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CASE No.  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

SALSIPUEDES GRANT

JAMES BLAIR, ET AL

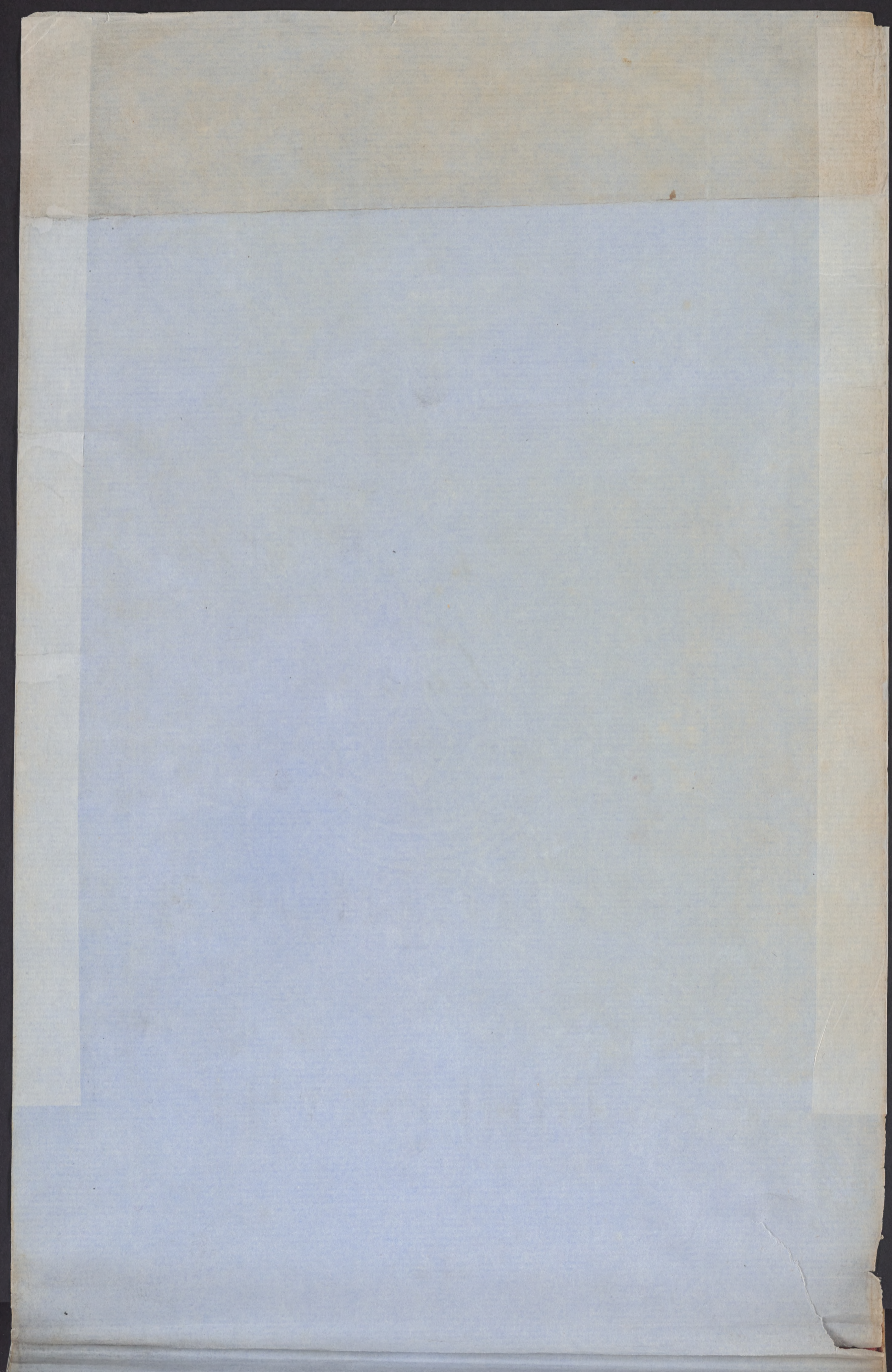
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OF THE

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IN CASE

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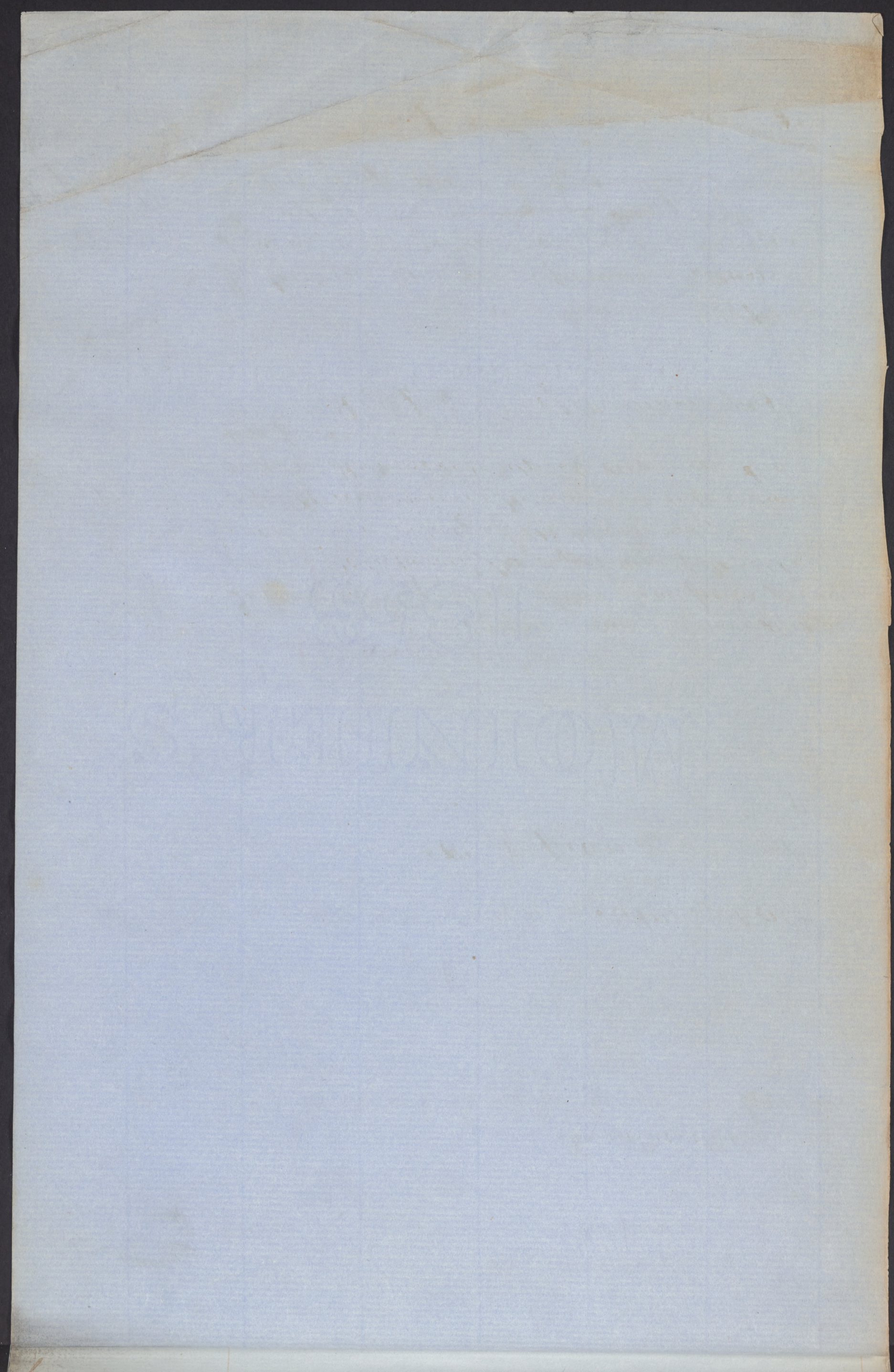
*James Blair, et al,* CLAIMANT *S.*

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"Salsipuedes."*



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

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The Petition of *James Blair, et al.*

for the Place named  
*Salsipuedes,*  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *527*, and  
is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page of this Transcript.)

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

*San Francisco, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
In case no. *527*, James Blair et al. for the place  
named 'Salsipuedes', the deposition of *José Abrego*,  
a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken  
before Commissioner *William Hall*, with documents  
marked *H. A. No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6* annexed thereto,  
was filed:

(Vide page 1 of this Transcript.)

*San Francisco Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
In the same case the deposition of *Manuel Jimeno*,  
a witness in behalf of the claimants,  
taken before Commissioner *Harry J. Thornton*  
with a map marked *A*, annexed thereto,  
was filed:

(Vide page 2 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco Sept. 26' 1853.

Case no. 527, Called; Submitted on briefs on both sides and taken under advisement by the Board.

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San Francisco, December 7' 1853.

In the same case, Commissioner Alpheus Felch received the decision of the Board upon the affidavit of the Counsel for the Claimants filed this day, asking leave to substitute the name of the heirs of the Petitioner in this case, which motion having been sustained, leave was granted, and the following order was made to wit:

(Vide page 84 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco Jan. 6' 1854.

In the same case the deposition of W. E. P. Hartnell a witness in behalf of the Claimants taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with documents marked A. S. no. 1. 2. 3 and translations thereof, annexed thereto, was filed:

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco April 4' 1854.

In the same case upon the motion of the Counsel for the Claimants, supported by Affidavit, leave was granted to introduce further testimony, to wit, the Original Deed from Manuel Jimenez to Claimants; which affidavit is as follows to wit:

(Vide page 86 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case the deposition of Mr. Blair,  
a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before  
Commissioner Peter Sott, was filed:

(Vide page 17 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1854.  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the Opinion of the Board confirming  
the claim:

(Vide page 87 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco July 26<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the counsel for the claimants filed the following Motion:

(Vide page 88 of this Transcript.)

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

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

(Vide page 91 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the counsel for the claimants  
filed the following Motion, to wit:

(Vide page 84 of this Transcript.)

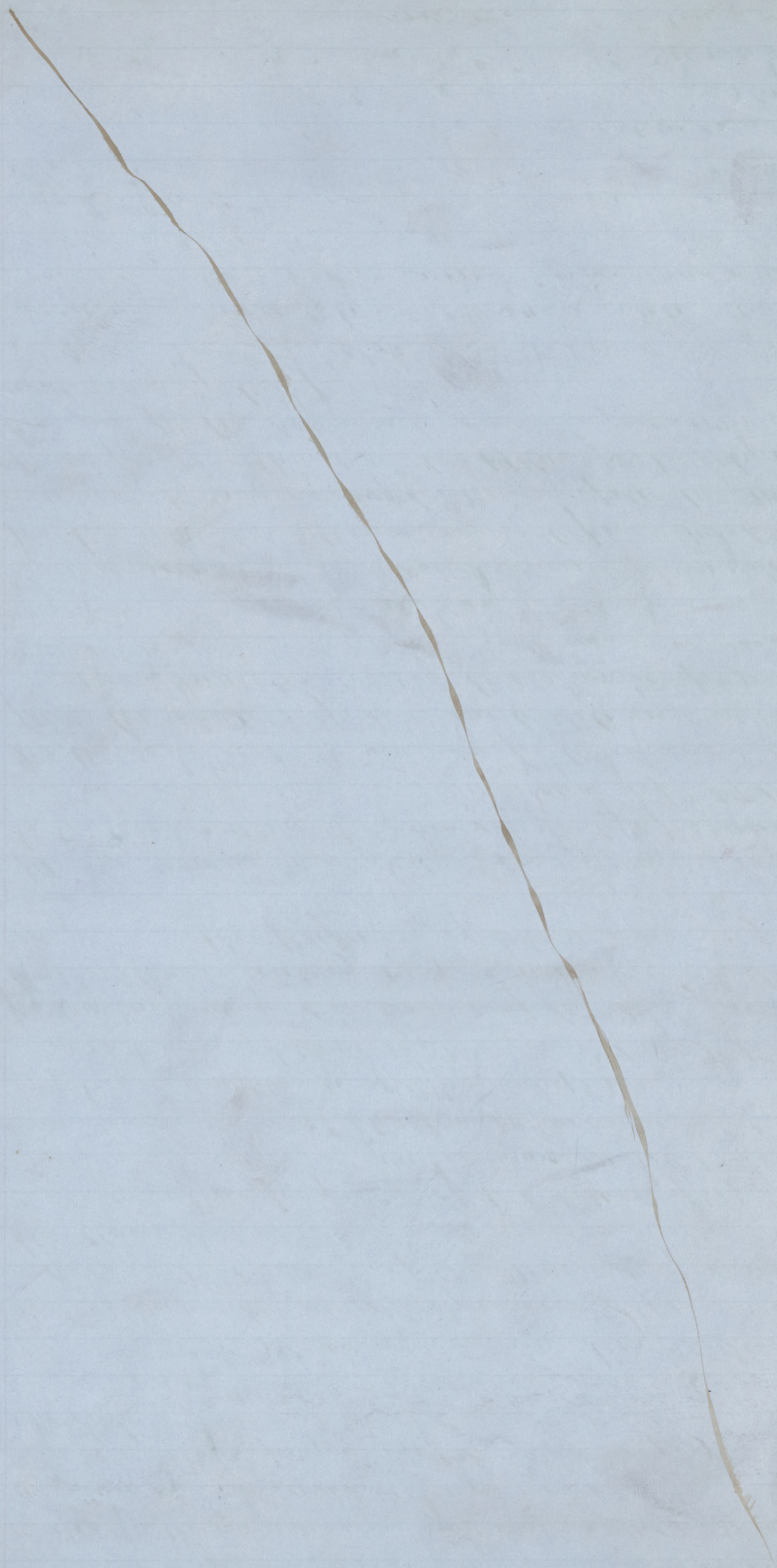
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San Francisco, December 26<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the decision of the Board upon the Motion  
heretofore filed, to wit, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1854, by the  
counsel for the claimants, overruling said motion  
and denying the petition,

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Petition

United States of America  
State of California.

To the Honorable the Board of Commissioners of the United States for the adjudication of Private Land claims in the State of California.

The petition of James Blair, John P. Davison, Stephen McLibbitts Joseph B. Crockett and Edward D. Baker all citizens of the State of California, respectfully show eth, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1834 Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin a Native born Mexican citizen, then resident in Upper California, presented his petition in writing of that date to Jose Figueroa the then Governor or then Superior Political Chief of Upper California praying for a grant in fee of a tract of Lands, then known as the Rancho called "Salsipuedes" containing two square leagues (Sitios de ganado Mayor) and which tract is situate within the Present County of Santa Cruz and the boundaries of which as set forth in said petition, are from South to North starting at the River del Pajaro, to that of del Pescadero and from East to West starting at the "Pobrerito" opposite the Arroyo, on the side of said River del Pajaro to the creek called Salsipuedes: That on the presentation of said petition, the said Jose Figueroa referred the same to the Ayuntamiento of the Capital, that it might report whether the said petitioner had the necessary qualifications to entitle him to the grant; whether the Land petitioned for was within the do boundary or the 10 letrada leagues expressed in the Law of August 18<sup>th</sup> 1824 and whether it be capable of farming or pasture lands and whether it was the property of any individual, corporation, Mission or Pueblo, together with whatever else the Ayuntamiento might suppose would elucidate the subject.

That on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1834, the Committee of the said Ayuntamiento to which said petition was referred, reported that said petitioner was a Mexican by birth, in the exercise of his rights, that the Land claimed was legally conveyed to him by Citizen Francisco de Navarro, who was the legitimate owner thereof. That said land was not within the do boundary, but within the 10 letrada leagues expressed in the Law of August 18<sup>th</sup> 1824: That it was farming and pasturing land and that it did not

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pertain to any individual Corporation or Pueblo.  
 Wherefore the Committee recommended, that said  
 land be granted to the petitioner for his having im-  
 proved with his cattle and cultivated the same  
 since 1831. That on the 11th October 1834 the said  
 Ayuntamiento returned the petition to the Governor  
 or Superior Political Chief, together with the  
 report of the Committee expressing as embodying  
 the result of their investigation: That on the 13th  
 October 1834 the said Governor (Jose Figueroa) re-  
 mitted the said petition to the Senior Alderman  
 of the said Ayuntamiento, with directions that the  
 said petitioner should produce the testimony of  
 three competent witnesses, who should testify as  
 to the following points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Whether the petitioner was a Mexican by birth  
 and Mexican and whether he had a chelam and  
 was of good conduct.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Whether the same petitioned for, pertained to  
 the property of any individual, Mission, Pueblo  
 or Corporation and whether it was eligible  
 for farming or pasturing land and what was  
 its extent.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Whether the petitioner had cattle with which  
 to occupy it or whether there was any probability  
 of his acquiring them.

That in pursuance of this requisition the said peti-  
 tioner, on the 14th October 1834 did produce before  
 the said Alderman or Syndic, three competent  
 witnesses who deposed, that said petitioner was  
 Mexican had a chelam or chelamen was of good  
 conduct, that the same was not the property of  
 any individual Mission Pueblo or Corporation  
 and was pasturing & farming land, that its bound-  
 aries and extent were about the same as set  
 forth in the petition and that the petitioner had  
 cattle to occupy it.

Your petitions further show that on receiving  
 said report, the said Jose Figueroa, Governor  
 and Superior Political Chief and having full  
 power and authority under the laws usages and customs of  
 Mexico, to grant lands, did on the 4th day of November 1834  
 grant the said land in fee to the said Manuel Jimeno  
 Casarin in due form of Law, describing the same in said  
 grant as the tract known by the name of "Salsapuedas"

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and bounded on the South by the river del Pajaro on the West by the creeks of Salspuedes and the Rancho of Leonaltas, on the North by the Sierra and the river del Pescadero and on the place called del agua caliente. That on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1835 the said grant was submitted to the Departmental Assembly or Territorial Legislature of Upper California and on that day was duly approved by said Assembly whereby the said Manuel Jimeno Casarin became invested with a perfect title in fee to the said lands and continued thenceforth to occupy and enjoy the same as indeed he had done for several years prior to said grant.

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Your petitioners further show that afterwards to wit on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840 the said Manuel Jimeno Casarin presented his petition in writing to Juan B Alvarado then Governor and Superior Political Chief of the department of Upper California reciting the fact of the previous grant to him of the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1834 for two square leagues subject to several conditions, which appear in the grant and praying in consecration that he had then occupied the land for ten years with his cattle, that his title might be confirmed in perpetual dominion "without any condition and that the quantity might be increased to Eight <sup>square</sup> leagues (Sitios de ganados Mayos)

Your petitioners further show, that on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1840 the said Juan B Alvarado Governor as a favor said acceded to the said request and on that day granted to the said Manuel Jimeno Casarin the said Eight square leagues as petitioned for describing the same as bounded on the West by the creek called Salspuedes, thence in a straight line to the Sierras which are commonly called "Las grandes" thence following Northwardly the middle of said Sierras & the Sansal situated at their termination, thence passing through the tall land low hills & the middle of the Canaas Verde, to the top of the Sierra, the Catta enclosure, thence in an Easterly direction, following the direction of the whole Sierra unto the source of the Creek del Pescadero and following the middle of said Creek, and passing by the place "de la Brea" to the tract called "agua caliente" taking on the East a straight line to the river del Pajaro which is the boundary with the Rancho

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de las Aromas, with that of Don Antonio Leasto and with that of Messrs Vallejo, its boundaries in the direction of Messrs Rodriguez to be the little creek which comes from Salsipuedas. Your petitioners, show that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1840 the Srce Juan B Alvarado Governor as aforesaid, by his grant of that date, on the petition of the Srce Manuel Jimeno ratified and confirmed the Srce grant so as to more accurately to define the boundaries thereof, which are described in Srce grant as follows to wit Its boundaries shall be on the West, with the creek of Salsipuedas and thence on the North, the Meade of the "leguas grandes" the Tule Lake the Low hills, the Rancho Verde & the Sierra to the creek del Pescadero & thence following the whole bank of this creek, on the East side and passing by the place called "La Mesa" to the agreed boundary coming down to the Rio del Tajo which shall be the boundary with the Rancho de las Aromas, with that of Don Antonio Leasto and with that of Messrs Vallejo, in the direction of Messrs Rodriguez; the boundary shall be the little creek which comes from Salsipuedas

To this grant are attached the usual conditions found in Mexican Grants, all which the Srce grantee complied with and the quantity granted is specified as Eight Square Leagues.

They further show that the Srce Manuel Jimeno continued without interruption to occupy and exercise Acts of Ownership on Srce Lands from the year 1831 or thereabouts, until he sold and conveyed the same to your petitioners hereinafter stated, and since Srce Sale and Conveyance your petitioners have been and ~~still~~<sup>yet</sup> are in the quiet and peaceable and undisputed possession thereof

They further state that the diagram or decimo which accompanied Srce Manuel Jimeno's petition for Srce Lands is herewith filed as a part of this petition and the boundaries thereof are accurately and well defined and are ascertained by Natural Visible Objects, which completely identify the land intended to be granted

Your petitioners further show that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, the Srce Manuel Jimeno, by his deed of that date conveyed the Srce tract of

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Luna to your petitioners in fee and by virtue of  
 said Conveyance, they are now the Owners thereof  
 and have no knowledge of any adverse interfering  
 claim thereto or to any part of it.  
 They further show, that on the first day of April  
 1843 Manuel Micheltreña then the Governor & Super-  
 intendent Chief of Upper California and exer-  
 cising Supreme Power therein by virtue of Authority  
 vested in him by the Supreme Government of Mexico  
 by his grant or official act dated the day and  
 year last aforesaid ratified and confirmed to  
 said Simons the grant aforesaid notwithstanding  
 said Luna was situated within ten literal  
 leagues of the New Shore. All of which Actings &  
 doings will more fully appear by reference to  
 the following documents which are herewith filed  
 as parts of this petition, to wit, the Original petition  
 to Jose Figueroa dated Sept 22. 1834 marked  
 "Exhibit A" 2<sup>d</sup> a translation thereof marked "Exhibit  
 B." 3<sup>d</sup> The Proceedings of Figueroa touching said  
 Grant prior to the date thereof marked "Exhibit  
 C." 4<sup>th</sup> a translation thereof marked "D." 5<sup>th</sup> The approved  
 of the "Jornal de la Deputacion" marked "Exhibit E"  
 A translation thereof marked "Exhibit F." 7<sup>th</sup>  
 The Original grant or ratified copy thereof mark-  
 ed "Exhibit G." 8<sup>th</sup> a translation thereof marked  
 "Exhibit H." 9<sup>th</sup> The petition of said Simons to Gov-  
 ernor Alvarado marked "Exhibit I." 10<sup>th</sup> translat-  
 ion thereof marked "Exhibit K." 11 The ratification  
 of said Grant by Alvarado marked "Exhibit L"  
 12<sup>th</sup> a translation thereof marked "Exhibit M"  
 13<sup>th</sup> The Original Map or Decree of said Grant  
 marked "Exhibit N." 14 The ratification of said grant  
 by Micheltreña, or a copy thereof marked "Exhibit  
 O." 15<sup>th</sup> a translation thereof marked "Exhibit  
 P." 16<sup>th</sup> a Copy of the Deed to your petitioners mark-  
 ed "Exhibit R."

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And by reason of the premises your petitioners pray  
 that they be confirmed in their title to said Luna  
 and for such other relief as they may be entitled  
 to

Crocket & Baker  
 Attys for Claimants  
 Taken in office July 27<sup>th</sup> 1853  
 Geo. Fisher Secy

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No. 527

Deposition of  
Jose Abrego

San Francisco Febry 11<sup>th</sup> 1853

On this day before Comr. Silvana Hall came Jose Abrego a witness on behalf of the Claimants James Blair et al. petition No. 527 and was duly sworn his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary.

The U. S. Associate Law Agent was present.

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

I am acquainted with the hand writing & signatures of Manuel Jimeno Jose Figuerou, Augustin Y Zambrano & Jose Aguila, and I believe their signatures which appear on a paper now shown which is Exhibit A in this case and is hereto attached and marked A. A No 1. to be genuine.

I am also acquainted with the signatures of Jose Figuerou, Augustin Y Zambrano, Guillermo Estarico and Jose Loayquin Gomez, Manuel Jimeno, Jose Aguila, Juan B Alvarado, and Antonio Buellno.

A paper is now shown me which is Exhibit C filed in this case and which is hereto attached marked A. A. No 2 I believe the signatures of said several persons which appear on said paper to be genuine

A paper is also shown me being Exhibit E filed in this case & hereto attached and marked A. A. No. 3 I am acquainted with the hand writing and signatures of Francisco del Castillo Negrete and I believe his signature appearing on said paper to be genuine

A paper is also shown me being Exhibit G filed in this case & hereto annexed and marked A. A. No 4 I am acquainted with the hand writing of Jose Figuerou and Jose Maria Maldonado & believe their signatures on said paper to be genuine

A paper is also shown me being Exhibit J filed in this case & is hereto attached & marked A. A. No. 5 I am acquainted with the hand writing & signatures of Manuel Jimeno Juan B Alvarado & Francisco Ace and believe their signatures appearing on said paper to be genuine.

I am also acquainted with the hand writing and signatures of Antonio M Osio, Juan B Alvarado and Francisco Ace & believe their signatures appearing on a paper now shown me which is Exhibit L filed in this case & is hereto attached & marked A. A. No 6 to be genuine

I am also acquainted with the hand writing and signatures of Antonio M Osio, Juan B Alvarado and Francisco Ace & believe their signatures appearing on a paper now shown me which is Exhibit L filed in this case & is hereto attached & marked A. A. No 6 to be genuine

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A paper is now shown me purporting to be a confirmation of a grant dated April 1. 1834 attached to the deposition of Jose M. Covarrubias taken July 9th 1853 in case Number 530 on the Docket of the Commissions. The signatures of Manuel Michel Lorenz & Francisco Cree on said paper I believe to be genuine.

