios y que en tanto ni la agraciada ni
 sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el q. se le
 adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca,
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 destinandolo al uso y cultivo q. mas le acomode: pe-
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 habitada = Tercera: Cuando se le confirme la pro-
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 renos de q. se le hace donacion es de una legua de lon-
 gitud por media legua de latitud en su mayor
 anchura pero mas ó menos segun explica el di-
 ceno q. corre en el Expediente: El juez q. diere
 la posesion lo hará medir conforme á ordenanza
 para señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante
 q. resulte á la Nacion para los usos convenientes =
 Quinta: Si contraviniere á estas condiciones per-
 derá su derecho al terreno y será denunciado por
 otro = En consecuencia mandos q. sirviendole de
 título el presente y teniendose por firme y valdoso
 se tome razon en el Libro á q. correspondas y se le
 entregue á la interesada para su resguardo y de
 mas fines. Dado en Monterrey á 2 de Enero de
 1834.

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Las Comisiones de Colonizacion y Terrenos Baldios a quienes se pasó el Expediente con la formacion protocolo p.^a peticion q.^a la Sra. D.^a Catarina Manganielli de Munnas hizo del paraje nombrado la Laguna Seca, lo han examinado con la circunspeccion q.^a corresponde y teniendo al mismo tiempo presente la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, sus concordantes y las disposiciones Generales q.^a en 24 de Noviembre de 1828 dicto el Supremo Gobierno de la Union p.^a el mejor cumplimiento de la primera Del examen del Expediente se ha penetrado la Comision de la opinion q.^a ya tenia, de la escrupulosidad, y tras con q.^a el Sr. Jefe Politico lo mande instruir, de suerte q.^a ni en su formacion se estraiba algun requisito herencial ni de los practicados Por lo dicho conclulle la Comision ofreciendo a la deliberacion de esta Exma. Diputacion la siguiente proposicion

1.^a Se aprueba la ceseccion hecha a D.^a Catarina Manganielli del Paraje nombrado la Laguna Seca coneedida en 23 de Mayo de 1833, de entera conformidad con lo preterido en la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el Art.^o 3.^o del Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828

Monterrey 10 de Mayo de 1834

Jose J. Ortega
Jose A. Estudillo
Carlos Ant.
Carrillo
Jose Castro

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Monterrey Mayo 17 de 1834

En sesion de este dia se aprobó p.^a la Exma. Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecedente mandando se devuelva el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Sup.^a Polit.^o p.^a los fines consiguientes.

Jose Figueroa
Juan B. Alvarado

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Sello Fincero; Dos Reales.

Provisionalmente
Habilitados Provisionalmente por la Administracion
de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey para los años
de Mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos
treinta y cinco -

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Monterrey Julio 12 de 1834 -
En vista de la aprobacion otorgada en
17 de Mayo ultimo por la Orama. Diputacion Ter-
ritorial: Vitrise testimonio de ella y de este Decreto
a la parte de D.^a Catalina Manzanal de Alvaras
en confirmacion de la concesion del terreno de la Sa-
guna Seca, q. obtuvo en 18 de Mayo de 1833. y am-
pliado en q. de Enero del presente ano. El Sr. D. José
Figueroa Gen. de Brigada Comand.^{te} Gen. Insp.^{te}
y Jefe Sup.^{te} Politico de la Alta California asi lo
manda decreto y firmo de q. doy fe

José Figueroa

Aguilón V. Zamora
Srio.

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Testimonio

Se apornera la concesion hecha a D.^a Catalina
Manzanal del paraje nombrado la Laguna Seca
concedida en 23 de Mayo de 1833 de entera con-
formidad con lo prevenido en la Ley de 18 de Ago-
sto de 1824 y el Art.^o 5.^o del Reglamento de 31
de Noviembre de 1828 -

Monterrey Mayo 17 de 1834. - En sesion de
este dia se aprovo p.^a la Orama. Diputacion la
proposicion del dictamen antecedente mandando
se devuelva el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Superior

Politico p^a los fines consiguientes — José Figueroa
 — Juan B. Alvarado — Secret^o — Monterey 12 de
 Julio de 1834 — En vista de la aprobacion otorgada
 en 17 de Mayo ultimo p^a la Coma. Dipsutacion
 Territorial; librese testimonio de ella y de este
 Decreto á la parte de D^a Catalina Marizameli de
 Murria en conformidad á la concecion del terreno
 de la Laguna Seca q^e obtuvo en 18 de Mayo de 1833
 y ampliada en 9 de Enero ult^o. El Sr. D. José Fi-
 gueroa Gen^l de Brigada, Comandante General
 Unsp^o y Jefe Superior Politico de la Alta Cal-
 ifornia asi lo mandó decretar y firmó de q^e doy
 fe — José Figueroa — Agustín V. Zamora
 Secret^o

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Concuerda ^{a la letra} con su original del cual
 hizo sacar el presente testimonio p^a resguardo de
 la parte interesada en Monterey á doce de Julio de
 mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro, siendo testigos los
 ciud^{es} Bernardo Navarrete y Bonifacio de Ma-
 dariaga de esta vicindad

En testimonio de verdad
 José Figueroa
 Agustín V. Zamora
 Sec^o

Office of the Surveyor General of the United
 States for California

I Samuel G. King Surveyor
 General of the United States for the State of
 California and as such now having in my
 office and under my charge and control a
 portion of the Archives of the former Spanish
 and Mexican Territory or Department of

Upper California do hereby certify that the thirty three preceding and hereto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to thirty three inclusive, and each of which is verified by my initials (S.D.W.) exhibit true and accurate copies of certain documents on file forming part of the said Archives in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, officially, and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office,) at the City of San Francisco Cal. this 12th day of March A.D. 1852.

Saml D. King
Sur. Gen. Cal.

Filed in Office April 3^d 1852.
W (Signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy.

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San Francisco April 7 1832

On this day before Wiland Hall one of the Commis-
sioners for ascertaining & settling private Land
Claims, in the State of California, came David Spence
a witness produced in behalf of the claimant in the
case of the petition of Catharina Manzanelli de Murras
being number 155 in the docket of the Commissioners,

Deposition of David Spence & was duly sworn. The Law Agent was duly notified
David Spence & attended by Mr Greenhow.

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In answer to questions propounded by the
Council for the claimant the witness says that his
name is David Spence, that his age is fifty three,
that he resides in Monterey, & has resided there ever
since the year 1824. The witness further says I am
acquainted with the hand writing of Jose Figueroa
& Augustin V. Zamorano & have often seen them write.
The paper now shown me purporting to be the origi-
-nal title to Dona Catharina Manzanelli de Murras
is a genuine paper & the signatures of Jose Figueroa &
Augustin V. Zamorano attached to it are, I have no
doubt the genuine signatures of those persons. The
paper also now shown me purporting to be the ap-
-proval by the territorial deputation is also gen-
-uine & the signatures of said Figueroa & Zamor-
-ano attached to the same are their genuine sig-
-natures. I have compared these two papers with
paper A, filed with the Secretary of the Board
in this case & find said paper A, to be a true copy of
the said originals.

I was present when judicial possession was given
to Catharina Manzanelli, & my name is attached
to the original paper relating to said possession as
a witness. Said papers on three sheets are now shown
me, & the signatures of all the persons whose names
appear upon said papers I have no doubt are genu-
-ine. I am acquainted with their hand writing.
I have compared said original papers with paper
marked B, filed with the Secretary of the Board
of Commissioners in this case, & said paper B,
is truly copied from the originals.

I am acquainted with the land described in the title papers of Manzaneli & know that she occupied the same both before & after judicial possession was given. Immediately after such possession was given she planted a vineyard & commenced cultivating the land & she has been in possession up to the present time. There was a house of wood built on the land before judicial possession was given.

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D. Jones.

Sworn & subscribed

Before me

Wiland Hull.

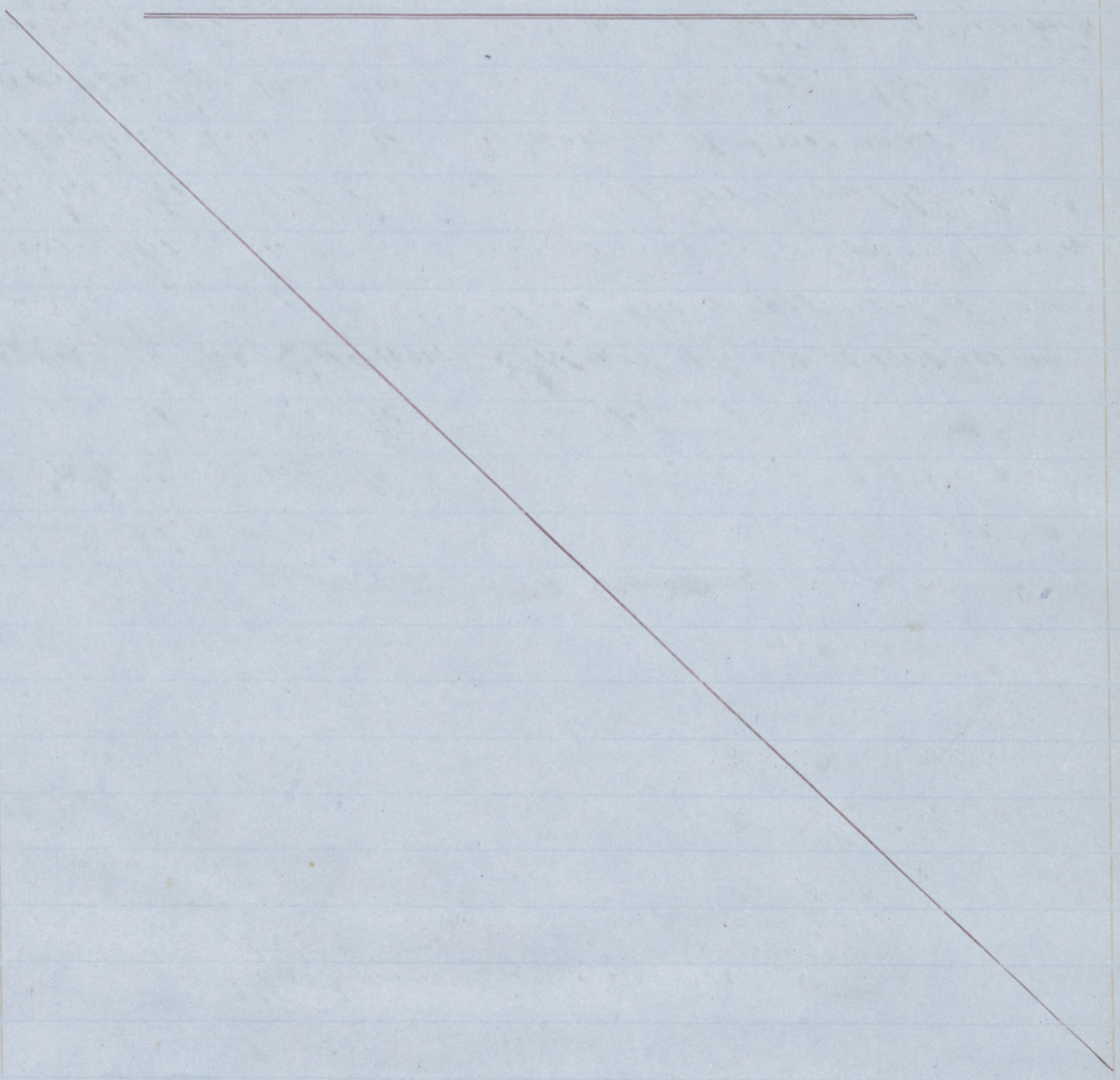
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Filed in Office April 7th 1832.

Geo. Fisher.

Clk.

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Stamp Forgette. One quartetto.
(signed) Salvador Espinosa. (signed) Estrada.

Illustrous Ayuntamiento.

Maria Catharine Manzaneli Munras before you appears, as best she can & says; that she finds herself at present with sufficient means to establish some business which may hereafter insure the means of subsistence to her & to her family in case they should by misfortune become reduced to the condition of orphans, as a natural vicissitude, & that she has thought well of procuring some real estate in a locality which offers some security, & that she finds the Canada immediately in front of the Laguna Seca & which corresponds to the Ejidos of this place the most suited; wherefore she prays you (as it is in your power) to grant to her the said Canada in order to cultivate it, planting fruit trees, a vineyard & necessary garden for the house consumption. She therefore supplicates you to grant to her this favor by which she will receive grace, she protesting that it is not through malice & all that is necessary.

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Monterey 17th of November A.D. 1832.
(signed) Catharina Manzaneli de Munras.

