

CASE No.  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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EL CAJON DE LOS NEGROS GRANT

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WILLIAM WORKMAN  
CLAIMANT

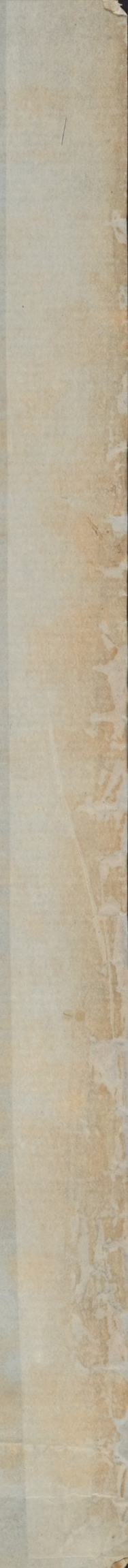
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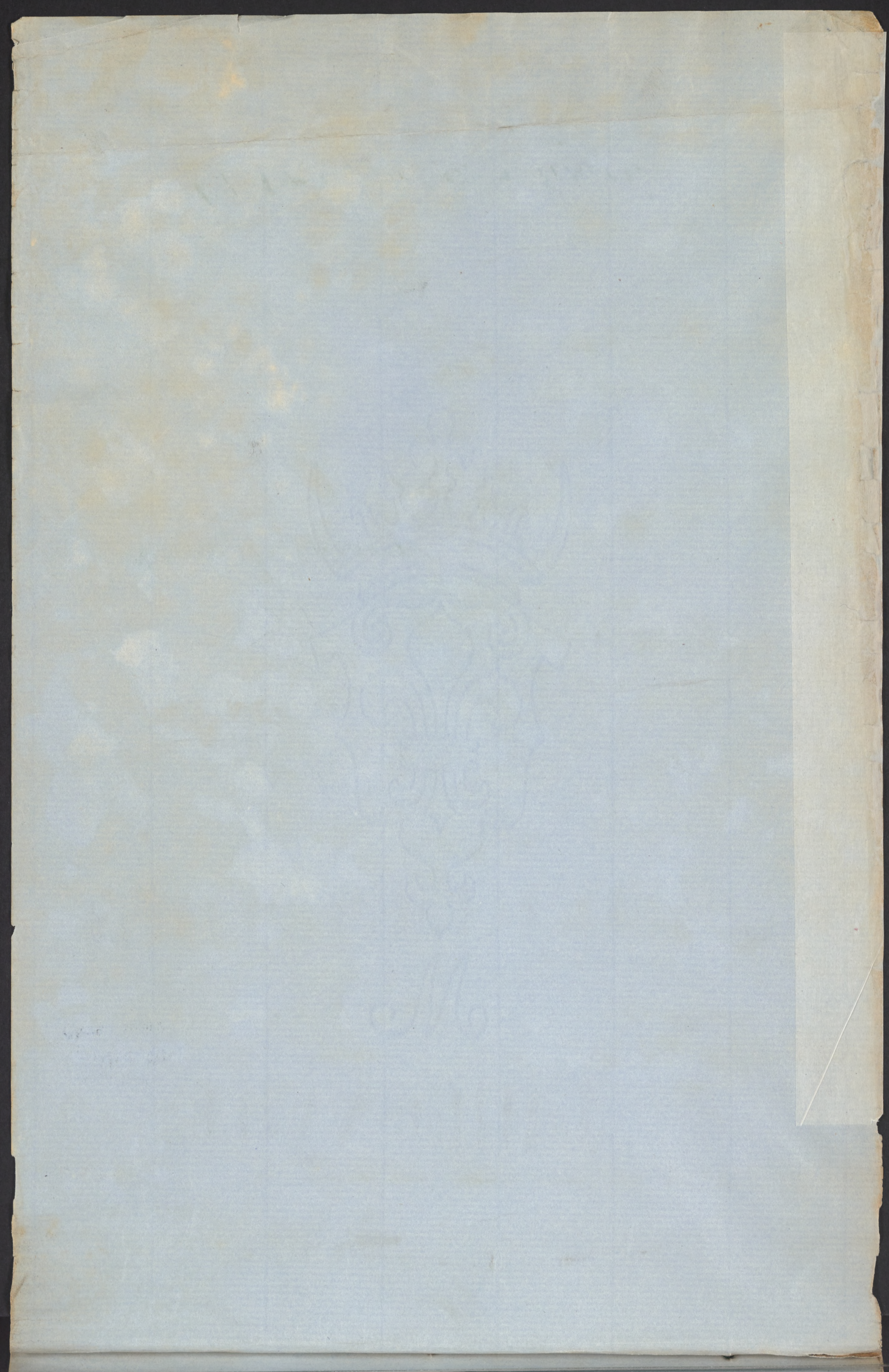
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# TRANSCRIPT

