

CASE No.
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

LA LIEBRE GRANT

JOSE MARIA FLORES

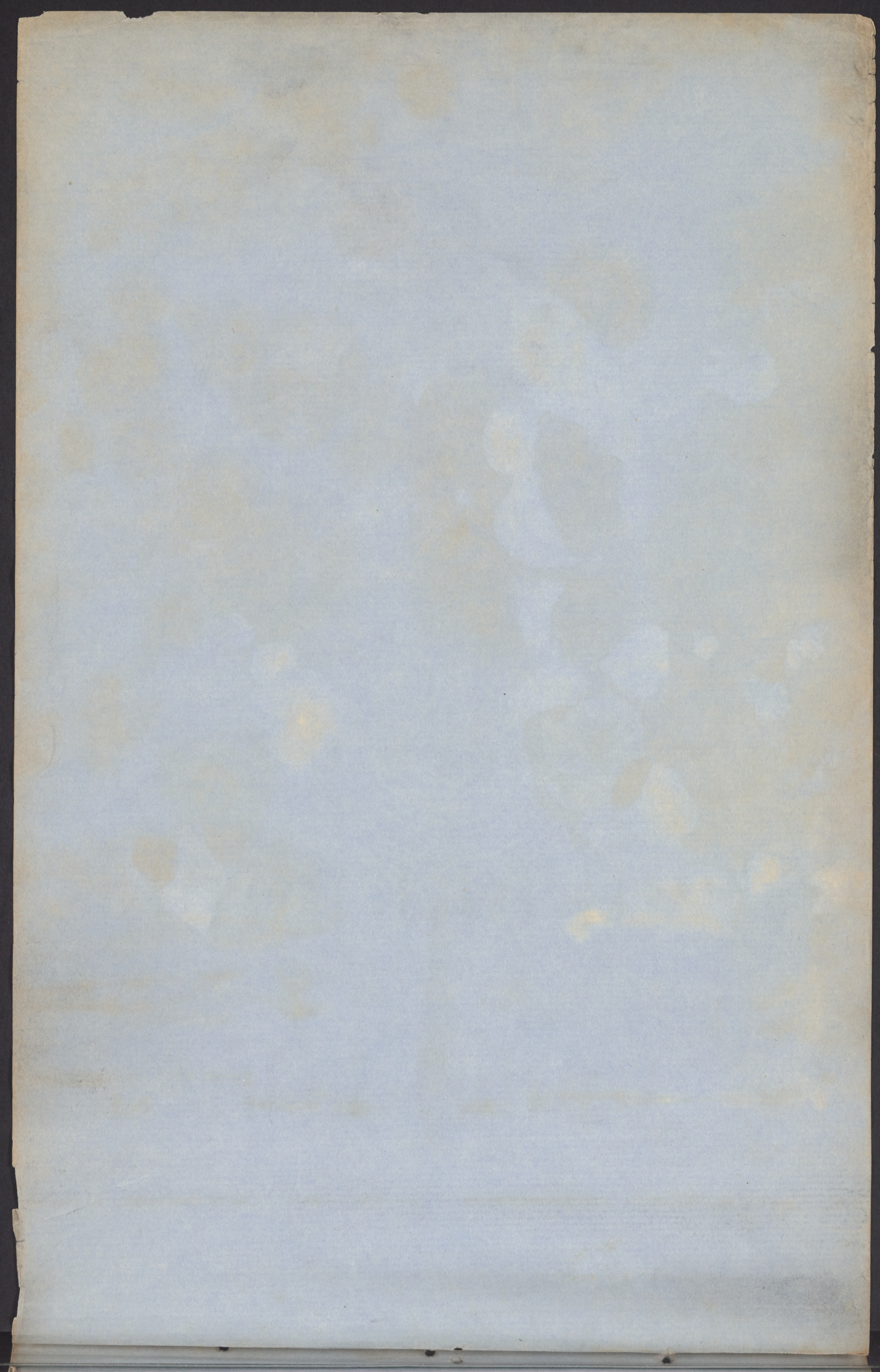
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TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 429.

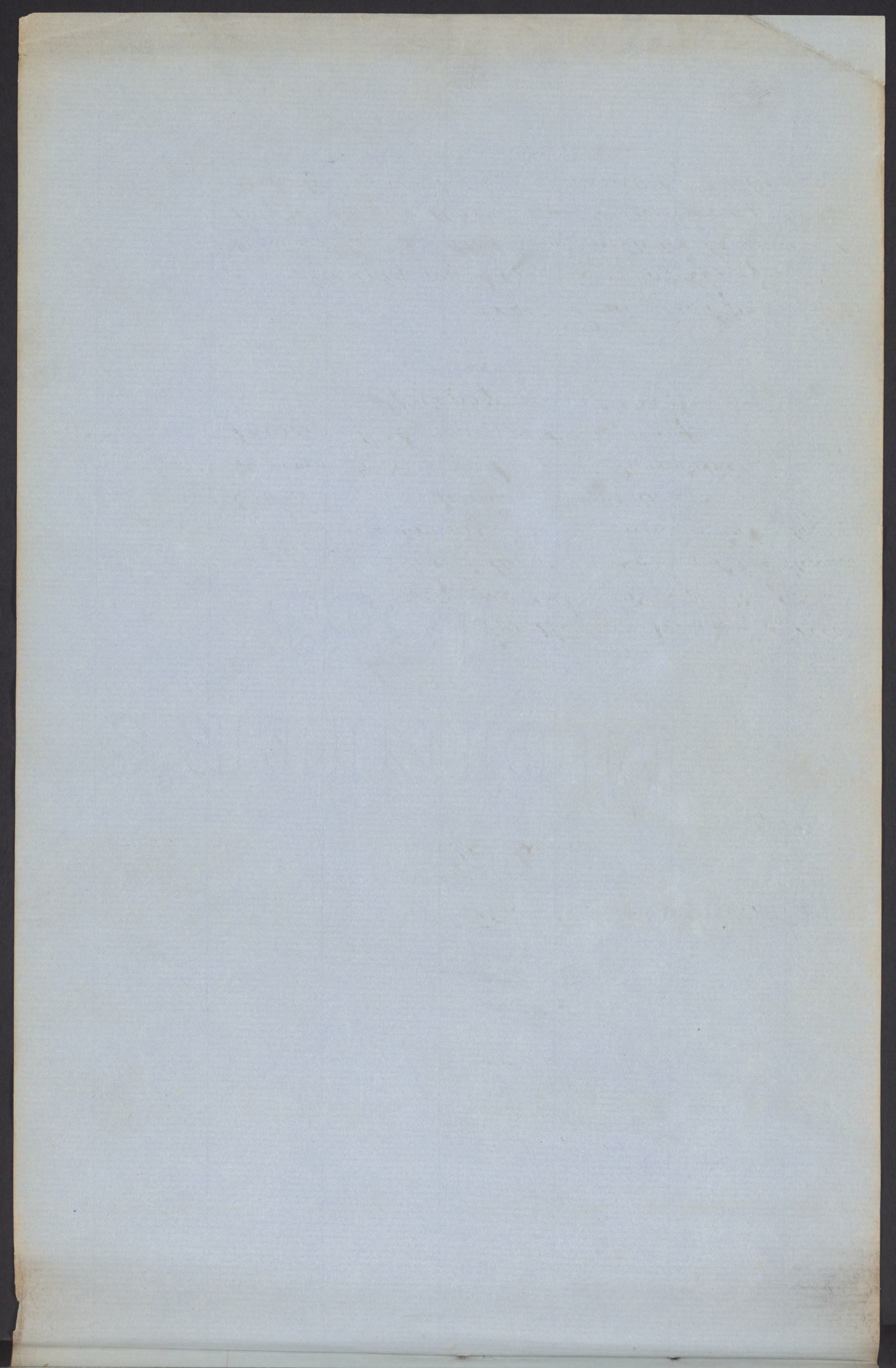
José Maria Flores CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"La Liebre."