This Corporation deems to grant & grants to her this request, subject however to ulterior dispositions. Thus decreed & signed the President of this Corp.

Monterey 18th of November 1832.
(signed) Salvador Espinosa.

Stamp Third, Dero Rule. For the years Eighteen hundred & twenty six & twenty seven.
Superior Political Chief.

Maria Catharine Manzaneli Munras, residing in this Capital, before your Excellency, as she best can presents herself, & says that she presented to the Town Council (Ayuntamiento) of this place the petition (bearing date 17th of last November) which duly accompanies this, & which being granted to her, as it shows upon it, made your petitioner expend five hundred dollars in order to change

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the conditions of the same from a barren to a fruitful spot, by planting therein a vineyard & fruit trees & as she does not possess any document which will legally show this site (or more) respectly lot) to belong to her, & anxious not to lose from the before mentioned circumstances, she prays that it may be granted to her, making known to your Excellency that the locality is but a short Canada adjoining the Laguna Seca, & of the form & dimensions exhibited in the diagram accompanying. Wherefore, she entreats your Excellency to have the goodness to grant to her what she asks for, by which she will receive grace. (Signed) Custodia Manzueli Munoz.
Montevideo 26th Feby 1833.

Montevideo 23rd
Feby 1833

3 Decs. In conformity with the laws on the subject, let the San Council of this Capital inform whether the interested party possesses the necessary requisites for being attended to in her petition. Whether the land selected be within the twenty four leagues or the ten literal as laid down in the law of the 18th of August 1824, whether it has belonged to, or does now belong to any individual, Town or Corporation, property, whether known to be vacant, & whatever else may tend to throw light on the matter.

(Signed) Figueras.

Illustrations Ayuntamiento.

The Committee charged with matters of Colonization & vacant lands having examined the petition of Mrs Custodia Manzueli Munoz, deems that it cannot do less than make known to this Corporation the difficulty which it incurs in giving this resolution, since though it believes the petitioner truly to possess all the requisite qualifications for obtaining the land treated of, & that it is not within the twenty leagues limites, yet that it is within the ten leagues literales spoke of in the law of the 18th of August A.D. 1824. & here is the obstacle or

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impediments which present itself to the Committee in both its present & future operations; it firmly believes that there is scarcely one, or very few of the lands solicited by individuals outside of the Littoral League on account of distance, a sufficient consideration consequently for no individual who may not have effective resources or means for colonizing being desirous of returning or withdrawing far from the Town or neighborhood where he can possess the assistance necessary for its formation. The Committee is of opinion that these impediments should be got rid of, in order to give an impulse to agriculture a truly civilized & thriving branch of the prosperity of the Territory. Pursuing its object, therefore, the Committee makes known that the land ^{asked} for by the petitioner has never yet belonged to any individual, but that it does actually belong to the Ejidos or Commons as defined by the decree of the Honorable Territorial Deputation in the 4th year 1830, which resolutions however have never been communicated by that body to this Corporation & besides requires the approval of the Supreme Government. On the other hand, the petitioner has, as is well known expended three or four hundred dollars on said land in consequence of the Illustrious Ayuntamiento having granted it to her provisionally last year. Wherefore, the Committee presents to the Illustrious Ayuntamiento for its deliberation the following proposition; viz; = The land asked for by the petitioner may be granted her, on conditions that, should the boundaries of the Ejidos as defined by the Hon. Territorial Deputation be, in effect, as ordered by the Supreme Government, then it will have to pay the rent which may be imposed thereon by the competent authority from & after the date of such representative appropriation. — Monterey 15th of March A. D. 1833. Signed / José Antonio.

Signed / José Antonio Romero.

Superior Political Chief,
The Ayuntamiento or Town Council of this Capital,
in order to give your Excellency the information sought for through your Superior decree, passed the present,

submit to the Committee on Colonization & vacant lands, who presented the resolution annexed to this Expediente, & as it contains in particular what information this Corporation ought to give, it is reproduced in all its parts; these present being returned to your Excellency, in compliance with the decree of the session 26th Instant. Meeting 30th March 1833.

(Signed) Martin Escobar. (Signed) Jose Maria Mel-donade. Secretary

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Meeting 18th of May 1833. In view of the petition with which this Expediente commenced, the information through the municipal authority of this Capital, & the rest of what is necessary in conformity with what is laid down in the laws & regulations on the subject, Mrs Catharine Manzueli Munras is declared rightful owner of the Canchita near the Laguna de Boca, & should it transact to belong to the Commons (Ejidors) of Montez, when the boundaries are determined, it will be subject to the tax, that may be imposed upon it, & being subject to the other conditions which may be stipulated; let the corresponding warrant be issued & noted in the respective book & let this Expediente be directed to the Honorable Territorial Deputation for its due approval, in which case the interested party, to whom the decree shall be made known, shall present anew her title, in order that it may be again made valid. Thus, did Jose Figueroa, Commandant General, Inspector & Superior Politico Chief of the Territory of Upper California, order, decree & sign.

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

Stamp Third. Two Reals. (Seal on the original)
For the years Eighteen hundred & twenty six
& eighteen hundred and twenty seven.
On the twenty second day of May in the
same year, having appeared at the office
of the Secretary:

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for the years
1826 & 1827.

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for the years
1830 & 1831.

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for the years 1832 & 1833
Mrs Catharine Manzaneli Munras,
-ical Chief was read to her, & having un-
-derstood it, she said, that she heard it & thus signed.

(Signed) Catharina Manzaneli de Munras.
(Signed) Agustin T. Llanusa.

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Joseph Figueroa, Brigadier General of the National
Mexican Army, Commandant General, Inspector,
& Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper
California.

In as much as Mrs Catharine Manza-
-neli Munras, has petitioned for her own perse-
-nal benefit & that of her family, a tract of land,
the Cañadita in front of the Laguna Seca in
the vicinity of this Port; the necessary steps & infor-
-mation concerning the same having been pu-
-bly gone through, in accordance with what
is laid down in the laws & regulations; making
use of the powers which have been conferred upon
me, I have through the decree of the 18th of the cur-
-rent, ~~exercise~~ in the name of the Mexican na-
-tion granted unto to her the before mentioned
land, declaring it by these presents to be her prop-
-erty, it being understood that said concession
be in entire conformity with what is laid down in
the laws, & being subject to pay the tax which may
be imposed upon it, should it turn out to belong
to the Legidos of Monterey when the boundaries
are established, with the reservation of the appor-
-val or disapproval of the Hon Territorial Dep-
-utation & of the Supreme Government and
under the following conditions; viz:
First, it shall be subject to whatever conditions the reg-
-ulation which is about to be formed for the dis-
-tribution of vacant lands may establish & that,
in the mean time neither the favor'd individual
nor her heirs shall divide or alienate what has
been adjudged, nor put tax, bond, lien, mortgage
nor any other incumbrance whatever thereon,
even though for a charitable purpose, nor pass it

into unproductive hands. —
 2nd. She may fence it in without prejudice to the highways, byeways, or servitudes; & may make use of it fully & exclusively either for cultivation or in whatever other way may best suit her, but within one year at most, she shall build a house thereon, & have it inhabited. —

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3rd. So soon as the property is confirmed to her, she shall request of the respective Judge that judicial possession be given to her in virtue of this warrant, by whom will be designated the boundaries, at the limits of which, she shall place besides the landmarks, some fruit trees or other trees of some utility. —

4th. The land of which donation is made is of an area or superficies of two & seventy seven thousand seven hundred & fifty square varas, a little more or less, according as represented in the diagram annexed to the Expediente; the Judge who may give the possession will have it measured according to ordinance for the marking out of boundaries, the surplussage remaining to the nation for its own encroachment uses. —

5th. Should she contravene these conditions, she will lose her right to the land, & it will be deemed vacant by another. —

Consequently, Order that this present serving her for a title & being taken for a firm & valid one, be noted in the Book to which it belongs, & be delivered to the interested party for her protection & other ends. Given in Monterey on the 23rd day of May A. D. 1833. (Signed) José Figueroa. (Signed) Agustín V. Luján. Secretary. —

Stamp: Duro Nales. Provided provisionally by the Administration of the Custom House at Monterey, for the years Eighteen hundred & thirty three & thirty four. —

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(Signed) Figueroa. (Signed) José Rafael Gonzales.

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Superior Political Chief.
 Catharine Manzaneli Munras, a Native of the Republic of Mexico & a resident of Monterey, in Upper California, before your Excellency appears & says, that on the 23rd of last May there was granted to her, as will appear from the annexed document which duly accompanies this, a small extent of land in the locality called the Laguna Seca, for the sole purpose of planting fruit trees or other trees of utility & of building a house &c, and that with very great labor she has effected, in some measure merely in account of the barrenness of the land, to have a vineyard &c, her first aim, & that as in truth, she now finds herself the owner of some four hundred head of grown cattle and of some seventy horses without having where to put & take care of them, she requests your Excellency be pleased to enlarge by extension the before mentioned land as it is represented by the annexed diagram, in as much as it is not as yet known to belong to anyone, either individual corporation or Town & consequently vacant. In accordance with law, she remains in perfect submission to whatever conditions & articles you may be pleased to decree. Therefore, aware of the just consideration of your Excellency, she hopes for the most favorable result, whereby she will receive thanks, protesting for you a full regard & respect. Monterey 21st of November A.D. 1833.

Manzaneli de Munras. (Signed) Catharina
 Monterey 21st of November A.D. 1833.

Let this petition be annexed to the Expediente on the subject, & let the Secretary take what information he may deem fit & report that I may resolve. (Signed) Figueroa.

Superior Political Chief.

The petitioner asks for an extension of the land of the Cañadilla in front of the Laguna Seca, embracing from the Crucial or Calgrove of the Gatos, up to the Portico, & as the diagram which accompanies does not express

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numerically the distance of the land desired to be granted anew, I think it necessary, in order that your Excellency may with certainty determine, that this Expediente be returned to the interested party in order that she may designate or mark out in said diagram the proportional scale, so that by that the extent or superficies of the land solicited may be measured. However, your Excellency will be pleased to determine whatever he may see fit. Monterey 21st of November A.D. 1833.

(Signed) Agustín I. Zamorano.

Monterey 21st Nov 1833. Agreeably to the opinion of the Secretary, let this proceeding be sent back to the interested party for the purposes indicated. (Signed) Figueroa.

Stamp Third, Two Reals. Provided provisionally by the Administration of the Customs House at Monterey for the years eight hundred & thirty three & thirty four.

(Signed) Figueroa. (Signed) José Rafael González.
Superior Political Chief.

The undersigned attentive to the decree of your Excellency of the 21st current, annexed to the report sent forth from the Office of the Political Directory sends the diagram annexed to this solicitude having the scale delineated as requested for the pursuant purposes. Monterey 27th November 1833.

(Signed) Catarina Manzanelli de Morsas.

Monterey 26th November 1833. Let there be writen to this the Expediente previously gone through or set forward by the interested party, & writen to let them be passed to the Ayuntamiento of this Capital for information.

(Signed) Figueroa.

In session of to-day notice was given to the Illustrious Ayuntamiento of this Expediente, & it was resolved to pass it to the Committee on Colonization in order to obtain its resolution.

350 Monterey 14th of December A.D. 1833. (signed)

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Jose Maria Maldonado. Secretary
Superior Political Chief.

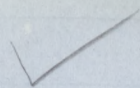
The Illustrious Ayuntamiento of this Capital for the purpose of giving to your Excellency the information which you have been pleased to ask for in your superior decree of the 26th of November of last year, passed the present solicitude to the permanent Committee on Colonization & vacant lands, which in session of to day presented the resolution which has been annexed to this Expediente, & as it contains in every particular what this Corporation ought to report, it reproduces it in all its parts, returning to your Excellency these presents in accordance with what was resolved in said session. Monterey 4th of January A.D. 1834. (Signed) Manuel Jimeno Casanva. (Signed) Jose Maria Maldonado. Secy.

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Stamp: Thirt, Dos Reals. Provided provisionally by the Maritime Custom House administration at Monterey, for the years eighteen hundred & thirty three & eighteen hundred & thirty four.