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I know the same called Salsipuedes described in the papers before mentioned, It is situated in the County of Santa Cruz. I have known Manuel Jimeno to have been in possession of the Rancho for nineteen years past since he continued in possession of it until a few months ago when he sold it. He had a house on it in which he lived when I first knew it and he has lived there the greater part of the time since and when not there himself he has had others in possession for him. He does not now reside there.

Jose Abrego

Sworn & subscribed

Before me

Island Hall

Comr

Filed in Office July 11. 1853

Geo. H. Shaw Secy

San Francisco July 15th 1853

San Francisco July 15th 1853

Deposition of Manuel Jimeno.

On this day before Comr. S. L. Thornton came Manuel Jimeno a witness in behalf of the claimants James Blair et al petition No. 507 and was duly sworn his witness being interpreted by the Secretary.

Question by claimants

What is your age name Occupation & place of residence?

Answer My name is Manuel Jimeno, My age 49 years have no particular Occupation & My place of residence is Monterey County.

are you or not the same person to whom the Rancho of Salsipuedes in Santa Cruz County was granted by Jose Figueroa the former Governor of California and if so examine the exhibits filed with the petition in this case and say whether or not they are genuine documents.

there to be in the hand writing of the respective parties by whom they purport to be made. The documents referred to are those attached to the deposition of Jose Albrego in this cause

Question by Same

State whether or not the map or deceno filed with the papers in this case is the Original map or deceno upon which the grant was made & if not state by whom the said map was made, and what has become of the Original

Answer. The paper now shown to me and marked as Exhibit D is the Original Map or Deceno on which the said grant was made and was made by me, when the grant was accepted by Governor Sycamore in 1834 on my petition.

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Question by Same.

State whether or not you have had the Occupation of the said Rancho and if so how long and in what manner

Answer. I occupied the said Rancho from the year 1831 until the year 1853 in which last year I sold it to the present Claimants in this cause I occupied it by actually residing on it and having a house and cattle upon it

U.S. Survey Agent present Manuel Jimeno

Sworn to & subscribed before

me this 15th of Feb 1853. A. J. Thurston Clerk &c

Office of the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners &c  
San Francisco January 6. 1854

Deposition of W.E.  
P. Hartwell

This day before Commissioner Alpheus Felch came William P. Hartwell a claimant in behalf of claimant and James Blair & others Petition No 527 who being duly sworn deposed as follows

Questions by Mr Crockett atty for claimants

Question. What are your name age and place of residence

Answer. My name is William E P Hartwell, my age is forty five years and I reside at Monterey. I have lived in California nearly thirty years and all that time at Monterey

Question. Are you acquainted with Manuel Jimeno

Answer. I am well acquainted with him and have known him since he first arrived in this country which I believe was in the year 1828

3. Question. Do you know the tree of Sane called Sals de pueces in Sane Cruz County? If yes, how long have you known it?

Answer. I am acquainted with the place and have known it since the year 1823 or 1824

4. Question. Was any one occupying it when you first knew it?

Answer. It was then owned and occupied by Francisco de Haro. He continued to occupy it until 1831 or 1832 when he sold it to Manuel Jimeno

5. Question. Did de Haro improve the Sane?

Ans. He had cattle on the place, which he sold with the lance to Jimeno together with the brand

6. Question. Did Jimeno like possession of the place

Ans. He did immediately on the purchase by him. He built a house and corrales upon it, cultivated a portion of the Sane, increased the stock and resided principally on the place. He resided on the farm more of the time than in Monterey. The first house was built of wood by him within less than a year after he obtained the place. After that he built a large adobe house. The adobe was built after he obtained the grant from Figueroa which I think was about the year 1834. I cannot recollect the precise time when the adobe house was built, but I think it was within a twelvemonth after the grant was made by Figueroa. There was never a time after he purchased the place, when he was without a house on the place for a residence. He built several houses there during the time.

I am well acquainted with this farm on account of my renting an adjoining farm for pulling up an establishment for fattening beef.

Jimeno continued to occupy and cultivate the premises from the time of the purchase of de Haro until he sold the place in the latter part of the year 1852.

7. Question. Did Jimeno hold any offices during that time, requiring him to be at Monterey? If yes, in what manner did he occupy the Rancho?

Answer. He held several offices during that time among others that of Comisario, Alcalde and Government Secretary which required him to be a good part of the time in Monterey. But he always had Mayordomos and servants to take care of the farm.

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In him, and whenever his business would allow him he was himself on the farm. He resided more of his time on the farm, than at his own house in Monterey. During that time he cultivated some of the land - He had always from five to fifty acres under cultivation, in can beans grain &c. He had from five hundred to three thousand head of Cattle which he kept on the place, besides sheep & horses. He had at one time a small Ranchara or hamlet consisting of some ten or a dozen Indian huts on the place, and had also houses occupied by servants.

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8. Question. Was this place well known by the name of Salspuedas and are you acquainted with the boundaries?

Answer. It was and is known by that name. The principal boundaries are as follows, the River Payano - Salspuedas Creek - the Laguna Verde - the large Sycams - the Mountains, and the Pines or Hot Springs all of these are well known objects.

9. Question. Look at the Document now here exhibited to you marked Doc. 4. 4 No. 1 annexed to the deposition of Jose Abrego heretofore taken and filed in this case and state whether you are acquainted with the hand writing and Signatures of Manuel Jimeno, Jose Figueroa, Augustin V. Zamorano, Jose Aguilera and Jose Antonio Romero? and if yes whether the Signatures appearing on said paper are their respective true and genuine Signatures.

Answer. I am acquainted with the hand writing and Signatures of all those persons, excepting Jose Antonio Romero. They are the true and genuine Signatures of said persons with the exception of said Romero whose writing I do not know.

10. Question. Look on the Document now presented to you marked Doc. 4. 4 No. 2 annexed to the deposition of Jose Abrego heretofore taken and filed in this case and state whether you are acquainted with the hand writing and Signatures of Jose Figueroa, Augustin V. Zamorano, Jose Joaquin Gomez, Guillermo Echevarra, Bartolome, Manuel Jimeno, Jose Aguilera, Juan B. Barajas, Antonio Buelna, and if yes, whether their respective Signatures appearing on said Document are their true and genuine Signatures.

Answer. I am well acquainted with the hand writing

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Answer. I have examined the same and the said several  
Signatures. They are their true and genuine Signatures  
I know the hand writing and Signatures of all of them  
11. Question. Look on the Document now shown to you pur-  
porting to be a petition for a grant of some Muel  
by Francisco de Haro. The Decree of the Govern<sup>or</sup> granting  
it and the Acts of the said Popes and which  
is annexed to this Deposition Marked Exhibit No 1  
with the initials "A F" and state whether you are  
acquainted with the hand writing and Signatures  
of Francisco de Haro, Luis Antonio Arguello, Jose Antonio  
de Gascoles, Mateus Guerrero, Jose Estrada, Jose  
de Ameste and Jose Pico and if you whether the  
Signatures appearing on said Document are their  
true and genuine Signatures

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Answer. I am well acquainted with the hand writing  
and Signatures of all those persons excepting that  
of Mateus Guerrero whose hand writing I do not know  
The Signatures of all the others on said Document  
are their true and genuine Signatures

12. Question. Look on the document now presented  
purporting to be a petition by Francisco de Haro for cattle  
brand and Mark and the concession of the same by  
Governor Arguello and hereto annexed Marked Exhibit  
No 2 with the initials "A F" and state whether you  
are acquainted with the hand writing and Signature  
of Francisco de Haro and Arguello? and if you whether  
the Signatures appearing on said Document as there  
are their true and genuine Signatures

Answer. I am acquainted with the hand writing  
and Signatures of both of them and these are  
their genuine Signatures

13. Question. Look on the Document now presented to you  
Marked Exhibit No 3 with the initials A F purporting to  
be a certified Copy of the acts of sale from Francisco de Haro  
to Manuel Jimeno and state whether you are acq-  
ainted with the hand writing of Antonio Buena  
Jose Leasto and Juan B. Alvarado and if you  
whether their several Signatures appearing  
thereon are their true and genuine Signatures

Answer

I am acquainted with the Signatures and hand  
writing of each of them, and said Signatures are  
their true and genuine Signatures

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14. Question. Do you know whether Antonio Buena held any office in 1831

Answer. I know that said Buena held the office of Alcalde at Monterey. It was in 1831 according to my best recollection.

W. E. P. Hartwell

Mr Greenhow Associate Law Agent was present at the taking of this deposition but propounded no questions. Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixth day of January A.D. 1854

Alpheus Felch Lemmip

Felch in office January 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

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United States of America  
State of California

San Francisco April 18. 1854

Deposition  
of M. Blair

This day personally came before Peter Gott a Commissioner for taking testimony to be used before the Board of U. S. Land Commissioners in said State Montgomery Blair a witness on behalf of the claimants in case No. 527 on the docket of said Board where in James Blair and others have petitioned and the said witness being duly sworn, on oath deposes in the English language as follows, to wit:

"The U. S. Law Agent is present.

Questions by the Attorney for the Claimants

Question. What is your name and present residence  
Answer. My name is Montgomery Blair, my age 40 years  
My residence Washington City District of Columbia  
Q Are you acquainted with the family of James Blair deceased, if yes, state what family he left at his decease, and who are his heirs at Law

Answer. I am a brother of the deceased, and well acquainted with his family. He was married at the time of his death, and left a surviving widow Mary J Blair, by whom he had three children, the youngest was born after his death, the eldest is named Peter, the second a son named Jesse and the youngest a girl named Lucy those are the only all the family he left

M Blair

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1854

Peter Gott Commissioner for taking  
Testimony &c

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Tele. in Office April 18. 1854  
Geo. Fisher  
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Sello tercero dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la administracion de la aduana  
Maritima de Monterey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta  
veinte y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

Rafael Fontales.

Monterey. Setiembre Sor. Jefe Superior Político.

A.  
Petition of  
Jimeno

24 de 1834. = De El Ciudadano Manuel Jimeno Casarin de  
compraventa con las esta vecindad hace presente; que desde  
leyes de la materia, en el 26 de feb<sup>o</sup> del año de 1831 le cedida su  
- orme el Ayuntamiento su derecho Don Francisco de Harro el  
de esta Capital si el indiano llamado "Salsipuedes" y des de  
- orme en esta instancia que ella ftra. lo ha cultivado y ocupado  
obtiene los requisitos p[re]sentes es el principal giro corte que cuenta  
- venidos para ser atemp[er]ada para la subsistencia de su familia;  
- otiro en su cobardía por lo que suplico del S. se sirva dar me  
si el tenen que puten el título de propiedad del mencionado  
en esta instancia esta Rancho que comprende dos sitios de  
comprendido en las 20 granos mayor segun manifiesta el  
leguas limitrofos y diez diez que desobstante acompaña a  
- literales que expresa la p. S. pues sus linderos son de Sur a Norte  
ley de 14 de Agosto de desde el Rio de Sajarro hasta el del  
1824. si es de regadio Rescatado y de Oriente a Poniente desde  
temporal o abrevadero el Potrerito en frente de las esteras por  
si pertenece a la propia parte del mismo Rio del Sajarro hasta  
de algun individuo con el arroyo llamado de Salsipuedes. Por  
- oracion, Milicia o tanto. A. V. S. Suplico sirva acceder  
Pueblo con todo lo a esta mi solicitud en lo que recibire  
demas que se tubo gracia jurando lo necesario.

presente, y con conducto Monterey. 22 de Sep<sup>re</sup> de 1834.

para ilustrar la materia Manuel Jimeno. Casarin.

El Sr. Don José Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante  
General, Inspector y Jefe Superior político de la Alta  
California así lo mandó, decretó y firmó de que  
doy fe. José Figueroa.

Agustin N. Zamorano.

Secretario.

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Sello tercero Los Reales.

Habiéndolo provisionalmente por la administración de la  
Actuaria Martiana de Monterrey para los años mil ochocientos  
treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Piquerosa.

Rafael Gonzales.

Y. Ayuntamiento Constitucional.

La Comisión encargada de colonización y terrenos baldíos al  
dictaminan sobre la instancia que presenta el ciudadano Manuel  
Simón Casarín, relativa a la propiedad del sitio que posee  
en cumplimiento del superior decreto que acompaña copia  
esta concecion que el referido Casarín es Mexicano por nacimiento  
visto en ejercicio de sus derechos lo que le da todo el requisito  
que requiere la ley para ser atendido en su solicitud que el  
terreno pretendido fue vendido su derecho por el Sr. D. Juan  
Francisco Aro el año de 1831 el que era un legítimo dueño  
dicho terreno no se ha gozado comprendido en las 20 leguas limitadas  
y si en las 10 literales que expresa la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824  
es de temporal y abrevadero y no pertenece a particular  
corporación ni Pueblo por cuyo motivo la Comisión ofuso a  
la deliberación de este Y. Ayuntamiento la siguiente proposición.

Que se adjudicase lo el terreno pretendido al Ciudadano  
Manuel Simón Casarín en razón de haberlo fomentado  
con sus bienes de campo y cultivado desde 1831.

Monterrey Oct. 9 de 1834.

José Antonio Promero.

José Aguila.

Sr. Jefe Superior Político.

El Y. Ayuntamiento de esta Capital con el objeto de dar V. S.  
el informe que se tiene pidiendo en su Superior decreto de 24  
del pasado para esta solicitud a la Comisión de Colonización  
quien presento el dictamen que antecede. Y con su contenido  
en lo que en el particular debe informarse, esta Corporación  
acordó en sesión de hoy se devuelva el expediente a los  
Superiores manos de V. S. reproduciéndolo a guisa en todas  
sus partes. Monterrey Octubre 11 de 1834.

Manuel Simón Casarín.

José Aguila. V. Secreario

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Monterrey

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3 Leas. Two Reals

Proceeds temporarily by the administration of the Maritime Custom House of Monterey for the years One thousand Eight hundred and thirty four and one thousand Eight hundred and thirty five

Figueras Rafael Gonzales

To the Superior Political Chief  
The citizen Manuel Jimeno Casarin of this Town respectfully represents to you: That on the 26th day of February of the year 1831 Don Francisco de Haro, conveyed to him, his right to the Rancho called Salas pedras and ever since that date, he has cultivated it and occupied it with cattle, as it is the principal means, on which he depends for the support of his family: Wherefore I petition you that you will be pleased to give me the title in fee, (propriedad) of the same Rancho which comprises two square leagues (sitios de ganado Mayor) as shown by the map which duly accompanies this petition to you, as its boundaries are from South to North from the "Pajaro" to the river Pescadero and from East to West from the Portreroito (small horse pasture) in front of the Arboles (fragrant trees) on the side of the same Pajaro River, up to the Arroyo called Subpedras

Wherefore I pray that you will be pleased to accede to this my petition by which I shall receive a favor taking the necessary Oath &c. &c.

Monterey 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1834  
Manuel Jimeno Casarin

(In the margin) Monterey September 27. 1834  
In conformity with the laws on this subject, let the Ayuntamiento of this Capital obtain the information of party interested has the necessary prerequisites to entitle to be looked for in his petition, of the land which he asks for is comprised within the 20 limiting leagues or the 10 lettered ones mentioned in the Law of the 18 August 1824: if it is unoccupied (proceder en su posesion) or has facilities for water (abundancia): if it belongs to the estate of any private individual or corporation Mision or Pueblo, with all other information that may be calculated to throw light on the subject. Thus I Don Jose Figueras, General of Brigades Commanding General Inspector and Superior Political Chief of Alta California do hereby decree and subscribe. —

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To which I certify

Jose Figueroa

Augustin Y. Llamano  
Secretary

Seal Three Two Reals

Proceeded provisionally by the administration of the  
Municipal Custom House of Monterey for the years  
1834 and 1835.

Figueroa

Raquel Gonzalez

To the Illustrious Constitutional Ayuntamiento.

The Committee charged with Colonization and vacant  
lands, in deciding upon the petition offered by the  
Citizen Manuel Simono Casarin relative to the own-  
ership of a tract of land which he holds by virtue  
of the Spanish accompanying decree, forms the opin-  
ion that the said Casarin is a Mexican by birth  
in the exercise of his rights, which give him every  
 requisite prescribed by the Law to be looked  
for his petition, that the land asked for was  
legally conveyed by citizen Francisco de Soto in  
the year 1831, who was not a law of bona fide  
land is not embraced in the 10 territorial leagues  
but is within the 10 territorial ones mentioned in the  
Law of the 18th of August 1824, it is influenced  
by the Crown (temporal) and has facilities for  
water (abrevadero) and does not belong to any  
municipal Corporation or pueblo. In which  
reasons the Committee offers to the celebration  
of this illustrious Ayuntamiento the following report  
The lands asked for by citizen Manuel Simono  
Casarin may be conceded to him by reason  
of his having benefited it by his cattle and  
cultivation since 1831. Monterey October 9 1834

Jose Antonio Romero

Jose A. Aguilera

Senor the Superior Potestadal Chief

The illustrious Ayuntamiento of this Capital with the  
object of furnishing you the information you were pleased  
to ask for in your Superior Decree of the 29th of last month  
has read this petition to the Committee in consultation who  
presented the preceding report. And as the contents of the same  
is that which is to be particularly made known to you, this

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Secretary in all its parts. Monterey October 11-1834. Jose A. Aguilera  
Manuel Simono Casarin } Secretary

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Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habiendo provisoriamente por la administración de la  
 7. ~~Actuaria Mexicana de Monterrey para los años de mil ochocientos~~  
 treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Piquerra.

Rafael Gombales.

Monterrey. 19 de Octubre de 1832. = Pase al Regidor

C. de laus del Ayuntamiento de esta Capital así quien la parte  
 Order of Piquerra. de Don Manuel Jimeno, Casarin produzca una información

de tres testigos idóneos que serán interrogados sobre los puntos  
 siguientes. 1º Si el solicitante es ciudadano Mexicano por

nacimiento, si es casado y tiene hijos; si es de buena con-  
 -dita. 2º Si el terreno que pretende pertenece a la propiedad

de algun particular, Mision ó Pueblo ó corporacion; si es

de regadío temporal ó abrevadero y que estension tendrá

3º Si tiene bienes de campo con que poblar lo ó posibilidad

de adquirirlos. Trae con los estos informes bueltra el expediente

para su resolucion. El Sr. Don José Piquerra General de

Brigada, Comandante General y Inspector y Jefe Superior

Político de la Alta California así lo mandó, decretó y firmó

de que doy fe. José Piquerra. Agustín V. Carrasco. M. S. S.

Monterrey. 14 de Ebro. de 1832. = Por presentarse

9. tomase la información que producirá Don Manuel Jimeno

Casarin de tres testigos Idóneos que serán interrogados sobre

los tres puntos que espresan el Superior decreto. Así yo el Atento.

en su caso lo decreté, mandé y firmé con los de mi asistencia

con quienes veta por receptoria a falta de escudero publico.

que no lo hay sea un derecho. Doy fe. José Antº Romero

assa. Guillº Edº Maxwell. assa. José Joaquín Gomez.

En la fecha presente la parte de don Manuel Jimeno

Casarin se les notificó el auto anterior y de él contestó dize:

que lo oye y firma con mi go y los de mi asistencia.

10. Romero. Manuel Jimeno. Casarin. De assa.

Guillermo Edouardo Maxwell. de assa. José Joaquín Gomez.

En la fecha presente Don José Itiquila se le realizó jur-

-amento en toda forma de ley. por el cual ofrecio obviar

verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y siendolo lo

Sello tercero dos reales.

Habilitarlo porieci naturalmente por la aduana maritima del puerto de Monterrey por los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

Pascual Gonzales.

11 por su nombre, estado, edad patria empleo y religion dijo. Haruano como queda dicho, casado de cuarenta y siete años natural de Celalla que es syubio de este Ayuntamiento y C. A. N. Insurgido. Sobre los tres puntos que menciona el Superior decreto del Sr. Jefe Superior Politico de Jho. 13 del corriente dijo. que el Ciudadano Manuel Jimeno Casarin es Ciudadano por nacimiento Mexicano, es casado y tiene hijo y es de buena conducta que tambien conoce el terreno que pretende que no pertenece a la propiedad de ninguna particular, Mision o pueblo y ni a corporacion ninguna que antequamte denian que pertenecia a la Villa de Oraniforte pero que jamas lo ocupó, ni lo usó - ito que dicho terreno no es de realia y si de temporal y abrevadero y que de longitud tendra desde el potrero que linda con las aromas y la Agua Caliente hasta el arroyo de Subsipuestas como dos leguas poco mas o menos, de latitud desde el arroyo de pajaro hasta el del Desemburo tendra poco mas de una legua que ultimamte el dicho Sr. Manuel Cas Jimeno, Casarin tiene bienes de campo con que poblar el mencionado terreno que lo dicho es la Realidad a cargo de juramento que tiene hecho en el que se afirmo y ratifico leida que le fue esta su declaracion y firmo con suyo y los hombres de mi existencia = lo tachado no vale =

Romero. José Itguila. de esta. Guill<sup>o</sup> Sol<sup>o</sup> Barruell.

13 De esta. José Ina quin Gomez. = En la fecha presente D<sup>n</sup> Juan Bautista Alvarado se le recibio juramto en toda forma por el cual opelio decir verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y siendolo lo por su nombre, estado, patria empleo y religion. dijo Haruano como queda dicho de veinte y cinco años, soltero natural de este puerto de Monterrey su destino es vista de este puerto y C. A. N. Insurgido. Sobre los tres puntos que menciona el Sup<sup>o</sup> decreto del Sr. Jefe

Político de fha. 13 del Corriente dho: que el Ciudadano Manuel Jimeno es ciudadano Mexicano por nacimiento, casado tiene hijos y es de buena conducta, que tambien conose el terreno que pretende y no pertenece a la propiedad de ningun particular, Mision Pueblo y ni la Corporacion ninguna que anteriormente o desiran que pertenesca a la villa de Bran-  
Sello tercero dos reales.

Abilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la aduana maritima del Puerto de Monterrey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. Rafael Gonzalez.

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terreno que pretende y no pertenece a la propiedad de ningun particular, Mision Pueblo y ni la Corporacion ninguna que anteriormente o desiran que pertenesca a la villa de Bran-  
-eforte. que jamas se ocupó por ella ni lo necesitó, que dho terreno es de regadío y si temporal y abrevadero, y que tendrá de longitud desde el potrero que linda con las arroyas, que y la agua caliente hasta el arroyo de Saldepuebles como dos leguas por lo mas o menos y de latitud desde el arroyo del pajaro hasta el del Pescadero tendrá por lo mas de una legua que ultimamente el dicho Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin tiene bienes de campo con que poblar lo, que lo dicho es la verdad ha cargo de juramento que he hecho en el que se afirmó y ratificó leída que le fué en tra en deliberacion y firmé con mi go y los de mi asistencia = lo dicho no vale =  
Comero. Juan B. Alvarado. de acta. Don Joaquin Gomez de asistencia. E Guill<sup>mo</sup> Estanisl<sup>do</sup> Hartwell.

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En la fecha presente D<sup>no</sup> Antonio Buelva se le recibió juramento en toda forma de dho. por el cual ofreció decir verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y seudo lo por su nombre estado, edad, patria, complex y Religion dijo: Que como queda dicho, Casado de cuarenta y cuatro años de edad natural de este puerto Labrador y C. A. R. Interrogado sobre los 3 puntos que menciona el repetido Superior Decreto del Sr. Jefe Político de fha. 13 del corriente dijo: que el Ciudadano Manuel Jimeno Casarin es Ciudadano Mexicano por nacimiento, que es casado, tiene hijos y es de buena conducta; que tambien conose el terreno que pretende y no pertenece a la propiedad de ningun particular, Mision pueblo y ni la Corporacion

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ninguno que diesen anteriormente que pertenecia a la villa, pero  
que es mas de ochocientos leguas distante de ella y que jamas lo ocupo:  
que otro terreno no es de regadío y si de temporal y abrevadero  
y que tendria de longitud desde el punto de cuba al punto de  
emprente de las canchales, hasta el arroyo de Salipuedes como  
dos leguas poco mas o menos y de latitud desde el Rio del  
pajano hasta el arroyo del Pescadero como una legua, que  
Sello tercero los Reales.

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

Figueroa.

José Rafael Gonzales.

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ultimamente el dicho Ciudadano Manuel Jimeno Casarin tiene  
vienes de campo con que poblar el mencionado terreno; que lo  
dicho es la verdad ha largo del juramento que tiene hecho en  
el que se oprimi y ratifico leida que le fue por esta su declaracion  
y firmo con miyo y los testigos de existencia.

Nombres. Antonio Buelna. asst. Guill<sup>o</sup> Martwell.  
de asistencia. José Joaquín Gomez.

Monterrey. Octubre 14. de Obo. de 1832.

Conchuidas las auto cedentes informacion vuelva el expediente  
al Sr. Jefe Superior Político para su resolucion. Asi lo  
el Alente en turno lo decreté mandolé y firmo con los de mi  
asistencia.

José Antonio Romero.

asst. Guill<sup>o</sup> Sol<sup>o</sup> Martwell. de asst. José Joaquín Gomez.

Monterrey. Noviembre. 4 de 1832.

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Agreguese el expediente el documento principal que  
acredita la Concesion al paraje "Salipuedes" esta  
a favor de Don Don Francisco de Harro y de su cuenta.

Figueroa.

Jurisdiccion de Monterrey. N<sup>o</sup> 55. Año de 1832.

Expediente sobre el paraje nombrado "Salipuedes"  
sobre su propiedad D<sup>o</sup> Manuel Jimeno Casarin.

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Geo. Fisher. Secretary.



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Proceeded temporarily by the Administration of the Maritime Custom House of Monterey for the years 1834 & 1835  
Figueroa Rafael Gonzales

Monterey 13th of October 1834.

Let this go to the Senior Magistrate of the Ayuntamiento of this Capital before whom the party Don Manuel Simeno Casarin shall obtain the information of three proper witnesses who shall be interrogated upon the following points.