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Be it Remembered, that on this Thirtieth day of October, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Two, before the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America, the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

The Petition of Jose Maria Flores, for the Place named "La Liebre," was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 429, 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;

Sos Angeles November 13th 1852.
In Case no. 429, Jose Maria Flores for the place named "La Liebre," the deposition of Abel Stearns a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Isaac Hall, with documents marked H. H. nos. 1 & 2, and translations thereof marked B & C, annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco April 25th 1854.
Case no. 429 was called; on motion of the Counsel for the claimant, with the consent of the W. S. Land Agent, was submitted on briefs and taken under advisement by the Board.

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San Francisco May 2^d 1854.
In the same case Commissioner N. Aug. Thompson delivered the Opinion of the Board rejecting the Claim:

(Vide page 13. of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco Aug. 15th 1854.
In the same case, on motion of the U. S. Land Agent, the following Order was made to wit:

(Vide page 19 of this Transcript.)

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To the Hon^{ble} Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle private Land Claims in California. The Petition of Jose Maria Flores respectfully shows that he claims in fee simple, a tract of land situate in the former jurisdiction of Sta Barbara, known by the name of La Liebre containing eleven square Leagues, and bounded on the N.E. by "Las Salinas de Cortas" on the South by the "Cruce de la Bellota" and on the W by the tract of land called "Los Alamos."

Petition

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He further shows to Your Hon^{ble} Board that he claims said tract of land in virtue of a Grant made to him by Pio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias, bearing date the 21st of April 1846. In pursuance of power in him vested by Law, which said grant was approved in June 1846, by the Departmental Assembly;

He further shows, that judicial possession of said tract never was given, owing to the breaking out of War with the United States. But that he is now in peaceable possession of said land; and that there is no conflicting claim, either in virtue of title or bad possession;

He further shows that he has complied with all the conditions of his grant, except relative to the judicial possession, for the reasons above stated;

He herewith submits the original grant marked "A" and its translation marked "B" and the approval of the Assembly marked "C" with translation marked "D" and he relies on the same and such other and further documentary and verbal testimony as he may be advised may be necessary.

Wherefore he prays the Hon^{ble} Board to confirm to him the said claim.
By his Atty J. Sanvester Esq

Filed in Office
Oct 30 1852
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Los Angeles Nov^r 13th 1852.

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On this day before Com^r Heiland Keall came Abel Stearns a witness produced in behalf of the claimant Jose Maria Flores, petition N^o 429, and was duly sworn his evidence being in English. The U.S. Associate Land Agent was present.

Deposition of
Abel Stearns

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In answer to enquiries by Counsel for Claimant the witness testified as follows.

My name is Abel Stearns, my age is fifty four years and I reside in Los Angeles.

A paper is shown me purporting to be a grant to Jose Maria Flores dated April 21, 1846.

The signatures of Pio Pico and Jose Matias Moreno on said paper I believe to be genuine. I am acquainted with their signatures. Said paper is hereto annexed & marked H. H. N^o 1.

A paper is now shown me purporting to be a certificate of approval by the Departmental Assembly dated 15th of June 1846. The signatures of said Pio Pico and Jose Matias Moreno on said paper I believe to be genuine. This hereto annexed & marked H. H. N^o 2.

I was acquainted with Jose Maria Flores. He came to California with Governor Micheltorena as a Captain in the Mexican Service. He continued in the Mexican Service and in California until Commodore Stockton took possession of this place in January 1847. He was an officer in the regular Service in Mexico, & during the War with the United States he was actively engaged. He married in California, a native of California.

In answer to enquiries by the Associate Land Agent the witness testified as follows.

I know nothing about the land or its occupation.

Abel Stearns

Subscribed & Sworn

Before me

Heiland Keall Com^r

Filed in Office Nov^r 13th 1852.

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(Span 2000 Stearns)

Por Dico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento
de California.

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Por cuanto el Ciudadano José María Flores ha solicitado
para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno cono-
cido con el nombre de la Liebre en la Jurisdicción de Santa
Barbara: practicadas previamente las diligencias y amigua-
ciones concernientes, usando de las facultades que me
son halla autorizado por el Supremo Gobierno a nombre
de la Nación Mexicana, he venido por decreto de este día
en conceder al expresado Flores el citado terreno, de confor-
midad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento
de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 a reserva de la aprobación
de la Junta. Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condi-
ciones siguientes.

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1^ª Podrá cercar lo sin perjudicar las traversías caminos
y sendas, lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente
destinándolo al uso o cultivo que mas le convenga.

2^ª Solicitara del Juez respectivo le dé la posesión
jurídica en virtud de este decreto por el cual se demar-
caran los linderos con las mojoneras respectivas.

3^ª El terreno que se le hace donación es de once sitios
de Ganado Mayor conforme al orden y por línea por
el N. E. con las Julinas de Cortes por el Sur con la luesta
de la bellota y por el O. E. con el parage de los Alcares.

8 El Juez que diere la posesión lo hará medir con arroyo
a ordenanza, dejando el sobrante a la Nación para los usos
convenientes.

En consecuencia suando que tiene el presente
título por firme y valeroso, se tome rason de él
en el libro que corresponde y se entregue al interesado
para su resguardo y demás fines. Dado en la Ciudad
de los Angeles en este papel común por absoluta falta
del Sello, a veinte uno de abril de mil ochocientos
cuarenta y seis.

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Por Dico.

José Matías Moreno.

Sra. Int^o.

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queda tomada copia de este Superior Despacho en el
libro respectivo Monsu.

Filed in Office. October 13. de 1857.

Rev. Fisher.

Secretary.

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Dio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias.

Deal 3 Whereas Citizen Jose Maria Flores has petitioned for his personal benefit and that of his family the land known by the name of "Las Lumbre" in the jurisdiction of Santa Barbara: the necessary conditions and requirements being previously complied with, in virtue of the faculties which are conferred on me in the name of the Mexican nation, by decree of this day, I hereby grant to the said "Flores", the aforesaid land in conformity with the Law of 18th of August 1824, and the regulation of 21st Novr 1828, and the regulation of 21st Novr 1828, with the reservation of the approbation of the Excellent Departmental Assembly, and under the following conditions:

"B"
Translation of
"A"

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1st He may enclose it without injury to the crossings, roads & servitudes, he shall possess it free and exclusively, devoting it to such use and culture as best may suit him.