(Signed) Figueroa (Signed) Jose Rafael Gonzalez.
Very Illustrious Ayuntamiento

The Committee appointed on Colonization & vacant lands, has seen the Expediente of Mrs Catharina Manzanelli Munras in relation to the granting to her an extension of the land from the boundaries of the citizen Manjares up to the Portezuelo of the Laguna Seca; the Committee reports that it does not recognize as vacant said land, but that it considers it belonging to the Commons (Ejidios) of this Municipality as defined by the Hon Territorial Deputation in its decree in 1830. The before mentioned land is neither irrigable nor temporal, but it is pastoral land, wherefore, the Committee offers for the deliberation of the Illustrious Ayuntamiento the following propositions. First, The land petitioned for by the Mexican Citizen may be granted to her, & Second, If granted to



her, it shall be under the same conditions as was granted to her, what she now actually possesses.
 Monterey 30th of December A. D. 1833.

(Signed) José María (Signed) José Antonio Romero.

Monterey 9th of January 1834. In view of the petition by which this Expediente begins; the report of the Municipal Authority of this Capital; that in order date 21st of Nov last made by the interested party, & which now exists in the same Expediente requesting enlargement to the land which by the decree of the 18th of May of last year was granted to her, the report which on this head was given by the Municipal Authority of this Capital together with all else present & pertaining thereto, in conformity with what is laid down in the laws & regulations on the subject; that Catharina Manzueli Nunnas is declared rightful owner of the land which has been enlarged in the locality of the Cañada of the Laguna Seca, bounded by the Senderos of the Galos, the Portezuelo & Side hills, without being prejudicial to the common good of the Town, with regard to pasture water, fire wood, Timber &c & subject to pay the tax which may be put upon it, should it turn out to belong to the Commons of this Capital, when the boundaries are established, & to the other conditions which may be stipulated; let the corresponding warrant be issued (the former one being annexed to the Expediente); let it be noted in the respective book, & let this Expediente be directed for the desired approval of the Hon^{ble} Territorial Deputation, in which case, the interested party, let us say this decree shall be made known, shall present anew her title in order that it may be again made valid. Thus did José Figueroa a Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector, & Political Chief, Superior of the Territory of Upper California order, decree & sign, which I attest. (Signed) José Figueroa (Signed) Agustín N. Zamorano. Secro —

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Stamp: Shield, Two Reals. Presided provisionally by the Maritime Custom House Administration at Monterey for the years eighteen hundred & thirty four & eighteen hundred and thirty five.

Signed Figueras. Signed Rafael Gonzales. 17th January A.D. 1834. Mrs Catharine Manzaneli of Munras having appeared before the Secretary at his office was informed of the decree anterior of the Superior Political Chief & having understood it said that she heard it & assented to it, & to that effect signed along with me.

Signed Agustin P. Leanos.

Signed Catharina Manzaneli de Munras. Josep Figueras, a Brigadier General of the Mexican National Army, Commandant General, Inspector & Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper California. In as much as Mrs Catharine Manzaneli Munras, a Mexican by birth, has petitioned for, for her own personal benefit & that also for that of her children, the extension or enlargement of the Canadela in front of the Sangua Seca, bounded by the Senadores of the Galos, the Portucales & the side hills; the necessary steps & information concerning the same having been previously gone through in accordance with what is laid down by the laws & regulations; making use of the powers which have been conferred upon me I have by a decree of the 9th Inst, in the name of the Mexican Nation granted unto her the enlargement of the before mentioned land, declaring it by these presents to be her property, with the understanding that such concession be in entire conformity with what is laid down in the laws, without being prejudicial to the common good of the Empire, with regard to pasture, water, fire wood, Sunbeet &c, & subject to pay the tax which may be levied thereon, in case it should turn out to belong to the Ejidos of this Capital when her boundaries are established, with the reservation of the approval or disapproval of the Honorable Territorial Deputation,

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of the Supreme Government & under the following conditions. First, That it will be subject to whatever conditions may be established by the regulation which is about to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands, & that in the mean time, neither the said individual nor her heirs can divide or alienate that which is adjudged, nor impose tax, bond, lien or mortgage thereon, nor put any other incumbrance whatever even though for a charitable purpose, nor pass it away into mortmain. Second, She may fence it in without being prejudicial to the crossings, roads, & servitudes, she will make free & exclusive use of it either by cultivation or in whatever other way may best suit her; but within one year at most, she shall build a house thereon & have it inhabited. Third, When the property has been confirmed to her, she shall request of the respective Judge that judicial possession may be given to her in virtue of this warrant, by whom shall be pointed out the boundaries, at the limits of which she shall place besides the land marks, some fruit trees or other trees of some utility. Fourth, The land donated is one league in length, by half a league in breadth at its widest part, a little more or less, according to the diagram. The Judge who may give her possession will have it measured according to the ordinance for defining boundaries, the surplus that may be remaining for the benefit of the nation for her suitable uses. Fifth, Should she contravene these conditions, she will lose her right to the land & it will be denounceable by another. Consequently, Order that these presents, serving her as a title & being taken for a good & valid one, be noted in the respective book of records & be then delivered to the interested party for her own protection and other ends. Given at Monterey on the 22nd day of January A. D. 1834.

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The Committee on Colonization & Vacant Lands to whom was passed the Expediente formed at the instance of Mrs Catharine Manzueli Murras petitioning for the locality of the Laguna Seca, have examined it with the circumspection which it deserves, having before them at the same time the law of the 18th of August 1824, its Coordinates & the general dispositions which were on the 24th of November 1828 dictated by the Supreme Government of the Union for the better fulfilment of the first. On examining the Expediente, the Committee have become confirmed in the belief or opinion which they had already formed of the Sempitern exactness & care with which the Superior Political Chief had instituted it; so that neither in its beginning nor in its course of proceeding was there any essential requisite wanting. Wherefore the Committee would conclude by offering for its deliberation to the Hon Territorial Deputation the following proposition, viz: The concession made to Mrs Catharine Manzueli Murras of the locality called Laguna Seca granted on the 23rd of May 1833 in entire conformity with what is prescribed by the law of the 18th of August 1824, & Article 5th of the Regulation of the 21st of November 1828 is hereby approved.

Monterey 10th of May 1834. (Signed) Carlos Antonio Cabillo. (Signed) José J. Ortega. (Signed) José A. Estudillo (Signed) José Castro.

Monterey 17th May 1834. In session of to-day the Hon Territorial Deputation approved of the proposition of the preceding Resolution & ordered the Expediente to be sent back to the Superior Political Chief for the pursuant purposes.

(Signed) José Figueroa. (Signed) Juan B. Alvarado
Stamp: Third, Two Reals. Secy.

Provided provisionally by the administration of the Maritime Custom House of Monterey for the years eighteen hundred & thirty four & eighteen hundred & thirty five.

(Signed) Figueroa. (Signed) Rafael Gonzalez

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Monterey 12th July 1834. In view of the approval by the Hon^{ble} Territorial Deputation bearing date the 17th of May last let there be issued a certificate or testimonial of it, & also of this decree to Mrs Catharine Manzandi Munras, confirming unto her the concession of land of Saguna Seca which she obtained on the 18th of May 1833, & the extension on the 9th of January of this year. Thus did the Joseph Figueroa, a Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector & Superior Political Chief of Upper California order, decree & sign. attest. (signed) José Figueroa. (signed) Agustín T. Zamorano. Secy

Testimonial or Certificate.

The concession made to Mrs Catharine Manzandi of the locality called the Saguna Seca granted to her on the 23rd of May 1833, in entire conformity with what is stipulated in the law of the 18th of August 1824, & article 5th of Regulations of the 24th of November of 1828. ^{3rd party approved.} In session of today ^{Monterey 17th of May 1834} the Honorable Territorial Deputation approved the proposition of the foregoing resolution & ordered that the Expediente be sent back to the Superior Political Chief for the present purpose. José Figueroa. Juan B. Abreu. Secy

Monterey 12th of July 1834. In view of the approval signed on the 17th of May last, by the Honorable Territorial Deputation; let a certificate of it & of this decree be issued to Mrs Catharine Manzandi Munras, in confirmation of the concession of the land of the Saguna Seca, which she obtained on the 18th of May 1833 & enlargement on the 9th of January last. Thus did, Joseph Figueroa, a Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector & Superior Political Chief of Upper California order, decree & sign. attest José Figueroa.

Agustín T. Zamorano. Secy

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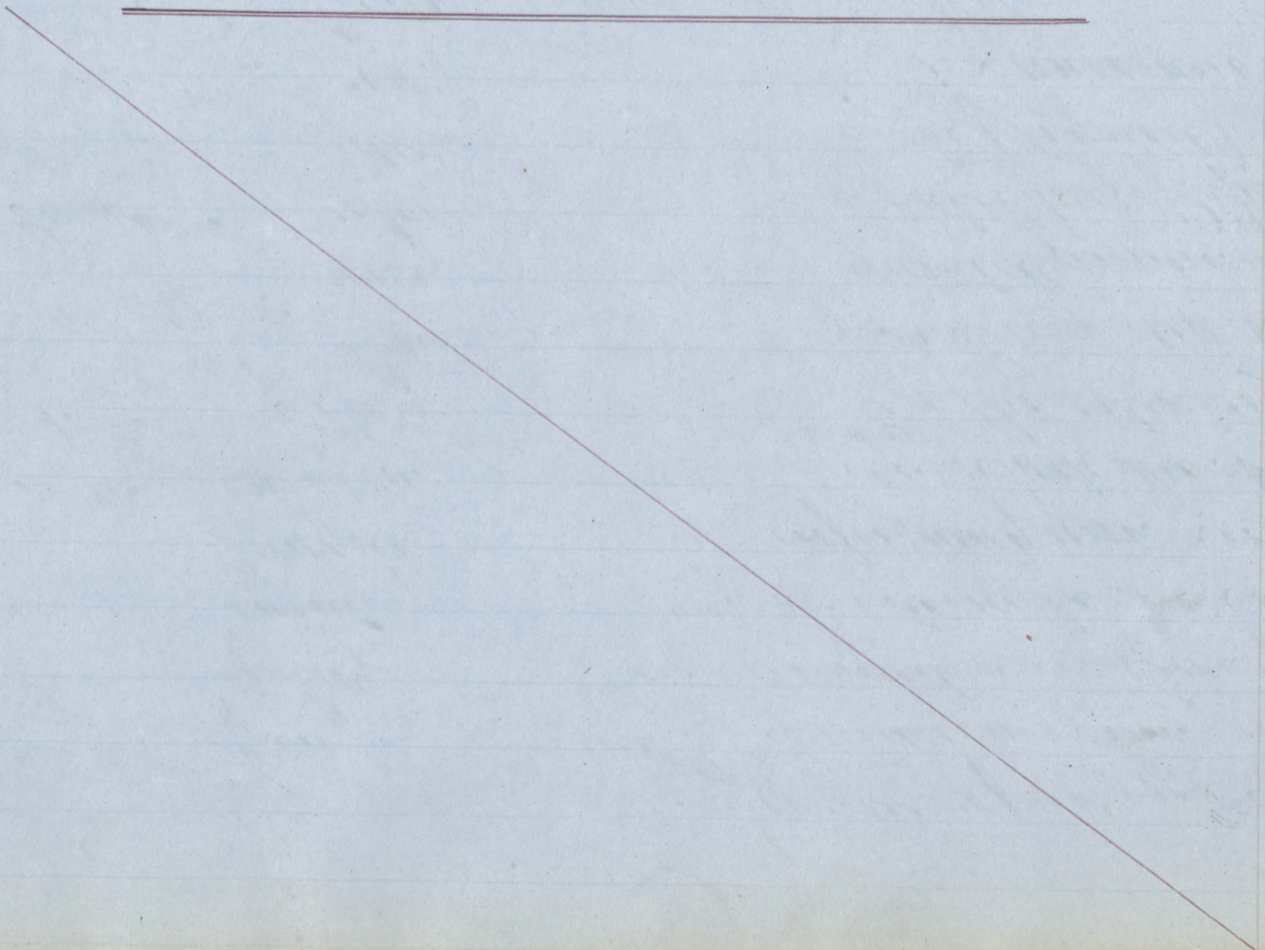
Taken this testimonial or certificate for the production of the interested party, in Monterey on the 12th of July eighteen hundred & thirty four, being witnessed the citizens Demard Navarrete and Benifacio Madriaga both of this vicinity.
 (In proof of truth)
 Jose Figueroa.
 Agustin V. Zamorano.
 Secy.