1<sup>st</sup> If the petitioner is a Mexican citizen by birth, if he is married and has children: if he is of good reputation

2<sup>d</sup> If the land which he solicits belongs to the estate of any individual Mexican Pueblo or Corporation if it is irrigated or capable in the rainy season (temporal) or has facilities for water (abrevadero) and what is its extent

3<sup>rd</sup> If he has cattle with which to stock it or the possibility of acquiring them. Having executed these steps return the Expediente for final decision

Thus Don Jose Figueroa, General of Brigades Commanding General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of Alta California ordered decreed and subscribed to which I certify

Jose Figueroa Augustin Y Latorana, Secy  
Monterey 14. October 1834

By these presents let the information of the three suitable witnesses which Don Manuel Simeno Casarin shall produce, who shall be interrogated upon the points set forth in the preceding Superior decree

Thus I the Alcalde, in turn, decree & decree that copies together with the witnesses present which act is passed into the Secretary's Office (para recibirse) for the want of a Notary Public, of whom we have none - according to Law. I certify

Subscribing witnesses Jose Antonio Romero  
Guillermo Echeverria Jose Lou Gomez

On this the same date the party Manuel Simeno Casarin was notified of the preceding decree and it being understood by him, he declared: That he heard it and subscribed it with myself and the aforesaid witnesses

Romero - witnesses -  
Guillermo Echeverria - Jose Lou Gomez

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On this same date appeared Don Jose Aguilar who was duly sworn with very solemnity of Law, by which he promised to tell the truth as far as it might be within his knowledge, and he might be questioned and being asked his name, condition of country, occupation and religion, he declared: That his name was as above written, that he was married, that his age was forty seven years, he is a native of Colima and a native of this Ayuntamiento and a Roman Catholic. Being interrogated upon the three points mentioned in the Superior decree of the Superior Potestad Chief under date of the 13th of the present month, he declared: That the Cienega named Jimeno Cesarin is a Mexican by birth is married and has a child and is of good reputation. That he also knows the tract of land he petitions for, and that it does not belong to the estate of any individual Mission Pueblo nor to any Corporation; that formerly it was said to have belonged to the Town of Branciforte, but that it was never occupied, nor wanted by said Town that said land is not irrigated (irrigado) but is now in its season (temporada) and has water (abundancia) and that in length it will extend from the "Potrero" (small horse pasture) which joins the "Aromas" and the "Agua Caliente" (warm Springs) to the "Salsipuedes" creek (arroyo) about two leagues more or less in width from the "Pajaros" creek (arroyo) to the "Pescaudo" creek (arroyo) it will measure a little more than a league, and lastly the said Don Manuel Jimeno Cesarin has cattle with which to stock the said land. That what he has said is the truth under the responsibility of the Oath which he has taken which he affirmed and ratified (his declaration being sworn to him) and subscribed the same with me and the persons present assisting me - The word crossed out was "for nothing".

Romero.

Jose Aguilar

Witnesses Guill. Edo. Martinez. Jose Joaquin Gomez  
 On this same date Don Juan Bantista Alvarado was duly sworn with very solemnity whereby he promised to tell the truth as far as he knew and might be interrogated and being asked his name, age, condition of country, occupation religion, he answered: That

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he was named as above, that he was about twenty  
 five years of age, single, a native of this Port of  
 Monterey his occupation is Surveyor (Casta) of this  
 Port and is a Roman Catholic. Being interrogated  
 upon the three points mentioned in the Supreme decree  
 of the Superior Potestad Chief of the 13th of the present  
 month he declared, that the Citizen Manuel Jimeno  
 no Casarin is a Mexican Citizen by birth, that he is  
 married and has children and is of good reputation  
 that he moreover knows the Land petitioned for and  
 that it does not belong to the estate of any deceased  
 well Messen Pueblo and has no Corporation, it  
 was since in Old times to have belonged to the town  
 of Pruncefate, but that it was never occupied  
 nor regulated by said Town, that said land is not  
 regulated (regulado) but is protection a portion of  
 the year (temporal) and has water on it (abrevedado  
 ro) and that it will extend in length from the  
 "Portraits" (small pasture ground) which joins the  
 "aromas" (fragrant trees) and the Agua Caliente  
 (warm springs) to the Arroyo of "Halspuedas" being  
 about two leagues more or less, and in width from  
 the Arroyo del Payano to the called Pescadero  
 extending a little more than one league: That for  
 cely the said Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin has  
 cattle with which to stock it, that the above is  
 the truth in view of the Oath which he has taken,  
 all which he affirmed and ratified this he declar-  
 ed being asked Oath to him and he subscribed  
 the same with me and those acting with me  
 The voices of these our go for nothing

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Romero Juan B Alvarado  
 Ultrayos. Guillo Ede Hartwell. Jose Joaquin Gomez  
 On the same date Don Antonio Puelma was duly  
 sworn with very formality of law by which he  
 promised to tell the truth as far as he knew and  
 might be questioned, and being asked his name  
 stated age County Occupation and religion he  
 declared: That his name was as above stated  
 that he was married, was forty four years of  
 age a native of this Port a farmer and a Roman  
 Catholic - Being interrogated upon the three  
 points mentioned in the aforesaid Supreme decree  
 of the Potestad Chief under date of the 13th of the  
 present month, he declared: That the Citizen

Manuel Jimeno Casarin is a Mexican born citizen  
is married, has children and is of good reputation  
that he also knows the land where for, and that  
it does not belong to the Estate of any individual  
Mission Pueblo, nor has it any Corporation, that  
it was since formerly to have belonged to the Town  
but that the latter was more than eight leagues  
distant from it and that it was now been  
purchased by said Town: that said land is not  
irregular but is susceptible (<sup>temporal</sup> ~~temporal~~) and  
has allota on it (abrevada) and that it extends  
in length from the point where the "Potrero" in front  
of the "Armas" ends, up to the Arroyo de "Salsipuedas"  
about two leagues more or less, and in breadth from  
the River "Pajaró" to the Arroyo del Pasadizo about  
one league, that since the citizen Manuel  
Jimeno Casarin has cattle to stock the foresaid  
lands, that the above is the truth, he knows the  
obligation of the Oath he has taken, that he  
affirms and ratifies the above, this his declaration  
being first read over to him and subscribed it  
with me and the witnesses present

Romero Antonio Buelnes  
Ulnepos. Guilló Esc. Santués. José Joaquin Gomez

Monterey 14<sup>th</sup> October 1834

The preceding information having been concluded  
by the Expediente be returned to the Superior  
Potestade Chief for his final actum - Thus  
the Alcalde in turn decrees ordered and  
subscribed as well as those present -

José Antonio Romero  
Ulnepos Presnte.  
Guilló Esc. Santués. José Joaquin Gomez

Monterey Nov. 4 1834

Attach to the Expediente the principal document  
which proves the concession of the place called  
Salsipuedas made in favor of Don Franc. de  
Santo and report to me that you have done so  
Yours  
Yours

Delivered in Office June 27<sup>th</sup> 1833

Geo. Fisher  
Secy

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Sello terrenal (seal) Dos reales.

Para los años de mil ochocientos veinte y seis y mil ochocientos veinte y siete. Testimonio.

(Seal) { proposicion de la } Te aprueba la concesion hecha al  
Comision. { Cuadradero Manuel Jimenez Casarin  
del paraje nombrado "Salsipuebles" concedido en cuartos de  
noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. Montreney veinte  
y nueve de agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

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José Castro. = agosto veinte y nueve de mil ochocientos

(Seal) Acuerdo de la } treinta y cinco = En sesion de hoy  
{ Sanna. Diputación } aprueba la l. Diputación el acuerdo  
dictamen i se acordó pasé el expediente al l. Jefe Político  
para su conclusión. = José Castro = José María Maldonado  
Territorial Deparation - nado = Se cesario =

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Confirmation by the  
Territorial Deparation - nado =

(Seal) decreto del Sor. } Montreney. Agosto veinte y uno  
Jefe Político. } de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Doc. H. H. no. 3

En vista de la aprobacion otorgada el dia veinte y nueve  
de este mes por la l. Diputación Territorial, librese testimonio  
de ella y de este decreto a la parte de Don Manuel Jimenez  
Casarin en confirmacion de la concesion del terreno conocido  
con el nombre de "Salsipuebles" que obtuvo en cuartos de  
noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. El l. l. d.  
José Castro primer vocal de la l. Diputación Territorial  
y Jefe Político Interino del territorio de la Alta California  
así lo mandó decretar y firmó de lo que doy fe. "José Castro"  
Jefe del Castillo Negro = Se cesario =

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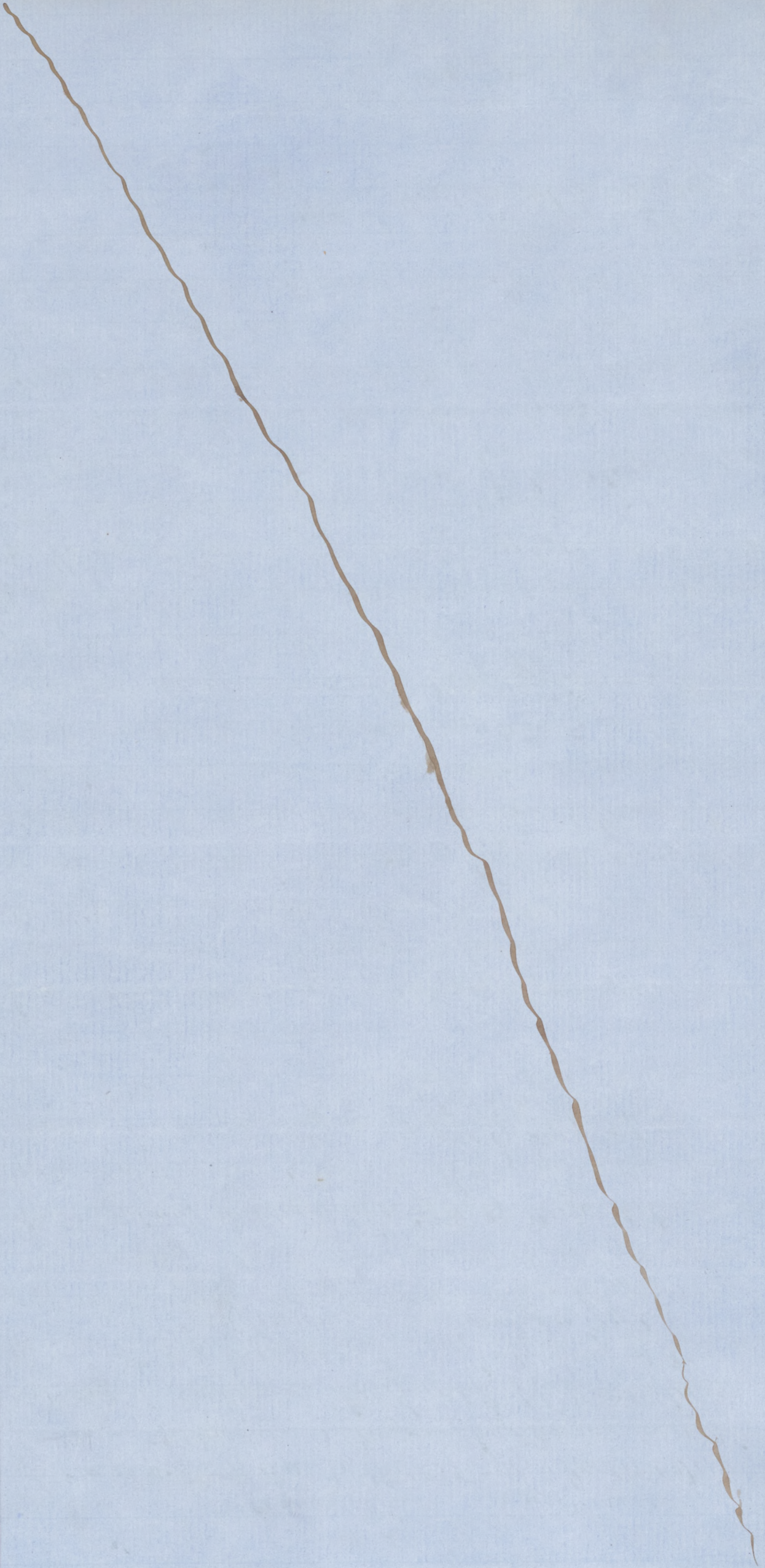
Concuerda a la letra con su original que queda archivado  
en esta Secretaria del Gobierno Político que esta  
a mi cargo en el legajo de expedientes de terrenos aprobados  
por la l. Diputación, señalado con el numero provincial  
al que me remite. Montreney Noviembre. Once de mil ochocientos  
treinta y cinco. Suo.

Francisco del Castillo Negro.

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Geo. Fisher. Secretary.

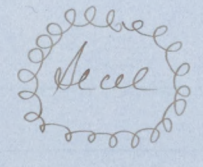
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For the years 1834 & 1835

Decision of Committee

For the years One thousand Eight hundred and twenty six and One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven. Certificate Recued (Testimonio)  
 The conception made to the Ceteron Manuel Jimeno Cassarin of the piece known by the name of "Sals pueces" granted on the fourth of November in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty four is approved Monterey 29th of August One thousand Eight hundred and thirty five  
 Jose Castro

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Approval of the most-Excellent Deputation

At this day's session the 29th of August One thousand Eight hundred and thirty five, the Excellent Deputation approved the preceding report and decrees that the Expediente (papers in the case) should be handed to the Jefe Politecal Chief for his final action  
 Jose Maria Maldonado Jose Castro  
 Secretary

Monteay August 31. 1835. In view of the approbation formally given on the 29th day of the present month by the Excellent Juntural Deputation to a certificate Recued (testimonio) of the same and of this decree be given on the part of Don Manuel Jimeno Cassarin in confirmation of the conception of the same known by the name of Sals pueces which he obtained on the 4th day of November in the year One thousand Eight hundred and thirty four. I Don Jose Castro, Jefe Politecal (vocal) of the Excellent Juntural Deputation and Jefe Politecal Chief of the Territory of Alto Calapponia do Oren decrees and Sals pueces, to which I certify  
 Jose Castro

Fidel Castillo Negrete Secretary  
 The above copies literally with the Original which is in the Archives of the Office of the Secretary of the Politecal Gobierno under my charge in the bundle of Little papers to be annexed by the Excellent Deputation with the number first to which I refer  
 Monterey September 11th 1835  
 Fidel Castillo Negrete Secretary

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José Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana, Comandante en Jefe y Director y Jefe Superior Político del territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin, Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Salispuentes colindante al Sur con el Rio del Cojano; al Oeste con el arroyo de Salispuentes y Rancho de los Comandos al Norte con la Sierra y Rio del Descenso y al Este con el paraje de Agua Caliente practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos de la materia: usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la nacion Mexicana he venido por objeto de este oficio en concederle al expresado.

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D. Manuel Jimeno Casarin el terreno mencionado de "Salispuentes", declarandole la propiedad de él, por las presentes, letras, entendiendose dicha concesion de entera conformidad a lo dispuesto por las leyes, a reserva de la aprobacion o desaprobacion de la misma Diputacion Territorial y del Supremo Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

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1º que se someterá a las que estableciere el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entre tanto ni el agraciado, ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica, imponer Censo, Vicentio, finca hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa pignorativa ni pasarlo a terceros muertos.

2º Costara cercarlo sin perjudicar las travesias caminos y servidumbres, lo disfrutara libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara sus yestara habitada.

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3º Cuando se le confirme la propiedad solo usara del Juez respectivo que le dé posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran los linderos en cuyos limites pondra a unos de las mitioneras, algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

1º El terreno de que se le hace donación es de dos sitios de cuando mayor polo mas o menos segun esplica el plano que tiene en el expediente. El Juez que otiene la posesion lo hará medir conforme a ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte a la nacion para los usos Comunitarios.

2º Si contraviniere a estas Condiciones perdona su derecho al terreno y sera inenajable por otro.

In consecuencia suauto que serviuolo de todo el presente y tena validez por firme y valedero se tomara en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterey en cuatro de Nbre de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro = José Figueroa. = Agustín V. Zamorano. Secretario. Angeles 24 de 1835.

In la sesion de este dia se acordó por la S. D. pasé a la comision de terrenos baldios.   
Figueroa. José Maria Meléndez. Sec.

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Translation of

Jose Figueroa Freyada General of the Mexican Republic Commanding General Inspector and Superior Jefe de Sala Chief of the Secretary of the Cattle Department  
 In as much as Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin a Mexican by birth, has petitioned for his own personal benefit and that of his family for the tract of Land known by the name of Salsipuedes bounded on the South by the "Pajaro" River Mitchell by the creek "Salsipuedes" and the Rancho de los Conchitos, on the North by the Mountain (Sierra) and River "Pescadero" and on the East by the locality known as the Lagoon Spring (agua caliente) having previously taken the legal steps and made the necessary investigations prescribed by the Law and regulations; in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me, and in the name of the Mexican Nation I have by a decree of the State granted to the said Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin the possession of the Land of Salsipuedes according to him the fee (propiedad) in the same by those presents, said grant being believed to be in entire conformity with the requirements of the Law subject however to the approval or disapproval of the Most Excellent Senate and the Supreme Government and upon the following Conditions -

1<sup>st</sup> That it shall be subject to the Conditions that may be established by the regulations that are to be made for the distribution of the vacant Lands & that in the meantime neither the Beneficiary nor his heirs shall have the power to alienate or alienate the Land according to him, nor charge it with any servitude, entail, pledge, Mortgage nor any encumbrance whatever for charitable purposes nor convey it in Mortmain -

2<sup>a</sup> He shall have the power to enclose it without prejudice to the roads through it, the high ways and Easements; he shall have the free and exclusive enjoyment of it, adapting it to such use and kind of cultivation as may best suit him; but within one year at most he shall build a house which shall be inhabited.

3<sup>a</sup> When the fee (propiedad) is conferred to him he shall petition the proper Judge to give him judicial possession in virtue of this Patent (despacho) by which the lines may be marked out, on the boundaries of which he shall plant in addition to the Cane

marks some fruit or fruit trees of some utility  
4th The tract of Land which is conceded to him is of  
the Extent of Square leagues (for large cattle) more  
or less as is set forth in the Map which accompa-  
nies the Expediente. The Occup who shall obtain  
possession shall have it surveyed (measured) ac-  
cording to the Ordinances in Order to mark the bounda-  
ries, the Surplus which respects to remain to the  
Nation for such purposes as it may deem proper  
(usis Constitutis)

5th If he shall contravene this concession he shall  
lose his right to the Land and it shall be deemed  
open to denouncement by another

Wherefore I order that these presents being read  
as his title, and being held as firm and valid  
shall be taken up in the proper Book and delivered  
to the party interested for his protection and other  
purposes

Given at Monterey this 4th day of November Eight  
teen hundred and thirty four

José Figueroa

Augustin V Zamorano  
Secretary

August 27. 1835 - In this day of Spain it was resolv-  
ed by the Excellent department to refer the above  
to the Committee on Recant Land

José Manuel Maldonado  
Secretary

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Sello tercero Dos reales.

Abilitado provisoriamente por la administracion de la aduana  
mexicana del puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de las  
Californias para los años de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y mil  
ochocientos Cuarenta y uno. Aprobado. Ant. Maria Osio.  
(of. Seal.) Excmo. Sr. Gobernador.

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Petition to Jimeno.

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Manuel Jimeno, Mexicano por nacimiento ante V. E. con el  
debidísimo respeto me presento y digo: que por el título que el Gob-  
-ierno de este Departamento me expedir en 4 de Noviembre de  
1834 del terreno nombrado "Salsipuebles" se ve que solamente  
se contratare a dos sitios de ganado mayor, en algunas otras  
condiciones y como hace el tiempo de diez años que estoy  
disfrutando de dicho terreno y ocupando lo con todos mis  
bienes, ahora me encuentro con el derecho de pedir a V. E.  
se digna rehabilitarme el título de clarando me el dominio  
propio perpetuo del terreno y sin condicion ninguna, bajo  
la estension de ocho sitios de ganado Mayor, gracia que  
espero recibir de V. E. Aprobado de So.

Monterrey. 13 de Enero de 1840.

Manuel Jimeno.

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Monterrey. 1<sup>o</sup> de febrero de 1840.

Como lo pide la parte de Don Manuel Jimeno y es mis-  
-mo de haber sido el terreno del terreno nombrado "Salsi-  
-puebles", estendiéndose el título de ocho sitios de ganado  
mayor, siendo sus límites por el Oriente con el arroyo de  
"Salsipuebles" y desde este punto tomando una línea  
recta hasta encontrar las lagunas que comunmente se  
llaman los Grillos y siguiendo así al Norte por la un-  
-da de estas lagunas pasando por la Mera hueras  
de la sierra inclusive esta y desde este rumbo siguiendo  
así al Oriente se tomaron por toda la Sierra alta la  
dirección hasta encontrar el nacimiento del arroyo del  
Pescadero y siguiendo por todo por toda la mediana  
de esta arroyo y pasando por el paraje de la brea hasta  
llegar al lugar que llaman el agua caliente donde

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se tomará una línea recta E. S. hasta llegar al río de Pajaro que es el límite con el Rancho de las Arbores, con el de Don Antonio Custno y con el de los señores Salgado siendo los límites por el rumbo de los señores Rodríguez el arroyo que procede del de "Salapuedes". Por tanto el interesado podrá poner las mojones que tuviese por conveniente en virtud de haberse ya dado posesión de este terreno. El Sr. Don. Juan B. Alvarado, Gobernador del Departamento de California, así lo mandó decretar y firmó.

Juan B. Alvarado.

Geo. Arce.

Oficial Primero.

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Secretary.

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the years 1840 & 1841

Alvarado

Antonio Maria Osio

To his Excellency the Governor  
I Manuel Jimeno a Mexican by birth present myself  
before your Excellency with the proper respect and  
representation; That by the title papers, which the  
Governor of this Department issued to me on the  
4th of November 1834 for the Lander known as Salsipuedes,  
it will be seen that the grant only embraced  
two square leagues and is subject to several conditions  
and as for the period of ten years I have been in  
the enjoyment of said tract of Lander and have been  
occupied with all my cattle I find myself now  
possessed of the right to ask your Excellency that you  
will be pleased, to confirm my title and, declaring  
me to be the perpetual Owner of the Lander and without  
any condition whatever, and extending it to eight square  
leagues, a favor which I hope to receive from your  
Excellency. Taking the necessary Oath.

Monterey 12th de January 1840 Manuel Jimeno

Monterey 1st. February 1840

In the manner asked for by the party Don Manuel  
Jimeno and by reason of his having been the owner of  
the tract of Lander known as "Salsipuedes" let his title  
be extended to eight square leagues - his boundaries being  
on the West the "Arroyo de Salsipuedes" and from this  
point running in a straight line until it meets the  
Lagunas (lakes) which are commonly called "Las  
Grandes" (The large) and continuing towards the North  
through the meadows of same Lagunas and the willow  
grove (Sajonal) which is found at the end of them  
passing through by the "Morio" "Somos bayas" (small hills)  
the meadows of the "Llanada Verde" (green valley)  
up to the Summit of the Sierra, inclusive of this, and  
from this point (summit) running a little to the East  
such a course will be struck through the whole  
Sierra as well meet the head waters of the "Arroyo  
del Pescadero" and following the meadows of this  
Arroyo through its entire length, and passing by the loc-  
ality known as the Breu (pitch) until reaching the  
place known as the Warm Springs (Agua caliente).  
Thence a right line is to be run East by South until

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it strikes the "Rio del Pajaro" (River Pajaro) which is the boundary line of the "Rancho de los Armas" of that of Don Antonio Leustro and of that of the Mepis Valley the boundary in the direction of the Mepis Rodriguez being the small creek (Arroyito) that runs (proceede del) into the Subsequencia

Wherefore the party interested will have the right to plant the Monuments he may find necessary by reason of the possession of the land having been already given to him.

Thus the Senor Don Juan B. Alvarado Governor of the Department of California Ordered decrees and Subscribed

Juan B. Alvarado

Francisco Arce  
Chief Clerk

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Sello 1<sup>o</sup> seis pesos.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Autoridad Municipal de Monterrey por los años de 1839 y 1840.

Alvarado.

Antonio Maria Osid.

Juan Bautista Alvarado Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias.

To

(Seal) Por el Sr. Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin, ha pretendido la claracion de linderos y estension del terreno nombrado "Salipuebles" que se le concedio desde cuatro de noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro, y se aprobó por la S. Diputacion Territorial en 29 de marzo de 1835 practicadas previamente las diligencias y uniones convenientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos de la materia, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas en nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en confirmar la confirmacion como en revalidacion de la que se le hizo en la expresada fecha y con la estension que pretende, declarando la propiedad de el con sus maderas, aguas y todas sus pertenencias, siendo sus linderos por la parte de D. con el Arroyo de "Salipuebles" y desde este punto tomando por el norte la meridiania de las Aguas Frías con la Mesa. las lomas bajas la cañada Verde y la Sierra hasta llegar el Arroyo del Pescadero y siguiendo toda la orilla de este arroyo por la parte del N y pasando por el parage de la Breña hasta llegar a el Agua Caliente, desentendiéndose al Sur del pajaro que sirvió el linderos con el rancho de las Arroyas, con el de Don Antonio Castro y con el de los señores Vallijos; siendo sus linderos por el rumbo de los señores Rodriguez el Arroyito que procede de Salipuebles sujetándose a las condiciones siguientes.

1<sup>a</sup> Podrá ser usado sin perjuicio de las travesas caminos y servidumbres lo disfrutará libre y escluseramente el dueño al uso o cultivo que mas le aconviene.

2<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace donacion es de ocho

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de Inmundo mayor segun esplico el dizeur respectivo.  
El Juez que obiere la posesion lo hara meter conforme a  
ordenanzas que el dizeur el sobrante que resalte a la uacion  
para los usos convenientes.

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3<sup>o</sup> Solicitara del Juez respectivo que le de la posesion juri-  
dica en virtud de este Despacho y de la aprobacion que  
ha obtenido de la Exma. Diputacion Territorial por el cual  
se demarcaran los linderos en cuyos limites podran las  
conespondientes mojoneas.