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OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 413

*William Workman*

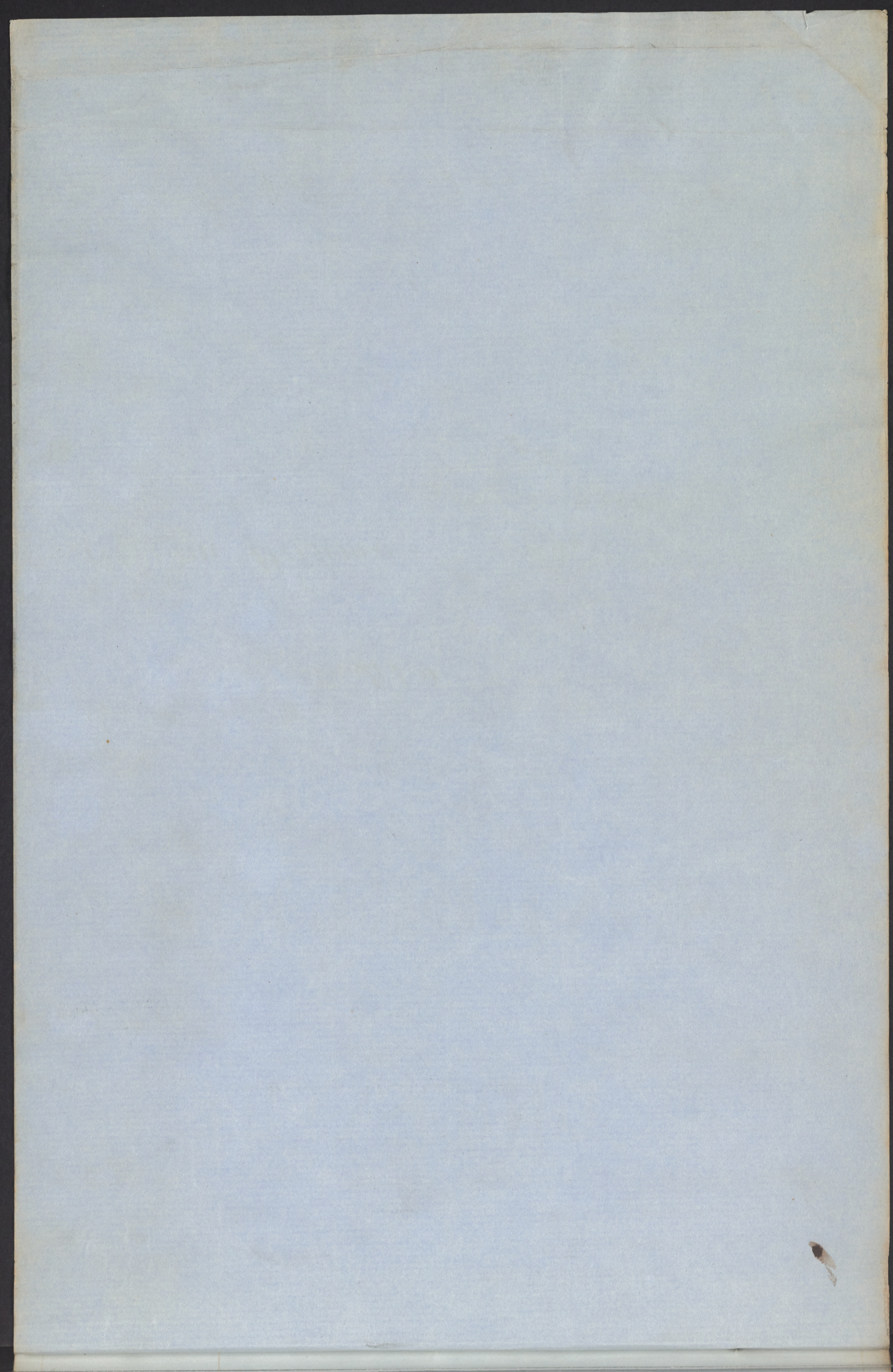
CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"El Cajon de los Negros."*