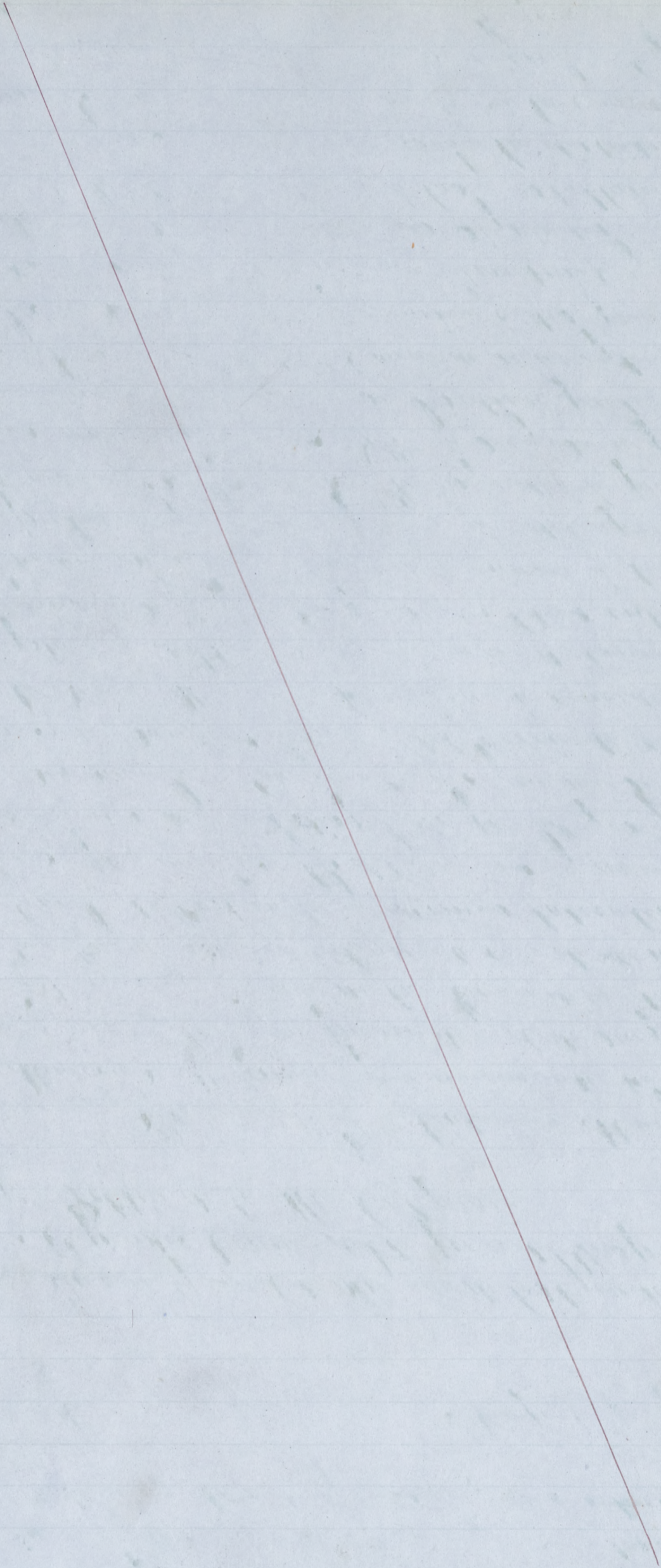
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true & correct translation of an authenticated fac-simile copy from the Spanish original on file in the office of U.S. Surveyor and filed in this office in Case No 155 Catalina Manzana de Munoz for the place called Laguna Seca.
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 Secy.

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Exhibit A
Grant.

Sello Segundo: Doce Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de
las Aduanas Maritimas de Monterey para los años de
mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos
treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzalez

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José Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Nacio-
nales Mexicatos Comandante General Hosp. y Hosp.
Sup. Político de la Alta California

Por cuanto D^a Catarina Manzanari
de Muerrás Mexicana por nacimiento, ha perdido
para su beneficio personal y el de su familia
ampliacion al terreno de la Cerradita de enfrente
de la Laguna Seca colindante con el Señadero de
los Galos, el Portugués y Lomas laterales; prac-
ticadas provisionalmente las diligencias y averiguaciones
convenientes segun lo dispuesto por Leyes y Regla-
mentos mandos de las facultades que me son confe-
ridas; en virtud de nuevo del Corriente de Nombre
de la Nacion Mexicana he venido á concederle la
ampliacion del terreno mencionado, declarandole la
propiedad de el por las presentes letras entendiendose
dicha concesion con entera conformidad á lo dispuesto
por las Leyes y sin perjuicio del aprovechamien-
to comun del pueblo por lo respectivo á pastos, a-
guas, maderas, Lomas &c. y sujeta á pagar el
Canon q. se le imponga si resultan pertenecer á
los ejidos de esta Capital cuando se arreglen sus lin-
deros á reserva de la aprobacion ó desaprobacion de
la Excelentisima Diputacion Territorial y del Sup.
Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes:

1^a Que se someterá á las q. estableciere el Reg-
lamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de
Terrenos Baldios y q. entretanto ni la agraciada ni
sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el q. se le
adjudica; imponer censo, Vencido, fianza, hipotecas,

ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa, ni pasarle á manos muertas.

2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las traversías, caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinándole al uso i cultivo q. mas le acomode; pero dentro de un año á lo mas fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3.^a Cuando se le confirme la propiedad solicitará del juez respectivo q. le dé posesion jurídica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá á mas de las matorras algunos arboles frutales i silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4.^a El terreno de q. se le hace donacion es de una legua de longitud por media legua de latitud en su mayor anchura, por mas i menos segun corre en el Expediente; el juez q. diere esta posesion lo hará medir conforme á ordenanza para señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante q. resulte á la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

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

En mandado q. sirviendole de título el presente y teniendose por firme y valedero se tome razon en el Libro á q. corresponde y se le entregue á la interesada para su resguardo y demás fines. Dado en Monterey á Veinte y dos de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Jose Figueroa

Agustin V. Zamorano
Srio.

Queda tomada razon el Libro de asientos de Títulos sobre adjudicacion de terrenos á fijas veinte y cinco numero veinte y tres, q. obra en el Archivo de la Secretaría de mi cargo. Monterey, Mayo Veinte y dos de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Zamorano

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Dellos Terceros Dos Reales.

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Se aprueba la concesion hecha a D. Catarina Manzanelli del paraje nombrado la Laguna Seca concedido en veinte y tres de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres, de entera conformidad con lo prevenido en la Ley de diez y ocho de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro y el Artículo quinto del Reglamento de veinte y uno ^{de proembo} de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho. Monterey Mayo diez y siete de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. En Sesion de este dia se aprobó por la Ocmá. Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecedente mandando se devuelva el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Superior Politico para los fines consiguientes. José Figueroa = Juan Bautista Alvarado Secretario.

Monterey doce de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. En vista de la aprobacion otorgada en diez y siete de Mayo último por la Ocmá. Diputacion Territorial; Abuse Testimonio de este Jurado á la parte de Dona Catarina Manzanelli de Munrriás en confirmacion á la concesion del terreno de la Laguna Seca q. obtuvo en diez y ocho de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres y ampliado en nueve de Enero último. El Sr. Genl. de Brigada D. José Figueroa, Comd. Genl. Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico de la Alta California así lo mandó decretó y firmó de q. doy fe. = José Figueroa = Agustín V. Gamboa Secretario.

Concuerda á la letra con su original del cual hizo sacar el presente testimonio para resguardo de la parte interesada en Monterey á doce de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

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cientos treinta y cuatro; siendo testigos los Ciudadanos
Bernardo Navarrete y Bonifacio de Madariaga de
esta vecindad.

En testimonio de verdad -
José Figueroa.

Agustín V. Zamorano
Eris.

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Act of Juridical Possession.

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Exhibit B.

Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzalez.

So. Alcaldi Constitucional.

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Catalina Manzanti de Munias vecina de este Pueblo ante mí comparece y dice: Que habiendo obtenido la concepcion propia del terreno conocido con el nombre de la Laguna Seca ocurre ante mí para que se sirva darle la posesion juridica conforme esta prevenido en el Artículo 4.º del titulo de Dns. terrenos que se le expidió con fha 22, de Enero pp.º que debidamente acompaña.

Y igualmente la confirmacion respectiva para que todo otro los efectos deseados, A. V. suplico se sirva ponerla en la posesion q. solicita por ser justicia de Monterey Sup.º 9.º de 1834.

Catalina Manzanti de Munias

Monterey 9 de Setiembre de 1834.

En virtud de la antecedente solicitud prosedase por mí el presente juez Receptor á la medicion Señalamiento de linderos y posesion judicial que solicita la interesada en este Expediente señalándose para su ejecucion el dia once del corriente año para lo cual se citaron con voluta de comparendo á los colindantes. Así go el Alcalde de 1.ª Inst.º lo decretó mandé y firmé con los de asistencia con quienes actua por receptoria de falta de Escritano Publico que no lo hay segun derecho. Doy fe

Man. Jimeno
Casarin

de asna. Juan B. Alvarado de asna. Juan Antonio Gaviola.

En la fha. presente Doña Catarina Manzanilla de Mourás se le notificó el auto que antecede y de él entendida dijo: que-

[Dello Tercero Por Reales,

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Figueras.

Rafael González

-ojo y se deba por citada y lo firmó conmigo y los testigos de asistencia.

Casario
de assa.

Catarina Manzanilla de Mourás
de assa.

Juan B. Murado José Antonio Gariola

En la fha. se libraron las volutas que se mandan en el antecedente auto y la rubricare por auto.

Rubric.

En el parage de la Cañadita en frente de la Laguna Seca á los once dias del mes de Setiembre del año de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro en cumplimiento del auto de nueve del corriente año, concurre la persona del Ciudadano Guaciano Manjares, y citados para la medición y enalamiciento de linderos y posesion, nombro por medidores á los vecinos Felipe Armas y Teodoro González quienes previa la aceptación y juramento procedieron al desempeño de su encargo. Así yo el Juez respectivo por lo decreté mandé y permití con la debida asistencia.

Casario

de assa.

José de Jesús Vallejo

de assa.

Don V. Spence

Y mandando. De presencia de este Jefe de la Oficina de Jefe, los suscritos enmendaron firmaron en la...

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En la fha se le notifico el auto que antes de al colin-
dante y entendido dijo que lo oye y no firmo porque dijo
no saberlo hacer lo hizo yo con los de mi asistencia.

Casario.
de assa. de assa.
Jose de Jesus Vallejo Don. V. Spence

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En la fha y en el espresado paraje se les notifico el
auto de medidores a los vecinos Felipe Armas y Fe-
doro Gonzales y entendidos dijeron que aceptan y
aceptaron dicho encargo y juraron por Dios Nuestro
Señor y la Señal de la Santa Cruz de usarlo fiel y
legalmente a todo su leal saber.

[Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

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la Aduana Maritima de Monterey para los años de
mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos
treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. [Rafael Gonzalez.]
y entender sin dolo fraude contra persona alguna,
y no firmo el medidor Felipe Armas porque dijo no
saberlo hacer solo me lo hizo con miq. Fedoro Gonza-
les y con los de mi asistencia. Day fe.

Casario.
de assa. de assa.
Jose de Jesus Vallejo Don. V. Spence

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Yncontinente por el repetido Juez mande traer a
mi presencia el cordel con que se han de medir las
tierras de dicho paraje y que los medidores lo midan
de cincuenta varas y lo firmé con los de asistencia

Casario.
de assa. de assa.
Jose de Jesus Vallejo Don. V. Spence

Yncontinente en presencia de mi el espresado Juez,
los medidores mencionados tomaron un cordel de me-
cate y con una vara de medir usual Mexicana te-
niendola en la mano midieron cincuenta varas para

hacer — la referida medicion y para que conste lo rubrico.

Rubrico

En la misma pha y en el referido parage siendo como los meses de la mañana yo el referido juez mandé á los medidores nombrados se pongan para las medidas de tierra que se ha de hacer á Doña Catarina Manzanal de Montañas y puesto en el P. lugar del lindero llamado los Gatos, se comenzó la medida tendiendo el cordel al O. y se llevo hasta la cumbre del Portuqueto hasta la cual acabo ciento once cordel de á cincuenta varas, y luego que se pusieron los dichos medidores al S. se prosiguio con dicha medida corriendo de S. á N. hasta llegar á un Chupadero, hasta donde hubo sesenta cordel, por lo que declararon los referidos medidores haver en dicho parage una legua, once cordel de longitud, y media legua diez cordel de lati-

[Dillo Tercero Dos Reales.

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Figueroa Rafael Gonzalez.]
 tud. Y habiendose hecho en el lindero del P. por señal una cruz con hecha en un visible y consido en cino, y en el lindero del O. otra señal en los mismos terminos y en el lindero del S. otra señal en igual forma, quedando por señal del lindero del N. el mencionado Chupadero se dispuso se formasen mohoneras en cada una de las referidas señales, acompañando á este Expediente el dibujo que figura la forma del terreno medido y para constancia lo firmé por ante los testigos de asistencia. Day Feé.