4<sup>a</sup> Si contraviere a estas condiciones perdera su  
derecho al terreno y sera demaricable por otro.

En consecuencia cuando que se viere el de titulo el  
presente y teniendose por firme y valido, se tome  
razon de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue al interesado  
para su resguardo y de mas fines. Dado en Montevideo  
a primero de Marzo de mil ochocientos Cuarenta.

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Juan B. Abreu.

Francisco Arce. Oficial Primero.

Que esta copia eson de este despacho en el libro  
de terrenos adjudicados a fo 1<sup>o</sup>

Francisco Arce.

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Per. Fisher.

Secretary.

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of Monterey for the years 1839 & 1840  
Alvarado Antonio M<sup>o</sup> Pico

Señor Juan Bautista Alvarado Kanstaton  
Governor of the Department of the Californias  
In as much as Don Manuel Jimeno has applied for  
the enlargement of his boundaries and the extension of  
the tract of land called "Salispedras", which was  
granted to him on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1834 and  
approved by the Territorial Deputation on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
of November 1835 having previously taken the necessary  
steps and made the proper investigations in  
accordance with the requirements of the Laws  
and regulations relating to this matter in the  
Exercise of the powers which have been conferred  
upon me, in the name of the Mexican Nation. I  
have acceded to him such concession as a  
confirmation of that which was made to him on the date  
mentioned, and with the extension, that he asks for  
declaring him to be the Owner of it with its woods  
waters and all its appurtenances, its boundaries  
being on the Western side, the Arroyo of Salispedras  
and from this point running North through the  
middle of the great Lakes ("Lagos grandes") by  
the flat lands (Mesa) ("Las Tomasayas") the low hills  
(Cerro Canadaverte) the green Valley; and the Sierra  
Mountain until it strikes the Pescadero Creek  
(arroyo del Pescadero) and following the whole bank  
of this Arroyo on the West side, and passing by the  
place known as "Las Breas" until reaching the  
Warm Springs (aguas calientes) going down to the  
Pajaro river, which will be its boundary line as  
well as the Rancho of "Las Armas", that of Don Antonio  
Castro, and that of the Messrs Vallejo, the bounda-  
ry line in the direction of the Madero River being  
the small creek (arroyo) that runs out of the  
Salispedras subject to the following conditions

1<sup>st</sup> It may enclose it, without prejudice to the woods  
through it and the highways: he shall have the  
free and exclusive enjoyment of it, applying it to  
such use and modes of cultivation as may best  
suit him

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2<sup>o</sup> The land of which donation is made is of the extent of Eight square leagues (Setos de ganados may or) as appears from the respective Map. The Survey who shall give the possession of it, shall have it measured in conformity with the Ordinances the surplus which results to remain to the nation for its proper use (usos convenientes)

3<sup>o</sup> He shall apply to the proper Judge to be given precedes possession by virtue of this Document (despacho) and of the approval which he has obtained from the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation, whereby the boundaries may be marked out, on the lines of which he shall erect the proper monuments.

4<sup>th</sup> If he shall contravene these conditions, he shall lose his right to the Land, and it shall be liable to denouncement by another.

Wherefore I order that these presents having which are the evidence of his title and are regarded as valid and binding shall be entered in the appropriate Book and delivered to the party in trust for his security and other purposes.  
Given at Monterey this 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1840

Juan B Alvarado  
Francisco Arce  
Treasurer

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H. J.  
Translation of

The citizen Manuel Micheltorena Brigadier General  
of the Mexican Army Adjutant General of the princ-  
pal Staff of the same General Command General  
and Inspector of the Department of California  
Whereas I Manuel Simono Casarin has shown that  
the Ranchos which have been granted to him the first,  
named Paparo (a) Salasqueras, and the second called  
Santa Paula by Salasqueras as they are embraced within  
the ten territorial leagues as expressed in the Colonization  
Law, and that for this reason the said I Manuel  
Simono prays for the approbation to be given by the  
Supreme Government in accordance with said Law  
and finding myself invested with Supreme powers  
transmitted to me by the Order of 11th February 1841  
I now approve said Colonization according to the  
extent indicated by the respective Maps in Order  
that the recipient and his heirs may enjoy them  
as a domain lawfully acquired and approved by  
the Supreme Government

City of Los Angeles 1st April 1843

Manuel Micheltorena

Francisco Arce

Just Clerk.

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This Indenture made this Eleventh day of October One thousand Eight hundred and fifty two between Manuel Jimeno of the City and County of Monterey in the State of California party of the first part and John P. Dueson, Stephen M. Tibbitts, Joseph B. Crockett, Edward D. Baker and James Blair all of the City and County of San Francisco in the same State parties of the second part: Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen thousand two hundred and thirty four dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold assigned transferred conveyed set over and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell assign transfer convey set over and confirm, unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever, all that part or parcel of land in the Rancho Sal Si Pinedas lying and being in the County of Santa Cruz California containing about One thousand one hundred and thirty three acres more or less which is bounded and described as near as may be on a map made of the same by L. N. Wright Surveyor of the County of Santa Cruz California, a Copy of which is herewith annexed with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging - Said tract of land of said being the same tract of land which the said Manuel Jimeno leased to J. Bryant Hill by a lease made at Monterey on the third day of November 1851 and is now occupied by said J. Bryant Hill under said lease.

The said tract of land so leased as aforesaid to J. Bryant Hill and which is truly conveyed to the said parties of the second part being included within the boundaries and description of the entire Rancho of Sal Si Pinedas as hereinafter described -

And for the further consideration of Twenty five thousand seven hundred and sixty six dollars lawful money of the United States of America paid in hand by the said parties of the second part to the said party of the first part the receipt



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whereof is hereby acknowledged by the party of the first part. The party of the first part hath granted Burguines solid assigned transferred conveyed set over and confirmed and by these presents doth grant Burguine. Sell a by transfer convey set over and confirm unto the said parties of the second part the following described tracts of land to wit:

All that certain tract of land in the County of Santa Cruz known as the Rancho of Salsipuedas lying and bounding between and upon the creek of the Salsipuedas and a line drawn from said creek through the centre of the Lagunas (a growth of Willows) at the end of said Lagunas, the table land the low hills and the Meccle of the "Canada Verde" to the top of the Sierra, thence Eastward along the Sierra Alta to the sources of the creek "del Tesadero" thence following the line of said creek and passing by the place de la Cruz (or bitumen) to the "Cajon del Monte". Thence taking on the South East a straight line to the Payaro River: and the Payaro River: as the said boundaries are more fully and exactly set forth in the decree or concession of Juan B Alvarado heretofore Governor of California under the Republic of Mexico made at Monterey February 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 and also the decree and concession of the said Juan B Alvarado Governor de. Made at Monterey March 1. 1840. both made in favor of said Jimeno and which for greater certainty of description reference is hereby made. And being the same tract of land heretofore granted to the said Manuel Jimeno party of the first part by the said Alvarado Governor as aforesaid which grant was subsequently confirmed and ratified to the said Manuel Jimeno party of the first part by Manuel Michel Lorenza Governor of California under the Mexican Republic by an Order or decree made at the City of Los Angeles April 1. 1843 containing in all eight square leagues of land (sitios de ganados Mayor) more or less excepting so much of said Rancho of Salsipuedas to wit, One thousand and thirteen acres as is in the beginning conveyed to the said parties of the second part, and described as being now leased to I Bryant Steel.

And also <sup>that</sup> all tract of land in the County of Santa Barbara in the said State known as the Rancho

of Santa Paula and Satecay boundaries and describe  
 as follows. Bounded by a line commencing  
 at a point in the Secma Ravine (Caranca) towards  
 Santa Buena Ventura and on the main road  
 to the River of Santa Clara, thence running East  
 one quarter South and passing between the small  
 hills until it strikes Saica River 104 Caracels or  
 Surecys chains of 50 Varas each, thence along  
 the Valley of Saica River in the direction of North  
 East one quarter North to the six Elm trees on the  
 right Bank of the River and to the West of the  
 point of the Hill top 155 Caracels. From the Elms  
 due East to the Saica point of the hill top crossing  
 (Cotanca) the River 26 Caracels and thence in the  
 same direction (without using the Carcel) about one  
 150 Varas, and thence continuing the line over and  
 along the skirt (fulca) of the hill until it strikes  
 a small willow or Alder tree (Sanguito) on the left  
 bank of a small Ravine or gully and at the foot  
 of the slope of the hill 130 Caracels, thence along  
 the skirt (fulca) of the hills E.N.E. as far as the  
 Arroyo called the Colorado 55 Caracels thence by the  
 way of (Trojancas) the hills in a direction N.N.E.  
 as far as the confluence of the Arroyo Meeper with  
 the River Santa Clara 35 Caracels more or less  
 thence (from the Saica point of confluence) in a  
 North West direction following the course of the  
 Arroyo de Meeper to its junction with the Arroyo  
 de Sisua 200 Caracels; thence following the base of  
 the least named Arroyo to its mouth or termination  
 (desembocadura) (and whose source is in the hills  
 that are seen to the North) 30 Caracels. thence and  
 from the boundaries of the confluence of the Arroyo  
 de Sisua and the Arroyo de Meeper and following  
 the summits or ridge of the high hills called  
 Azufre (being the highest and looceed hills in the  
 vicinity) in a direction about from E.N.E. to N.W.  
 West as far as the summit or bluff (Cama o tope) of  
 the Azufre hills about 300 Caracels or three leagues  
 more or less. Thence running due South and  
 passing over the Peak of the highest hills (Cama  
 mas alta) which serves as a boundary of Lanes  
 now or late of Messrs Murega 175 Caracels or one  
 and three quarter leagues more or less. Thence in  
 the same direction and passing over the summit of

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The hill in which rises a small Ravine that comes down to the plain to the point in the second Ravine (barranca) towards San Buenaventura which was the place of beginning as more fully set forth in the record of proceedings possession of the same grant and the survey made November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> duly certified by Pablo de la Guerra as Just Alcaide of Santa Barbara as in the Official Record thereof contained, which Record is herewith delivered by the said party of the first part to the said parties of the second part and to which reference is hereby made for greater accuracy being the same tract of land granted to the said Jimeno party of the first part by Juan B. Alvarez do Perote of the Council of California under the Republic of Mexico by a Concession or decree made at Monterey April 28. 1840 and by a Concession or decree made at Monterey June 10. 1840 containing in all four square leagues of land (sitios de ganado Mayor) more or less together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging and the reversion and reversions remainders and remainderments issues and profits thereto belonging or in any wise thereto appertaining and all the estate right title or interest of the said party of the first part of or to the above described premises and every part or parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns forever in the following share and proportions namely - to the said Davidson three undivided Eighth parts, to the said Tibbets One undivided Eighth part, to the said Crockett & Baker One undivided third part and to the said Blair One undivided sixth part - and the said Jimeno for himself his legal representatives covenants with the said parties of the second part that at the delivery hereof he the said Jimeno is the lawful Owner of said premises and is seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein and has good right to sell grant and convey the same - and whereas in pursuance of certain conditions in an agreement of lease made at Monterey on the third day of November 1851 between the said

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Munuel Jimeno and J Bryant Hill which said lease is referred to on the first page of this deed or indenture, and the land thereby leased is also described on said first page of this instrument. The said Jimeno has offered to the said Hill to sell him the said one thousand and thirteen acres leased as aforesaid to the said Hill for the price of one thousand of Egyptian dollars for each and every acre thereof with the refusal of the same until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October Instant. Therefore it is agreed that if the said offer should be accepted by the said J Bryant Hill as aforesaid, that then the sum received therefor by the said Jimeno from the said Hill shall be paid over by the said Jimeno to the said parties of the second part and so much of this deed as purports to convey to the said parties of the second part the land so leased and now occupied by the said J Bryant Hill shall be and remain utterly void and of no force whatever or otherwise if the said J Bryant Hill shall not accept the said offer of said Jimeno to sell to him the land so leased as aforesaid then the whole of this deed shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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And the said Jimeno hereby assigns and transfers unto the said parties of the second part all his right title and interest of and to the said agreement of lease between him and the said Hill and in the said offer or contract of sale of the said one thousand and thirteen acres. And the said parties of the second part agree that the same party of the first part may have from and after the execution and delivery of this deed of conveyance the period of five months for the purpose of removing from said Ranchos of Salsipuedes, and Santa Cecilia y Saticay, the cattle and live stock of some party of the first part now on said Ranchos. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. Sealed and delivered.

In the presence of (Signed) Manl Jimeno  
Chas. Mc Delany | " | James Blair  
" | " | L.P. Davison

Seal  
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Seal

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J. B. Crockett  
E. D. Baker  
Stephen H. Tibbitts

State of California  
County of San Francisco

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On this Eleventh day of October A.D. 1853 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared Manuel Romero, James Blair, J. P. Dubois, J. B. Crockett, E. D. Baker and Stephen Tibbitts personally known to me to be the persons described in whose names are subscribed to and who executed the foregoing conveyances and severally acknowledged to me that they executed said conveyances freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Witness my hand and official seal  
Chas. M. C. Delaney

I hereby certify that the foregoing deed is recorded in the Book of Deeds Vol. 1<sup>st</sup> and pages 447, 448, 449, 450 and 451 and also that the map is recorded in Book of Records Vol 1<sup>st</sup> and pages 452 & 453 of the Records of the Recorder's Office in and for the County of Santa Cruz and State of California Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1853

Attest Peter Tracy Recorder  
By Hy F. Parsons S. R.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Deed is recorded in the Record of Deeds "Liber A" and pages 77, 78, 79, 80 & 81 and also that the Maps of the Rancho del Surpedras and Santa Fe de San Mateo are recorded in said Record of Deeds "Liber A" pages 82 of the Records of the Recorder's Office in and for the County of Santa Barbara and State of California December 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1853

Attest J. M. Burroughs  
County Recorder  
by J. Aug. Hutchison  
Deputy

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Los. Gefé Superior Político y Militar.

Don Francisco de Harro Subteniente de la Compañia de Infanteria Veterana de S. Blas que se halla de auxilio en esta Provincia y Comandante accidental de ella, con todo el debido respecto ante V. S. se presenta exponiendo lo que sigue: que despues de tener contraido matrimonio con Donna Humiliana Sanchez natural de esta provincia, hija legitima de D<sup>n</sup> Jose Sanchez Alfaro Graduado de la Compañia de Caballeria provincial de S<sup>n</sup> Francisco; estan debidos por lo medios que me sean posibles ha establecerme en esta Provincia que en ella me hallo ya poseedor de algunos bienes de campo como son de ganado mayor y caballeria y que para la seguridad de ellos y para su existencia necesito de un parage y terreno en donde establecerlos con ella, para el logro de un poseer y frutos; por esta consideracion he creido indispensable ocurrir como lo hago a las autoridades facultadas de V. S. a fin de que en uso de ellas y en virtud de las Capitulaciones 9 y 18 de la Ley Colonial que se se ha publicado, y que de estos extractos; si estos me favorecieren a mi Abogador y Juec<sup>n</sup> se dignen en recta y justa consideracion hacerlos con ellos consecuyendo me la propiedad de los sitios de ganado mayor, entre el rango de paruro y el de Subsiguientes V. S. para fundar en ellos un rancho con mis otros bienes y cultivo de mi terreno como me segun me lo permita mi posibilidad, para cuyo efecto espero de la generosa bondad de V. S. se dignen mandar (comisionando a la persona que convenga para de su agrado) se me dé y ponga en la correspondiente posesion de dichos dos sitios con las formalidades de la materia segun forma y estilo para poseerlos y poseer mis sucesores con legitima propiedad sin pagar, con dano ni interrupcion. Por tanto A V. S. Suplico se obligue mirar propio esta mi solicitud, protegiendo en justicia lo que fuere de la Sup<sup>a</sup> agrada. Monterey de la Alta California. Junio 13 de 1823.

Francisco de Harro. —

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Monterrey 15 de Junio de 1823.

Por presentado y admitido el escrito que antecede, y en vista de lo que esta pide: pongase en posesion de los dos sitios de granudo mayor en el parage nombrado Salsipuedes al Subteniente de la Compañia de Infanteria auxiliar de esta provincia Don Francisco de Harro; para lo cual nombro y autorizo para el efecto a Don Jose Estrada, Teniente General de la Compañia de Caballeria Presidencial de Monterrey, para que personalmente vaya a los mencionados sitios y ponga en posesion de ellos al referido Subteniente D. Francisco de Harro; asi lo puse, mande y firmé yo Don Luis Antonio Argüello, Jefe Superior Político y Militar de esta provincia de la Alta California con los testigos de esta. Con quienes actua por receptoria a falta de todo escriban. Doy fe. Luis Antonio Argüello.

De esta.

De esta.

José Antonio Mariola. Matias Guerrero. = En los sitios nombrados Salsipuedes Jurisdiccion de Monterrey en quince de Junio del año de mil ochocientos veinte y tres. Yo Don Jose Estrada Teniente General de la Compañia de Caballeria Presidencial de Monterrey; Jefe Comisionado por el Señor Capitan Don Luis Antonio Argüello, Jefe Superior político y Militar de Dha. Provincia habiendo visto el antecedido escrito presentado por el Subteniente de la Compañia de Infanteria de Sr. D. Francisco de Harro, y en el lo mandado por el expresado Señor Jefe Superior Político y Militar D. Luis Antonio Argüello: Dize se guarde y cumpla lo usulto por S. S. que y en su puntual y debido cumplimiento, debia de mandar y cuando se ponga en posesion y goce de los dchos. sitios al Subteniente D. Francisco de Harro; asi por este acto de obediencia lo puse, mande y firmé con los testigos de esta. Con quienes actua por receptoria a falta de todo escriban. Jose Estrada.

assí. José de Anuetti

José Rico.

En otros sitios, día, mes y año Yo el Comisionado, a cumplido

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de los testigos de asse. y de algunos y de algunos de los vecinos que viven por dhas. sin mediciones, pasamos a los dos sitios nombrados "Salipuebles" a efecto de darle la posesion que manda el Señor Jefe Superior Politico y Militar Don Luis Antonio Argüello en su decreto de quince de Junio del presente año y estando en dhas. sitios lo tome de la mano y se paca por ellos, hizo que tomara posesion pro<sup>rd</sup> y personal la que tuvo quieta y pacificamente y en señal de verdadera posesion hizo prebendas por los quatro vientos, arranco yerbas e hizo otros actos de verdadera posesion: y el expresado Jefe Comisionado mande a nombre de S.M.D. (p. d. g.) que ning una persona inquiete en manera alguna de la citada posesion de los dos sitios de Salipuebles que el susodho. Don Francisco de Haro tiene tomada y de ella no sea despojada sin ser primer visto por fuera de dho. veido bajo la pena de doscientos pesos en que desde luego comencero al que asi lo hiere aplicados a pena de carcel y gastos de justicia: de cuyo auto fueron testigos algunos de los vecinos de este Peridio de Monterrey y los de mi asse. actuando por receptoria en la forma ordinaria.

Doy feè. José Estrueta.  
 De asse. De asistencia.  
 José de Anasti José Pilo.

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Geo. Fisher.  
 Secretary.

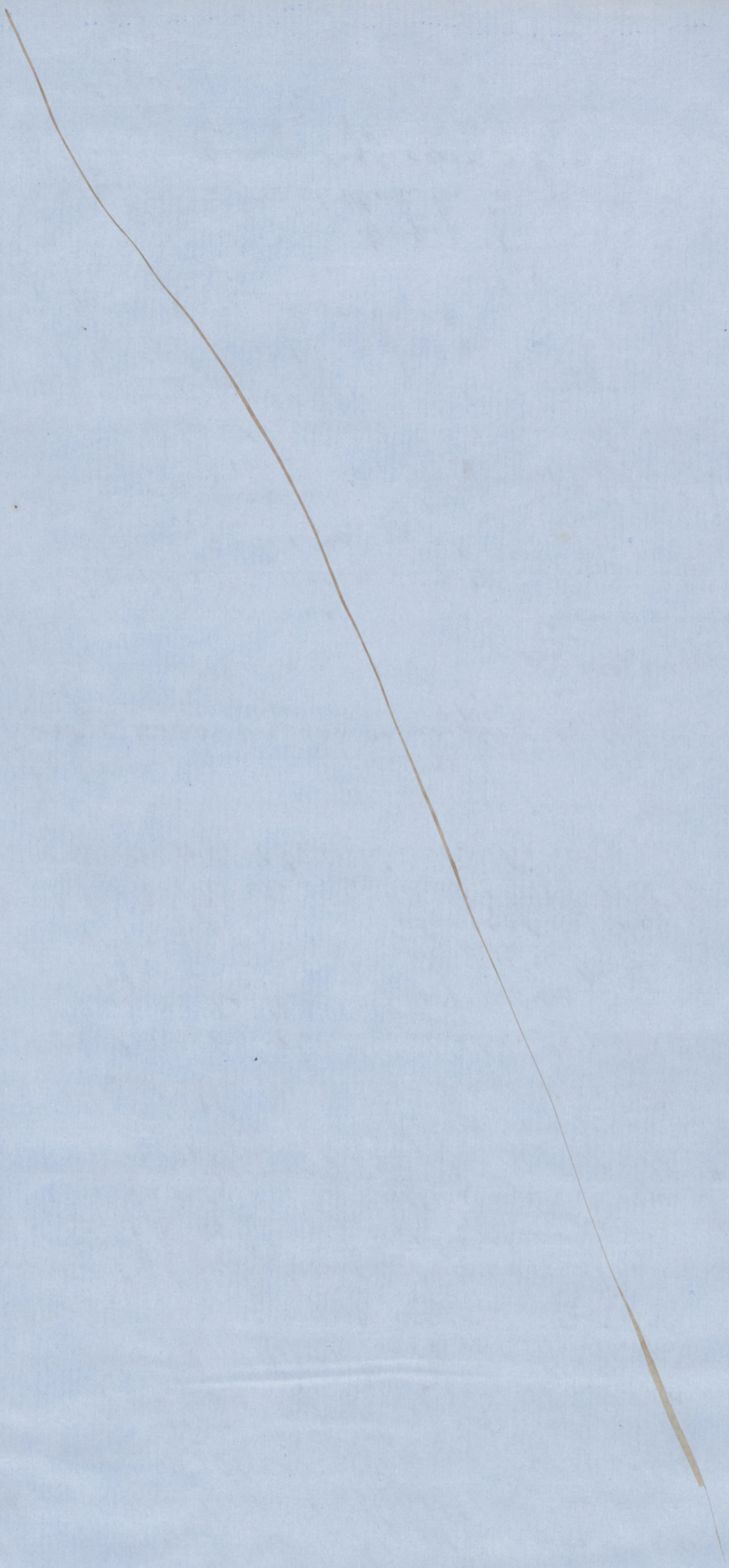
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Translation of  
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To the Supreme Political and Military Chief  
Don Francisco De Soto, Ensign of the Veteran  
Infantry Company of San Blas which is now  
only in this Province and the Provisional  
Commander of the same with the respect which  
is your due, presents himself before you with the  
following statement: That since the date of his  
marriage with Dona Emiliama Sanchez a native  
of this Province and the legitimate daughter of  
Don Jose Sanchez Ensign by brevet of the Cavalry  
Company of the Presidio of San Francisco, I have  
determined by all possible means to establish  
myself in this Province, that I am the owner of  
some stock of black cattle and horses and that  
for their safety and a settled life I require a place  
and tract of land where I may place them, in  
order to enjoy with this settled mode of life  
their increase and profits, for which consideration  
I have deemed it indispensable to have recourse  
as I now do, to the ample powers you hold, in  
order that in their exercise, and by virtue of  
Chapters 9 & 18 of the Colonization Law which  
has been published, and with which I am ac-  
quainted, and if these should be in my favor  
or of my wife and Successors if it pleases you  
to do so in your righteous and just judgment, you  
should grant me the ownership of two square  
leagues (sitios de ganados) between the Arroyo del  
Tajaro and that of Salspedras. Sit (West by  
South) in order to establish upon them a Rancho  
with my said cattle and for the cultivation  
of the same as far as my ability will enable me  
for which object I hope in your generous liberal-  
ity, that you will be pleased to decree (commis-  
sioning a suitable person and one who will be  
agreeable to you) that these two leagues may be  
given to me and that I may be put in lawful  
possession of the same with the formalities apper-  
taining thereto according to Law and custom,  
in order that I may possess them, and that my  
Successors may have them in lawful ownership  
without prejudice, opposition or interruption.  
Wherefore I entreat you that you will be pleased  
to look with a favorable eye upon this my petition  
determining justly that which shall be agreeable to

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your Superior Will.  
Monterey in Alta California June 13<sup>th</sup> 1823  
Francisco de Haro

Monterey 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1823

By reason of the preceding document presented and approved and by reason of that asked for by this party, let possession be given of the two square leagues (Acervos de ganado Mayor) in the locality known as "Salsipuedes" to the ensign of the Company of Infantry on duty in this Province Don Francisco de Haro, for which reason I appoint and authorize to carry it into effect, Don Jose Estrada, Private Lieutenant of the Cavalry Company of the Presidio of Monterey, in order that he may proceed in person to the aforesaid lands and put the same ensign Don Francisco de Haro in possession of the same. Thus I Don Luis Antonio Arguello Superior Political and Military Chief of this Province of Alta California decree, order and subscribe in presence of the aforesaid witnesses, before whom this act is passed by virtue of my Commission (for recapture) for the want of a Notary, to which I certify

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Witnesses present Luis Antonio Arguello  
Jose Antonio Garcoles = Mateus Guerrero

At the lands called Salsipuedes within the jurisdiction of Monterey on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty three I Don Jose Estrada Private Lieutenant of the Cavalry Company of the Presidio of Monterey, the Deputy Commissioner by Captain Don Luis Antonio Arguello Superior Political and Military Chief of said Province, having seen the preceding decree presented by the Ensign of the Company of Infantry of San Blas Don Francisco de Haro, and in it that which was ordered by the said Superior Political and Military Chief Don Luis Anto Arguello I announced that the decree of his Excellency should be fulfilled and carried out and for its exact proper execution it became my duty to order and I did so order, that the Ensign Don Francisco de Haro should be put in possession and enjoyment of said above mentioned lands. This by this order given in compliance with my instructions I decreed, signed and subscribed the same as well as the

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 witnesses officiating before whom this act is  
 passed, by virtue of my powers (per receptorem)  
 for the use of a Notary, to which I certify  
 Silescribimus Uctnesis. Jose Estrada

Jose de Armeste = Jose Pico

On the said lands and on the said day month  
 and year, I the Commissioner accompanied by the  
 Silescribimus Uctnesis and by some of the Neighbors  
 living near the said Lands, proceeded to the two  
 leagues (sitios) called Salsipuedes for the purp  
 use of giving him the possession ordered by the Sup  
 erior Political and Military Chief Don Juan Anton  
 de Arguello by his decree of the 15th of June of the  
 present year, and being on said Lands I took  
 him by the hand and walked him through them  
 to take real and personal possession thereof, which  
 he did quietly and peacefully, and as a sign of  
 true possession, he threw stones to the four points of  
 the Camp, pulled up herbs and did other acts  
 of lawful possession. I the aforesaid Commissioner  
 duly commanded in the name of His Imperial Majesty  
 by (whom God preserve) that no one should disturb him  
 in any manner in the said possession of the two leagues  
 of Salsipuedes, which the above named Don Juan  
 de Haro has now taken, and that he shall not be  
 dispossessed of the same without being first heard  
 (adjudice) by force of a successful suit, under  
 the penalty of two hundred dollars in which I now  
 condemn him who shall do so, to be applied to the  
 treasury and expenses of Justice; of which decree  
 some of the Neighbors of this Presence of Monterey  
 were Uctnesis, as well as those officiating as  
 such, passing this act by virtue of my Commission  
 (per receptorem) in the usual form.