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H. H. No. 1, and translation thereof marked B, annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page of this Transcript.)

San Francisco October 3<sup>d</sup> 1853.  
Case no. 413, on motion of the Counsel for the claimant, was ordered to the foot of the Docket.

San Francisco November 26<sup>th</sup> 1853.

In the same case the deposition of Juan C. Gallardo, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner R. A. Thompson, was filed.

(Vide page 25 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of Ignacio F. Coronel, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner G. Thompson Burrill, was filed.

(Vide page 27 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco July 21<sup>st</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of Manuel F. Coronel, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner G. T. Burrill, was filed.

(Vide page 30 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of J. J. Warner, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Peter Sott, with Exhibit marked "A B L," annexed thereto, was filed.

(Vide page 34 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco October 3<sup>d</sup> 1854.

On motion of the Counsel for the claimant, with the consent of the U. S. Law Agent, case no. 413 was ordered to be placed at the foot of the 2<sup>d</sup> Class claims on the Dual Docket.



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San Francisco, November 9<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
Case no. 413 was submitted under the Rule of  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1854 and taken under advisement  
by the Board.

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San Francisco, December 18<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the Opinion of the Board rejecting the  
claim:

(Vice page 45 of this Transcript.)  
and the following order was made, to wit:  
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Petition

To the Hon W S Board of  
Land Commissioners to ascertain  
and settle Private land claims  
in the State of California

Your Petitioner William Workman  
a citizen of the County of Los Angeles and  
State of California before your Hon Board  
respectfully sheweth

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That he is the owner  
in fee simple of a certain tract or parcel  
lying and being situate in the County  
of Los Angeles and known by the name  
of the Cañon de los Negros containing  
three leagues of land and bounded and  
described as follows to wit:

Beginning at  
a certain stone or ridge of stone on the <sup>top of a small chip at</sup>  
the foot of the Mountain of Cucamonga, which  
stone was marked as the boundary, there  
were measured One thousand five hundred  
varas to the centre of the mountain then with-  
drawing the cord with direction South, there  
were measured and counted seven thousand  
one hundred and seventy four varas to  
some dry Alders where was made a corner  
from thence east a few degrees North  
eleven thousand three hundred varas to  
four Oaks (wild fruit trees) upon which  
were the Iron of William Workman and  
made the corner. From thence North five  
thousand seven hundred varas together with  
the one thousand five hundred varas pre-  
viously measured to the centre of the Moun-  
tain. From the Cañon de los Mexicanos  
with the same direction, make in all  
seven thousand two hundred varas which  
makes this line, observing that the five  
thousand seven hundred varas closed at  
sixteen small spearmores which were marked  
for corners, and on one of which the said  
Workmans Iron was stamped from thence  
West a few degrees South following the road  
that goes

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that goes to Cucamonga it not being possible to measure the mountain eleven thousand four hundred varas to the bank of a dry creek. The boundary of the Rancho Cucamonga.

Your Petitioner avers that said land called The Cajon de los Negros situate in The County of Los Angeles was granted to Ignacio Coronel of the City of Los Angeles by His Excellency Pio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department of California by His Superior order with date Los Angeles 15<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1846 in conformity with the Law of 18 of August A.D. 1824 and regulations 21<sup>st</sup> November A.D. 1828.

Your Petitioner avers that on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> of August A.D. 1847 the original grantee by His deed of conveyance sold to your Petitioner the said land called the Cajon de los Negros for a valuable consideration. Whereby your petitioner became the first purchaser from Ignacio Coronel the original grantee.