2nd He shall solicit of the respective Judge that he may give him judicial possession in virtue of this despatch by whom the boundaries shall be marked out with the respective landmarks.

3rd The land of which donation is made is of eleven square leagues (once sitios de Canedo Mayor) according to the map, and being bounded on the North by the "Salinas de Cortes" on the South by the "Cuesta de la Bellota" and on the West by the tract of "Las Alamos"

The Judge who may give the possession shall cause it to be measured agreeably to the ordinance leaving the surplus to the nation for its convenient uses.

In consequence I command that holding the present title as firm and

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valid, record be made of it in the correspond-
-ponding ~~book~~ it be delivered to the interested
party for his safe guard, and further purposes.
Given in the City of Los Angeles,
on this common paper for absolute want
of the stamped, on the 21st of April,
one thousand eight hundred and forty six;

Dio Dico
Jose Matias Morano
Secy ad interim.

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Record is made of this Superior dispatch
in the respective book *Morena*

Filed in Office Oct 30th 1852,
Geo. C. Fisher
Secy.

(Stamp copy follows)

2.9.

Pío Pico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias.

La Ilma. Asamblea Departamental en sesion del dia 12 de Junio presente, tuvo a bien decretar lo siguiente.

(Seal)

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Se aprueba la concesion hecha a favor del Ciudadano José Maria Flores del privilegio conocido con el nombre de la fiebre en la Jurisdiccion de Sta. Barbara que le fue concedido por el Superior Gobierno Departamental de once sitios de ganado mayor segun titulo librado con fecha 21 de abril del presente año, de entera conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y art 5º del Reglamento de 21 de noviembre de 1824.

Y para resguardo de la parte del Ciudadano José Maria Flores lo hago asi saber. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por falta de sellado a quince de Junio de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y seis.

Pío Pico.

José Mathias Moreno.

Seco. Int.

Filed in office. Oct. 30th 1852.

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Rev. Fisher. Secretary.

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Pro Vis Constitutional Governor
of the Department of the Californias;

Seal The Excellent Departmental
Assembly in Session of the 12th
day of June present, did decree as follows

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Translation of
"C"

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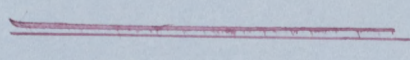
It appears the concession made
in favor of citizen Jose Maria Flores,
of the tract known by the name of "La Siembra"
in the Jurisdiction of Santa Barbara, that
was conceded to him by the Superior De-
partmental Government, of eleven square
leagues, according to the title issued
bearing date the 21st of April of the present
year, in full conformity with the Law of
18th of August of 1824 and the 5th Article
of the Regulation of 21st Nov^r of 1828.

And for security on the part of
Citizen Jose Maria Flores, I thus make
the same known.

Given at the City of Los
Angeles on this common paper I for want
of the stamped on the fifteenth (15th) of June
one thousand eight hundred forty six.

Pro Vis
Jose Matias Moreno
Secy ad interim

Filed in Office Oct^r 31st 1852
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Case No. 429.

Jose Maria Flores }
 The United States } "La Liebre"

11 Leagues Santa Barbara

Opinion by
 Commissioner
 R. Aug. Thompson.

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This is one of a class of leases which have come under the cognizance of the Commission, founded upon grants for large tracts of land purporting to be made at or about the period of the American invasion of the country, and presenting circumstances well calculated to cast a shade of suspicion upon their legality and authenticity.

A more rigid scrutiny in their investigation, and stronger and more decisive proofs of their validity should therefore be required than in cases of more ancient grants, accompanied by long possession, and unconnected with any such doubts or suspicious circumstances.

The present claim is emphatically one of the character above described:

It purports to be founded on a grant made by Gov. Pio Pico for eleven square leagues of land, dated April 21st 1846, and approved by the Departmental Assembly on the 12th of June following as appears by the certificate of the Governor undersigned by the Secretary dated June 15th 1846. No Expediente is shown to exist in the Archives containing the Record of preliminary proceedings as required by law, and such is ever omitted by the Mexican Governors in California.

Neither are the Minutes of the Departmental Assembly in approving the grant produced.

The Desing or map which usually accompanies the Expediente, and which is referred to in the grant as part of the description of the land is not introduced.

Indeed the whole documentary evidence in support of the claim is confined to

the two papers above referred to. The oral testimony shows that the Grantee came to California as Captain in the regular Mexican Service with Governor Micheltorena, that he was entirely engaged in said service at the time the Grant was made, and so continued during the whole period of the American War, and as there is no proof that he ever was in possession of, or occupied the land claimed in any manner. The presumption is that he returned to Mexico with the Army of that Nation when it evacuated the Territory upon its occupation by the Americans.

All these circumstances are calculated to raise strong doubts whether the documents in question were in fact executed by the Authorities in California while exercising their functions under the Government of Mexico. As the signatures of the Governor & Secretary to the documents are proven to be genuine, and no attempt has been made to impeach their authenticity in other respects, we are bound to consider them as executed in conformity with the law, and will proceed to examine the case when its merits as presented by the evidence.

The most material question arising in the case is, whether there has been such a segregation of the land granted from the surrounding lands, or the public domain, as would invest the Grantee with a right of property in it.

There are three modes presented in the present case by which such a segregation might have been effected.

The first would have been by a judicial possession and demarcation of boundaries with sufficient certainty to enable the Surveyor General to whom that duty is assigned, to identify and locate the land.

The second by the description contained in the grant aided by the map to which

reference is made is sufficient for that purpose - and the third by those descriptions above, if they are sufficient without the map to designate the particular tract of land granted.

This is admitted by the claimant in his petition that no judicial possession of the land was ever given:

The map to which reference is made in the grant is not produced, so that we are left to the grant alone, unaided by any extraneous testimony for such a description as would segregate the land from the public domain and enable a surveyor to locate it.

In the body of that document, it is described by the name of "La Liebre" in the jurisdiction of Santa Barbara.

The only remaining description is contained in the 3rd condition which reads as follows:

The land of which donation is made, is of eleven square leagues, according to the map and being bounded on the north by the "Salinas de Cartes" on the south by the "Bellota" and on the west by the tract of "Las Alamos".

The judge who shall give the possession shall cause it to be measured according to the ordinance, leaving the surplus to the nation for its convenient uses.

It will be seen that the map is referred to as a part of the description and therefore forms a part of the grant, and if without it there is not sufficient to give it certainty, and define its locality, the grant itself is clearly imperfect and incomplete.

There is no evidence introduced to show the existence or position of the objects called for as boundaries:

What they are or the quantity of land included by them, and we know from our observation of numerous cases which have been before us, that most frequently a much larger extent of country was contained within the boundaries given in the grant, and marked out upon the maps, than

was intended to be granted. This was strikingly exemplified in claim No. 120 *Satnildal et al.* for the place called "Cuayamaica" heretofore considered and rejected by the Board, a case presenting many points of resemblance to the present, the grant being made about the same time, though the evidence is much more full and complete.