Silescribimus Uctnesis

Jose Estrada

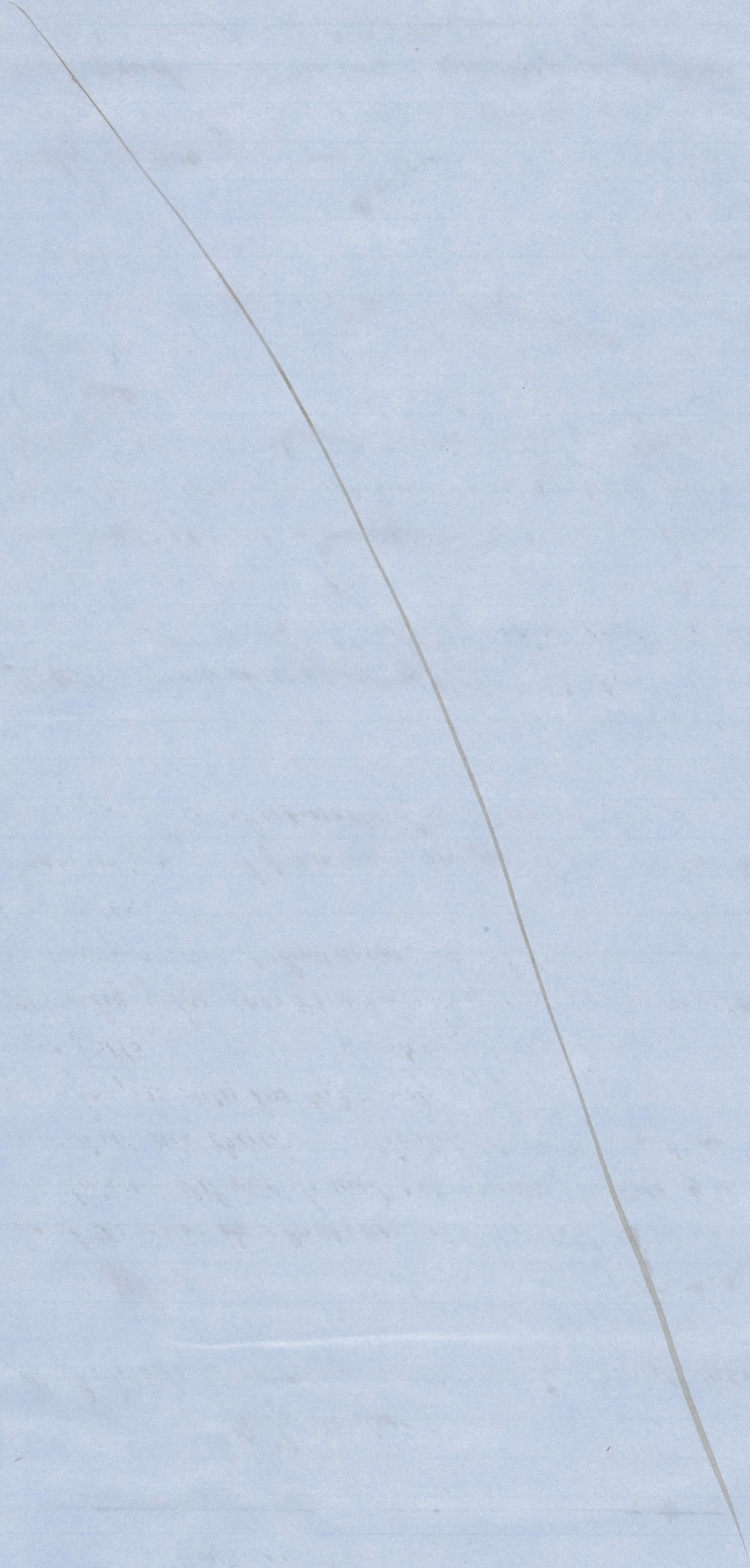
Jose de Armeste

Jose Pico

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Escritura de la venta que hizo el Rancho de  
Salispedes el P. Fr<sup>co</sup> de Haro al Ciudadano  
Manuel Jimeno Casarin.

Sello 1<sup>o</sup> Seis pesos.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Comis<sup>o</sup> Subalterna  
Interior del Distrito de Monterey de la Alta California  
para los años de 1831 y 1832. Tomas.

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En el Distrito de Monterey a los veinte y seis dias del mes  
de febrero del año de mil ochocientos treinta y uno ante  
mi Antonio Baselma Alcalde Constitucional de este  
pueblo presentes los testigos de asistencia con quienes actuo  
por falta de escribano publico que no lo hay en los terminos  
de la ley y los instrumentales que al fin se nombraron  
se presentaron voluntariamente el Subteniente retirado de  
Infanteria Sr<sup>o</sup> Juan<sup>o</sup> de Haro y Don Manuel Jimeno  
Casarin y dijo el primero: que por el presente conste la  
venta que hace al expresado Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin  
de todos los bienes que tiene en el Rancho que posee y al  
mismo tiempo le cede todo el derecho de posesion y  
proteccion que a el le asiste y resta de haber la obtenida  
en el terreno llamado Salispedes en la cantidad  
de mil novecientos pesos, mil cuatrocientos pesos en  
plata Mexicana y quinientos en ramos de otros cuya  
cantidad tiene ya recibida a su contentamiento para lo cual  
le hace entrega de unos documentos que manifiestan  
la posesion que goza del referido Salispedes y el  
respectivo registro del finco y tenal cuyos documentos  
son del tenor siguiente. = Sor. Jefe Superior Partido  
de las Setas. = y Notario = Don Francisco de Haro Subteniente de  
la Comp<sup>ia</sup> de Infanteria Veterana de Sr<sup>o</sup> de las que se  
halla en anastio de esta Provincia y Ciudad auto  
-entual de ella; con el debido respeto ante V. S. se presenta  
exponiendo lo siguiente: que despues de tener contratado  
Multimonio con Doña Emiliama Sanchez natural

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Subteniente  
de las Setas. =

de esta Provincia hija legitima de Don José Sanchez. alfarer  
 guardando de la Compañia de labal<sup>a</sup> Previsal de S<sup>m</sup> Juan lo  
 estar desviado por los medios que me sean posibles a est.  
 - aslo con me en esta provincia que en ella me hago poseedor  
 de algunos bienes de campo como son de granado mayor  
 y Caballada y que para la seguridad de ellos y fija  
 existencia necesito de un parage y terreno en donde establecer  
 me con ella para el logro de sus provechos y frutos por esta  
 Consideracion he creido indispensable ocurrir como lo hago  
 a las amplias facultades de N. S. aqui de que en uso de ellas  
 y en virtud de los capitulos 9 y 18 de la ley colonial que se  
 hay publicado y de que estoy enterado y si estas me favore  
 - cieren o si mi Mujer o sucesion se dignen su recta  
 y justa Consideracion hacerlo con ellas concurriendo me su  
 Sello de una quartilla.

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Habiendo provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna  
 Interina del puerto de Monterey por los autos de 1831 y 1832  
 "propiedad de dos sitios de granado, Gomer.  
 Mayor entre el Arroyo de Pajani y el de Salispuedes  
 O. S. para fundar en ellos un Rancho con mis dichos  
 bienes y cultivo de sus tierras segun me lo permite mi  
 posibilidad para cuyo efecto espero de la generosa bondad  
 de N. S. se obligue mandando (Comisionada a la persona que  
 comparezca y fuere de su agrado) se me dé y pruya en  
 la correspondiente proteccion de dichos dos sitios con las  
 formalidades de la materia segun forma y estilo para  
 poseerlos y poseer mis sucesores con legitima propiedad  
 sin perjuicio embargo, ni interrupcion. Por tanto  
 A. S. Suplico se obligue mirar proprio esta mi solicitud  
 proteyendo en justicia conque fuere de su superior  
 agrado. Monterey de la alta California Junio 13 de  
 1823 = Francisco de Haro = Monterey 13 de Junio  
 de 1823. = Por presentado y admitido de escrito que  
 antecede y en virtud de lo que esta parte pide, pruyase  
 en proteccion de los dos sitios de granado mayor  
 en el parage nombrado Salispuedes al subteniente

Secreto.

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de la Compañia Infanteria auxiliar de esta provincia  
 Don Francisco de Harro para lo cual nombro y autorizo  
 para el efecto a Don Jose Estrada Teniente graduado  
 de la Compañia de Caballeria Presidencial de Monterey  
 para que personalmente pase a los mencionados sitios  
 y ponga en posesion de ellos al repetido Subteniente Don  
 Francisco de Harro, asi lo proveo, mande y firme yo Don  
 Luis Antonio Arguillo Jefe Superior politico y Militar  
 de esta provincia de Alta California con los testigos de  
 asistencia con quienes actuo por receptoria a falta de todo  
 escribano. Doy fe. Luis Antonio Arguillo = De asist<sup>o</sup>  
 Jose Antonio Garola = de asist<sup>o</sup> Matias Guerrero = de asist<sup>o</sup>

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En los sitios nombrados Subsiguientes jurisdiccion  
 { acto de obediencia } de Monterey en quince de Junio del  
 { por el Comandante } año del mil ochocientos veinte y tres;  
 Yo Don Jose Estrada Teniente Graduado de la Compañia  
 de Caballeria Presidencial de Monterey Jefe Comandante  
 por el Sr. Capitan Don Luis Antonio Arguillo, Jefe Superior  
 Politico y Militar de dicha Provincia habiendo visto  
 el antecedente decreto presentado por el Subteniente de la  
 Compañia de Infanteria de 1<sup>a</sup> Bata Don Francisco de  
 Harro y en ello mandado por el expresado Señor Jefe  
 Superior Politico y Militar Don Luis Antonio Arguillo  
 Sello h<sup>o</sup> una cuartilla.

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Habiéndolo proveido igualmente por la Comision Subalterna  
 Superior del puerto de Monterey para los años de 1831 y 1832.

y dije lo que debe y cumple lo comuto, (4) Gomez  
 (5) por S. y en su puntual y debido cumplimiento mande  
 de mandar y mande se ponga en posesion y gozo de  
 los susodichos sitios al Subteniente Don Francisco de Harro  
 asi por este auto de obediencia lo previne, mande y  
 firme con los testigos de asistencia con quienes actuo  
 por receptoria a falta de todo escribano Doy fe. Jos.  
 Estrada = de asist<sup>o</sup> Jose de Anestis = de asist<sup>o</sup> Jose Pico.  
 y Ponce = En dichos sitios dia mes y año yo el  
 Comandante a compaña de los testigos de asist<sup>o</sup>

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y de algunos y de algunos de los vecinos que viven por  
dichos inmediaciones pasados a los dos sitios nombrados  
Salsipuedes a efecto de darle la posesion que manada el  
Don. Jefe Superior Político y Militar Don Luis Ant<sup>o</sup> Argüello  
en su decreto de quince de Junio del presente año y estando  
en dichos sitios lo tomé de la mano y lo pasé por ellas  
hize que tomara posesion real y personal la que tomé  
por ellos hize que tomara, lo que tomé quieto y pacifica-  
mente y en señal de verdadera posesion, tiró pedras  
por los cuatro vientos, amance yerbos he hizo otras actos  
de verdadera posesion: yo el expresado Juan Constituido  
manada a nombre de S. M. Y. (I. S. Y.) que ninguna persona  
inquieta en manera alguna en la estado posesion de  
los sitios de Salsipuedes que el susodicho Sr. Francisco de  
Harro tiene tomada y de ella no sea despojado sin ser  
primero oido por fuerza de derecho benéfico bajo la pena  
de cien pesos en que desde luego condene al que asi  
lo hubiere aplicado a pena de caridad y gastos de  
justicia: de luego unto fueron testigos algunos de los vecinos  
de este P<sup>o</sup> de Mouserry y los de mi asistencia actuados  
por receptoria en la forma ordinaria Do y fe. = José Estada  
= de asistencia = José de Tinuisti = de cont<sup>o</sup> José Pico.

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Sobradad del feno { Don Francisco de Harro sustituto  
y señal { de la Compañia de Infanteria  
erana de P<sup>o</sup>blas que halla de anuncio en esta provincia  
y lo manovante accidental de la misma. a V. S. ha parecido  
que hallandose tenedor de algunos bienes necesita para  
la mejor seguridad de ellas sepan marcados segun  
acostumbra en esta provincia; en esta virtud ocurro a la  
consideracion de V. S. afin de que se otorgue registrar la marca  
del margen para que si hay obstaculo que lo embargare  
se me conceda el permiso correspondiente, y en las terminos  
que conviene para hize de ella el uso que solicito. se hizo  
Por tanto = A. V. S. recibid a cuenta Suplico se sirva proveer  
en justicia lo que sea de su Superior agrado. - Mouserry  
Año. 21 de 1823. = Manuel de Harro = marca T. =

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{ Concesion del piezo { Anuncioy Marzo 24 de 1823 =  
y Sent. } Concedido = Arguillo = Gratis Datis.

Sent. vuelto arriba y abajo = Y que el derecho que tiene de concesion y posesion de los dos sitios se los cede al capitan Manuel Jimeno Casarin para que haga de el el uso que le convenga y las olupe dichos sitios amplia y pacificamente asi como el mismo los gozaba en virtud de la posesion que se le tiene dada: Ya la firmesa y validacion de lo que en virtud de esta venta hace obliga el otorgante suplicas y breves avisos y haber y en ellos se somete al fuero y jurisdiccion de los Señores Jueces que del caso ovan conuenir de cualquier estado que sean para que a su cumplimiento se los compelan y estuchen como por sententia pasada en autoridad de cosa juzgada. Renuncia todas las leyes de su fuero y obediencia con la general del derecho en forma en cuyo testimonio asi lo otorgo y firmaron con miyo todas

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testigos de arist.ª José Castillo José Arguello y Juan Piqueroa siendo los instrumentales José Tiburcio Castro Antonio Castro y Mariano Loberanes todos presentes y vecinos oloy fei. = Antonio Buelna = Francisco de Navarro = Manuel Jimeno Casarin = José Antonio Castillo = José Aguilera = Juan Obigueroa = José Tiburcio de Castro = Ant.º Castro = Mariano Loberanes = Derechos de juzgado ocho pesos y de consutta de otros cinco pesos = Buelna.

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Con cuerda con su original que está en este archivo de mi cargo agregarlo al presente protocolo de instrumentos publicos y fielmente leerlo y conijido y conservado en cuatro folias enteras del sello 1º y cuatro adhiriendo que el original queda estendido en tres pliegos de papel uso del sello 3º y dos del sello 4º. Lo que autorse y firmé con los testigos de asistencia en la forma ordinaria.

Joy fei. Antonio Buelna

De esta.

Yo esta

José Castro.

Juan Arraado

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Seal 1<sup>st</sup> Six Dollars

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Translation of  
Act of Sale  
Exhibit A. F. No 3

Supplied provisionally by the temporary deputy Comm  
pany's Office of the Port of Monterey of Alta California  
for the year 1831 and 1832

Gomez...

In the Presence of Monterey the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month  
of February of the year Eighteen hundred thirty  
one before me Antonio Bucina the Constitutional  
Alcalde of this Pueblo in the presence of the witnesses  
consisting me, before whom I put this Act for the want  
of a Notary Public, there being none in the manner  
prescribed by Law, and the assisting witnesses who  
will be named at the end, voluntarily appeared  
Don Francisco de Haro late Ensign of the Infantry and  
Don Manuel Jimeno Cesarin, the first whom I de-  
clare, that in these presents, is set forth the sale which  
the said Haro makes to the said Don Manuel  
Jimeno Cesarin of all the cattle which he has on  
the Rancho, which he owns, and at the same time  
he conveys to him all the right of possession and con-  
ception (which to him belongs by reason of his having  
obtained it) to the tract of land called Salsipue-  
das for the sum of Nineteen hundred dollars of  
which fourteen hundred are in Mexican Silver &  
Five hundred in various pieces, which sums he has  
previously received to his satisfaction, for which  
reason he delivers certain documents which show  
the possession which he has been enjoying of the  
said land of Salsipuedas and the respective  
renew of the brand and mark which documents  
are in the following words To the Superior Political  
and Military Chief = Don Francisco de Haro.

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Petition for the  
2 Leagues

Ensign of the Veteran Infantry Company of San Blas  
who finds himself on duty in this Province and  
Provisional Commander of said Company, with the  
respect which is due, presents himself before you  
with the following statement: that since the time  
of his marriage with Doña Emeliana Sanchez, born  
in this Province, legitimate daughter of Don Jose Sanchez  
= es, Barral Ensign of the Cavalry Company of the  
Presence of San Francisco, I have determined by all  
possible means to establish myself in this Province  
that I am the Owner of some stock of black cattle  
and horses, and that for their safety and settled  
life, I require a place and tract of land where

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I may please them. I have this settled life in order to enjoy then increase and profits, for which consideration I have deemed it indispensable to have recourse as I now do, to the ample powers you hold in order that in their exercise, and by the virtue of Chapters 9 & 18 of the Colonial Law which has been published and with which I am acquainted, and if these should favor me, my wife or successor if you should be pleased to do so in your righteous and just judgment, to grant me the ownership of two Spanish Leagues (Sitios de ganados) between the Arroyo del Payano and that of "Salsipuedes" (west by south) in order to establish upon them a Rancho with my said cattle, and for the cultivation of the lands as far as my ability will enable me, for which object I hope in the process heretofore proposed, you will be pleased to decree (Commissary in a suitable person and also who will be agreeable to you) that these two leagues may be given to me, and that I may be put in lawful possession of the same with the formalities appertaining thereto according to Law and custom, in order that I may possess them, and that my successor may possess them in lawful ownership without prejudice or interruption. Wherefore I entreat you that you will be pleased to look with a favorable eye upon this my petition, determining in justice that which shall be agreeable to your Supreme Will. Monterey Alta California June 13<sup>th</sup> 1823

Francisco De Soto

Decree  
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Monterey June 15<sup>th</sup> 1823

By reason of the preceding document presented and accepted and by reason of their request for by this party, let possession be given of the two Spanish Leagues (Sitios de ganados Mayas) in the locality known as Salsipuedes, to the Ensign of the Company of Infantry on duty in this Province Don Francisco de Soto, for which I appoint and authorize for this purpose Don Jose Estrada Private Lieutenant of the Cavalry Company of the Presidio of Monterey in order that he may proceed in person to the aforesaid lands and put the said Ensign Don Francisco de Soto in possession of the same. Thus I Don Luis Antonio Arguello Superior

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Political and military Chief of this Province of  
New California, decrees, orders and subscribes  
in presence of the following witnesses before whom  
this act is passed in office (poreceptoria) for the  
want of a Notary - I certify.

Witnesses  
Señor Antonio Arguello  
Jose Antonio Gureola - Mateus Guerrero

At the Sunus (sitios) called Salsipuedas, in the  
jurisdiction of Monterey on the 15th of June in the  
Year One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three  
Don Jose Estrada Parra Lieutenant of the Cavalry  
Company of the Presidio of Monterey, the Judge Comm  
is named by Captain Don Señor Anto Arguello Superior  
Political and Military Chief of said Province, hav  
ing seen the preceding decree presented by the Ensign  
of the Company of Infantry of San Blas, Don Francisco  
de Haro, and in it that which was ordered by the  
said Superior Political and Military Chief Don  
Señor Anto Arguello; I declared that the decree of  
his Excellency should be fulfilled and executed  
and for its punctual and proper execution it  
became my duty to Order, and I did Order that  
the Ensign Don Francisco de Haro should be put  
in possession and enjoyment of said lands above  
mentioned - Thus by this Order given in compliance  
with my instructions I ordered decrees were  
read and subscribed as well as the witnesses  
present before whom this act is passed in office  
for the want of a Notary - To which I certify

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Witnesses  
Jose Estrada  
Jose de Armeste Jose Pico

Posepsion

At the said lands, the day month and year  
expressed I the Commissioner accompanied by the  
following witnesses and by some of the neigh  
bors who live near the same proceeded to the  
two leagues (sitios) called "Salsipuedas" for the  
purpose of giving him the possession ordered by the  
Superior Political and Military Chief Don Señor  
Antonio Arguello by his decree of the 15th of June  
of the present year, and being on said lands I  
took him by the hand and walked him through  
them - I caused him to take real and personal  
possession, which he took quietly and peacefully  
and in sign of true possession, he threw stones to the  
four points of the compass, pulled up hales and

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other acts of laudable possession. I the undersigned  
 Commissioner Judge, ordered in the name of his  
 Imperial Majesty (whom God preserve) that no one  
 should disturb him in any manner in the said  
 possession of the two leagues (sitios) of Salsipuedas  
 which the above named Don Francisco de Soto  
 has now taken and that he shall not be disposses-  
 ed of the same without being first heard (oído y  
 juzgado) by the face of rights acquired by law, under  
 the penalty of two hundred dollars in which I  
 now condemn him who shall do so, to be applied  
 to the Royal Treasury and Expenses of Justice -  
 of which decree several of the neighbors of this  
 Presidio of Monterey were witnesses - as well as  
 those specially assisting me, passing this act by  
 virtue of my Commission (por Receptores) in office  
 in the usual form, to which I call my  
 witnesses present. Jose Estrada

Jose Amate Jose Pico  
 Don Francisco de Soto Ensign of the Veteran Comp-  
 any of Infantry of San Blas which is now on duty  
 in this Province, and temporary Commander of the  
 same makes known to you, Sir, that finding him-  
 self the Owner of some Cattle, he requests for them  
 pleata de ceniza, to have them branded, as is the  
 custom in this Province, by reason of which he has  
 recourse to your Consideration, in order that you  
 may be pleased to receive the mark in the margin  
 in order that if there is no difficulty which may  
 prevent it, he will grant me the necessary permis-  
 sion, and on such terms as are agreeable. Where  
 for Sir I humbly entreat you to be pleased to  
 determine in Justice, that which may be agree-  
 able to your Superior Will.