Your Petitioner avers that on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1847, at his instance and request the Regidor of the Most Illustrious Town Council and acting as Second Alcalde or Magistrate the citizen Jose Antonio Yorba, in obedience to the Superior authority and in conformity with the laws of the Department gave to your petitioner judicial possession of the said tract or parcel of land called Cajon de los Negros according to the metes and bounds set forth in said act of judicial possession.

And Your petitioner further avers that for the support of his claim to said land Cajon de los Negros he relies on the Documentary evidence to wit: The Original grant of title to Ignacio Coronel by His Excellency Pio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department of California with date Los Angeles 15<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1846 acting under the Superior

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authority of the General Government of Mexico  
and in conformity with the Law of 18<sup>th</sup>  
August A.D. 1824 and regulations 21<sup>st</sup>  
November A.D. 1828. Which original grant  
of title and properly your petitioner prays  
may be made a part of this petition.  
He also relies for the support of his claim  
to said land on the act of Judicial Pos-  
session given to your petitioner by the  
Regidor of the Most Illustris Audiencia  
and acting as second Magistrate Don An-  
tonio Verba with date Los Angeles 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of November A.D. 1847 which in like-  
manner he prays may be made a part  
of this petition.

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Your Petitioner further avers  
that on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1847 the original grantee sold by  
deed of conveyance the said tract of  
land Cajon de los Negros to your pe-  
titioner whereby he became the first-  
purchaser from Ignacio Coronel the original  
grantee and now holds the said tract  
of land in peaceable and exclusive pos-  
session which constitutes the dereliction  
of the Claimant's title which said in-  
denture of bargain and sale of the land  
called Cajon de los Negros from Ignacio  
Coronel to the Claimant your Petitioner  
respectfully offers and makes part of his  
petition.

Your Petitioner further avers that  
he relies on the verbal testimony which  
he will be able to produce at the proper  
time in confirmation of his claim and  
begs leave of Your Hon Board to present  
at any future time such Documentary  
evidence as may be discovered in the ex-  
amination of his claim as well as any  
verbal facts that may conduce to establish  
his right to the said tract of land Cajon  
de los Negros -

The land has never been surveyed or  
certified

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certified by the Surveyor General of the State  
of California

Your Petitioner now, nor at  
any <sup>other</sup> time has ever heard of any claim or  
pretension adverse to his right, but ever  
has and continues to enjoy free and  
exclusively the right and possession of  
the said land called Cayon de las Negras

Whereupon your Petitioner taking as  
presented each and every of the matters  
set forth in this petition and all others  
to him pertaining by law and in equity  
would most respectfully pray a confir-  
mation of his claim to the said tract or  
parcel of land called Cayon de las Negras  
if the laws governing your Hon Board  
will permit the same

And your Petitioner would  
ever pray as in duty bound

(Signed) William Workman  
By  
William C. Doyden  
His Attorney

Filed in Office October 23<sup>d</sup> 1852

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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Sio Pico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de California.

Por cuanto Don Ignacio Coronel, Mexicano por nacimiento ha solicitado para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un terreno baldio en la Sierra que esta colindando con Cucamonga y Da Buetta del Cajon de los Mexicanos hasta los Linderos de blanco, practicadas previamente las averiguaciones convenientes y usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado por el Supremo Gobierno a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por decreto de esta dia en concederle al precitado Coronel la propiedad de este terreno por las presentes letras de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 31 de Noviembre de 1828 y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

Expediente

Doc. H. B. n.º 1.  
Mundo Deposition  
of Pio Pico.

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1º Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las caminos transitorios y servidumbres.

2º Lo disputara libre y exclusivamente desbarrando lo al uso que mas le acomode.

3º Dentro de un año tendra casa abitada y pondra en sus linderos algunos arboles silvestres o frutales.

4º Solicitara del Juez respectiva posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho.

5º La estension de este terreno son tres sitios de ganado Mayor pero mas o menos. En consecuencia mando que teniendo presente por firme y valeroso se tome razon en el libro que corresponde darlo en la Ciudad de los Angeles en papel comun por falta de sellado. a 15 de Junio de 1826.