The grant there was for eleven leagues and four boundaries are given, in the third condition, almost in the identical form as granted in the present case yet the map as well as the Expediente showed that those boundaries contained a district of country to the extent of at least twenty square leagues. For aught that is shown to the contrary the boundaries in this case may be equally extensive, and the reservation of the sobrante or surplus is at least prima facie evidence that they contain more than eleven leagues which the grant purports to convey. In absence then of all evidence by which the particular track of land granted can be identified and located, the grant, as in the case just cited must be considered void, for uncertainty.

It is not considered necessary to discuss the questions arising from the failure of the claimant to show any possession or occupation of the land claimed, as for the reasons already given according to the former decisions of the Board the claim is clearly not valid and must therefore be rejected.

Filed in Office May 3rd 1854
 Wm. Fisher
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"La Sabre"

Decree

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In this Case on hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Commission that the claim of the Petitioner is not valid and it is therefore decreed that his application for a confirmation thereof be denied.

Alphens Gilch
Thompson Campbell
R. Ang Thompson.

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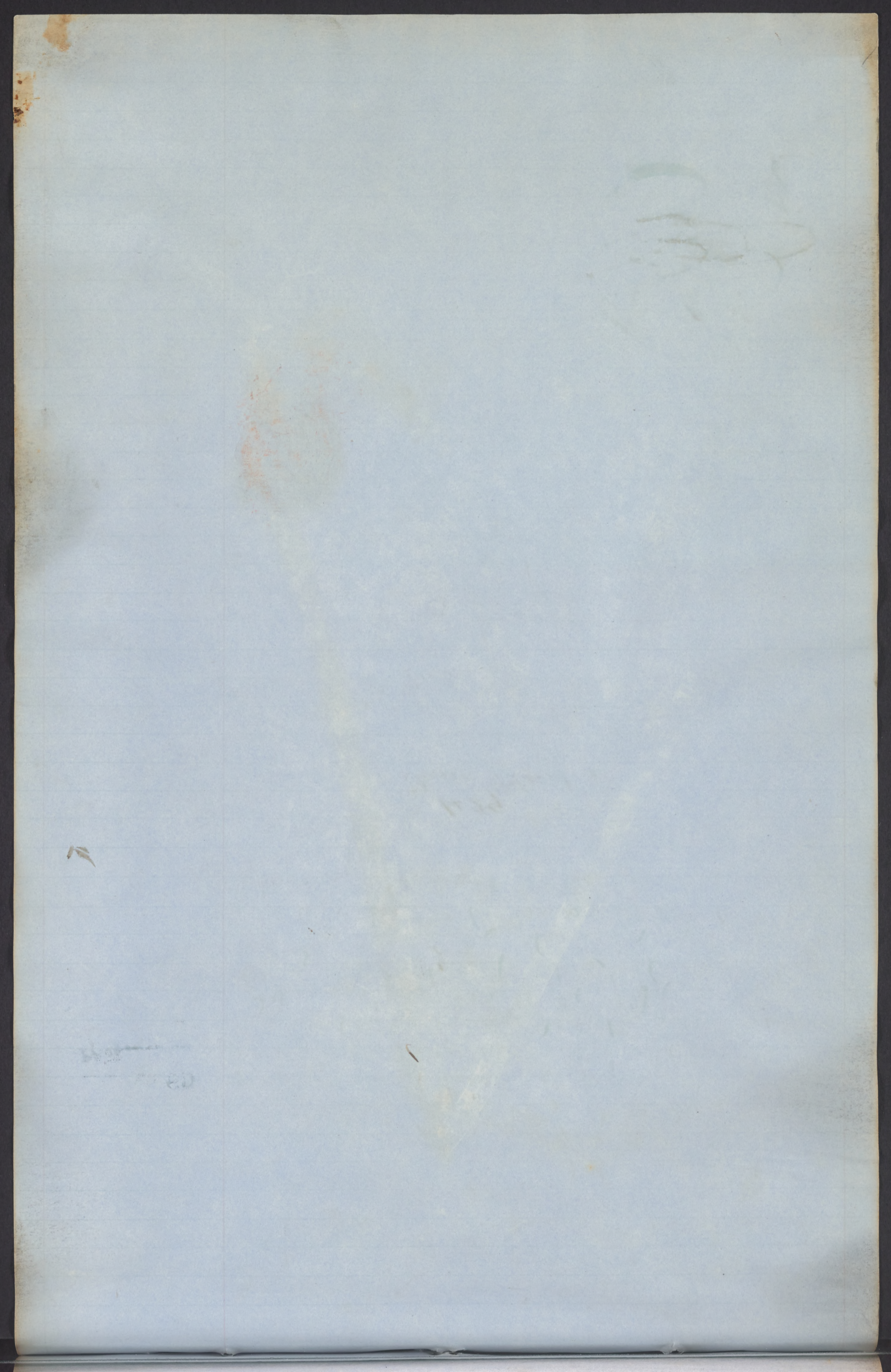
And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Southern District of California it is hereby ordered that two

Certificates

Transcripts of the Proceedings and of the Decisions in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded, be made out, and duly certified by the Secretary, one of which Transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain 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 *Nineteen* pages, numbered from
1 to 19, 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. 429 on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein *Jose Maria Flores* is

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

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

Geo. Fisher.

U. S. District Court
Southern District of California.

No. 170 170

The United States

vs.

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Jose Maria Flores.
"La Libre."

Transcript of the Record
from the
Board of U. S. Land Commissioners
In Case No 429.

Filed December 19th 1854.
G. E. Love
clk.

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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429.

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 25th day of November 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Southern Judicial district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Anthony

Attorney General.

^{no. 170}
U. S. District Court
for Southern District, Cal.

The United States

vs

José Maria Flores

appeal notice.

Filed April 10th 1855.

L. C. Farr,
clerk.

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Jose Ma Flores } In the U.S. Dist. Court for
Appellant } the Southern District of
United States } California

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appeal from the final decision of the Board of Commissioners to ascertain & settle the Tevati Land Claims in the State of California, taken on the 19th December 1854 by the said Board having filed with the Clerk of said Court a certified transcript of their proceedings & decision, of the papers & evidence upon which the same are founded in the said cause being No 429 on the docket of said Board.

Notice is hereby given that Jose Maria Flores Appellant in the above entitled cause & Claimant before said Board in a claim for a tract of Land called La Libre situated in the said Southern District, filed before said Board Oct 20th 1852 & being on its docket No 429 will prosecute the appeal herein from the final decision of said Board entered on May 2nd 1854 against & adverse to said Claimant & appellant
Edouard Bressat
att'y for Jose }
Maria Flores }
Appellant }

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In the U. S. Dist. Court
for the Southern Dist. of Cal.

Gosi Marie Flores

United States

Notice of intention to
prosecute appeal

Filed May 21st 1855

C. E. Farr,
atk.

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Admitted
attorney for appellants

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

Jose Maria Flores

Appellant

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Land Commission signed No 429
Claim for "La Liebre".

Appellee.

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To/

The Honorable J. S. Mc Ogier, Judge of the United States District Court, in and for the Southern District of California.