Mark Francisco de Soto

Monterey, March 24-1843 =  
 Granted = Argeello = green freely (pleata de ceniza) =  
 The mark (blue) is cut out, above and below (the ear)  
 and that the right which he has to the concepcion  
 and possession of the two leagues he grants to the said  
 Muncipal Damián Cesaron in order that he may  
 make such use of them as he pleases, and that  
 he may occupy the said lands as fully and free-  
 reably as he himself has been doing by virtue of  
 the possession which has been given him - and in order

Concepcion of  
 brand mark

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To give force and validity to that which he does by virtue of this sale, the Vendor binds himself and his property which he now has and may hereafter have and with these he submits himself to the laws and jurisdiction of the Judges, that they may try the case, of whatever nature they may be, in order that they may compel and force him to its execution as by a sentence passed into the authority of a Judgment of Court. He renounces all the Sues in his favor and defence with the general law of right in due form, in testimony of which he executed it (Stamp) and subscribed it with me and the assisting witnesses Jose Castella, Jose Aquela & Juan Neguera - The Instrumental being Jose Tebarcio Castro, Antonio Castro, Mariano Sobecanes all present and citizens, to which I certify

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Antonio Buelna

Francisco de Haro = Manuel Simón Casarim = Jose Mu. Castella  
Jose Aquela = Juan Neguera = Jose Tebarcio de Castro  
Mariano Sobecanes = Court charges \$8 - and Counselor  
Five dollars Buelna

The above agrees with the Original now on file in the Archives under my charge and is part of the public record of public instruments it is issued faithfully copied and composed of four leaves written on, with seals 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, remarking that the Original is written on three sheets of paper with each seal 3<sup>rd</sup> and two with seal 4<sup>th</sup>. To which I give my authority and signature with that of the witnesses present in the Original form to which I certify

Antonio Buelna

Subscribing Witnesses

Jose Castro

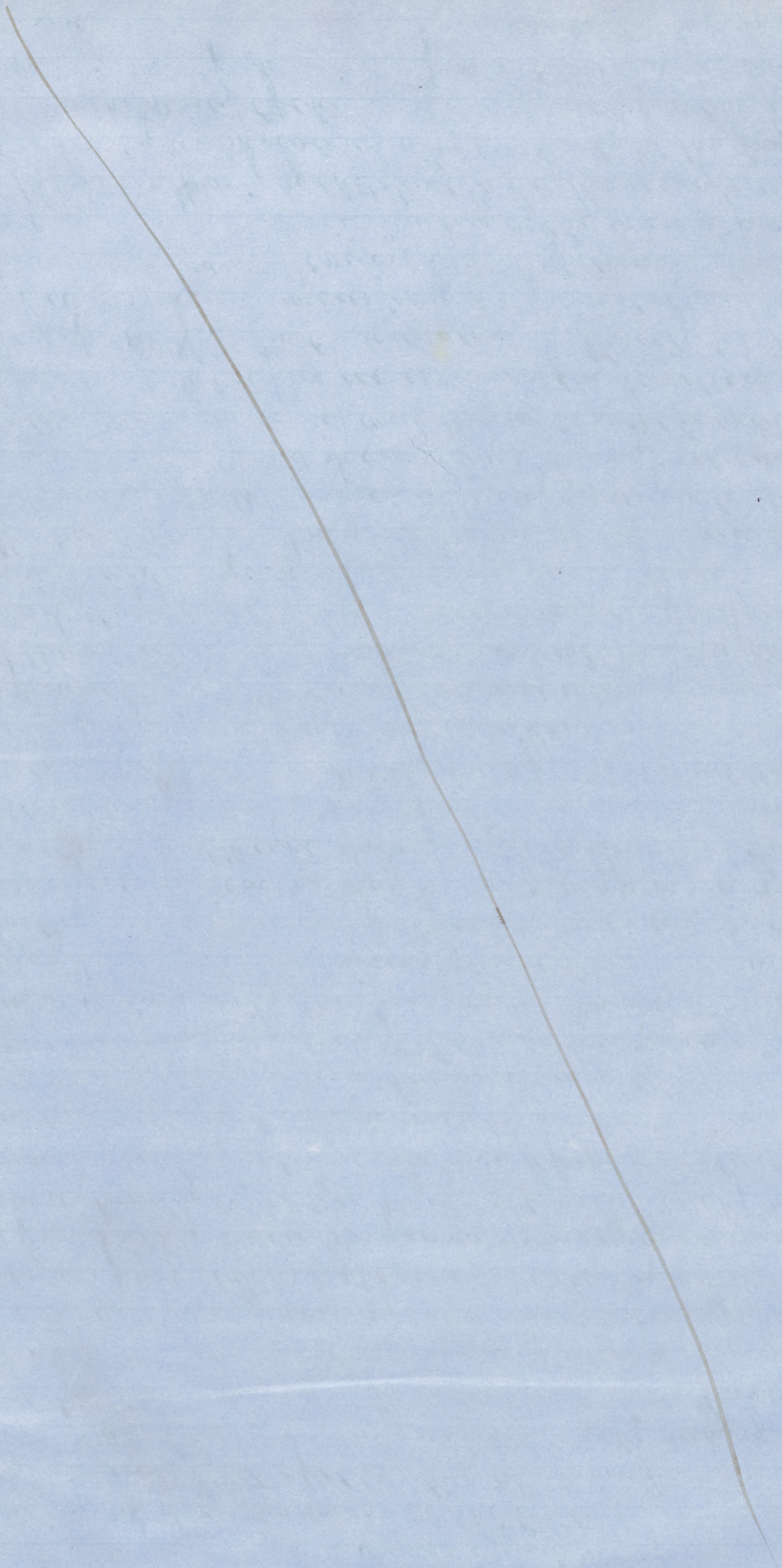
Juan B Alvarado

Filed in Office January 6. 1854  
Annexed to the position of Mr. E. P. Antwell

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M. Jimeno  
To  
Jas. Blair et al

This Indenture made this Eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty two between Manuel Jimeno of the City and County of Monterey in the State of California part of the <sup>first</sup> part and John P. Davison, Stephen M. Tibbitts, Joseph B. Crockett, Edward L. Baker and James Blair all of the City & County of San Francisco in the <sup>same</sup> State parties of the second part Witness: that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen thousand two hundred and thirty four dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold assigned transferred conveyed set over and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant bargain sell assign transfer convey set over and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever all that part or parcel of land in the Rancho of Sal si precedes lying and being in the County of Santa Cruz California containing about One thousand and thirtion acres more or less which is bounded and described as near as may be in a map made of the same by S. N. Wright Surveyor of the County of Santa Cruz California, a copy of which is herewith annexed with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging - said tract of land being the same tract of land which the said Manuel Jimeno leased to J. Bryant Hill by a lease made at Monterey on the third day of November 1851 and is now occupied by said J. Bryant Hill under said lease. The said tract of land so leased as aforesaid to J. Bryant Hill and which is hereby conveyed to the said parties of the second part, being included within the boundaries and description of the entire Rancho of Sal si precedes as hereinafter described. And for the further consideration of Twenty six thousand seven hundred and sixty six dollars lawful money of the United States of America paid in hand by the said parties of the second part to the said party of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the party of the first part - the party of the first part hath granted bargained sold assigned transferred conveyed set over and confirmed and by these presents doth grant

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bargain see a sign transfer convey set over and con-  
 firm unto the said parties of the first second part  
 the following described tracts of land to wit  
 all that certain tract of land in the County of Santa  
 Cruz known as the Rancho of San Sepedeceras lying &  
 bounding between and upon the Creek of the Sal  
 Sepedeceras; and a line drawn from said Creek thro  
 up the centre of the Laguna called "Las ranas"  
 thro' the Salsal (a growth of Willows) at the end of  
 said Laguna, the table land the low hills and the  
 middle of the "Canales Viejas" to the top of the Sierra  
 thence Ecastly along the Sierra Alta to the sources of  
 the creek "del Pescadero" then following the line of said  
 Creek and passing by the place "de los Pinos" (Water  
 men) to the "Agua Caliente" thence taking on the South  
 East a straight line to the Payano River: And the Payano  
 River; as the said Boundaries are more fully and  
 exactly set forth in the decree or conception of Juan  
 B. Alvarado heretofore Governor of California under  
 the Republic of Mexico made at Monterey February  
 1. 1840. and also in the decree or conception of the said  
 Alvarado Governor de. made at Monterey March 1. 1840  
 both made in favor of said Jimeno. and to which  
 for greater certainty of description reference is hereby  
 made. and being the same tract of land heretofore  
 granted to the said Manuel Jimeno party of the  
 first part by the said Alvarado Governor as a  
 for said which grant was subsequently confirm-  
 ed and released to the said Manuel Jimeno party  
 of the first part by Manuel Micheltorena Governor of  
 California under the Mexican Republic by an order  
 or decree made at the City of Los Angeles April 1  
 1843 containing in all eight square leagues of land  
 (sitios de ganados Mayas) more or less, excepting so  
 much of said Rancho of Sal Sepedeceras, to wit one  
 thousand and thirteen acres as is in the beginning  
 conveyed to the said parties of the second part and  
 described as being now leased to J. Bryan Hill  
 And also all that tract of land in the County of  
 Santa Barbara in the said State known as the  
 Rancho of Santa Piedad and Saticoy bounded and  
 described as follows. By a line commencing at  
 a point in the second Ravine (Canales) towards  
 Santa Buena Ventura and on the main road to  
 the river of Santa Clara, thence running East one

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quarter South and passing between the small hills until it strikes Sucié river 104 Caudes or surveys chains of 500 Varas each, thence along the Valley of Sucié river in the direction of North East one quarter North to the six elms on the right bank of the river and to the West of the point of the hill up 155 Caudes From the Elms due East to the Sucié point of the hill top crossing (Cortando) the river 26 Caudes and thence in the same direction (without using the caudal) about 150 Varas and thence continuing the line over and along the skirt (falda) of the hills until it strikes a small willow or alder tree (Sanguito) on the left bank of a small ravine or gully and at the foot of the slope of the hill 130 Caudes: thence along the skirt (falda) of the hills E. N. E. as far as the Arroyo called the Colorado 55 Caudes: thence by the way of (trayando) the hills in a direction of N. N. E. as far as the confluence of the Arroyo Mupé with the river Santa Clara 35 Caudes more or less: thence (from the Sucié point of confluence) in a North West direction following the course of the Arroyo de Mupé to its junction with the Arroyo de Sisa 200 Caudes: thence following the bed of the last named Arroyo to its mouth or termination (desembocadura) and whose source is in the hills that are seen to the North) 30 Caudes: thence and from the boundaries of the confluence of the Arroyo de Sisa and the Arroyo de Mupé and following the summits or ridge of the high hills called Azufre (being the highest and wooded hills in the vicinity) in a direction about from E. N. East to W. S. West as far as the Summit or Bluff (Cuma N' tope) of the Azufre hills about 300 Caudes or three leagues more or less: thence running due South and passing over the peak of the highest hills (Cuma mas alta) which serves as a boundary of land now or late of Messrs. Mazaque 175 Caudes or one and three quarters leagues more or less. Thence in the same direction and passing over the Summit of the hill in which rises a small ravine that comes down to the plain 60 Caudes to the point in the second ravine (barranca) towards San Buena Ventura which was the place of beginning - as more fully set forth in the record of antecedent possession of the same ground and the survey made November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 1847 duly certified by Pablo de la

Given as just Alcalde of Santa Barbara as in the  
 Official Record thereof contained, which record  
 is herewith delivered by the said party of the first  
 part to the said parties of the second part and to  
 which reference is hereby made for greater certainty  
 being the same tract of land granted to the said  
 Jimeno, party of the first part by Juan B Alvarez  
 as heretofore known of Calleguero under the Repub-  
 lic of Mexico by a concession or decree made at  
 Monterey April 28th 1840 and by a concession or  
 decree made at Monterey June 10. 1840 containing  
 in all four square leagues of land (sitios de ganado  
 Mayor) More or less. Together with all and singular  
 the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto  
 belonging and the reversions and reversioners remain-  
 der and remainders rents issues and profits there-  
 unto belonging or in anywise thereunto appertaining  
 and all the estate right title or interest of the said  
 party of the first part of in or to the above describ-  
 ed premises and every part or parcel thereof with  
 the appurtenances unto the said parties of the  
 second part, then heirs and assigns forever in the  
 following share and proportions: Namely, to the  
 said Division three undivided Eighth parts, to  
 the said Tibbits one undivided Eighth part to  
 the said Crockett and Baker one undivided  
 third part and to the said Blair one undivided  
 sixth part: And the said Jimeno for himself and  
 his legal representatives covenants with the said  
 parties of the second part, that at the delivery  
 hereof, he the said Jimeno is the lawful owner of  
 said premises and is seized of a good and indefeas-  
 ible estate of inheritance therein, and has good  
 right to sell grant and convey the same  
 And whereas in pursuance of certain conditions in  
 an agreement of lease made at Monterey on the  
 third day of November 1851 between the said  
 Manuel Jimeno and Bryant Hill which said  
 lease is referred to on the first page of this deed  
 or indenture and the terms thereof leased is also  
 described on said first page of this instrument -  
 the said Jimeno has offered to the said Hill  
 to sell him the said one thousand and thirteen  
 acres leased as aforesaid to the said Hill for  
 the sum of price and sum of Eighteen dollars for

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each and every one thereof with the refusal of the same until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October instant. Therefore it is agreed that if the said offer should by the said J. Bryant Hill be accepted as aforesaid that then the sum received therefor by the said Jimeno from the said Hill shall be paid over by the said Jimeno to the said parties of the second part, and so much of this deed as purports to convey to the said parties of the second part the lands so leased and now occupied by the said J. Bryant Hill shall be and remain utterly void and of no force whatever, or otherwise if the said J. Bryant Hill shall not accept the said offer of said Jimeno to sell to him the lands so leased as aforesaid, then the whole of this deed shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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And the said Jimeno hereby assigns and transfers unto the said parties of the second part all his right title and interest by in and to the said agreement of lease between him and the said Hill and in the said offer and a contract of sale of the said one thousand and thirteen acres - and the said parties of the second part agree that the said party of the first part may have from and after the execution and delivery of this deed of conveyance, the period of five months for the purpose of removing from said Rancho of Salsipuedas and Santa Paula by Saticoy the cattle and live stock of the said party of the first part now on said Rancho.

In testimony whereof the said the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written sealed and delivered

in the presence of  
Chas. M. Delany

Manl. Jimeno Seal  
James Blair Seal  
J. P. Larison Seal  
J. B. Brockell Seal  
E. L. Baker Seal  
Stephen M. Tibbets Seal

State of California }  
County of San Francisco }

On this Eleventh day of October A.D. 1853 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared Manuel Jimeno, James Blair, J. P. Dawson, J. B. Crockett, E. D. Baker and Stephen M. Tibbets Sincerely known to me to be the same persons described in and whose names are subscribed to and who executed the foregoing Conveyance and Sincerely acknowledged to me that they executed said conveyance freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Witness my hand and official seal.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Chas. M. Le Delany  
Notary Public

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I hereby certify that the foregoing deed is recorded in the Book of Deeds Vol 1st and Pages 447. 448 449. 450 and 451 and also that the map is recorded in Book of records Vol 1st and pages 452 & 453 of the Records of the Records Office in and for the County of Santa Cruz and State of California Oct. 19th A.D. 1853

Attest Peter Tracy Recorder

By J. J. Parsons D. R.

I hereby certify that the foregoing deed is recorded in the Record of Deeds Sub A and pages 77. 78. 79. 80 & 81 and also that the Maps of the Rancho Sal Si Piedad and Santa Cecilia Salicy are recorded in said Record of Deeds Sub A page 82 of the Records of the Records Office in & for the County of Santa Barbara and State of California.

December 24th A D 1853

Attest San Bernardino County Recorder  
By J. Aug. Henchman  
Deputy

Filed in office April 4th 1854

Geo. Fisher Secy

Cor. Jefe Superior Político y Militar

Marca.

Don Francisco de Harro Subteniente

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Monterrey. Mayo 22 de 1833.

de la Compañia de Infanteria Militar  
Veteranaria de S<sup>ra</sup> Blas que se halla de  
auxilio en esta Provincia y Comandante  
accidental de la misma. A. V. S. hace

Concedido.

Argüello.

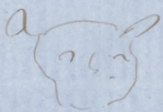
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presente que hallandose dueño de  
algunos bienes, necesita para la mejor  
seguridad de ellos, sean marcados  
segun el estambre en esta provincia  
en esta virtud, ocurre a la consideracion  
de V. S. afin de que se digne registrar  
la marca del margen para que si  
no hay obstáculo que lo embarase se

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Señal.

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me Conceda el permiso correspondiente y en los terminos que  
conviene, para hacer de ella V. S. que solicito. Por tanto  
resolvidamente Suplico se sirva proceder en justicia lo que  
sea de la Superior a grado.

Monterrey. Mayo 22 de 1833.

Francisco de Harro.

Filed in office. May 6. 1854.

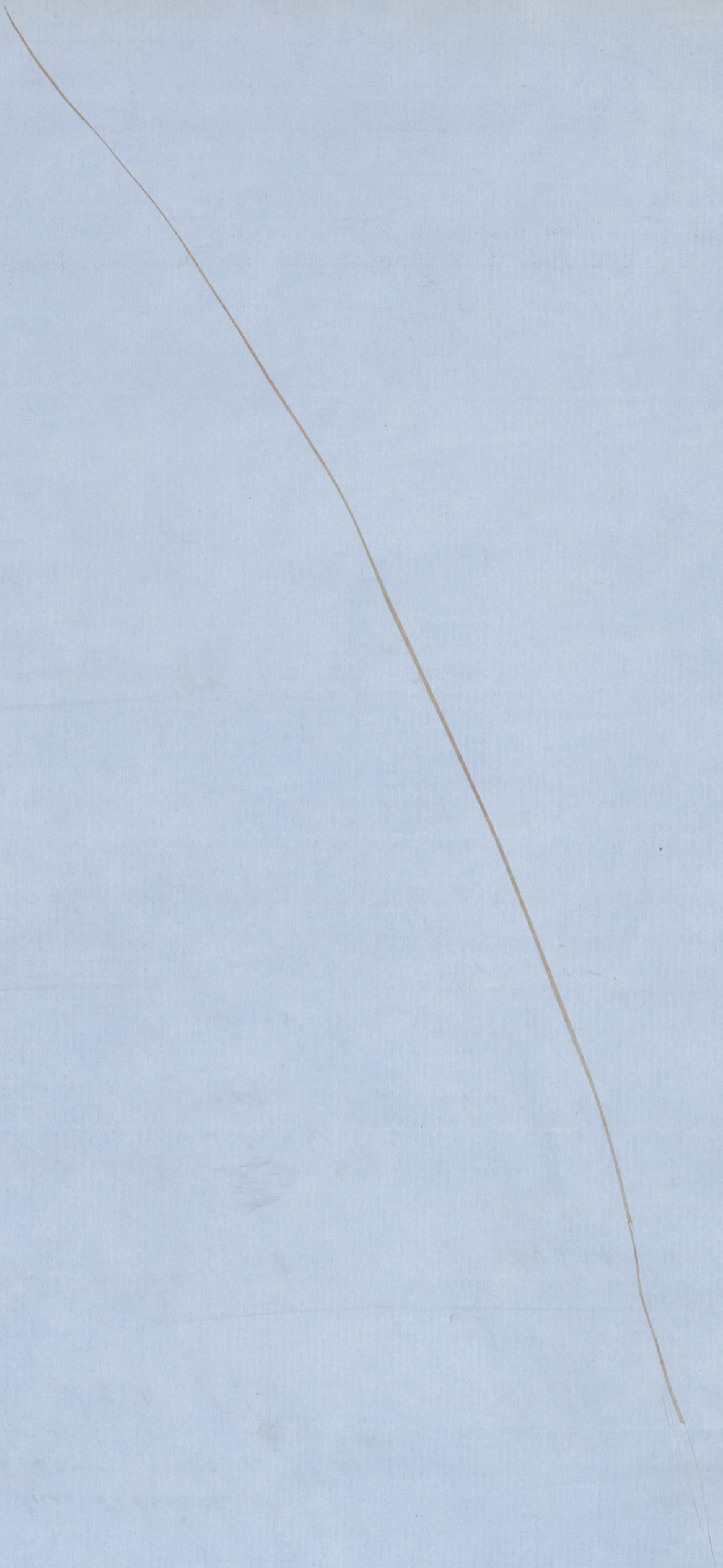
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Secretary.



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To the Superior Political & Military Chief

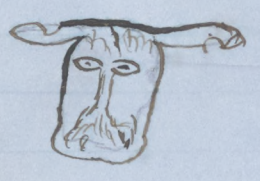
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Don Francisco de Staro Ensign of the Veteran Company of Infantry of San Blas now on duty in this Province and Provisional Commander of the same presents himself before you and states that finding myself the owner of some cattle it is necessary for their greater safety, that they should be branded as is the custom in this Province; for which reason I submit it for your consideration, Sir, in order that you may be pleased to receive the brand and mark on the margin to the end that if there is no obstacle in the way to prevent it, you will grant me the necessary privilege, and on the terms agreeable to you so that I may make such use of the same as I ask for:

Wherefore I humbly pray that you will be pleased to order in justice that which may be agreeable to your Superior Will

Monterey March 24. 1823

Francisco de Staro

Filed in office June 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
Annexed to the deposition of M. E. P. Hartwell

Geo. Fisher  
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In the matter of the claim of } Before the U. States  
James Blair et al to the land called } Land Commissioners,  
called Salsipuedes + No. 527 }

Order of Revival

Commission That James Blair, one of the original claimants herein, has died since this case was submitted, and on reading and filing the O'ft of Eugene Casely, and on Motion of Eugene Casely of Counsel for Claimants; -

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It is ordered, That the same be and is hereby revived in the name of the heirs of the said Blair deceased, namely Mary J. Blair, his widow, and Violet Blair, Jessup Blair and Lucy Blair Children surviving of said Blair, and that the same be hereafter prosecuted in the name of the said heirs, who are hereby substituted for the said James Blair deceased.

And it further appearing to this Commission that the Deposition of W. E. P. Martnell heretofore taken herein, is mutilated and cannot be found. It is further ordered, That the said claimants in this case have leave to supply the place by a new deposition of the said Martnell, or by the depositions of other witnesses to the same facts stated in the original deposition of the said Martnell.

Dated San Francisco Dec. 24' 1853.  
Filed in Office December 24' 1853.  
(Signed) Geo. Fisher, Secretary.

Motion to Amend Decree

Mary J. Blair et al. } No. 527.  
"Salsipuedes."  
United States. } Before the U.S. Land Commrs

The claimants by their Attorneys come and move to correct the Decree rendered in the above cause, in respect to the boundaries of the said tract, so that the same may be more accurately defined, as set forth and described in the title papers filed in said cause - and also in respect to the several interests to which the claimants are respectively entitled.

(Signed) J. B. Crockett,  
Atty for Claimants.  
Filed in office Sept. 19' 1854  
(Signed) Geo. Fisher, Sec.

85- No. 527

Board of U. S. Land Commissioners &c

Motion to Amend Decree.

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vs  
The United States

} Claim to the Subsidiaries  
} Rancho &c.

The said claimants by Eugene Cassady their Attorney file this their Motion for an amendment of the Decree heretofore entered in this case in such manner that the interests of the respected claimants as conveyed to them by Manuel Jimeno shall be apportioned as follows

J. P. Dawson — Three Eighths

J. M. Tibbets — One Eighth

J. B. Crockett &c }  
E. D. Baker . } One Third

Heirs and representatives }  
of James Blair deceased } One Sixth

And upon the papers on file herein, they pray that their said Motion be granted by this Court  
San Francisco July 25<sup>th</sup> 1854

Eugene Cassady  
Atty for Claimants

Filed in Office July 26. 1854

Geo. Fisher Secy

Before the U. S. Land Commissioners

Affidavit

In the Matter of the Claim of  
James Blair Jos B Crockett et al &c No 527  
State of California }  
County of San Francisco } Dep:

Eugene Cassady having been duly sworn says: That he is one of the Attorneys and Counsel of Claimants in this case; That he was very intimately acquainted with James Blair one of the Claimants, during his life time, that said Blair departed this life, to the knowledge of this Deponent on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. and to the best of this Deponent's knowledge died intestate, and that his nearest heirs are at present residents in the District of Columbia. Deponent further says that he has searched diligently the files of this Court for the

Deposition of Willeam E. Hartwell formerly taken in this case (as this deponent is informed and believes) by Jos. B. Crockett Esq. who is also of counsel therein, and correct not being the same, and to the best of his information and belief the same is not on file in this case, but has been by some means lost  
December 26. 1853

Eugene Casperly  
Sworn to & subscribed this 27th of Dec. 1853

Before me

Thompson Campbell Com<sup>r</sup>

Filed in office Dec. 27. 1854 Geo. Fisher Sec

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James Blair et al vs No. 527. Before the United States Board of Land Com<sup>r</sup>s of U.S.  
The United States vs For adjudication of private Land Claims in Cal<sup>a</sup>

Affidavit

J. B. Crockett being duly sworn deposes that he is one of the attorneys for the Claimants in the above entitled case, and that when the same was submitted to the Board for its decision the Original Decree from Manuel Jimeno to the Claimants for the premises claimed, was mislaid and for that reason was not filed with the papers in the case; but at the time of the submission of the said case, it was agreed between deponent and the Secy Agent of the United States, that the same might be filed after the submission with the same effect as if filed before the said stipulation was made to the Board in open session at the time of the submission of the said case was submitted by deponent with the distinct understanding on his part that the said decree might be filed afterwards without prejudice to the rights of the Claimants - The deponent has now the said Original Decree in hand & asks to be permitted to file the same

Sworn to & subscribed J. B. Crockett  
before me this 4th day  
of April A. D. 1854

Thompson Campbell Com<sup>r</sup>

Motion granted see minutes of April 4th 1854

Filed in office April 4th 1854

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527.

Mary J Blair & al  
vs  
The United States

For the place called  
Zalsipuedes in Santa Cruz  
County, containing 8 square  
Leagues of Land

Opinion of Board  
by Com. Felch

The petitioners in whose names this application was originally made, claim title to the premises through a conveyance to them made by Manuel Jimeno to whom they allege the premises were granted by the Mexican Authorities. The Decree of Jimeno to them conveying the premises is given in evidence. It appears to have been executed with all due formality, and to convey all the title which Jimeno held in the place at the time of its execution.

Its date is October 11. 1833

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It is shown by duly authenticated documentary evidence that Francisco de Haro obtained from Luis Antonio Arguello, Political and Military Chief a Decree dated June 15. 1833 giving him a right of occupancy to two square leagues of land part of the premises in question, and that Haro sold and conveyed his right to the premises to Manuel Jimeno on the 16th day of February 1831, and put him in possession of the property. In 1834 Jimeno made application to Governor Figueroa, setting forth his purchase from de Haro alleging his continued occupation and cultivation of the place from the time of his purchase, and soliciting a grant of the land to himself. The grant was refused accordingly, as appears from several original documents in the case and was approved by the Territorial Deputation on the 29th day of August 1835. The document which is introduced in evidence, is however clearly not the original grant made and signed by Figueroa. It nevertheless bears evidence of its recognition by that officer, having upon it a certificate signed with his genuine signature, showing that it was laid before the Territorial Deputation for their approval and was referred to the Committee on vacant lands. It is probably the copy which was laid before the Deputation and upon which that body acted in giving the approval. A subsequent confirmation of this grant, and the issuing of a new title paper embracing the land described in this vendus it unnecessary further to enquire into the

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sufficiency of the proof of the grant by Figueroa  
 In January 1840 Juan Jimeno made application  
 to Juan B. Alvarado then Governor of California  
 stating that the land granted to him by Governor  
 Figueroa comprised two square leagues only and that  
 his grant was subject to several conditions, that as he  
 had occupied the land for a period of ten years  
 he found himself "possessed of the right to ask" for  
 a confirmation of his title and declaring to him  
 the perpetual ownership of the land and without  
 any condition whatever and extending it to eight  
 leagues. On this petition a decree of concession was  
 made for the entire premises solicited, which is  
 given in evidence, and is signed by Juan Alvarado  
 and bears date February 1. 1840

The depositions filed in the case show that Alvarado  
 had possession of the land, under the concession  
 which was made to him and that Jimeno went  
 into the occupancy of the premises immediately after  
 his purchase of the place, that he built a house  
 on the premises and made it his principal residen-  
 ce from that time down to the time of his sale of  
 the premises to the present claimants in 1853 during  
 the whole of which time he had portions of the  
 land under cultivation. This testimony seems  
 abundantly sufficient to establish the perform-  
 ance of the requirements of the law as to inhabitation  
 and cultivation under either of the grants above

mentioned. The description of the land granted  
 presents a question of more difficulty. No precise  
 measurement of the premises, <sup>appears</sup> even to have been made  
 obtained, but the grant contains a full and partic-  
 ular description of the premises granted. It is true  
 that a precise measurement was injoined and  
 the Sobrante reserved to the Nation, yet we are  
 satisfied from the terms of the grant that the entire  
 premises described by a particular description of  
 their exterior lines were intended to be conceded  
 By reference to the map filed in the case, shown  
 by the deposition of Jimeno to be the original and iden-  
 tical map, which was before the Governor when  
 he made the grant, the calls of the grant are  
 clearly laid down, and applying the scale of distan-  
 ces given on the map, it appears that the lines embr-  
 aced within the limits mentioned in the grant must

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must be considerably less than the quantity stated in the grant. If this be so there could be no substance. We are satisfied from the Documents presented that, that it is a grant by metes and bounds and shall enter a decree of Confirmation according to the terms of description contained in the Grant by Alvarado.