Pio Pico.

José Matias Moreno. Su Int.º

Queado tomada razon de este Superior despacho en el libro respectivo. Moreno.

En la Ciudad de los Angeles de la Alta California a los treinta y un dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y siete comparecio Don Ignacio y dijo que en vista de ser Regidor 1º del Ilustre Ayuntamiento y Jefe de Tercer Intermio, etc. y que este y venote a favor del Señor Don Julian Wolgummon el derecho y propiedad que tiene en los sitios que menciona el antecedente titulo con la unica condicion de que le otara como por inchoacion de las gastas le continuen en los efectos que particularmente

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Juan consentido. Y para darle la fuerza necesaria lo  
firmo con miso y los de asistencia. Doy fe.

José Antonio Yerba.

asa. Eomus Boteller.

Yguacio Coronel.

Arnalino Leon.

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Geo. Fisher. Secy.

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Pro Pro Constitutional Governor of  
The Department of The Californias

Translation of  
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annexed to Depo. of  
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Whereas Don Ignacio Coronel  
a Mexican by birth has solicited for  
his personal benefit and that of his  
family the vacant tract of land at the  
(Sierra) Mountains which bounds on Cu-  
camonga and turns round to the Cajon  
de los Mexicanos to the boundaries of  
Blanco having previously had the necessary  
investigations in the exercise of the powers  
with which I find myself invested autho-  
rized by the Supreme Government in the  
name of The Mexican Nation I have  
by a decree of this day, granted to  
the said Coronel the use of the land  
by these presents in conformity with the  
law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1824 and  
the regulations of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November  
1828, and under the following conditions

- 1<sup>st</sup> He may enclose it without  
prejudice to the roads crossings and  
servitudes

2<sup>a</sup> He shall enjoy freely and  
exclusively destining to the use which may  
best suit him

3<sup>a</sup> Within one year he shall have  
a house inhabited and he will place  
at his boundaries some wild fruit trees.

4<sup>a</sup> He shall solicit of the res-  
pective Judge for Judicial possession by  
virtue of this dispatch

5<sup>a</sup> The extent of this land is three  
square leagues of land a little more or  
less. Consequently I order that this being  
held as firm and valid that due note  
of it be taken in the corresponding book

Given at the city of Los Angeles  
on Common paper for want of  
stamped on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1846

Pro Pro — J. M. Moreno  
Secy ad interim

I George Fisher Secretary to the Board  
 of the U. S. Land Commissioners for the  
 State of California. Do hereby certify  
 that the foregoing is a true and correct  
 translation of the fac-simile copy of an  
 Expediente filed in Case No 413  
 William Workman Claimant on the doc  
 ket of said Board said Expediente  
 being marked A. P. S., exhibited in  
 J. J. Warners Depo Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

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In testimony whereof I have  
 hereunto signed my name  
 Officially this 7 day of Nov-  
 -ember A. D. 1854

(signed) Geo. Fisher

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(signed) Geo. Fisher

Deposition  
of  
Pio Pico

Los Angeles Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1852  
On this day before Wm. Willard Wall  
came Pio Pico a witness in behalf of the  
Claimant Wm. Workman Petition No 113  
and was duly sworn his evidence being in-  
terpreted by the Secretary.

The W & Associate Law Agent was  
present.

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In answer to questions by counsel for  
the Claimant the Witness testified as follows

My name is Pio Pico my age fifty  
one years and I reside at Los Angeles

A paper is shown me purporting to be  
a grant from myself as Governor of the  
California to Agnacio Coronel dated 15<sup>th</sup>  
of June 1846 of a tract of land within  
certain boundaries therein stated. My signature  
and that of Jose Matias Moreno as Sec-  
retary are the genuine signatures of each  
They were made upon the paper at its  
date and were our official acts as gov-  
ernor and Secretary. Said paper is  
hereto annexed and marked W & No 1

Question by the Associate Law Agent.

Do you know the writing of the grant  
Answer I do not know but it appears  
to be in the hand writing of Agitacion  
Arenas a clerk in the office

Question Do you know in whose  
hand writing is the date at the conclusion  
of the title for.