The Petition of Jose Maria Flores, respectfully sheweth that on the 21st day of April, A.D. 1846, Don Diego then Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias, by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, executed and delivered to your Petitioner, a deed of grant, bearing date as aforesaid, whereby he granted to him all that certain tract of land, known by the name of "La Liebre", and situate in the County of Los Angeles and in the said Southern District of California, more particularly described in a Petition filed by Your Petitioner on the 30th day of October A.D. 1832, before the United States Land Commission to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California, and the papers and proceedings thereupon had, which are here specially referred unto, and that after the said 21st day of April, 1846, the said grantee entered upon and took possession of the said granted premises.

Your Petitioner further states that on

the 30th day of October 1832 he filed his Petition claiming the said premises before the said Land Commissioners, while sitting as a Board, together with documentary evidence and the testimony of witnesses, and that afterwards, to wit, on the 2nd day of May, 1834, the said Board proceeded to decide upon the validity of the said claim, and rejected the same;

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That afterwards, to wit, on the 19th day of December, 1834, an appeal was taken, the said Board having filed in the Office of the Clerk of Your Honorable Court a certified transcript of their proceedings and final decision, and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded;

And that afterwards, to wit, on the ~~21st~~^{21st} day of May, 1835, Your Petitioner filed in the Office of the said Clerk a notice of his intention to prosecute said appeal.

Wherefore Your Petitioner prays that the decision of the said Commissioners may be reversed, and that his title to the said premises may be confirmed, and for general relief and for costs, and as in duty, etc.

I am, &c. &c. &c.
Atty for Pet'r

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In U.S. Dist. Court, for the
Southern Dist. of California

José Maria Flores,
Appellant

vs

The United States
Appellee.

Petition for Review.

Filed Sept. 19th 1855.
A. C. Cancellor
By John W. Ross

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J. L. Brent
Atty. for Claimant.

In the United States District Court, in and
for the Southern District of California.

Jose Maria Flores

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Appellee

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In motion of J. Lancaster Brent,
Counsel for Appellant,

Ordered: That additional tes-
timony be taken by either party in the above
cause.

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U. S. Dist. Court, Southern
Dist. of California

José M^a Flores.

Defendant

vs.

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Prosecutor

Order for new testimony

Went to court: 8th 1855.

Filed October 8th 1855.

C. C. Carr Clerk

By M. W. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
Southern District of California, } SS.

The President of the United States,

TO

*P. Ord. U.S. Dist. Atty.
for the South, Dist of California*

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Greeting :

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against *The United States* in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *19* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*five*, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

*Don Maria Flores, praying
the Court to review the decision of the U.S.
Land Commission respecting his claim
to a tract of Land called "La Siebre"*

and that *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 the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this *14th* day of *December* A. D. 1855.



J. S. Farley

CLERK.

Feb. 170.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Southern District of California,

U. S. District Court.

John M. & John

vs

The United States

SUMMONS.

Received December 14th 1855

Edward Hunter

U. S. MARSHAL.

for M. L. Goodman

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon

W. S. Dist Atty for U. S. by delivering to him personally a true copy of the same

P O R

at Los Angeles the 26th day of Dec.

in the Southern District of California, on A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

26th

December C. Elan

CLERK.

By W. M. G. Deputy

Edward Hunter

U. S. MARSHAL.

for M. L. Goodman Deputy

Jose Maria Flores, app^t }
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The United States, app^e }

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Deposition of Samuel A Bishop a witness
for appellaut, taken before C. E. Carr,
U.S. Court for the South Dist of Cal.,
at Los Angeles, Dec 21st 1885, to be read
in evidence on the trial of said cause,
Present. Cord usaty. J. L. Brent,
for Appellaut - S^r Bishop
being sworn deposes & says -

Ques. What is your name age & place
of residence

Ans. My name is Samuel A Bishop, my
age about 28, my residence ~~near~~
~~West~~ I in the County of Los Angeles.

Ques. Are you acquainted with the
tract of land claimed herein & called
"La Liebre"

Ans. I am.

Ques. State all you know about the
occupation of it -

Ans. I have been occupying the same under
Flores, with several thousand head
of stock - and have been so occupying
it since last September.

Cross Examined by usaty -

Ques. How long have you known said
Flores.

Ans. I am not personally acquainted,
with him, I have never seen him.

Ques. With what person did you make
the Contract for occupying the place
as you before stated -

Ans. With H. B. Edwards. He resides in San Francisco.

Ques. What are your means of knowing that you occupy under Flores.

Ans. It was my understanding with Mr Edwards, who represented that

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he had authority from Flores to put stock on the place -

Ques. Who is the owner of that stock.

Ans. I own one half & Mr ~~E. F.~~ F. Beale of San San Francisco owns the other half

Ques. How do you know that the land you now occupy with stock as before stated, is the same tract of land claimed by Jose Maria Flores, in this case called "La Liebre".

Ans. - I don't know of but one place called "Liebre" in the County of Los Angeles, and it was there I was directed to go by Mr Edwards who represented it to be the land of Flores.

Ques. When ~~did~~ you first know the place was it or not occupied, and if yes by whom was it occupied and in what manner.

Ans. When I first knew the place there was no any person on it, & it was not occupied - this was about three years ago.

Ques. Was the place occupied by any person or persons, previous to your putting stock on it as you stated, & if yes, when, by whom & in what manner.

Ans. Not exactly at the place called La Liebre, but I believe within the

limits of the tract as I understand them, a man by the name of John Hillbin took up a squatters claim and occupied it with a house and had a horse or two.

Ques Does he still occupy it. (Ques objected to by Counsel for applt.)

ans. He does.

Ques Do you or not know whether the said Hillbin occupies the said place, claiming the land or a part thereof as public land of the United States, (objected to by Counsel for applt.)

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ans. I only know what Mr Hillbin told me himself. Which was that he knew there was a grant, and that should it be confirmed he would liable to be turned out.

Ques. When did Hillbin tell you this?

ans. I think it was about the 12 or 13th of last November.

Paul A. Bishop

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 21st of Dec 1855
Wm. C. Adams

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South Dist of Cal.

Jose Maria Flores,
applt.

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

Now Isaac S. K. Ogier, Judge.

José Maria Flores, appellant,

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The United States, Appellee, } Manuscript N. 429.

The answer of Pacificus Wd, Attorney of the
United States for the Southern District of Califor-
nia, for and in behalf of the United
States, to the petition of José Maria Flores,
for a review ^{and reversal} of the decision of the United States
Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle the
private land claims in California, rejecting his
claim to the tract of land called "La Siervo";
says. That he denies all and singular
each and every allegation in said petition
contained. And further this respondent
denies generally the validity of the alleged
title of the said claimant to the said
tract of land.

And the said respondent says that this
Hon^{ble} Court will affirm the decision of the
said Commissioners in said case; and
decree the said alleged title ^{to be} ^{invalid},
and for general relief.

I. Wd

Attorney of the United States
for the Southern District of California

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Served upon Myron Norton Atty
for the party at Los Angeles
January 4th 1856

Edward Hunter
U. S. Marshal
per M. L. Goodman
Deputy

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S. Dist. of Cal.