Casarin

de assa.

Jose de Jesus Vallijo

de assa.

Don V. Spined.

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En el referido parage y en el mismo día, mes, y año, Doña Catarina Manzanal de Murras vecina de Monterrey, acompañada del juez de primera Instancia de este dicho Puerto y testigos dijo Dicha Doña Catarina Manzanal de Murras - que habiéndose medido las tierras de este parage según constar en la diligencia anterior tomaba y tomó la verdadera y corporal posesion de dichas tierras medidas, pues le pertenecian con justos títulos que obtiene de la concesion que de ellas le hizo con fha. veinte y dos de Enero último por el Señor Jefe Superior Político del Territorio por las facultades que le son conferidas en decreto de treinta y uno de Enero último y de la aprobacion que de esto hizo la Excelentísima Diputacion Territorial con fha. diez y siete de Mayo del corriente año; entró y pasó por ellas, arrancó yerbas espacia sembrados de tierra rompio ramas de los árboles é hizo otras ceremonias y actos de posesion en señal de lo dijo tomar y que tomaba de dichas tierras. Y mandó el citado juez de primera instancia que desde entonces la tuviera y reconosiera -

[Sello Tercero: Dos Reales.]

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Figueroa. José Rafael Gonzalez.
por verdadera Señora y poseedora de ellas. De lo
de lo referido pidió la dicha Doña Catarina Manzanal de Murras que para memoria en lo venidero y conservación de sus derechos por mí el referido juez se extendiera una constancia. Lo que así fue autorizado con los testigos de asistencia que son los Ciudadanos David Espinoza y Jesus Vallejo con quienes actúo en recepción á falta de Escritor Público que no lo hay según derecho. Doy fe.

Casarin.

de assa.

José de Jesus Vallejo

de assa.

David V. Spence

En la fha se rubrica á la interesada este Expediente,
y para constancia lo rubrique por auto.

Rubricó.

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher
[Signature]

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Stamp Secord, Twelve Reals.
Provided provisionally by the Administration of the
Custom House of Mexico, for the years Eighteen hun-
-dred & thirty four & eighteen hundred & thirty five.
Figueroa. Rafael Gonzales.

Joseph Figueroa, Brigadier General, In-
-spector & Superior Political Chief of Upper California

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Translation of Mexican Citizen by birth has been got for his own
-val & Judici-
-ary Possession

In as much as Mrs Catherine Manzanilla of Mexico,
-nadero of the Galos, by the Portucale & by the
side hills; the necessary steps having been previous-
-ly gone through, & the information concerning the
same having been obtained, according to what
is laid down in the laws & regulations; making
use of the powers which have been conferred upon
me, in the name of the Mexican Nation, by the
decree of the ninth instant, I have granted unto
her the extension or enlargement of the before men-
-tioned land, declaring it by these presents,
to be the property of her, with the understanding
that said grant be in entire conformity with
the laws, & be not detrimental to the interests of
the Town, so far as regards the Water, pasture,
Fire Wood, & subject to pay the tax (canon)
which may be levied thereon, in case it should
turn out to belong to the Ejidos of this Capi-
-tal, when the boundaries thereof are regulated,
subject also to the approval or disapproval of
the Honorable Territorial Deputation and of
the Supreme Government, & under the follow-
-ing conditions; viz; First. She shall submit
to whatever conditions the regulation which has
to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands
may establish; & in the mean time neither she,
nor any of her heirs can divide or alienate it;
nor put thereon mortgage, or any other encum-
-brance whatever, even though it be for a benevo-
-lent purpose, nor to transfer it in mortmain.

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Second. She may fence it in, but without obstructing the crossings, roads & servitudes; she may make use of it in cultivation or in whatever way she pleases, but within one year at most, she shall build a house thereon, & have it inhabited.

Third, when the property is confirmed, she shall request the respective Judge to give her judicial possession in virtue of this Dispatch, by whom, will be designated the boundaries, at the limits of which she shall place besides the Landmarks, some trees, either fruit trees or forest trees of some utility.

Fourth. The land donated unto her is one league in length by half a league in breadth, a little more or less, as represented in the Diagram of the Land & Expediente. The Judge who may give possession will have it measured according to ordinance or decree for defining the boundaries; the surplus remaining for the benefit of the nation.

Fifth. Should she not comply with these conditions, she will lose her right to the land, & it will be alienable by another. Consequently, I order, that the present title, being taken for a firm and valid one, be entered on the Book to which it belongs, & that it be delivered to the interested party for his protection & other ends.

Given at Monterey on the 22nd day of January 1834,
Signed José Figueroa. Signed Agustín Zamorano.
Secry.

Entered on Book of Titles on folio 25. number 23.
in the Office of the Secretary under my charge.

Monterey on the 22nd of January 1834.
(Signed) Zamorano. Secry.

Stamp Third, Two Reals.

Provided provisionally by the Custom House Administration of Monterey for the years 1834 & 1835. (five)

signed. Figueroa. signed. Rafael González.

The grant made to Mrs Catharine Manzoni of the locality known by the name of the Laguna

Beca, on the twenty third day of May, Eighteen hundred & thirty three, in entire conformity with the law of the eighteenth of August 1824, & of the fifth Article of the regulation of the twenty first of November 1828, is hereby approved.

Montreux the seventeenth day of May 1834.
The Honorable Departmental Assembly in session of to-day has approved the foregoing and ordered the Expediente to be returned to the Superior Political Chief for the pursuant purposes.
signed. José Figueroa.

(signed) Juan Bautista Hornado. (Secretary)
Montreux 12th July 1834. In view of the approbation by the Honorable Departmental Assembly under date of the seventeenth day of May last, let a testimonial of this decree be signed to Mrs Catharine Manzanoli de Munnas, conforming to her the grant of Laguna Beca, on the 18th May 1833 & the extension of the same under date of 9th of January 1834. Thus, & José Figueroa, Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector & Superior Political Chief of Upper California, ordered and decreed.

signed. Agustín V. Zamorano. Secretary.
It accords to the letter with its original from which I caused the present testimony to be drawn for the security of the party interested at Montreux on the 12 of July 1834. Being witnesses, citizens Bernando Navarrete & Benifacio the Madariaga of this city.

In testimony of truth. (signed) José Figueroa.
Agustín V. Zamorano. Secy.

Stamp. Third Two Reals.
Provided provisionally by the Custom House Administration at Montreux, for the years Eighteen hundred & thirty four & Eighteen hundred & thirty five.

signed. Rafael Gonzales. signed. Figueroa.
Sr. Constitutional Alcalde.
Catharine Manzanoli de Munnas a resident

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of this town before you appears & says, that having obtained the grant of the land known by the name of Laguna Seca, she hopes you will be pleased to put her in judicial possession of the same, in accordance with what is stated in the fourth article of the title bearing date 22nd of last January, & which together with the confirmation by the Honorable Assembly now accompanying this my petition. And your petitioner will ever pray as in duty bound. Monterey September the ninth 1834. Catharine Manzueli de Murrus. Monterey 9th September 1834. In virtue of the foregoing petition, I, the present Judge hereby order that the eleventh Inst be set apart for the measurement, marking of the boundaries, & giving judicial possession as prayed for in the foregoing; to which effect all adjoining property holders shall be notified by written citations. Thus do I decree & order, & in the absence of a Notary Public, I now sign, in concert with, & in presence of my two assistant witnesses as is prescribed by law.

Manuel Jimeno Casarines. as witness. Juan B. Alvarado. as witness. Jose Ant. Gaviola. On the same day Mrs Catharine Manzueli de Murrus was informed of the preceding order, whereupon she stated that she considered herself summoned, & to that effect signed therewith me & my witnesses. Casarines -

Catharina Manzueli de Murrus. as witness. Juan B. Alvarado. as witness. Jose Ant. Gaviola. On the eleventh day of September A.D. Eighteen hundred & thirty four, at the locality known as the Prairie in front of the Laguna Seca, assembled & met together the citizen Graciano Manjares, (sole & only adjoining property holder) the citizens Philip Amador & Federico Gonzalez, (appointed surveyors or measurers of the lands) who being previously sworn to perform their duty faithfully will proceed to the discharge of it. Thus

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I, the Judge have ordered decreed & signed with my assistant witnesses
(Signed) Casarin.

Asstg witness Josi de la Jesus Vallejo. Asstg witness David E. Spence.

On the same day the adjoining neighbor was notified of the foregoing decree, who having heard it said that he understood it & has not signed it, saying that he does not know how to write, & I have signed the same with my assisting witnesses.

(Signed) Casarin.

Asstg witness Josi de Jesus Vallejo. Asstg witness David E. Spence.

On the same day & in the aforesaid place the inhabitants Felipe Armas & Teodoro Gonzalez, were notified of their appointment as measurers, who said that they do accept & did accept the said appointment & took the oath by the Lord our God & the sign of the Holy cross, to make use of it faithfully & legally to the best of their knowledge & ability, without fraud or deceit against any person. Felipe Armas did not sign his name because he could not write, but Teodoro Gonzalez signed with me the Judge of First Instance & with my assistant witnesses. I attest. Teodoro Gonzalez. Casarin.

Asstg witness David E. Spence. Assistant witness Josi de Jesus Vallejo.

Immediately the aforesaid Judge caused a cord (cordel) to be brought before me with which the said land is to be measured & that the measurer should measure it fifty varas & sign this with my assisting witnesses.

Asstg witness (Signed) Casarin. Josi de Jesus Vallejo. Asstg witness David E. Spence.

Immediately I, the before mentioned Judge ordered the before mentioned measurers to measure off with the usual Mexican vara measure fifty varas of rope, which they did, & with that rope of fifty

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was in length they proceeded to measure off the lands. In testimony of which I signed this with my Rubric. (A Rubric).

About nine o'clock in the morning of the same day I, the before mentioned Judge ordered the measurers to commence the measurement from the *Limadero* of the *Quitos*. The western boundary, from which they proceeded measuring eastwardly till they arrived at the top of the *Porte-suelo*, one hundred & eleven lengths of the fifty vara rope, whereupon the measurers took their stand on the Southern boundary & proceeded to measure from South to North until they reached the *Chupadero*, sixty lengths of the fifty vara rope, whereupon they declared that the equality was one league & eleven lengths of the rope of the fifty vara rope in length, & half a league & ten rope lengths in breadth. And having made, (as a land mark) a cross, cut in a large & well known Oak tree with a hatchet, at the starting point on the Western boundary; & another cross in the same way at the eastern point or boundary. & also an other of the same nature at the Southern boundary; the well known *Chupadero* mentioning as the Northern sign or mark; they then proceeded to place the *Mojoneros* at each of the before mentioned points, as represented in the diagram accompanying this case chart.

In testimony whereof I sign this with my witnesses of assistance. attest. Casarín.
 ass witness José de Jesús Vallejo.
 ass witness David E. Spence.

Immediately afterwards on the same day Mrs Catharine Manzanelli de Murras, accompanied by the Judge of first Instance & witnesses entered upon & took possession, legal, judicial, & bodily, of said lands, since they by right & just title belonged to her, granted to her by the Superior Political Chief, by virtue

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of authority conferred on him, by decree under date
 31st of January last; & approbation of same by
 the Honorable Dep^t Assembly under date 17th
 May of the present year. She entered upon the
 lands, passed over them, pulled up plants &c by
 the roots, scattered handfuls of earth over the
 ground, broke the branches of the trees, & performed
 many other things as ceremonial acts of taking
 possession of lands. Therefore, & the before men-
 tioned Judge of First Instance ordered that
 from that forward henceforth Mrs Catharine
 Manzaneli be considered as the true & legal
 owner & possessor of those lands. And for her
 protection in time to come, & the before men-
 tioned Judge of First Instance do give this
 as an evidence or memorial for the preservation
 of her rights. Thus I have ordered & authorized
 in concert with my witnesses of assistance, with
 whom I act in the absence of a Notary Public
 according to law, which witnesses are the Citizens
 David E. Spence & José Jesus Vallejo
 (Signed) Casarín. (Signed) José de Jesús Vallejo.
 (Signed) David E. Spence.