Answer I do not know but I  
believe it is in the hand writing of the  
Secretary Moreno

(Signed) Pio Pico

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Sworn and Subscribed  
Before me  
(Signed) Meland Wall  
Commissioner

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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Deposition  
of  
Ignacio F. Coronel

San Angeles Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1852  
On this day before Commissioner Meland Wall came Ignacio F. Coronel a Witness in behalf of the Claimant Wm Workman petition N<sup>o</sup> 413 and was duly sworn his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary

The U. S. Associate San Agent was present.

In answer to questions by Counsel for the Claimant the Witness testified as follows

My name is Ignacio F. Coronel my age is fifty eight years and I reside in San Angeles

An instrument in writing being shown me purporting to be a conveyance of my right in a tract of land mentioned as a grant to me signed Pio Pico dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 1846 said conveyance being written on the same sheet with said original grant and dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 1847 - said conveyance was executed by me to Julian Workman and is annexed to the Deposition of Pio Pico and marked A B N<sup>o</sup> 1

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Question by the Law Agent.  
Had you received judicial possession be-  
fore you made the conveyance

Answer. I had not - The grant was  
made in consideration of military services ren-  
dered by me in Mexico. I had not oc-  
cupied it before the conveyance. On account  
of the robbers and Indians it was impos-  
sible to occupy it

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Question by Counsel for the Claimants  
Is or is not this Rancho on the Fron-  
tier of the County of Los Angeles

Answer - It is about twenty four  
leagues from here on the road to New Mexico  
lands have been granted beyond it but  
whether they have been settled. I do not  
know

Is it beyond the Rancho Cucamonga?

Answer - It is

By the Associate Law Agent.

Where was you when you received this  
grant.

Answer - In Los Angeles -

Did you receive it at the date of it

Answer - I received it two or three  
days after its date.

(Signed) Y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel

Sworn and Subscribed

Before me

(Signed) Willard Hall  
Comm<sup>r</sup> -

Filed in Office October 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

(Signed) Geo Fisher

Deposition  
of  
Agustin Olvera

Los Angeles, November 10<sup>th</sup> 1852  
On this day before Com<sup>rs</sup> H. Hall  
came Agustin Olvera, a Witness in behalf  
of the Claimant William Workman Pittou  
N<sup>o</sup> 413 and was duly sworn his evidence  
being interpreted by the Secretary

The U. S. Associate Law Agent  
was present.

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In answer to questions by Counsel  
for the Claimant the Witness testified as  
follows -

My name is Agustin Olvera my  
age thirty two years and I reside in the  
city of Los Angeles -  
A paper is now shown me,  
purporting to be a testimonial of judicial  
possession given to Julian Workman  
dated 17. November 1847

I am acquainted with the hand  
writing and signature of Jose Antonio  
Yorba and believe his signature upon  
said paper to be genuine, said Yorba  
at the date of said possession was an  
acting Alcalde - said paper is hereto  
annexed and marked H. H. N<sup>o</sup> 1  
said Yorba is absent from the country

Question by the Associate Law Agent  
Look at this paper being a paper pur-  
porting to be a grant and which is  
marked H. H. N<sup>o</sup> 1, and annexed to  
the Depo of Pio Pico heretofore taken  
in this case and say if you know in  
whose hand writing is the body of the  
grant

Answer I do not know. It is not  
in the hand writing of any of the clerks  
who were at its date in the Office of  
the Secretary of the Government. I was  
employed at the time in that Office

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*Testimonio*

*de posesion del terreno del Cayon*

*de los Negros a favor de*

*D. Julian Nuakarm.*

*año de 1847.*

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*N. B. n.º 1.*  
*amenó to Depo. of*  
*Agustin Olvera.*