Lore Maria Flores,
app.

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App.

Answer of the Assets.

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It is hereby stipulated that the
Deposition of ^{me} Francisco Garcia
taken this day before John W. Shore, a Notary
Public for the County of Los Angeles,
State of California, shall be opened and
read in evidence in the above cause, with
the same effect as though the same had
been taken before a United States Com-
missioner

Los Angeles
April 14th 1856

P. Ord by
Cameron C. Thom
J R Scott
Atty for Appellee

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Dist of California

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Jose Maria Flores

Appellant

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It is hereby stipulated that the Deposition of Juan U. Padilla, taken this day on the part of the Appellant ~~may~~ before Don W. Stone, a Notary Public in & for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, may be offered & read in evidence in the above cause with the same effect as though taken before a United States Commissioner Los Angeles

April 14/50

P. Ord

for

Cameron, Co, Thoms

J. R. Scott

attly for Appellant

Deposition of Witness taken before John W. Shaw
Notary Public in & for the County of Los Angeles
at the office of Pacificus Cod. United
States District Attorney, in the City of Los Angeles
on Monday the 14th day of April A.D. 1854.
at 12 o'clk M. to be used as testimony
on behalf of the appellant, in a certain
case now pending in the District Court
of the United States for the Southern District
of California, being case No 170, wherein
Don Maria Flores is appellant and the
United States is appellee, Present C. E. Thom
Esq. Attorney on behalf of the United States
and Jonathan R. Scott, Atty on behalf of
the appellant.

Francisco Garcia the Witness on the part
of the appellant, being introduced & sworn
testifies as follows.

Question 1. State your name, age & place of
residence.

Answer 1. My Name is Francisco Garcia, I reside in
Los Angeles & am 57 years of age.

Question 2. State whether you know Don Maria Flores
and if so how long have you known
him?

Answer 2. Does not how long he has known, but he
knew him in Los Angeles in 1846 having
had a contract with him at that time.

Question 3. Do you know the rancho of La Sierra
& if you how long have you known
the same?

Answer 3. Knows the Rancho & has known it since

1845. - And it was situated in the County of Santa Barbara at that time.

Question ~~4~~ ^{Do you know} any thing ~~of the~~ ~~occupation~~ of the Rancho of "La Sista" by Don Maria Flores and if so state all you know concerning the Manner of the occupation & the time it took place.

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Answer. Yes. I do know. - In the year 1846 - about the month of May or June. I was there. He made a contract with me to give me cattle & horses on shares of our half of the menzua, for taking care of them - which were to be kept on the same Rancho of La Sista. - At the time I went to the Rancho he gave me eight horses. & told me after I arrived then he would send me cattle horses. I went there & built a house and Corral. & afterwards with a vaquero of his he sent me more cattle & horses. - He sent me six cows ~~and~~ ~~and~~ with calves and sent me word that he would send me more as soon as he gathered them together, and ^{he sent me} about ten or twelve more. - Witsch was living in the place (Gold mine) called San Feliciano. this side of the Rancho and had his vaqueros living at the house & Corral on the rancho. ~~I was living at~~ Witsch commenced the Corral in June and thinks that the cattle were sent there in July 1846.

Question 5. How long did those cattle remain on the Rancho and how long did those vaqueros remain there?

Answer. 5. I was then in person daily for two or three months, living in the house on the rancho, when Don Maria Flores called - me always, with all of the cattle + horses to go to Sonora. on account of the war between Mexico + United States - I joined Flores and went to Sonora with him - about December 1846 or January 1847.

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Question

Cross Examined - by C. C. Thomas, Atty for the U.S.

Question

Of what was the house built?

Answer. I built the house of wood + brush.

Question. 2. Was Don Maria Flores ever there on the Rancho in person? - when I was there -

Answer. 2. No - Flores never was there, but he was to have gone there in July or August 1846.

Question. 3. In what year did you return from Sonora.

Answer. 3. I returned about the last of January 1848.

Francisco + Garcia

emj.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of April AD 1856.

John W. Shore
Notary Public.

Juan W Padulla, a witness on behalf of
the Appellant being sworn testifies as follows.

Question 1. State your name, age & place of
residence.

Answer 1. My name is Juan W. Padulla,
age 33 years. Los Angeles my
place of residence.

Question 2. Do you know Juan Maria
Flora and if so how long have
you known him.

Answer 2. I have known him for 12 or 13
years.

Question 3. State whether you were acquainted
with Flora in 1846 - and if so where
did he reside and what was his
occupation.

Answer 3. I knew him in 1846 he lived a
part of the time here and a
part of the time in Monterey -
and he was a soldier by
occupation.

Question 4. Do you know of his holding
any office in California in the
year 1846 - & if yes, what office
did he hold.

Answer 4. I think that he was a Captain
with the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

Question 5. Did you know of Flora's leaving
California about that time - and
if so state the time he left &
the cause of his leaving.

Answer 5. He does not know what month

Flora left. He left at about that time.

Flora left. He left at about that time -

In consequence of the war between Mexico & the United States - at least he thinks so.

Question. Do you know the rancho called La Liebra?

Answer. He does - it now situated near the Fort Tiffin North of this City, in the County of Los Angeles

Question. Do you know a point or place called La Cuesta de Bellota. if you state on which side of the rancho it is situated and whether it is a well known place.

Answer. He does know it and it is situated at the S. or South East side of the Rancho. and it a place well known.

Question. Do you know a point or place called Las Salinas de Cortes. if so state on which side of the Rancho it is situated and whether it is a well known point?

Answer. Does know a place called Las Salinas de Cortes. and thinks that it situated on the East or North East side of the rancho & it is a well known place.

Question. Do you know where the Rancho of San Alamo is situated - and if so state on which side of the Rancho of La Liebra, is it situated - and whether it is a well known place.

Answer. He does know where the Rancho is situated the San Alamos is situated, it is on the West side of the Rancho of La Liebra and it is a well known place

Question. Do you know any well known point situated at the North side of the Rancho of La Liebra?

and if so state what it is?

Answer
10.

The Teyon Mountain (La Sierra del Teyon)
is situated at the North of said Rancho

Juan N. Padilla

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th
day of April A.D. 1856.

John W. Show

Notary Public

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State of California
County of Los Angeles. I, John W. Show, a
Notary Public in and for said County, state
do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions
of Francisco Garcia and Juan N. Padilla
were taken before me in accordance with
the stipulations of said attorneys hereto
annexed and marked "A" & "B", at the office
of Pacificus Ord Esq. U.S. District Attorney
for the Southern District of California, in
the City of Los Angeles & State of California,
that the said Francisco Garcia and Juan N.
Padilla were by my duly sworn according to
said stipulations in said cause, in the
caption of these depositions mentioned
and after being so sworn their testimony was
by me reduced to writing in their presence
and that of the said attorneys and
after having been by me carefully
read to them and by them corrected
as they desired, was by them signed in

My presence



In testimony whereof I have
hereunto subscribed my name
and affixed my notarial seal
of office this 14th day of
April A.D. 1856.