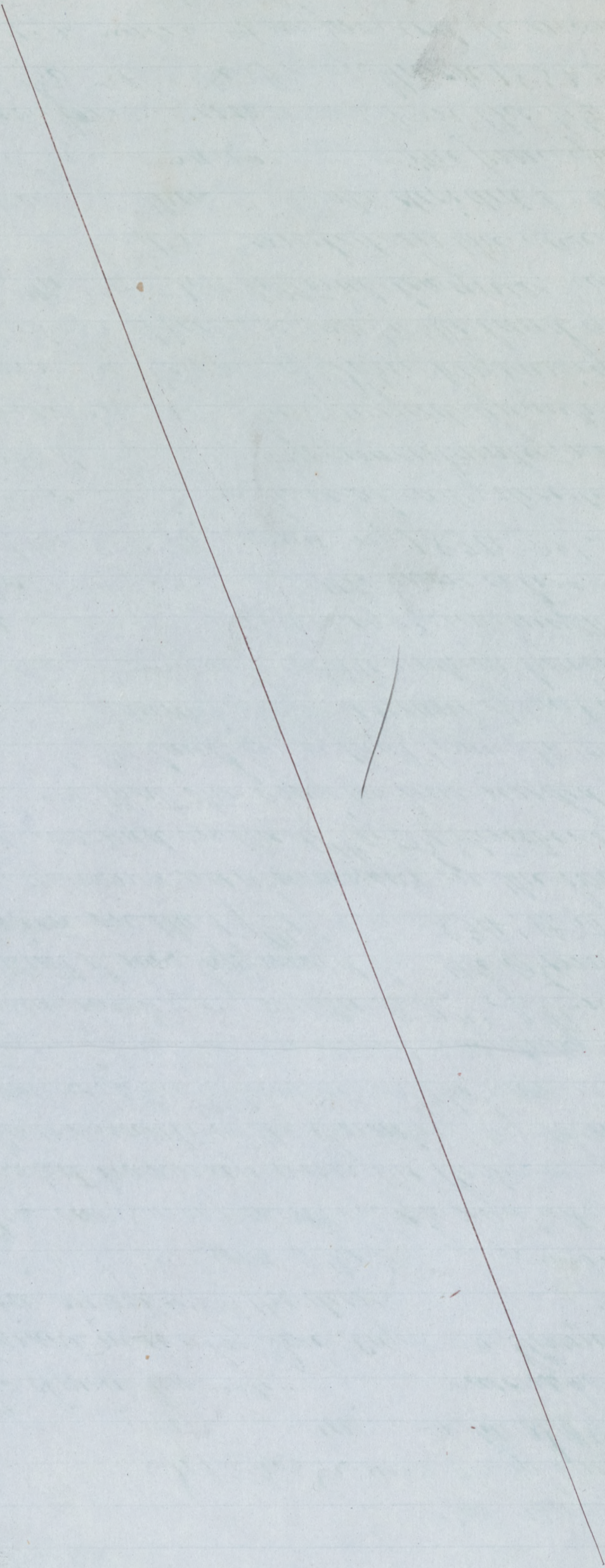
On the same day this record of proceedings was
 delivered to the interested party. In testimony
 whereof I sign the same with my subric.

I certify the foregoing to be a true &
 correct translation of the Spanish Original
 Documents filed & now on file in this Office
 in Case No 133, Catarina Manzaneli de Mun-
 -ras for the place called Laguna Seca.

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U. S. Land Commissioner for California. San Francisco.

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Opinion by H. S. Horton

The claim presented in this case is founded upon a grant made by Jose Figueroa, Governor of California, in virtue of the decree of the 18th of August 1824 & of the Ordinance of the 21st of November 1828, of the Mexican Government. By a regularly authenticated transcript from the Archives of the former Government of the Country; by documentary evidence & other testimony in the case, it satisfactorily appears that the grant was duly made by competent authority on the 22nd of January 1834; that it was approved by the Territorial Deputation on the 17th of May 1834; that judicial possession & measurement in the usual manner was had on the 11th of September of the same year & that the grantee has resided upon & cultivated the land from that time, to the present. The expediente shows a grant of part of the same land at an earlier date, which however was enlarged to the extent of a league in length & half of a league in breadth, a little more or less, by the grant of the 22nd of January 1834. The term, a little more or less, we have already decided with-
-er to avoid the grant for uncertainty, nor to increase or diminish the specified quantity, see the opinion in the case of John Keys assignee No 222. The objection, as to the land granted being within the two littoral leagues, has been fully considered & overruled in the case of Cruz Curranter, & of others with us decided by this Board. In accordance with the principles laid down for our government on the 11th section of the Act of the 3rd of March 1857, the claim is held to be valid, & we proceed to make the following decree of confirmation.

Commissioner Hall

concur in the result

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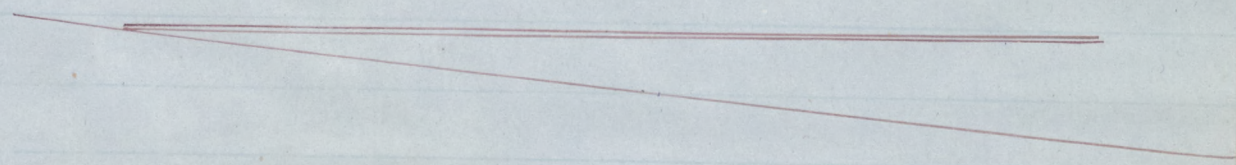
This Board upon full consideration of the various grounds affecting the validity of the said claim, having come to the conclusion that the same is valid; therefore now proceeds to make & does hereby make the following decree or report of final confirmation, viz; It is decreed that the said claim be confirmed to the claimant to the extent & quantity, of one half, of a square league of land, or one half of a sitio de ganada mayor, & for no more: being the same land described in the grant & expediente referred to therein, & of which the claimant was possessed, and occupied under the said grant; Provided, that the said quantities of land granted, & now here confirmed, be contained within the boundaries called for in the said grant & map to which the grant refers; & if there be less than the said above named quantity within the said bounds, then we confirm to the claimant that less quantity, it being apparent that said quantity exceeds the minimum of two hundred varas as prescribed by the ordinance of the 21st of November 1828. Witness our hands this 11th day of April 1853.

Richard Hull
Henry S. Thornton. } Commissioners.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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I, *George Fisher* Secretary to
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the
foregoing *Seventy* pages, numbered from
1 to *70*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Tran-
script of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the
said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony
of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this
Office, in Case No. *155* on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein

Catharine Manzandi de Munras is
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by
the name of *Laguna Seca*



In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
twenty first day of *June*
A. D. *1854*, and of the Independence of the
United States of America the seventy=*eight*th

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Rafael Gonzalez.

Figueroa.

ber y entender sin dolo fraude con-
tra persona alguna, y no firmó el medidor
Felipe Armas por que dijo no saberlo hacer
solamente lo hizo con miigo Teodoro Gonzalez
y con los de mi asistencia. Doy fe

Cararin

Teodoro Gonzalez

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[Signature]

de asia

de asia.

Jefe de Tomas Vallejos

D. N. O. T. L. P. M. M. C.

[Signature]

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Incontinenti yo el repetido Jefe mande traer
a mi presencia el cordel con que se han de
medir las tierras de dichos parage, y que los
medidores lo midan de cincuenta varas y lo
firmé con los de asistencia.

Cararin

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de asia.

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Jefe de Tomas Vallejos

D. N. O. T. L. P. M. M. C.

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Incontinenti En presencia de mi el Expre-
sado Jefe, los medidores mencionados tomaron
un cordel de mecate y con una vara de medida
usual Mexicana teniendola en la mano mi-

Dieron cincuenta varas para hacer — la referida medición y para que conste lo Rubrique.

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En la misma fha. y en el referido parage siendo como las nueve de la mañana, yo el expresado Juez mandé a los medidores nombrados se fuesen para las medidas de tierra que se ha de hacer a Doña Estarima Manzanelli de Manzan y puesto en el P. lugar del tindeiro llamado los Gatos, se comenzó la medida tendiendo el cordel al O. y se llegó hasta la lumbre del Portezuelo hasta la cual ciento once cordeles de a cincuenta varas, y luego que se pusieron los dichos medidores al P. se prosiguió con la dicha medida corriendo de P. a N. hasta llegar a un chupadero, hasta donde hubo sesenta cordeles, por lo que declaran los referidos medidores haver en dicho parage una legua, once cordeles de longitud, y media legua diez cordeles de lati-

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Rafael Gonzalez.

Figueroa.

Yo, y habiendome hecho en el lindero del S. por señal una cruz con hacha en un visible y conocido escudo, y en el lindero del N. otra señal en los mismos terminos, y en el lindero del S. otra señal en igual forma, quedando por señas del lindero del N. el mencionado Campadero, se dispuso reformar en cada una de las referidas señas, acompañando a este expediente el diccionario que figura la forma del terreno medido y para constancia lo firmé por ante los testigos de asistencia. Doy fe.

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Juan de Jesus Vallejo

[Signature]

En el referido Parage y en el mismo día mes, y año, Doña Estarica Mancaneij de Murraras vecina de Montevideo acompañada del Jefe de primera Instancia de este dicho Puerto y testigo. Dijo dicha Doña

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Catarina Mauranelli de Minnana - que
habiendose medido las tierras de este Paraje
segun consta en la diligencia anterior
tomaba y tomó la verdadera y corporal
posesion de dichas tierras medidas, pues le
pertenecieron con frutos titulos que obtiene
de la concecion que de ellas le hizo con
fha. veinte y dos de Enero ultimo el Señor
Jefe Superior Político del Territorio por las
fuentes que le son conferidas en decreto
de treinta y uno de Enero ultimo; y de la
aprovacion que de esto hizo la Excelentí-
sima Diputacion Territorial con fha. diez y
siete de Mayo del corriente año; entró y
pasó por ellas, arrancó yerbas, espació
primado de tierra rompio ramas de los ar-
boles e hizo otras ceremonias y actos de
posesion en señal de la que dijo tomar y
que tomaba de dichas tierras. Y mandó
el Citado Jefe de primera instancia que
desde entonces la tubieran y reconocieran

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Figueras.

Jose Rafael Gonzalez.

[Decorative flourish]

por verdadera Señora y poseedora
de ellas. De todo lo referido pidio dicha
Doña Catalina Mancanelli de Munoz
que para memoria en lo venidero y conservacion

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de sus derechos por mi el repetido
de su nombre *[illegible]* a la Constancia.
Lo que asi fue autorizada con los testigos
de asistencia que son los Ciudadanos D. Pedro
Perez y Juan Valdes con quienes actua
en receptoria a falta de escribano pu-
blico que no lo hay segun declara D. Jo-
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Casarini

[Decorative flourish]

De asna

De asna

Jose de Jesus Valdes

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En la fha se le entrega a la interesada
este expediente, y para constancia lo notai
que por auto.

[Decorative flourish]

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Dated Feb. 18th 56.

Catharine Mangneda

do Munras.

Laguna Seca

Original Exhibit marked
Keds B. annexed to the de-
position of David Spence
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Holland Hall April 7. 1852
Copy of which is filed with
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Rafael Gonzalez

Figueroa

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Señor Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Nacionales de la Republica de Uruguay Comandante General Intero y Jefe Superior Político de la Alta Policia.

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Por tanto D. Catarina Manzanelli de Munoz Mexicana por nacimiento, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia ampliacion al terreno de la Laguna de enfrente de la Laguna Seca colindante con el Linderero de los Gatos el Portoneto, y Lomas laterales; practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones correspondientes segun lo dispuesto por Leyes y Reglamentos mandos de las facultades q. me son conferidas; en decreto de unore del corriente a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle la ampliacion del terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, entendiendose dicha concesion con entera conformidad a lo dispuesto por las Leyes y sin perjuicio del aprovechamiento comun del Pueblo por lo respectivo a pastos, aguas, maderas lena &c. y sujeta a pagar el Canon q. se le imponga si resultare pertenecer a los Ejidos de esta Capital cuando se arcesen sus linderos a reserva de la aprobacion y desaprobacion de la Excelentissima Diputacion Territorial y del Superior Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes

ter.
1.^a Que se someterá a las q. estableciere el Reglamento q. se ha de formar para la distribución de terrenos baldíos y q. entretanto ni la agraciada ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el q. se le adjudica; imponer censo, rinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por camapriada ni prestarlo a manos muertas.

2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las traserías, caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinándolo al uso o cultivo q. mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año a lo más fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3.^a Quando se le confirme la propiedad solicitará del Juez respectivo q. le dé posesion Judicial en virtud de este Despacho por el qual se demarcaran los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá a mas de las Mojoneras algunos arboles frutales o sembrados de alguna utilidad.

4.^a El terreno de q. se le hace donacion es de una legua de longitud por media legua de latitud en su mayor anchura poco mas o menos segun corre en el expediente; el Juez q. viene esta posesion lo hará media conforme a ordenanza para señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante q. acubte a la Nación para los usos convenientes.