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En la ciudad de los Angeles a los diez y siete dias del mes de Noviembre del año de mil ochocientos cuarenta y siete: ante a la solicitud verbal que he hecho (Don Julian Warraman) para que se le de la posesion Juridica del parage del Cajon de los Negros del cual presento el titulo y demas documentos que justificaron su propiedad y corren agregados a estas diligencias pasese por mi y testigos de asistencia a poner en posesion Juridica al referido Señor Don Julian, con total arreglo al titulo y Reglamento de la materia. Asi yo José Antonio Gorba Regidor del Ilustre Ayuntamiento de esta referida Ciudad y cumpliendo de Alcalde segun decreto mandé y firmé con los de asistencia segun derecho. = José Antonio Gorba. = asst. Mariano Roldan. = José Simon Colonju. = Angeles diez y nueve de mil ochocientos cuarenta y siete = En seguida pase oficio a los Señores Colindantes manifestando el objeto a que me dirigia al parage del Cajon de los Negros, pudiese a reinstalar y poner en posesion de él, al Señor Don Julian Warraman y como los precita los colindantes contestaron de conformidad sin hacer objeccion alguna: lo que pongo por diligencia que autorise y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho. = José Antonio Gorba. = asst. Mariano Roldan. = José Colonju. = Que en la fecha y estampo en el parage del Cajon de los Negros, nombre de los oficiales condelegados: los que por no saber escribir se omiten sus nombres a los que manifestando el objeto de su nombramiento, aceptaron bajo del nombram<sup>to</sup> de estilo y ofrecieron desempeñar fiel y legalmente su encargo: lo contestaron y no firmaron por no saber lo hizo yo con los de asistencia segun derecho. = José Antonio Gorba. = asistencia. Mariano Roldan. = José Simon Colonju. En el acto y hallandome en el referido terreno del Cajon de los Negros al pie de la Sierra de encomunqu a la parte del lindero del rancho de este nombre por ante mis testigos de asistencia y los oficiales condelegados mandé medir un condel constante de cien varas al que se le citaron a sus estremas unas saetas de madera: parados inmediatos a mi para observar que esta a la falda de una loma que esta al pie de la Sierra que se señalo por lindero: y levantado sobre mil quinientas varas en que se combino el Señor



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Don Julian Wathurman se dieron al centro de la mencionada Sierra previa observacion y calculo por mi disposicion se tiro el corolal rumbo Sur y se medieron y contaron siete mil ciento setenta y cuatro varas que remataron en unos lanceros secos donde se por mano poner una mayonera. = De este punto se tiro la segunda medida rumbo este algunos grados al Norte y se midieron y contaron once mil trescientos varas que remataron en cuatro idios (arboles de fruto silvestre) los que ha bien dobles puesto el fierro del señor Don Julian Wathurman se marcaron por mayonera = De espunto se tiro la tercera medida rumbo Norte y se midieron y contaron cinco mil setecientos varas y mil quinientas que se calcularon al centro de la Sierra del Cajon de los Mejiicanos al mismo rumbo con siete mil doscientos varas que componen esta medida: ad virtiendo que los cinco mil setecientos remataron en diez y seis alfileres que se marcaron por mayonera poniendole a uno de ellos el fierro del referido Don Julian. = De este punto se tiro la cuarta rumbo N. algunos grados al Sur por el camino que va para Encarnanga por no poder medir la Sierra que resultaron once mil cuatrocientas varas que remataron en la oreilla de un arrollo seco para la parte de Encarnanga lindero de dicho terreno y habiendo sido comprue el interesado presentes los colindantes Don Jose del Carmen Lugo y Don Leon Victor Gruenhorn lo di por posesiononado a nombre de la nacion y las leyes con lo que se concluyo el acto que firmaron con miyo y los de asistencia segun derecho. = Jose Antonio Yorba. = Mariano Poldan. = Jose Simon Polonju. = Angeles Noviembre veinte y cinco de mil ochocientos cuarenta y siete. = Desele testimonio a la parte interesada de las presentes diligencias para su resguardo y seguridad. Asi yo Jose Antonio Yorba Regidor del Ilustre Ayuntamiento y en funciones de Jefe segundo, oche, mano y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho. = Jose Antonio Yorba. Mariano Poldan. = Jose Simon Polonju.

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Convenida con su original a que me recueto y se haya en el protocolo de este año de que se suco corregio y conjuanto fiel y legalmente en estas

tres folios de papel comun por falta de Sellado. fecha  
ut supra.