Among the papers filed in this case is a document purporting to be a decree of Governor Micheltorino Confirming Jimeno in his title to this property, but the claimants have neither filed nor given any evidence of such a document. I have therefore made no reference to it as bearing on their title to the property.

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Since the petition was filed in the case James Blair one of the Original petitioners and one of the parties named in the Decree from Jimeno has deceased. On the application of Counsel the case so far as his interest is concerned, has been removed in the names of his Widow and Children who are entered to his Estate, and who are now made parties.

A Decree of Confirmation will be entered according to their respective interests of the claimants now appearing in the record. Confirmed

Filed in office

Filed in office May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1854

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Decree

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In this case on hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Court in opinion that the claim of the said petitioners is valid and the same is therefore hereby confirmed to them to have and to hold the same in the proportions as follows to wit: The said <sup>John P. Davidson</sup> petitioners, three undivided eighth parts of the premises herein after described, said Stephen W. Tibbets one equal undivided eighth part thereof, said Joseph B. Crockett and Edward S. Baker one equal undivided three part thereof and the said Mary J Blair, the widow and estate Blair



Jessup Blair and Lucy Blair children of James Blair  
One of the original petitioners now deceased the remain-  
ing equal undivided sixth part thereof in the propor-  
tions to which they are respectively entitled as such  
widow and children -

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The land of which Confirmation is hereby made is  
that formerly occupied by Manuel Jimeno situated  
in Santa Cruz County and known by the name  
of Salsipuedes and is described and bounded  
as follows, to wit; Bounded on the Western side  
by the Arroyo of Salsipuedes, and from this point  
running North through the middle of the great  
Sakes (Lagunas Blancas) by the flat land (Mesa)  
the Low Hills (Los Lomas Bajos) the Green Valley (La  
Cañada Verde) and the Mountains (Sierra) until it  
strikes the Pescadero Creek (Arroyo del Pescadero)  
and following the whole bank of this Arroyo on  
the West side, and passing by the place known  
as La Brea until reaching the Warm Springs  
(Cayote Caliente) going down to the Pajaro River  
which will be its boundary line as well as of the  
Rancho of "Las Animas" that of Don Antonio Castro  
and that of the Mejias Vallis; The boundary line in  
the direction of the Mejias Rodriguez being the  
small creek (Arroyito) that runs out of the Salsi-  
puedes containing eight square leagues of land  
and being the same premises granted to Manuel  
Jimeno by Governor Juan B. Alvarado on the first  
day of March 1840 reference therefore to be had to  
said grant on file in this case, and to the deed  
of the same from said Jimeno to the petitioners  
also on file in the case

Alpheus Felch }  
Thompson Campbell }  
R. Aug. Thompson }  
Commissioners

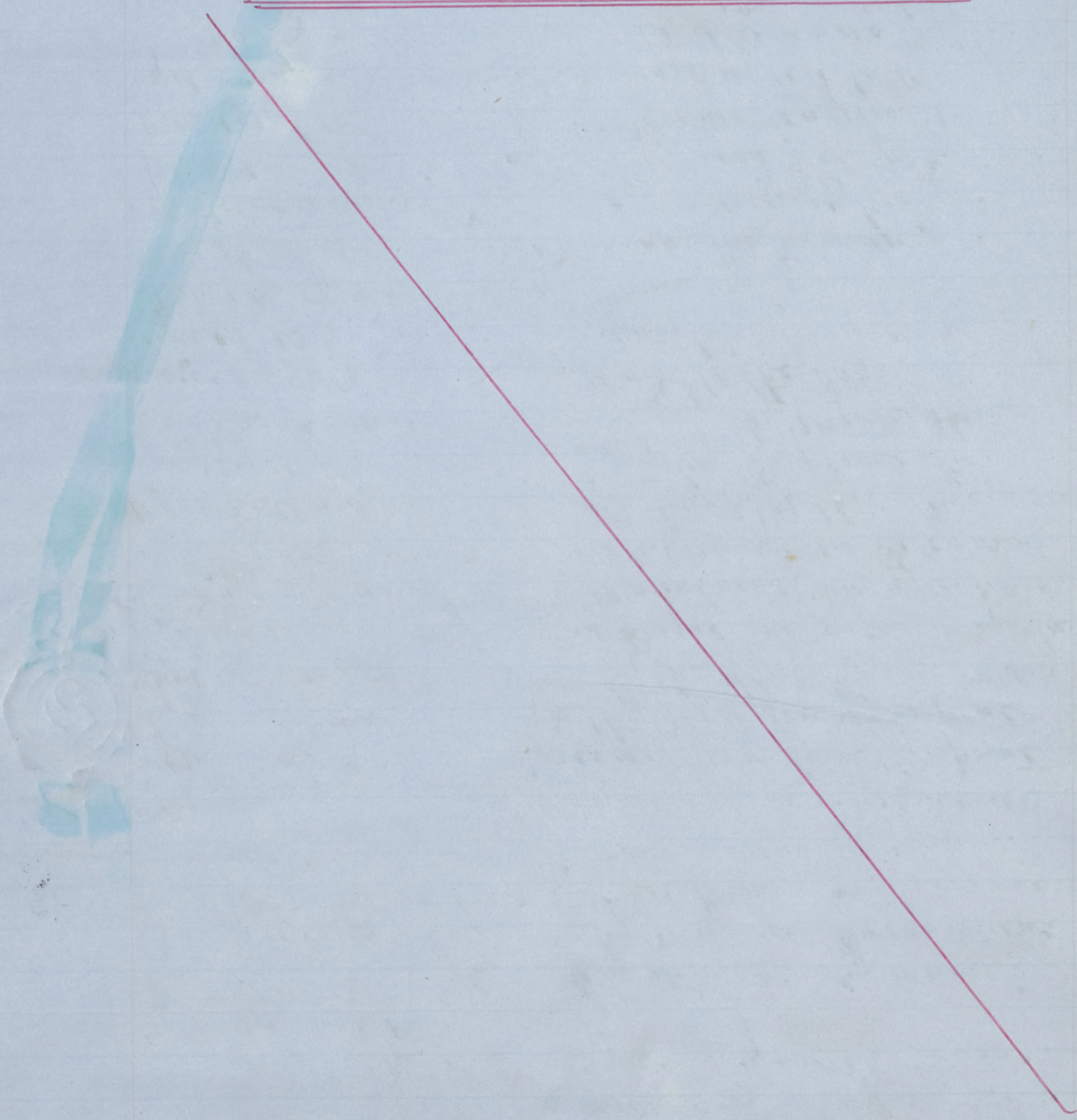
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And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the Land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Southern District of California it is hereby ordered, that two Transcripts of the Proceedings and of the decision in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded, be made out, and duly certified by the Secretary. One of which Transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the 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,

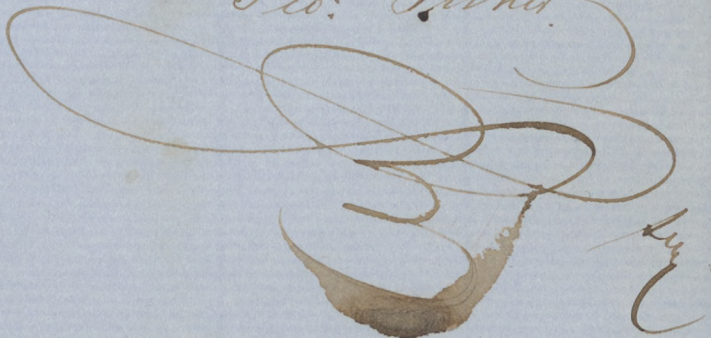
To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

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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 *Ninety one* — pages, numbered from  
1 to *91*, 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. *527* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *James Blair, et al,* are  
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of *"Salsipuedes."*

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 eighth* — day of *February*  
A. D. *1855*, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the seventy-*ninth*.

*Geo. Fisher*



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

No. 201. *Over*

THE UNITED STATES,

<sup>vs</sup> 201

*James Blair, et, al.*

*"Salsipuedes"*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 52 201

Filed, *march 6<sup>th</sup>* 1855.

*C. C. Farr.*  
*clk.*

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*No 52-201*

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 7th April 1855.

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You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 10th day of February 1855, 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 201.

U. S. District Court  
Southern Dist. of Cal<sup>a</sup>.

The United States

v

James Blair et al.

Notice of Appeal  
in case no. 587

Filed July 25 1853.  
G. E. Lear  
Clerk

By A. H. Clark  
Deputy

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James Blair et al. Appellees  
vs  
The United States Appellant

Docket No. 201.

Transcript No. 527.

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

The Petitioner of Pacificus Ord, a resident of said City, County, and State, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, who petitions in this behalf for the United States, and being present here in Court, in the name and behalf of the United States, represents as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January — A. D. 1853, James Blair et al.,

presented a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, when sitting as a Board, claiming a tract of land called *Salspuedes* — in the County of Monterey State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March — A. D. 1855, a duly certified transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, and marked No. 527; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition. That on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1855, the Honorable Caleb Cushing, Attorney-General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and



evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter, to wit:  
on <sup>or about</sup> the 2.<sup>d</sup> day of July — A. D. 1855, the said  
Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in  
behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District  
Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said  
decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United  
States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the  
United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed,  
as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within  
the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents  
and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said  
Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for  
many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified  
transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said  
cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all  
and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimants  
presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further  
denies that the said claimants <sup>have</sup> any valid right or title to said land claimed  
as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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

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

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

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J. P. M.

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

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Walter Dyer Lamb  
Southern Express Co

James Blair et al  
vs  
The States

Petition of Return

Filed Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

C. J. R.  
clerk

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

The President of the United States,

TO *James Blair*

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Greeting :

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against *You* — in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *fifth* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-~~and~~, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by *A Ord praying the said Court to review the Decision of the United States Land Commissioners of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1856 confirming your claim to the tract of Land called Jalispuedas*

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 *sixth* day of *January* A. D. 1857.

*C. S. Lewis* CLERK.  
*J. Holman*  
*Dep*



N. 201

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Southern District of California,

U. S. District Court.

James Fair et al  
appellants  
vs  
The United States  
appellee

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SUMMONS.

Received  
Feb 2d  
1857

Edward Hunter  
U. S. MARSHAL.  
A. M. Goodman  
Deputy

Filed 10<sup>th</sup> July 1858  
Clerk's copy  
J. H. Healyman  
Sub

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

not found in the District

at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Southern District of California, on  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1857.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

CLERK.

James C. Pennie U. S. MARSHAL.  
for the Southern Dist of  
California

James Blair et al  
 Respondents  
 vs  
 The United States.  
 Appellants

In the District Court of  
 the South United States for  
 the Southern District of California  
 no 527, of the Land Court  
 no 201. of this Court.  
 Monterey, June Term 1857.

Claim of the Respondents to lands situated in the  
 County of Santa Cruz and known as the "Rancho Sal  
 ce Prieta"

It is hereby stipulated in this cause  
 that the same be submitted to the Court  
 on the <sup>following</sup> ~~fourth~~ ~~day~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ next ~~December~~ Term of  
 this Court ~~the 2<sup>d</sup> day of the next December Term of~~  
 this Court.

W. W. Snow  
 Atty for Respds -

P. Ord  
 Atty of the U.S.

N<sup>o</sup>. 201  
W. S. Dist. Court  
Southern Dist  
James Blair et al  
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Filed 2 June 1857  
As Taylor  
Deput. Clk.

W. W. How  
attorney.

At Chambers October 8<sup>th</sup> AD 1857 before  
the Hon Isaac S K Ogden United States  
District Judge in and for the Southern District  
California

The United States } Dist Court N° 201  
vs } L Com, N° 327  
James Blair et al }

The Attorney General of  
the United States having given notice that appeal  
will not be presented in this case and a stipula-  
tion to that effect having been entered into by  
the United States Attorney and the Atty for the  
Claimants

On Motion of the District Attorney it is  
Ordered adjudged and decreed that the appeal in  
this case from the decision of the United States  
Land Commission be dismissed and that Claimants  
have leave to proceed under the decree of said  
Commission heretofore rendered in his favor as  
under final decree

Isaac S K Ogden  
U S Dist Judge



N<sup>o</sup> 201

The United States

vs

James Blair et al

Decree

Filed this 10th October  
1857  
C. Sims Clerk  
of the Supreme Court  
D.C.

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

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The United States } D. C. No 201  
vs } L. C. No 527.  
James Blair et al }

In pursuance of a notice  
from the U. S. Attorney General - hereto annexed  
it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the Appeal  
taken in this case from the decision of the U. S. Land  
Commissioners be dismissed and that the notice  
of intention to prosecute said Appeal be withdrawn  
and that claimants have leave to proceed  
under the decree of the Land Commission here-  
before rendered in their favor as under final decree.

Cameron, C. Thom  
Acting U. S. Dist Atty  
W. W. Stort  
Atto. for Claimants



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California Land Claims.  
Attorney General's Office  
10 Feb. 1857.

Sir:  
In the case of the claim of  
James Blair et al.; confirmed to  
the claim by the Commissioner,  
Case no. five hundred and twenty-  
seven, (527), appeal will not be  
prosecuted by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,

Cushing

Pacific Ad Eq  
U. S. Attorney,  
Los Angeles.

No 201

The United States

vs

James Blair et al

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Stipulation

Witness this 10<sup>th</sup> October  
1837 C. Lewis Clerk  
of the Court  
D. P.

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James Blair et  
al -  
vs  
United States  
Appellants

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

Claim for 'Salpuedes'

And now come the claimants & ~~appellants~~  
plein & suggest that the ~~U.S. Surveyor~~  
& James W. Manderill the U.S. Surveyor  
General for California has made & approved  
a final survey of the land ~~conferred~~ herein  
to claimants & that said survey is not  
made in conformity with the final decree  
herein & that these claimants & ~~appellants~~  
will be injured thereby:

Wherefore they pray the Court for writ  
upon the said Surveyor General directing  
him to return such survey into Court forth-  
with for its further action

Sanctus Brecht  
atty for Appellants  
& Claimants

No 201  
U. S. Dist. Court for  
South Dist

James Blaine et  
al

vs  
United States  
appellants

Salsipuedes

Suggestion for  
return of Survey

Filed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

C. Sims  
clerk

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*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

In the Matter of the Survey  
of the Rancho Salsipuedes  
Confirmed to James Blair et al

In returning this  
Survey it is proper to make the  
following explanations.

The line colored brown is the line approved by the certificate as the official Survey.

The line in black is the line as claimed by the parties in interest.

The portion in green is claimed by the owners of the "Las Animas" Rancho, as a portion of their claim.

The portion in yellow is claimed by the owners of the "Las Animas y Agua Caliente" as the Agua Caliente part of their Rancho.

The area of the tract in brown and also as claimed by the owners of the Salsipuedes will be found on the plat.

Very Resp<sup>ly</sup>

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Hon. J. S. K. Ogier  
U. S. Dist. Judge  
Southern District

J. W. Mansueto  
U. S. Sur. Gen<sup>l</sup>

No 201

Filed in office  
this 4<sup>th</sup> February  
A.D. 1860  
C. Jones CR

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James Blair et als } No. 201.  
vs } U. S. District Court for the  
United States } Southern District of California

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And now come the claimants and file these their exceptions to the approved survey of the lands claimed herein, filed in Court by J. W. Mandeville U. S. Surveyor General for California, under the order of this Court, and for cause of exceptions show, that they claim that said survey, according to the final decree herein, should have been made and approved, so as to include the lands, which would be embraced in the survey by adopting the straight line in black, running from station ten (10) black figures to station twelve (12) black figures in ink, upon said map and not so as to exclude the same, as has been done by the said surveyor general in approving only the lands embraced in the lines colored brown, by adopting the broken line running from station (10) ten in red figures, to station (53) fifty three red figures, thereby excluding the greater part of the lands included within the straight black line between the said stations marked in black ink as aforesaid.

Wherefore these claimants pray that the said survey may be made to conform to the final decree herein.

State of California } J. M. M. }  
City & County of San Francisco } Wm. Norris

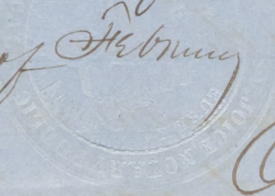
being duly sworn, deposes & says that he is administrator of the estate and Guardian of the minor heirs of James Blair deceased, one of the claimants herein and that the facts stated in the foregoing

over

exceptions are true according to his information & belief  
sworn to before me the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1860

Wm Morris

Wm J. Force  
Notary Public



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James O'Brien et al  
vs  
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N<sup>o</sup> 201

James Blair et al  
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Exceptions to Jury.

I acknowledge service  
of a copy of the within  
exceptions this 6<sup>th</sup> March  
1880 & I consent that  
the said exceptions may  
be filed with the effect  
as if filed within the  
time prescribed by the  
rules of the court -

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W. Mitchell  
U. S. District

Filed in office  
this 6<sup>th</sup> March 1880  
J. M. R.

U S Surveys Office  
San Francisco  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1860

How: J. S. K. Ogier -  
U. S. Dist Judge -  
Sir -

At request of W. W. Stow  
Esq Atty, and in accordance with an agreement  
filed in this office, I have adopted the agreed  
line between the Rancho "Salsipuedes" and  
"Los Corralitos", and send herewith an amended  
plat to take the place of the one heretofore  
filed in the matter of the survey of the  
"Salsipuedes" Rancho.

I also send the plat  
of "Los Corralitos", lately ordered into court,  
certified "pro forma" to enable the parties to  
settle their difficulties in the proper court.

Very Resp<sup>ly</sup>

Your obt serv<sup>t</sup>

J. M. Mandeville  
No. 9 Sur. Genl

Ad 201

Letter of Sumner  
and for Calw

Filed April 19<sup>th</sup>  
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vs.  
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In the District Court of the  
United States, for the South-  
ern District of California

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It is hereby stipulated that the depositions of A. S. Castro, A. W. Thompson, J. Binney and J. W. Mauderville may be taken at the City of San Francisco at Eleven o'clock A.M. upon the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860, before J. D. Williams, U.S. Commissioner, at his office in said City - said depositions to be taken on behalf of the Claimants, to be used on the hearing of the Exceptions to the Map or Plan of the Survey returned herein, by the United States Surveyor General.

Los Angeles, March 29<sup>th</sup> 1860.

W. Mitchell  
U.S. Dist. Atty.

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Stipulation to take —  
— depositions. —

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
~~Northern~~ District of California,  
*Southern*

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vs.

*James Blair et al*

San Francisco, *April 26 1860*

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On this day, before me *Jno B. Williams* a

Commissioner of the United States for the *Southern* District of California, *and acting under the authority of a stipulation made by J. R. Gitchel, U.S. Atty, hereto annexed*, duly authorized to administer oaths, &c., &c., came

*A. W. Thompson* a witness produced on behalf of the

*Claimants*

in Case No. *201*, being an appeal from the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, in Case No. on the Docket of the said Board of Commissioners, and was duly sworn and testified as follows — ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~

~~a sworn interpreter~~

PRESENT:

*E. Cassedy Esq for claimants and  
J. R. Mico Esq for United States*

QUESTIONS BY *Claimants counsel,*

*Question 1.*

*State your name, age, residence and occupation.*

*Answer 1*

*A. W. Thompson, lawful age, residence  
Petaluma, Sonoma County, and occupation  
Surveyor.*

*Question 2.*



State how long you have been a Surveyor  
in this State.

Answer 2.

Since the latter part of 1850.

Question 3.

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Were you a Deputy Surveyor of the U. S.  
at any time in Cal., and if so, when?

Answer 3.

I think, <sup>I was</sup> from 1854 or 1855 to 1858.

Question 4.

Look at the map now shown you, and  
marked Exhibit N: 1 to your deposition  
herein, and state whether you have had  
occasion as U. S. Dep Surveyor or otherwise  
to become acquainted with the character  
of the mountain and high land laid  
down upon this map, Exhibit N: 1, as lying  
<sup>along</sup> the ~~North western and southeastern~~  
<sup>eastern</sup> boundary ~~portion~~ of the Salaspedes Rancho;  
and if so, when?

Answer

I am acquainted with it - and became  
so in making surveys as U. S. Deputy  
Surveyor and otherwise from about the  
latter part of Sept 1852 up to the  
middle of 1857, during which time I  
have surveyed the whole of the country  
around the northeastern boundary referred  
to.

Question 5

Did you ever make a survey of the  
Salaspedes Rancho, or any part thereof?

Answer

I never did, but have surveyed every other Ranch adjoining it on that bound-  
ary.

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Question 5.

From your knowledge of those localities and your general experience in your profession as a Surveyor, supposing your-  
self at the point indicated on Exhibit "A"  
1, by the red figures 52, and required to run a line from that point to the point indicated on same exhibit by the black figures 10, "by the mountains," how would you consider such a line proper to be run?

Answer 6

Straight from point to point, as shown on the exhibit. I could run by the mountain from point to point no other line for which there could be any reason assigned for running. I should run over the highest mountains, taking into consideration the whole length of the line between the two points to be connected, while to depart from that straight line to go to the Southwest thereof I should pass over a great proportion of the line a lower sink, and generally lower land

less characterized by high mountains than on the straight line: while to depart from the straight line or to the northeast thereof, although for the first half of the distance between the two points I ~~we~~ should find higher mountains, by following the range of those higher mountains I should eventually run into the main San Jose' Valley

### Question 7.

Standing at Station 52 (red) on said Exhibit, and looking towards Station 10 (black) what is the general aspect and character of the country between those two points, and generally to ~~the~~ your right and left on each side of the straight line as laid down on said Exhibit?

### Answer 7.

On the straight line the country is characterized by high mountain peaks and ridges running in the same direction with the line; taking into consideration the whole length of the line the highest and most prominent of the peaks and ridges running in that direction. On the right or northeast side of the line, the country is characterized

by one continuous ridge of higher land

by one continuous ridge of higher land than any in sight for about one half the distance between the two points, then sinking into the main San Jose Valley. The line of this ridge departs to the Northeast from the straight line connecting these two points I should think about thirty degrees. On the left or southwest side of said line, the land is lower generally than either on the straight line or on the ridge last described.

### Cross Examination

Question 8.

Have you ever seen the grant and diseno in this case?

Answer

I don't remember ever to have seen them.

Question 9.

In your opinion as to what you consider the correct line of the boundary of this grant based upon the grant and diseno or upon the natural features of the country.

Answer 9.

I know nothing about the boundaries of the grant.

Question 10.

How high are the hills delineated on said exhibit along which the surveyed line runs, being that line which is colored or shaded with brown?

Answer 10

I never measured them, but would estimate their average height from tide water to be about 400 feet.

Question 11

How do the height of the hills last described compare with those along which the straight line runs?

Answer 11

In the first two thirds of the distance from Station 52 (red) to Station 10 (black) I should think the mountains on the straight line would average 100 feet higher. <sup>on the</sup> The balance of the line they are nearly identical.

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Question 12.

Looking from station 10 (black) eastward along the Sierra Alta to the sources of the Creek del Pescadero (according to the description in the deed from Manuel Sierras to the Potholes in this case a copy of which is contained in exhibit

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"R" in the transcript filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of California as referred to in the deed of the United States Land Commission in this case) how would you run the North eastern boundary of the Ranches between the points indicated?

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Answer 12.

num? I should, a straight line connecting the two points, from station 10 (Black) to 52, (Red) as shown upon exhibit No. 1 annexed hereto. I should do this for the same reasons stated by me in the answer to question 6.

Question 13

Look at the original deems in this case, a copy of which marked Exhibit IV is on file in the transcript herein, and after examining it do you modify in any respect the views already expressed by you as to the proper northeastern boundary?

Answer 13.

I should say that in connecting the deems with the descriptive part of the deed referred to in question 12, that the stream referred to on the deems would as the Rio del Pescadero, <sup>as shown thereon</sup> would draw

the northeastern boundary line in the middle of it about three fourths of a mile north from the straight line drawn between the stations 52 (red) and 10 (black), and would thence follow along the stream shown on the designs as the Rio del Pescadero southeasterly to the station 52 (red).

## Question 14

Standing upon the plain between the hills and the junction of the Salicpuedes and the Pajaro River as laid down on said Exhibit N<sup>o</sup>. 1, which ridge of the three which you have described as laid down upon said Exhibit would ~~be visible to and~~ attract the attention of one looking for the Sierra Alta as the Northeastern boundary of the Rancho?

## Answer 14.

I think the middle ridge on the straight line would, for the greater part of the distance, viz: the northwestern <sup>highest</sup> part, be the prominent line or ridge of mountains; and on the remainder or southeastern part of this boundary, the ridge lying to the north of the straight line above described would be the most prominent.