John W. Shore
Notary Public.

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No 170
In the District Court
of the United States for
the Southern District of
California.

Don Maria Flores.

Appellant
vs.

The United States
Appellee.

Case 170 "La Liebre"

Filed 6th day of Dec 1857

Witness

Deputy of

Francisco Garcia &

Juan W. Padilla

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Most Excellent Sir

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The Citizen José M^o. Flores, a Mexican by birth, before your Excellency with due respect represents: That wishing to obtain for his own benefit and that of his family a tract of land, he comes before your Excellency's known goodness, soliciting in legal form the grant of the tract, called "La Liebre", bounded by the ~~following~~ ^{Sabina} ~~limits~~ of Cortez to the east, by the "Cuesta de la Bellota" to the south, and by the tract of Los Alamos to the west, which land is totally vacant, as is shown by the reports and maps I accompany. I therefore, solicit your Excellency to be pleased to accede to this my petition, by which I shall receive grace, I make oath &c. Be pleased to admit the present on common paper, there being none stamped. Angeles January 30 1846.

José M^o. Flores

L.S.

Angeles March 9 1846.

The necessary information and other requisites having been taken, the tract solicited is granted to the party interested, let therefore the title be issued to him for his security and other ends.

Pico.

Pio Pico, Constitutional Governor &c &c.

Whereas the Citizen José M^o. Flores has solicited for his personal benefit and that of his family the tract known as "La Liebre" in the jurisdiction of Sta

Barbara, the necessary steps having been previously taken, using the faculties conferred on me by the Supreme Government in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have come to grant to the aforesaid Flores, by decree of this day, the tract in question, in accordance with the law of 18th August 1824 and Regulation of 21st Nov. 1828, subject to the approval of the Most Excellent the Departmental Assembly, and under the following conditions

1st He may enclose the same without prejudice to the crossroads, highways and rights of way; he shall enjoy the same fully and exclusively devoting it to the use and cultivation that may best suit him.

2^d He shall solicit the respective Judge to give him the juridical possession in virtue of the Patent by whom the boundaries shall be marked with the necessary landmarks.

3^d The tract granted consists of ~~five~~ ^{seven leagues} ~~seats~~ for ~~large~~ ~~Cattle~~, according to the map and is bounded on the North East by the ~~latitudes~~ ^{Latina} of Cortes, on the South by the "Cuesta de la Bellota" and on the West by the tract of "Los Alamos". The Judge, who gives possession shall cause the same to be measured according to ordinance, leaving the surplus to the Nation for its convenient use.

I therefore order that the present Title being held as firm and valid a record be taken of the same in the appropriate Book and delivered to the party interested for his security and further ends. Given at the City of Los Angeles on this common paper for absolute want of the stamped, 21st of April 1846.

Pio Pico.

Matias Moreno. Sectry. ad int.

Docket No 170 -

No. 429.

La Liebre.

Claimant:

Jose M^a Flores.

Translation

of

Petition and Grant.

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~~said~~ all of the said documents & all
relation to this grant, thus kept
separately in said office & that
he has been unable to discover
any map relating to the grant
herein & that he verily believes
that there is none in said
archives —

Ida Gustafson

Upon to refer
me this 13th Dec
A.D. 1856
O. J. S.
Ch. R.

Dec 17th
fore herein
by appellant
Wm. W. Stiles

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appellant of
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Filed Dec 13th 1856
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La Liche, concédée à Jore M^{re} Fleury

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El Ciudadano José M.^a Flores mexicano
 Angeles Muzgo por nacimiento ante V.E. con el Deseo res-
 9 de 1846. peto han presente: que desiendo obtener un
 Estando practica terreno para beneficio propio y el de su familia
 dos las informes y demas diligencias conseruantes, citando se le conuda con el maximum que se
 y demas diligencias conseruantes, citando se le conuda con el maximum que se
 se conuda a ellas) permite la ley el parage llamado La liebre,
 interuados el parage que solicito colindante con las salinas de Cortes, ab. V.E.
 ta en las fronteras y en su la cuenta dita bellota al Sur y con el pa-
 conuencencia librarse de los Alamos al O.E. y cuyo terreno se
 solo el titulo encuentra totalmente vatio, segun demues-
 correspondiente para su legitimo las informaciones y disenno que se
 da y demas finas acompaño. Por tanto A. V.E. suplica

Ficoy

se digno acceder a lo q. solicita en lo que
 recibirá gracia juro V.E. siruendose ad-
 mitir esta en papel comun por no-
 haber allado. Angeles Enero 30. de 1846
 José M.^a Flores

Pío Pico Gobernador. Constitucionales S. P.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano José María Flores ha solicitado por su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de La Liebre en la jurisdicción de Santa Barbara; practicadas previamente las averiguaciones y diligencias correspondientes, mandada de las autoridades con q. me hallo ~~autorizado~~ autorizado por el Sup. Gobierno á nombre de la nación mexicana, he venido por Decreto de este día, en conceder al expresado Flores el citado terreno, de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Nov. de 1828 á reserva de la aprobación de la Excmo. Asamblea Departam. y bajo las condiciones siguientes:

- 1.º Podrá sembrarlo sin perjudicar las labores caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinándole al uso ó cultivo q. mas le convenga.
- 2.º Solicitará del juez respectivo los de la posesión jurídica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se demarcarán los linderos con las respectivas posesiones.
- 3.º El terreno de q. se le hace donación es de buena sitio y de ganadería mayor conforme al diseño y linderos por el N. E. con las salinas de contes, por el Sur con la cuenta de la bellota y por el O. E. con el paraje de los Mamos. El juez q. dicare la posesión tomará medida con arreglo á ordenanza dejando el sobrante á la nación p. lo mas comun.

En consecuencia, mando q. teniendo en el presente título p. firme y caldero, se tome razon de él en el libro q. corresponde, y se entregue al interesado p. su averiguación y demas fines. Dado en la ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por absoluto J. P. del Valle, á veinte y uno de Abril de mil ochocientos

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Matias Marcna Secretari Gnto

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

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I Samuel D. King, Surveyor
General of the United States for the State
of California and as such now having
in my Office and under my Custody a
portion of the Archives of the former Spanish
and Mexican Territory a Department of
Upper California do hereby certify that
the four preceding and herewith attached
pages of tracing paper numbered from two to
four inclusive and each of which is
verified by my initials (S. D. K.) exhibit
true and accurate Copies of certain documents
on file and forming part of the said
Archives in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have
herewith signed my name Officially
and affixed my private Seal,
(not having a Seal of Office) at the
City of San Francisco, Cal. the
twenty fourth day of December 1852

Samuel D. King
Sur. Gen. Cal.



Booklet No 170

No. 429.

La Siebre.

Denunciante

Jose M^a Flores.

Petition of Concession

Filed Dec 13th 1836

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

José J^a Flores,

Appellant

vs

The United States

Appellees

December Term 1856

Case N^o - 170

"Liebre."

Transcript #29.