5.^a Si contraviere a estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será denunciado por otro

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mando q. sirviendole de Titulo el presente y
teniendo por firme y valdoso se tome razon
en el libro a q. corresponde y se le entregue a
la interesada para su resguardo y demas fi-
nes. Dado en Monterey a veinte y dos de ene-
ro de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

José Figueroa

Aguirre P. Zamorano
Dxo.

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Queda tomada razon en el libro de asientos de Titulos so-
bre adjudicacion de terrenos, a folios veinte y cinco nu-
mero veinte y tres, q. obra en el estudio de la Secreta-
ria de mi cargo. Monterey Enero veinte y dos de
mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Zamorano

SELLO TERCERO DOS REALES.

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

Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzalez

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Se aprueba la concecion hecha a D.^a Catarina Manzanelli del parage nombrado la Laguna Seca concedido en veinte y tres de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres, de entera conformidad con lo prescrito en la Ley de diez y ocho de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro y el articulo quinto del Reglamento de veinte y uno de Noviembre de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho.

Monterey Mayo diez y siete de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro = En sesion de este dia se aprobo por la Coma. Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecediendo mandando se debuebra el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Superior Político para los fines consiguientes = Jose Figueroa = Juan Bautista Alvarado Secretario

Monterey diez de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro = En vista de la aprobacion otorgada en diez y siete de Mayo ultimo por la Coma. Diputacion Territorial: librese testimonio de este Decreto a la parte de Dona Catarina Manzanelli de Almaraz en confirmacion a la concecion del terreno de la Laguna Seca q. obtuvo en diez y ocho de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres y ampliado en mes de Enero ultimo. El Sr. Genl.

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de Brigada D. Jose Figueras, Com. te Gen.
Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico de la
alta California así lo mando, decreto y fir-
mo de of. doy fe. = Jose Figueras = Agun-
tin S. Zamorano Secretario

Concuerda a la letra con su original del cual hizo sacar el pre-
sente testimonio para resguardo de la parte interesada en
Monterey a doce de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cua-
tro; siendo testigos los Ciudadanos. Bernardo Narra-
te y Donifacio de Madariaga de esta Ciudad

Por Testimonio de verdad

Jose Figueras

Agustin S. Zamorano
Seco.

9 feb.

"Exhibit A. of U.S. Com."

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Filed Feb 18th 1856. ^{16 Jan} _{Cook.}
Catharine Manzaneti
de Munras.

Laguna Seca.

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County Recorder
Monterey County
per Jas H Gleason
Deputy

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ked A. annexed to the de-
position of David Spence
taken before Commiss. H.
Hall. April 7th 1852. Copy
of which is filed with the petition

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 11th September 1854.

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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 June 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.

No 16.

U.S. District Court
Southern Dist of Cal.

The United States,

vs.

Catherine Maryanelli de Murras

Notice of appeal from City Gen.

Filed Nov 7th 1897.

J. E. Jones
Clk.

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

Catharine Manzaneli de Munras }
vs } No 135.
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To the Honorable Isaac S. K. Ogier Judge of the
District Court of the United States for the Southern
District of California.

The petition of Pacificus Ord (of Monterey County)
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 his proper person, in the name and behalf of
the United States represents as follows.

That heretofore, to wit, on the 31th day of March A.D.
1852, Catharine Manzaneli de Munras presented
a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and
settle the private land claims in the State of Cali-
fornia, ^{claiming a tract of land called 'Laguna Seca' in Monterey County, Cal.} representing, in substance, ~~that she is a resident of Monterey County California;~~
That she is a resident of Monterey County California;
that on the 22^d day of January A.D. 1834 Jose Figueroa
Governor of California by virtue of the authority in
him vested, granted to her the tract of land known
by the name of "Laguna Seca", and containing with-
in its limits somewhat more than a half league
of land; (or about three thousand acres) that on the
17th day of May A.D. 1834 the said grant was ap-
proved by the Territorial Deputation of California;
that on the 11th day of September A.D. 1834 Judicial
possession was given to her, with the boundaries

designated in the said grant; and that those claiming under her have been ever since the date of said grant, and now are in the peaceable possession thereof; and she has no knowledge of any interfering claim; that she has cultivated the land, stocked it with Cattle, planted a vineyard, occupied and improved it, as prescribed by the said title; that the Committee of the Ayuntamiento reported that the law against granting land within ten leagues of the Coast was an impediment to agriculture and the prosperity of the Country, and that it should be ~~abolished~~ ^{got rid of}; that said report was approved by said Governor; and praying for confirmation of the same. &c.

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Your petitioner further represents that thereafter, to wit, on the 11th day of April AD 1853, the said Commissioners confirmed by final decree the said claim of the said Catharine Manzanelli de Munros, in the words and figures following, viz:
 "This Board upon full consideration of the various grounds affecting the validity of the said claim, having come to the conclusion that the same is valid; Therefore now proceeds to make and does hereby make the following decree or report of final confirmation, viz; It is decreed that the said claim be confirmed to the claimant to the extent and quantity, of one half of a square league of land, or one half of a sitio de ganada mayor, and for no more; being the same land described in the grant and expediente referred to therein, ^{and} of which the claimant was possessed, and occupied under the said grant; Provided, that the said quantities of land granted, and now here confirmed, be

" contained within the boundaries called for in
 " the said grant and map to which the grant
 " refers; and if there be less than the said above
 " named quantity within the said bounds, then
 " we confirm to the claimant that less quantity,
 " it being apparent that said quantity exceeds
 " the minimum of two hundred varas as prescribed
 " by the Ordinance of the 21st of November 1828,
 " Witness our hands this 11th day of April 1853.

(Signed) Miland Hall } Commis-
 " Harry D Shoenton } sioners."

That thereafter, to wit, on the 27th day of June AD 1854, a duly certified transcript of the said decree and proceedings, and the papers and evidence on which it was founded, in said Cause, 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 155, reference to which it is prayed may be had and made a part of this petition.

That on the 30th day of June AD 1854, the Honorable Caleb Cushing Attorney General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of said final decree, and proceedings, of said Commissioners in said Cause, (No 155.) and the papers and evidence on which said decree was founded.

That thereafter, to wit, on the 7th day of November AD 1854, the said Attorney General of the United States, filed, or caused to be filed, on behalf of the United States, a Notice with the said Clerk of said District Court for the Southern District of California, that the Appeal in said Cause of

Catharine Manzanelli de Munras, vs the United States, from the decision of the said Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, would be prosecuted by the United States.

Your petitioner further represents that the said land claimed as aforesaid, is within the Jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

And your petitioner further represents and insists that the said decree 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 said cause now on Appeal from said Commissioners, to this Honorable Court.

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And your petitioner further represents that the said claim is invalid, and said decree erroneous, on the following grounds.

1. That the said Catharine Manzanelli de Munras shows no valid title to the said land claimed by her as aforesaid, and it is denied that she has any.
2. That the said land claimed as aforesaid is within ten leagues of the Sea Coast; and could not therefore be Colonized, without the previous approval of the Supreme Executive power, which was not had.
3. That land belonged to the *egidos* (Common lands) of the Pueblo or Corporation of Monterey, and could not therefore be granted or Colonized; that said Pueblo or Corporation had no lawful authority to alienate or consent to the alienation of said land claimed as aforesaid.
4. That it does not appear that the grant of Governor Figueroa of the 22^o of January 1834, was app

proved by the Territorial Deputation on the 17th of May AD 1834, as alleged; nor does it appear that there was any approval of the Supreme Government.

5. That there is no evidence that the conditions of said grant have been performed by claimant, particularly the building of a house on the land within one year from the date of the grant and that it was inhabited; and there is no evidence that the claimant cultivated the land and placed Cattle and horses upon it.

6. That the boundaries of the land claimed are vague and indefinite.

7. That there is no evidence that Manuel Jimeno Cesarin was Alcalde and Judge of the First Instance of Monterey on the 11th of September 1834.

8. That the said Judicial possession and measurement of the land was not ~~made~~^{made} according to the Ordinance, or law; and is vague and indefinite.

And no proof having been made by said claimant of the allegations of her said petition, or in support of her said claim filed as aforesaid, no decree ought to have been made or grounded thereon, but the said petition ought to have been dismissed, and said claim rejected by said Commissioners upon the grounds aforesaid.

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 the laws and Statutes in such case made and provided, prays that the said Catharine Manzaneli de Munras, or her Attorney, may be served with a copy of this petition, and that this Honorable Court will

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review the said decision or final decree of Confirmation of said Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, and decide on the validity of the said claim of said Catharine Manzaneli de Munras, for said land claimed and Confirmed as aforesaid, and that the same may be decreed invalid, and all such other Orders, Judgments or decrees as may be just. With Costs; and general relief.

P. Ord

Attorney of the United States
for the Southern Dist. of Cal^a.

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Advs.

The United States,

Petition of Advs. for
Review &c.

Filed Dec 21. 1854.

J. E. Jones
clerk

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United States } No 16 - In
 appellant } the United States
 vs } District Court
 Catharine Mansa- } for the Southern
 ziti de Munras } District of California

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To the Hon. Isaac J. Ogden
 District Judge of the United
 States within & for the Southern
 District of California

The answer of Catharine Man-
 zanti de Munras to the petition
 of return filed by the United States,
 respectfully sheweth, ^{that} on the 23rd
 May 1833 & on 22nd January 1834

Jose Figueroa Superior Political
 Chief of Alta California, ^{in pursuance of authority in him} ^{vested by law} made
 & executed to her to be delivered
 to this respondent two valid
 & legal grants of two ^{adjacent} parcels
 in tracts of land the whole
 whereof is known by the name
 of 'Laguna Seca' situated in the
 county of Monterey in said
 Southern District & in the
 jurisdiction of this Hon. Court,
 & more particularly described in
 the said grants & other documents
 relative thereto as appears by ~~the~~

certified transcript described in
the petition of Plaintiffs to whom
said transcript reference is
herein made as a part of this
answer -

This Defendant further repre-
sents that afterwards the
said grants became definitely
valid by the approbation of the
Territorial Deputation of Alta
California given on the 17th
May 1834 & that afterwards to wit
in September 1834 a periodical
survey of the said entire tract
granted as aforesaid was had
its metes & bounds accurately
ascertained & established & produce
preparation thereof delivered to
this Defendant by competent
authority & that since the
date of said grants this Defen-
dant has been & now is in the
peaceable possession of the
said granted premises -

This Defendant further repre-
sents that she has fully complied
with all the conditions of her

great saw grants, that on April 3rd 1852 she presented her petition claiming said land together with such testimony as she relied on to the commissioners, appointed in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled "An act to ascertain & settle the Private Land Claims in the State of Oregon" which sitting as a Board & Court of Land & Water on the 11th April 1853 the said commissioners decided on the validity of her said claim & confirmed it.

And this Defendant further answering the petition of review filed by Plaintiff denies each & ~~all~~ all the allegations therein contained except those herein admitted & further this Defendant avers that there is nothing contained in said petition either in Law or in fact sufficient to justify this Plaintiff in disapproving the decree of the said commissioners & in adjudging the claim of this Defendant to be invalid -

Wherefore this Defendant prays to be held dismissed with costs & for further or such other relief as

I send this answer on P. Ord. Attorney of the United States, by
leaving with him personally a certified copy hereof at
his office in the Southern District of California this
March 19th 1855

marshals cost
\$3.00

before me
shown to & subscribed, this 19th March 1855.
J. C. Barr
Clerk.

Edward M. Hunt
U.S. Marshal

U.S. Dist Court for the
Southern Dist. of California.
United States

Edwin de Pa. Mendenhall

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Answer

You will note please
have a copy of this
answer served on the
U.S. Dist. Attorney
for this District -
March 19th 1855 -

Edwin de Pa. Mendenhall
atty for de Pa.

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Made March 15th 1855

J. C. Barr
Clerk

Edwin de Pa. Mendenhall
atty for de Pa.

Dear a Legality may grant at the notice
of the case may require - and on
the duty as
then order Mendenhall
atty for de Pa.

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United States } No 16 - U. S
vs } Dist. Court for
Custodia Maryland } the South. Dist.
re Murrus } of California -

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It is hereby stipulated that the
the deposition of Gabriel de la Torre
taken on this 14th June 1855 by me
C. & Carr Esq. Clerk of said Court
may be read & considered on the trial
of the above cause without
any objection being taken as to the
time or mode of taking the
same.

P. J. D. D. D. atty.
I have read the above
att. for J. J. D.

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U. S. Dist Court
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The United States,

vs

C. M. de Bunsas

Stipulation.