A. W. Thompson

A. W. Thompson

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of April a.d. 1860

Wm. B. Williams

U. S. Commissioner  
for the Nor. Dist. Cal.

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On this day, before me *Geo B Williams* a

Commissioner of the United States for the *Northern* District of California, *acting under a stipulation made by J. R. Gitchell, U. S. attorney,* duly authorized to administer oaths, &c., &c., came

*Andrew J. Binney* a witness produced on behalf of the  
*Claimants*

in Case No. 201, being an appeal from the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, in Case No. on the Docket of the said Board of Commissioners, and was duly sworn and testified as follows — ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~

~~a sworn interpreter~~

PRESENT:

*E. Cassedy Esq for Claimants*  
*and T. R. Wise Esq for U. S.*

QUESTIONS BY

*Claimants counsel.*

*Question 1.*

*State your name, age, residence and occupation.*

*Answer 1.*

*Andrew J. Binney, lawful age, residence about 34, San Francisco, and civil engineer by profession.*

*Question 2*

How long have you been a Surveyor  
in the State of Cala?

Answer 2

From 1849 to 1856.

Question 3.

Have you become acquainted with  
the country along and adjoining the  
northeastern boundary of the Rancho  
of Salcipedes in Santa Cruz County,  
and especially along and near the  
two lines laid down in Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1  
annexed to the deposition of A. W.  
Thompson herein, now shown you, be-  
tween station 52 (red) and 50 (black)?  
If yea, how long and how well have  
you been so acquainted?

Answer 3.

I know the country referred to in the  
question ~~so~~ very well. I first became  
acquainted with it in the winter of  
1857-8. I was with W. Easton in making  
his reconnaissance and afterwards his  
survey of the lines, ~~as~~ who was at the  
time M. J. Deputy Surveyor, and of ~~which~~ <sup>whose</sup>  
survey said Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1 is a copy.

Question 4

Have you examined the instructions issued  
by J. N. Mandeville, M. J. Surveyor General  
for Cala to A. S. Easton for the final  
survey of the Rancho of Salcipedes,  
of which a duly certified copy, marked  
Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 2 to your deposition is annexed

hereto; and also, the original designs in this case, now shown you, of which a certified copy is on file in the transcript in this case, marked Exhibit N.º 1. - If you please state, from those documents and your knowledge of the country, which is the proper line between station 52 (red) and 10 (black) as marked on said Exhibit N.º 1.

Answer 4.

I have examined the instructions and the designs and am conversant with them, and to my mind the straight line between the points 10 (black) and 52 (red) is unquestionably the line indicated.

Question 5.

State if you please your reasons for this conclusion; and particularly why you think the broken line, or that which is shaded brown, between the two points indicated is not the correct line.

Answer 5.

The straight line more nearly fulfills the condition of the grant as to quantity; it runs over higher mountains, and strikes the eye at once on looking from either end as the natural boundary of the Rancho - while the line shaded brown

immediately upon leaving the straight line descends so abruptly and so low that no one would think of following said line except accompanied and directed by a guide. This statement is made upon the supposition of my being called upon as a Surveyor to run the northeastern line according to the instructions of the Surveyor General.

Question 11

State what is the nature of your acquaintance with the country in question - its general aspect and peculiarities, and how thoroughly you have traversed ~~Surveyed~~ and examined the same.

Answer 11.

I am well acquainted with the country adjacent to the boundary in question & generally, both by survey and pretty thorough reconnaissance. I have heard the testimony given by W Thompson, the witness examined herein to day, and his statement of the character of the country is so full and correct that what I can say would be but a recapitulation of his evidence, with this exception, that I have never tested whether one standing

in the plain could see the particular

in the plain could see the particular ridges mentioned by Mr Thompson.

## Cross Examination

### Question 7

Look at Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1 and state how far the Arroyo Salaspuedes, <sup>at its junction with the Pajaro</sup> is from the top of the northeastern surveyed line, ~~running~~ due north.

### Answer 7

About 9 miles due north.

### Question 8.

How far from station 10 (black) to station 52 (red)?

### Answer 8

722 chains, or about 9 miles.

### Question 9

Look at the diéno and say whether in your opinion one or two ranges of mountains are delineated thereon.

### Answer 9

I can't form any opinion of what is meant to be shown on the diéno.

Direct resumed.

### Question 10.

Are you acquainted with the character and course of the ridge along which is run the northeastern boundary line

shaded brown on Exhibit N: 1 to Thompson's deposition, and its general relation to the sources of the Pescadero Creek? If yes, state whether it is practicable following that ridge, to carry a line to the sources of the Pescadero creek; & without departing ~~therefrom~~ <sup>that ridge</sup> starting from station 23 (red) southeast in a general southeast direction.

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Answer 10

I am well acquainted with the ridge in question. I believe it impracticable to follow the ridge in question to the head waters of the Pescadero, for the reason that the ridge continues to the south and west of the Pescadero until cut off by the junction of the Pescadero with the River Pajaro. Though a very low spur from said ridge can be followed leading from said ridge to the head waters of the Pescadero. The general course of that ridge is indicated with sufficient accuracy on Exhibit N: 1.

Andrew J. Finney

Sworn to & subscribed by  
before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of April A.D. 1860

Wm T. Williams, U.S. Court.

A. J. 13.

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U. S. Land Office,  
San Francisco, Cal, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Sir:

Whereas, in the claim of James Blair, et al, to the tract of land herein after described, the confirmation of the Board of Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in California, has become final, the Attorney General of the U. S. having given notice that no appeal will be prosecuted therein, I have thought proper to appoint you my Deputy in this special case, for the execution of the final Survey thereof.

The U. S. Board of Land Commissioners has confirmed said claim, to the following effect:— "The land of which confirmation is hereby made, is that formerly occupied by Manuel Jimens, situated in Santa Cruz County and known by the name of "Salsipuedes" and is described and bounded as follows to wit. — Bounded on the Western side, by the Arroyo of Salsipuedes and from this point running North, through the middle of the Great Lakes, (Lagunas Grandes), by the flat land, (mesa) the low hills, (Las Lomas Bajas) the Green

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Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 2.

attached to deposition of A. J. Burrey, April 26. 1860

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Valley, (La Cañada Verde), and the  
Mountains, (Sierra), until it strikes the  
Escadero Creek, (Arroyo del Escadero),  
and following the whole bank of this  
Arroyo, on the West side, and passing by  
the place known as "La Brea", until  
reaching the Warm Springs, (Aguas Calientes),  
going down to the Pajaro River, which will  
be its boundary line, as well as the  
Ranchos of "Las Animas", that of Don  
Antonio Castro, and that of the Messrs  
Vallejo; the boundary line in the direction  
of the Messrs Rodriguez, being the small  
Creek, (Arroyito) that runs out of the  
Salispuedes; containing eight square leagues  
of land, and being the same premises  
granted to Manuel Jimeno by Gov Juan  
B. Alvarado, on the first day of March,  
1840, reference therefore to be had to the  
said grant on file in this case, and to the  
deed of the same, from said Jimeno, to  
the petitioners, also on file in the case."

In the grant, dated 1<sup>st</sup> of March,  
1840, the above mentioned tract is described  
as follows. - "Its boundaries being on  
the West side the Arroyo de Salispuedes,  
and from this point running North



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through the middle of the "Lagunas Grandes",  
by the Mesa (table land) the "Cañada Verde"  
(Green Valley) and the (Sierra) Mountains,  
until reaching the Arroyo del Pescadero,  
and following all along the bank of this Arroyo,  
on the part of the East, and passing by the place  
of "La Brea", until reaching the "Aguas Calientes",  
running down the Pajaro River which will be  
the boundary with the Rancho of "Las Aromas",  
with that of Don Antonio Castro, and with that  
of the Señores Vallejos, its boundaries being  
in the direction of the Señores Rodriguez,  
the Arroyo that runs out of the Salsipuedes;  
containing eight square leagues, the surplus  
resulting after Judicial Measurement, to remain  
for the use of the Government.

In the deed from Manuel Jimeno to the petitioners,  
above referred to, said tract of land is described  
as follows, to wit: "Beginning and bounding  
between and upon the crest of the Salsipuedes,  
and a line drawn from said crest, through the  
center of the Lagunas called "Las Grandes",  
through the Sansal, or growth of Willows, at the

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end of said Lagunas, the table land,  
 the low hills, and the middle of the  
 "Canada Verde", to the top of the Sierra;  
 thence, Easterly, along the Sierra Alta, to  
 the sources of the creek "del Pescadero";  
 thence, following the line of said creek,  
 and passing by the place "de la Piedra",  
 (or bitumen) to the "Aguas Calientes"; thence,  
 taking on the South East, a straight line  
 to the Pajaro River, and the Pajaro River,  
 as the said boundaries are more fully  
 and exactly set forth in the decree of  
 conception of Juan B. Alvarado, heretofore  
 Governor of California, under the Republic  
 of Mexico, made at Monterey, Feb<sup>1</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>,  
 1840; and also in the decree of conception  
 of the said Alvarado, Gov<sup>r</sup> of C<sup>a</sup>, made  
 at Monterey, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1840. —

In the decree of conception of 1<sup>st</sup>  
 February, 1840, above referred to, the afore-  
 mentioned tract of land is described as  
 follows, to wit: "As it is asked on the  
 part of Don Manuel Pineda, and in  
 virtue of his having been the owner of  
 the land named "Salsipuedes", let there  
 be issued the title for Eight square  
 leagues, its boundaries being, on the  
 West, the Arroyo de Salsipuedes, and

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From this point taking a straight line, until reaching the Lagunas commonly called "las Grandes", and running towards the North, through the middle of these Lagunas, and the Willow Grove, which is found at their termination, and passing through the table land, low hills and the middle of the "Comada Verde" as far as the summit of the <sup>mountain, (Cumbre del)</sup> Sierra, including this; and from this direction <sup>(Rancho)</sup> looking towards the East, there shall be taken the direction all along the high <sup>range of mountains,</sup> Sierra, <sup>(acta)</sup> until reaching the head <sup>(Acicointo)</sup> of the Arroyo del Pescadero, and following all along the middle of this Arroyo, and passing by the place of "La Pica", until reaching the place called "Aguas Calientes", whence a straight line shall be <sup>taken</sup> ~~drawn~~ E. S. until reaching the Pajaros River, which is the boundary with the Rancho of "Las Animas", with that of Don Antonio Castero, and that of the Señores Vallejo's, its boundaries being in the direction of the Señores Rodriguez, the Arroyito which runs out of the Salisfuerdes.

You will locate <sup>the aforesaid</sup> track in accordance with the decree of the

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Commissioners, as herein set forth, and  
the data therein referred to. —

For a more particular description  
of the manner in which you are to  
proceed in the execution of said Survey,  
I refer you to General Instructions to  
Deputy Surveyors, dated June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1855.

Respectfully,

J. W. Mandeville,

U. S. Surveyor Genl.

Cal<sup>a</sup>.

A. S. Easton,  
D. S.

Office of the Surveyor General

Of the United States, for California.

I, J. W. MANDEVILLE, Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, Do hereby Certify, that the next preceding and hereunto annexed pages, numbered from one to Six inclusive, exhibit a true, full, and correct copy of the Instructions issued by J. W. Mandeville, U. S. Surveyor General for California, to A. S. Easton, Dep<sup>y</sup> Supt., dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1854, for the Survey of the Rancho "Salispiñedo", finally confirmed to James Blair et al, the original of which is on file in this office.

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Chief Clerk.

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT.



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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1860

J. W. Mandeville U. S. Surveyor General, for California.

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On this day, before me *John B. Williams* a  
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sworn and testified as follows — ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~

a sworn interpreter

PRESENT: *E. Caswell Esq for Claimants by W. de Ho.*  
*J. R. Mice Esq for United States.*

QUESTIONS BY *Claimants.*

*Question 1.*

*Please state your name, age, residence and occupation.*

*Answer 1.*

*A. S. Easton, age 38, residence San Mateo Co, occupation County Surveyor of said County.*

*Question 2.*

*Did you make the final survey of the Rancho*

Salsipuedes?

Answer 2.

I did, as Depy Surveyor, under instructions from J. W. Mandeville, U. S. Surveyor General and finished in January, 1858, and the paper now marked Exhibit N<sup>o</sup>. 3 & attached to this deposition contains the original instructions under which I acted. Exhibit N<sup>o</sup>. 1, attached to depar of A. W. Thompson herein is a substantial copy of the maps of my survey and of the topography of the country.

Question 3.

Look at said Exhibit N<sup>o</sup>. 1, and from your knowledge of the localities which it represents, and your general experience in your profession as Surveyor and Civil Engineer, supposing yourself at the point indicated on Exhibit ~~the~~ one, by the figure 10 (black), and required under your instructions from the Surveyor General, as shown in Exhibit N<sup>o</sup>. 3, to run a line from that point to the point indicated on said Exhibit by the figure 52 (red), how would you consider and how did you consider such a line proper to be run?

Answer 3.

I reported 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1858 to J. W. Mandeville U. S. Surveyor General, strongly in favor of the straight line run from station 10 (black) to station 52 (red). The said report accompanied the map which I sent, on which station 10 was identical with station 10

on Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1, and Station 11 on my map was identical with station 52 (red) on said Exhibit.

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The straight line divides the Sierra nearly equally, and I believe that the description given in my instructions call for the straight line; particularly the decree of conception of Feb 1. 1840 - which says it goes to the summit of the mountain, <sup>after passing through</sup> on the green valley, the summit being called "Cumbre de la Sierra". From this direction (frombo), looking towards the East, all along the high range of mountains until the head waters of the Pescadero were reached.

The place marked on Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1 "High Mountain" I consider higher than the range over which runs the line shaded brown.

#### Question 4.

Following the crooked line, tinted brown, shown on Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1, from station N<sup>o</sup> 10 (black) to station 25, <sup>red</sup> and thence along ~~that~~ the ridge over which that line runs, where would you end, provided you kept on that ridge to its termination.

#### Answer 4.

I would end at the mouth of the Pescadero creek.



Question 5.

What is the area of the Rancho Salicpuedas, provided the straightline from station 10 (black) to Station 52 (red) on Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1, is adopted.

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Answer 5.

32.073 acres.

Question 6.

What is the area, adopting the crooked line shaded brown?

Answer 6.

As I compute it, 28.453 acres.

Question 7.

What quantity of ~~area~~<sup>land</sup> was granted, computed in acres.

Answer 7.

The grant is for eight leagues - equal to 35,509 <sup>4/4</sup> acres, leaving a deficit of 7,055 <sup>9/2</sup> acres, if the crooked line be adopted.

Question 8.

State the reasons which induced you to return on your survey the crooked line shaded brown on the northeast boundary, and whether you regarded that as the true line in that direction, or in any way computed upon it as such? State fully.

Answer 8.

I did not return it as the true line, but reported against it. I <sup>tested</sup> ~~was~~ this line and

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returned it because & there was a con-  
trovercy as to which of the ~~two~~ two lines  
was the proper one. Secondly, I wished  
to delineate and show the topography  
of the Sierra in a comparison of the  
two lines. Lastly, I made the compu-  
tation on that line in order to get my  
pay, as S W Maudeville would not  
accept any other. I made the com-  
putation upon the broken line some-  
time in 1859, a year or more after I  
had completed and returned my map  
to the office.

No cross Examination.  
Examination closed.

Sworn to & subscribed by  
before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of April A.D. 1860.

A. S. (Caster)

John B. Williams  
J. B. Williams

U. S. Surveyor General's Office  
San Francisco Cal., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1857

Sir,

Whereas, in the claim of James Blair et. al. to the tract of land hereinafter described, the Confirmation of the Board of Land Commissioners, to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California, has become final, the Attorney General of the U. S. having given notice that no appeal will be prosecuted therein, I have thought proper to appoint you my Deputy in this Special Case for the execution of the final Survey thereof.

The U. S. Board of Land Commissioners has confirmed said claim to the following effect:— "The land of which confirmation has been made, is that formerly occupied by Manuel Jimeno, situated in the County of Santa Cruz, and known by the name of 'Salispuedes', and is described and bounded as follows, to wit;— Bounded on the Western Side by the Arroyo of Salispuedes, and from this point running north through the middle of the Great Lakes (Lagunas Grandes) by the flat land (mesa) the low hills (las lomas bajas) the green valley (la Cañada Verde) and the mountains (Sierra) until it strikes the Pescadero creek (arroyo del Pescadero) and following the whole bank of this arroyo on the West Side, and passing by the place known as 'La Pica', until reaching the warm Springs (Agua Caliente) going down the Pajaro River, which will be its boundary line, as well as the rancho of 'Las Aromas', that of Don Antonio Leastro and that of the Señors Vallejos; the boundary line in the direction of the Señor Rodriguez being the small creek (arroyito) that runs out of the 'Salispuedes'. Containing eight square leagues of land, and being the same premises granted to Manuel Michettonna by Gen. Juan B. Alvarado, on the first day of March 1840, reference therefore to be had to the said grant on file in this case, and to the deed of the same from said Jimeno to the petitioners also on file the case."

In the grant, dated 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1840, the above mentioned tract is described as follows;— "Its boundaries being on the West Side the Arroyo de Salispuedes, and from this point running north, through the middle of the large lakes (Lagunas grandes), by the table land (mesa) the green valley (Cañada Verde) and the mountains (Sierra) until reaching the arroyo del Pescadero, and following all along the bank of this arroyo on the part of the east, and passing by the place of 'La Pica', until reaching the 'Agua Caliente', running down the Pajaro River, which will be the boundary with the Rancho of las Aromas; with that of Don Antonio Leastro, and with that of the Señores Vallejos; its boundaries being in the direction of the Señores Rodriguez, the 'arroyito' that runs out of the 'Salispuedes'; Containing eight square leagues, the surplus resulting after juridical measurement to remain for the use of the Government."

In the Deed from Manuel Jimeno to the petitioners, above referred to, said tract of land is described as follows, to wit; "Lying and bounding between and upon the creek of the Salispuedes, and a line drawn from said creek through the center of the lagunas called 'Las grandes'; through the sarsol, or growth of willows, at the end of said

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Lagunas; the table land; the low hills and the middle of the cañada verde, to the top of the Sierra; thence Easterly along the Sierra alta to the sources of the creek del Pescadero; thence following the line of said creek and passing by the place "de la Arca", or Litumen, to the "Agua Caliente"; thence taking on the South East a straight line to the Pajaro River, and the Pajaro River, as the said boundaries are more fully and exactly set forth in the decree of concession of Juan B. Alvarado, heretofore Governor of California under the Republic of Mexico, made at Monterrey Feby 1<sup>st</sup> 1840, and also in the decree of concession of said Alvarado Gov. &c, made at Monterrey March 1<sup>st</sup> 1840 -

In the decree of concession of Feby 1<sup>st</sup> 1840, above referred to, the aforementioned tract of land is described as follows; to wit - "As it is asked on the part of Don Manuel Jimeno, and in virtue of his having been the owner of the land named 'Sal Sepuedes', let there be issued the title for eight square leagues; its boundaries being, on the West, the Arroyo del Sal Sepuedes, and from this point taking a straight line until reaching the lagunas, commonly called 'las grandes', and running towards the North through the middle of these 'lagunas' and the willow grove which is found at their terminative, and passing through the table land (mesa) low hills (lomas bajas) and the middle of the green valley (Cañada verde) as far as the summit of the mountain (Cumbre de la Sierra) inclusive this; and from this direction (orumb) looking towards the East there shall be taken the direction all along the high range of mountains (Sierra alta) until reaching the head (nacimientos) of the Arroyo del Pescadero, and following all along the middle of this of this arroyo, and passing by the place of 'La Arca' until reaching the place called 'Agua Caliente', whence a straight line shall be taken E. S. until reaching the Pajaro River which is the boundary with the Rancho of las Armas, with that of Don Antonio leastn and with that of the Señores Vallejos, its boundaries being in the direction of the Sierras Avanzadas, the Corroyito that runs out of the Sal Sepuedes".

You will locate the aforesaid tract of land in accordance with the decree of the Commissioners, as herein set forth, and the date therein referred to.

For a more particular description of the manner you are to proceed in the execution of said Survey, I refer you to general Instructions to Deputy Surveyors, dated June 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

To  
Easton  
U. S. Surv

Respectfully  
J. N. Murdick  
U. S. Surv. Genl. Seal

Instructions  
to  
A. S. Easton, D. S.  
For making final survey  
of the Rancho of Sal-  
Alvares, confirmed to  
James Blain et al.

San Francisco, Cal.  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1857

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
*Southern*  
~~Northern~~ District of California,

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The United States

vs.

*James Blair et al.*

San Francisco, *May 2* 18 *60.*

On this day, before *me John B. Williams* a  
*acting under stipulation made by J. R. Wise U.S. atty*  
Commissioner of the United States for the *Northern* District of Cal-  
ifornia, duly authorized to administer oaths, &c., &c., came

*J. N. Mandeville* a witness produced on behalf of the  
*Claimants*

in Case No. *201*, being an appeal from the Board of Commissioners to ascer-  
tain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, in Case  
No on the Docket of the said Board of Commissioners, and was duly  
sworn and testified as follows — ~~his evidence being interpreted by~~

~~a sworn interpreter~~

PRESENT:

*E. Cassedy Esq. for claimants*  
*and J. R. Wise Esq. for U.S.*

QUESTION BY

*Claimants counsel*  
*Question 1.*

*State your name, age, residence and*  
*occupation*

*Answer 1.*

*J. N. Mandeville, thirty six years*  
*of age, residence San Francisco, I*  
*am Surveyor General of California*

~~Question 2.~~

~~How long have you been a Surveyor  
in the State?~~

Question 2.

How long have you been Surveyor  
General of the United States for  
the State of California

Answer 2.

Since the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1857.

Question 3.

State if you know whether a preliminary  
survey of the ranches of Salsipuedes  
in this case was made for the U.S.?  
and if so, during the term of what  
Surveyor General and by what  
Deputy?

Answer 3.

The records of the office show that a  
preliminary survey was <sup>made</sup> under instructions  
from Col. John C. Hayes as Surveyor  
General of the United States for  
the State of California, and during  
his term of office, by Mr. Jones  
deputy, which preliminary survey  
is on file in my office.

Question 4.

Look on the map now shown you, being  
exhibit No. 1, attached to the deposition  
of A. W. Thompson, and especially  
at the two lines shown thereon

between stations 52 (red) and 10 (black) one being a straight line, and the other a crooked line shaded brown, and state with which of these two lines the line as run by Mr. Jones United States deputy surveyor between the same points or in his preliminary survey corresponds?

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Answer 4.

The straight line on this exhibit from Station 52 (red) to 10 (black) and that returned by Mr. Jones between the same points, for the North eastern boundary, substantially correspond.

Question 5.

Have you ever visited the Salsipuedas Ranchos, and especially the country upon and adjoining the North eastern boundary line so as to make a personal examination thereof?

Answer 5.

I never have.

Cross Examination would by the United States.

J. W. Mansville

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2<sup>o</sup> day of May A.D. 1864 by  
M. S. Court



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U. S. District Court

The United States

v.

James Blair, et al.

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Depositions of  
A. W. Thompson  
A. S. Easton, A. J. Binney  
& J. W. Mauderville, with  
Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, & 3, and  
stipulation. Taken on  
behalf of claimants at  
San Francisco, by  
Not B Williams  
U. S. Court

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Filed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1840.

C. Fisher

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U. S. Surveyor General's Office  
San Francisco May 12<sup>th</sup> 1860

Hon. J. S. K. Ogier  
U. S. Dist. Judge  
Southern District

Sir.

Upon examination and comparison with the neighboring Ranchos it was found that Deputy Easton's returned plat did not agree with the work returned by other deputies on the Pajaro River. Mr Easton having meandered the Bank instead of the Center of the Stream as required by instructions. In other respects it is the Survey as now approved and forwarded by this Office.

The Plat formerly filed could be retained as an exhibit, showing all the matters in controversy, and which do not properly belong on an approved plat, compiled from the field notes showing the exterior lines

of the Survey.—

I presume that any error found in the Execution of the minor details of a Survey could be corrected after a decree as to general location, but as the necessary corrections alter in some degree the area, I have thought proper to file a copy of the final map as examined and approved, referring you to the former one for data as to the land in dispute between the different parties.

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Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
J. H. Munroe  
U. S. Sur<sup>r</sup> General

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Letter of Survey  
in Gul of Cala

Filed in office  
this 25<sup>th</sup> May  
A.D. 1860

C. Jones  
clerk

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said line as returned by him as a present  
is hereby rejected annulled & set aside,  
& he is hereby directed to amend & correct  
the same so as to correspond with the  
first decree herein in the manner & mode  
as follows to wit by drawing a straight  
line along the Mountains between  
Station No nine (9) & Station Fifty  
one (51) as delineated upon the sub-  
scribed copy returned after aforesaid  
which ~~last said station is the point referred~~  
to said straight line is the boundary  
line referred to & described in the said  
first decree & the documents therein referred  
to as the Sierra or Sierra Alta until it  
reaches the sources of the Arroyo del  
Pasadero, which said sources are  
indicated by said station fifty one  
(51) in order that thereby the Uni-  
ted States shall receive the benefit of  
the United States for the lands  
granted in payment to them -  
Thus done & signed in open  
Court this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1850

James H. Ogden  
U.S. District Judge

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Filed 28<sup>th</sup> May  
1860  
Springer

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ats } In the U. S. Dist  
United States } Court for the South  
} in District of Cali-  
} fornia -  
Subscribes -

Ordered that the map returned  
by the U. S. Surveyor General &  
filed ~~April 19<sup>th</sup>~~ <sup>22<sup>nd</sup> May</sup> 1860 be substituted in lieu  
instead of the map filed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1860  
with the same effect as if filed at  
the last said date & that the clai-  
-ments have leave to withdraw from  
the files of the Court the said map  
just filed ~~herein~~ <sup>the map filed April 19<sup>th</sup> 1860 =</sup>  
Thus ordered in open Court this  
May 1860 →

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James Blair et al.  
ad  
United States

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Order to substitute  
state map &c

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Filed in office  
this 30 May 1860  
@ J. J. J.  
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