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This cause coming on to be heard on ap-
peal from the decision of the United States
Board of Land Commissioners 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 of Commissioners, and of the papers
and evidence upon which said Decision
was founded, and on additional evidence
filed before this Court, and it appearing to
the Court that said Transcript and the No-
tice of appeal have been duly filed, accor-
ding to law, and Counsel for the respective par-
ties having been heard;

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed
that, the Decision of said Board of Com-
missioners be and hereby is in all things
reversed.

And it is further adjudged and de-
creed that the claim of the Appellant to
the lands called "Liebre" claimed in this
case is good and valid, and the same are
hereby confirmed to him to the extent of
Seven Square Leagues of land, and no
more, within the boundaries described

in the Grant, to wit, the "Salinas de Cortes" on
the North East, the "Cuesta de la Bellota" on the
South, and the tract called "~~Los Alamos~~",
on the West; the place of Los Alamos.

Provided that should the quantity of
land within said boundaries be less than
Eleven square leagues, then confirmation
is hereby made of such less quantity.

Thus done & signed in open Court
this 12th February 1857

Francis M. Ogden
U. S. Dist. Judge
for the S. Dist. of Cal.

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In U. S. Dist. Court.
for Southern District California

Don Juan Flores
Caretaker!

By
The U. States
Appellate

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Filed this 12th Februa-
ry 1857

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SS.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To the Honorable the Judges of the District Court
of the United States, for the Southern District
of California

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greeting:

Whereas, lately, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District
of California before you, _____ in a cause
between José Maria Flores, appellant, and The
United States, appellee, wherein a decree was
rendered in favor of the said appellant—
whereupon the said appellee prayed an ap-
peal which was duly allowed by the said
District Court to remove the said cause
to the Supreme Court of the United States—

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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as by the inspection of the transcript of the record *Certificate of the Clerk of*
said Court under the seal — of the said *District*
Court, which was brought into the Supreme Court of the United States, by virtue of _____

agreeably to the act of Congress, *and the rules of the said Supreme*
Court _____ in such case made and provided, fully and at large appears.

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And whereas, in the present term of *December* —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-nine* — the said cause came on to be heard before the said Supreme Court, ~~on the said transcript of the record, and was argued by counsel.~~ ~~On consideration whereof,~~ *and it appearing that the United States have failed to have their cause filed and docketed in conformity to the rules of this Court — It is now here ordered and decreed by this Court that this appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California be and the same is hereby docketed and dismissed, and that this cause be and the same is hereby remanded to the said District Court —*

19th April

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You, therefore, are hereby commanded that such further proceedings be had in said cause,

as according to right and justice, and the laws of the United States, ought to be had, the said appeal notwithstanding:

Witness the Honorable Roger B. Taney Chief Justice of said Supreme Court, the first Monday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

COSTS OF
Clerk \$
Money \$
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Duplicate -

Paid by

Wm. Carroll
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

No. 358, December Term, 1859

MANDATE

SUPREME COURT UNITED STATES.

Nov 19. 1859

W. J. Rutledge South Dak
Cal

W. H. Bates Ark

Duplicates.

Recd

Wm. Marshall 6th
1862
John Marshall

W. H. Bates

U. S. District Court for the Southern
District of California -

Jose Maria Flores
app't

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} Special Term
Made in 1882

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Whereas at
the December term of this Court an
appeal was allowed in the above
case from the decision of the District
Court of United States for the Southern
District of California and whereas at
the present term of said Court a Writ
date has been filed dismissing ^{the}
former appeal entered in the
above case. Now therefore in filing
said Writ date it is ordered that
the the order made at the last
term of this Court allowing an
appeal in this case be vacated &
annulled and the claimant is allowed
to have such further proceedings
in this Court as may be necessary
^{or usual}
on a final decree -

Fletcher M. Haigh
District Judge of U. S. for
the Southern District of California

No 170
U.S. Dist Court
South Dist Cal

Joe Maria Flores
vs
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The United States
app'ee

Order Dismissing
appeal

Filed Mch. 6, 62
John Whelan
clerk

State of California }
County of Los Angeles } Sd

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Charles R Conway being

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Sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the printers
and publishers of the Los Angeles "Semi-
Weekly News" a newspaper published
Semiweekly, in the City of Los Angeles County
and State aforesaid, and that the notice
copy whereof is hereunto annexed, has
been published in said newspaper for three
(3) successive weeks, once each week, since
the third (3^d) day of October A D 1862

Charles R Conway

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this twenty-second day of Oc-
tober 1862

G. H. Hall
Notary Public

District Court of the United
States, Southern District of Cal-
ifornia.

The United States vs. Jose Maria Flores—La
Liebre,—No. 170.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the final
survey of the lands claimed by the parties to
the record in this case, has been returned into
Court and objected to. All parties in interest in
said lands are therefore hereby admonished to
appear and intervene, for the protection of their
interests, under the rules of the Court.

Los Angeles, Sept. 30th, 1862.

JOHN O. WHEELER,

Clerk U. S. District Court, Southern District of
California. oc3-3w



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WORLD-NEWS

Charles R Conway being
and says that he is one of the printers
and publishers of the Los Angeles "Semi-
Weekly News" a newspaper published
Semiweekly, in the City of Los Angeles County
and State aforesaid, and that the notice
a copy where of is hereunto annexed, has
been published in said newspaper for three
(3) successive weeks, once each week, since
the third (3^d) day of October A D 1862

Charles R Conway

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this twenty-second day of Oc-
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G. H. Hill

Notary Public



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U. S. Dist Court
South Dakota

J. M. Flores

United States

Attorney at Law

Filed Oct 27 1886

John M. Flores

Att

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In the District Courts of the United States for the Districts of California, Southern District

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Jose Maria Flores

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In the matter of the Survey of the "La Liebre"

The District Attorney of the United States for said Southern District, having ordered the survey of said Rancho, as made by George H. Thompson U. S. Deputy Surveyor, in the month of July 1862, into court, and no exceptions having been filed thereto by the claimants, or the United States, or any other person, and it appearing to the court, that the said final survey in all respects conforms to the grant, and to the decree of confirmation in this case, now on motion of Patterson & Stow of counsel for claimant and consent of Hon. B. C. Whiting, U. S. District Attorney of said Southern District It is ordered and decreed that the said survey made by George H. Thompson U. S. Deputy Surveyor in the month of July 1862, be and the same is hereby in all things affirmed and approved, and it is further ordered that no appeal be allowed by the U. S. or any other person or persons from this

decreed
Made this 1st day of Fletcher M. Veight
December as District Judge of U.S. for Southern
1862. District of California -

It is stipulated that the foregoing
order be entered, and that appeal
therefrom to the United States Supreme
Court be dismissed -

Dated Nov 18th 1862 -

R. B. Whiting

District Attorney of the
No. D. Southern Dist Cal.

J. L. Garrison & Son
of Arms & Fire Ammunition

No. 170.

In the Circuit Court of the
U.S. for the S. Dist Cal.

J. M. Mathews

v.
The United States,
("La Libre.")

Confederate of slaves.

Made and entered this 1st
day of December A.D.
1862.

John A. Wheeler, Clerk
J. P. P. Raming
Accepted

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