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Deposition of Gabriel de la Torre a witness on the part of Appellee, taken by consent of parties, before Charles E. Cas, U.S. Court appointed to take testimony in this case, at Monterey Aug 18th 1855. Resas P. Dod U.S. Attorney, La Pres. Atty for Appellee.

D. Spence sworn Interpreter -

G. de la Torre being duly sworn deposes and says -

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

Ans - My name is Gabriel de la Torre, my age is forty seven years, my residence is Monterey, my occupation, a laborer. Ques? Are you acquainted with ~~Antonia~~ Doña Catalina Manganeli de Munras, and with a tract of land known by the name of "Laguna Seca". And also the tract in front thereof known by the name of "La Cañadita". If so, state what you know concerning the time and mode of their occupation by Mrs Munras.

Ans - I know Catalina M. de Munras. I also know the two tracts called Laguna Seca, and Cañadita. I think these two tracts were granted to Mrs Munras in the year 1834 - but I am not certain whether they were both granted at the same time, I passed by there, the day they were giving the judicial possession, and judicial possession

was given for both tracts. I have seen
it occupied with a house, vineyard,
cultivation, and tame cows by Mrs
Munras.

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Ques. 3^d Has it continued to be occupied
up to the present time.

Ans. It has —

Crossed by the U.S. Attorney.

Ques. Where is the land located?

Ans. It is situated about three leagues
from the City of Monterey, this side of the
San Pedro River.

Ques. What kind of a house was built on
the land?

Ans. — It was a wooden house.

Ques. — Did Mrs. Munras ever live in the house?

Ans. Mrs. Munras did not live there — her
husband Estevan Munras lived there.

Ques. Does that house still remain ^{the} —

Ans. — I don't know, the last I went
there about one year ago, the house
was still there.

Ques. — Are there any vineyard or enclosure
still remaining —

Ans. The vineyard was taken away
to another Ranch by Mr. Munras.
I don't recollect how long,
but it was more than 8 years
ago. Cattle has destroyed the fence.

Done to and subscribed at
Monterey June 18th 1855. before
me J. C. Fox
U.S. Comm.

Gabriel de la Torre

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U. S. Dist Court
South Dist of Cal.

The United States,

vs
apply.

Catharina M. de
Munass, Applee,

Apposition of
Gabriel de la Torre,

Filed June 18th 1855

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Clerk.

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for the Southern District of California
Catalina de Mouras

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Appellee } No. 16.
vs } For "Laguna
The United States } Seca"
Appellant }

To Catalina de Mouras or her attorneys,
Take notice that the above
entitled cause will be brought to a
hearing by the United States on Friday
the 19th day of October A.D. 1853, or as
soon thereafter as the same can be
heard by the Court.

Los Angeles October 11, 1853

J. D. K.
At Dist. Ct.

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Catalina M. de Munn

and

The United States

Notice of hearing
by W. States

Filed Oct 11th 1835,

J. Ford
Clerk.

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J. Ford. vs. atty.

In the Dist Court of the United States
Southern Dist of California

Catarina M de Muro }
Appellee } Case No 16
vs } Laguna Seca
The United States }
Appellants } Manuscript 155

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In this case on motion of Coun-
sel for the Appellee it is ordered that
either party ~~may~~ have leave to
take additional testimony in
the above entitled cause.

Case No
U. S. Dist. Court, South²
Dist of Cal^a

Catarina de la Llanura

Abellan

ad

Wm. L. Gates

Abellants

Order for further testimony

Filed Sept 4th 1886.

J. E. Long
Clerk

@. M de Munros, appellee }
 ans. } 1016.
The United States, applt }

Deposition of Ignacio del Valle
a witness on the part of appellee in
the above entitled cause, taken before
Charles C. Case, U.S. Court for the
South Dist of Cal. this 18th day of Feb:
1856. Present P. Ord, U.S. Atty.
Scott Brent for the appellee.

Ignacio del Valle being duly sworn,
to questions propounded to him by
Counsell States as follows to wit:

§ § §

Ques. What is your name age & place of
residence.

Ans. My name is Ignacio del Valle my age
is 47 years, my residence the City of
Los Angeles.

Ques. Did you lose Figueroa & Apustin &
Tamorano, yoo, have you frequently
seen them write and do you know
their handwriting

Ans. I knew them - I have frequently
seen them write & know their
handwriting.

ques.

Look on document now shown you marked "Exhibit A. C. E. C. Alcom's" purporting to be a grant to Catalina Manzanelli de Brumass, from Jose Figueroa for an addition to the tract of land of the Cañadita, in favor of the Laguna Seca, dated Aug. 22^d 1834, and also a testimonial or the approval of the Territorial deputation, of said grant dated Aug. 12th 1834, state if the signatures of the said Jose Figueroa & Agustin V. Zamorano, appearing thereon, are their genuine signatures.

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Ans.

I have examined said document & recognize the signatures of Figueroa & Zamorano thereon as their genuine signatures.

ques.

Did you know Teodoro Gonzales, Manuel Ameno Casarin, Juan B. Alvarado and David Spence, if so have you frequently seen them write and do you know their handwriting?

Ans.

I knew them all - have frequently seen them write & know their handwriting.

ques.

Look at the document now shown you, marked "Exhibit B. C. E. C. Alcom's" purporting to be an act of judicial

possession

by Manuel Ameno Casarin in favor of
Catarina Manzanelli de Munras,
of a tract of land called La Laguna Seca
dated Sept 9th 1834, & State of the

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signatures to the name of Manuel Ameno
Casarin, Juan B. Alvarado, Teodoro
Gonzales, & David Speese then on
appearing are their genuine signatures

Am. I have looked said document, & recog-
nize the signatures, then or of Manuel
Ameno Casarin, Juan B. Alvarado
Teodoro Gonzales, & David Speese
to be their genuine signatures.

Ygnacio del Valle

Forra has subscribed this
18th day of Feb 1856

Repres me J. E. San
Alcoba

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No 16.

U. S. Dist Court.
South Dist of Cal.

Caterina M. de Mumas,
appellee
ad l.

The United States,
applt.

Reposition of Ignacio
de Valle.

Filed Feb'y 18th 1856.

J. E. San
Cecilia

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

Latarina Maurabelli
de Murras.

Appellee

vs

The United States

Appellants

Case D^o P^o.

Laguna Seca

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This cause coming on to be heard on
Appeal from the final Decision of the
United States Board of Land Commission-
ers to ascertain and settle the private land
claims in the State of California, under
an Act of Congress approved March 3^d
1851, on a Transcript of the Proceedings and
Decision of said Board and the papers and
evidence upon which said Decision was
founded, and it appearing to the Court
that said Transcript and the Notice of
Appeal have been duly filed according
to Law and Counsel for the respective
parties having been heard, &

It is ordered adjudged and decreed
that the said Decision of the United States
Board of Land Commissioners be and
the same hereby is affirmed, and it is fur-
ther adjudged and decreed that the
Claim of the above named Appellee is
good and valid and the same is hereby
confirmed to him.

The land hereby confirmed is of the
extent of one league in length and one
half league in breadth ^{and no more} within the bounds

lands described in the grant and in the
Map to which the Grant refers, to wit:
the Portucales on the East, the "Señadores de
Las Gatas" on the West, and the lateral
Hills on the North and South.

James M. Ogilvie

San Diego 10.
U.S. Dist. Court Southern
Dist. of Cal.

Catania M. de Murras
Appellee
vs
Mr. A. Suter
Appellants.

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Filed July 20, 1884.

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L. L. Brent

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,

Los Angeles,.....December Term, 1855.

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Catalina M. de Munras

APPELLEE,

VS.

UNITED STATES,

APPELLANT.

No. 16.

(No. 155. 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 20th day of February - A. D. 1856.

P. Ord
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No. 16.
U.S. District Court
Southern District of California

Patricia M. de la Cruz
Appellee
vs
The United States
Appellants

Notice of Appeal f.c.
Filed March 7th 1888
C. E. Cannon
By O'Leary Dep.

California Land Claims.

Attorney General's Office

25 September 1851.

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Sir:

In the case of the claim of Catalina M. de Munnas, confirmed to the claimant by the Commission, case no. one hundred and fifty-five, (155), 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

Clint

Pacific Ord. Exp.

U. S. Attorney

Los Angeles.

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Catitena M. de Murras

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Filed 24th February 1837
At Sains clerk
of J. H. Coleman
Esq

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Office of the Surveyor General of the United States, }
FOR CALIFORNIA.

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I, J. W. MANDEVILLE, United States Surveyor General, for the State of California, do hereby certify that the Rancho "Laguna Seca",

confirmed to *C. de Murrass*

has been surveyed by this office, and that the survey and plat was approved by the U. S. Surveyor General, on the *third* day of *May*, 1859

~~1860~~; that I have caused to be published, once a week, for four weeks successively, in two newspapers, to wit: the *Pacific Sentinel*

published in the County of *Santa Cruz*, State of *California*

being the newspaper published nearest to where the said Rancho is located, the first publication being on the *twenty first* day of *September* 1860,

and the last, on the *twelfth* day of *October* 1860; also, in the *Los Angeles Star*

a newspaper published in the *City and County of Los Angeles*, State *aforsaid*

the first publication being on the *twenty ninth* day of *September* 1860,

and the last on the *twentieth* day of *October* 1860, a notice

that the said land had been surveyed, and a plat made thereof, and the survey and plat approved by me. And I do further certify, that the said survey

and plat were retained in my office during all of said four weeks, and until the

expiration thereof, subject to inspection; and I further certify, that no order

for the return thereof to the U. S. District Court, has been served upon me.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name

officially, and caused my Seal of office to be affixed, at the City of San Francisco, this *Twenty Second* day of

January 1861



J. W. Manderville

U. S. Surveyor General for California.

U. S. Sur. Genl's. Office San Francisco Cal.

October 7th 1861

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original record now on file in this office.

E. J. Beale,
U. S. Sur. Genl.
California

No # 16

W. S. Dr. & Co
South West Galv

L. M. de Mourap

The United States

Certif of Pub. by. Sec. Genl

Filed Aug 20/1863

John O. Wheeler
Clerk

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

TO

The President of the United States,

Catharine Manzanole de Munras.

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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 *Twenty First* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*four* at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by *Pacificus Ord.* Attorney of the United States, for the Southern District of California, in behalf of the United States, praying the said Court to review, upon the grounds therein set forth, the Decision of final confirmation of the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, of the claim of *Catharine Manzanole de Munras*, for a tract of land called *La Laguna Seca*, in the County of *Monterey* California, to the extent of about half a league, or three thousand acres; which said claim was presented by your petition to said Commissioners, on or about the 30th of March A.D. 1852, and by them confirmed on or about the 11th of April A.D. 1853.

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 *Second second* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*five* at Los Angeles aforesaid.

J. E. Farr
Clerk.

Marshals cost-

Copying Summons, 1,00

Service " 4,00

Service Petition 4,00

actual traveling

expenses 104,00

113,00

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United States of America,

Southern District of California,

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Catharine Manzanilla de Murras.

vs

The United States.

SUMMONS.

Received February 2-1855

Edward Hunter

U.S. Marshal

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I served this summons along with the proper copy of the petition upon *Catharine Manzanilla de Murras*, the defendant by leaving with her personally a true copy of the summons & petition

at her house in the city of Monterey
the 9th day of February

in the Southern District of California or
A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10th of
March 1855. *J. E. San. Clerk.*

Edward Hunter
U.S. Marshal. by
Dept
Richd. S. Jones

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

Catalina Mauraduli

vs. Mauras,

16 SD Appellee,

vs

The United States

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Certified Copy of Approval of Deputation, and Order to issue Certificate to Grantee.

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U. States Dist. Court, for the
South-Dist of California

Catalina M. de Murago.

Appellee

vs

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The United States, appellants }
vs }
Catherine M. Murray, appellee }

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The claim in this case is founded upon a grant from Governor Sigourney to the present claimant bearing date 22nd July 1834. The Original grant has been filed in this Court and its genuineness and authenticity fully proven; Claimant has also filed the proof of the approbation of the Departmental Assembly, and the Original testimony of judicial possession. The grant describes the land by certain boundaries which are laid down upon the map to which it makes reference, there can be no difficulty in locating the tract. The judicial possession somewhat more land than was fixed in the grant. It follows very accurately the calls of the grant; the parcel testimony shows occupation of the premises by the grantee and a full compliance with the conditions of the grant. The Claimant is therefore entitled to a Confirmation of his claim, to extent called for in the grant within the boundaries specified in the grant and maps and a decree will be entered accordingly.