José Antonio Gorbea.

assa. Juan N. Pavilla. de asta. Manuel Enrique.

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Geo. Fisher.  
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 Installation  
 Act of  
 Judicial Possession

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In the city of Los Angeles on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1847 in pursuance of the verbal solicitude which William Workman has made that judicial possession be given him of the tract of land called "Cajon de los Negros" of which he presented the title and other documents which established his right of property to the same and which are annexed to these proceedings. I will proceed with the witness of assistance, to put in judicial possession the said William Workman with entire conformity to the title and regulations upon the subject. Thus I José Antonio Gorra, Regidor of the Illustrisimo town council of the above mentioned city and acting as second Magistrate, decreed commanded and signed with those of assistance according to law — José Antonio Gorra — Assistance Mariano Goldan — Assistance José Simon Odonojie

Los Angeles November 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1847 —  
 In continuation I sent an Official Notification to the adjoining land owners setting forth to them the object for which I was going to the "Cajon de los Negros" to wit to measure and put in possession of it Mr. William Workman and as the said adjoining land owners stated that they were satisfied and did not make any objection whatever I note the same as part of these proceedings, which I authorized and signed with those of assistance according to law — José Antonio Gorra — Assistance Mariano Goldan — Assistance José Simon Odonojie

On the same date being at the above place called "Cajon de los Negros" I named two official cord Rovers (who not knowing how to write their names are omitted) who on my making known to them the object of their appointments accepted with the usual formalities and promised to discharge faithfully and legally their duties, this is what they answered and they not knowing how to

How to sign. I signed with those of Assistance  
 according to law - = Jose Antonio Gorra =  
 Assistance Mariano Goldan - Assistance =  
 Jose Simon Odonoy =

In the act and finding myself on the  
 ground called "Cajon de los Negros" at the  
 foot of the Mountain of Uucardonga towards  
 or adjoining the boundary of the Rancho of  
 this name: before the witnesses of my assis-  
 -tance and the official cord bearers I com-  
 -manded a cord to be measured con-  
 -taining one hundred varas in length to the  
 extremities of which were tied two wooden  
 poles or stakes and standing close to a  
 stone or rock which is on the brow of a  
 small hill at the foot of the Mountain  
 (Sierra) which is marked as a boundary  
 and counting upwards of one thousand five  
 hundred varas and the said William  
 Workman agreed that they should reach  
 or come to the centre of the Mountain. Pre-  
 -vious observation and calculation by my dis-  
 -position the cord was extended direction South  
 and there were measured and counted seven  
 thousand one hundred and seventy four varas  
 when the line closed at some dead Alder  
 trees where was ordered to be placed a  
 corner mark from thence the second measure  
 was made East a few degrees North -  
 and there were measured and counted  
 eleven thousand and three hundred varas  
 which closed the line at four "Islands"  
 (wild fruit trees) upon which having been  
 placed the four mark of the said William  
 Workman they were marked as a land mark  
 from thence the third measurement was  
 made direction North and there were  
 measured and counted five thousand  
 seven hundred varas and one thousand  
 five hundred which were calculated  
 to extend into the centre of the Mountain  
 (Sierra) of the "Cajon de los Mexicanos" in  
 the same direction making this measure

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to contain seven thousand two hundred varas observing that the five thousand seven hundred closed at sixteen small cedar trees which were marked as boundary putting on one of them the Iron of the said William Workman from thence the cord was extended West a few degrees south following the road that goes to Cucamonga as the mountain could not be measured and there resulted eleven thousand four hundred varas which closed the line on the edge of a ravine towards Cucamonga boundary of said Pancho and the Party interested being satisfied and present the contiguous owners of land Jose del Carmen Lugo, and Mr. Leon Victor Paul Homme I pronounced in the name of the Mexican Nation the said William Workman to be legally possessed according to law wherewith the Act of Judicial possession was concluded and they signed with me and those of assistance according to law - Jose Antonio Vorba = Assistance Mariano Goldan = Assistance Jose Simon Adonju

Angels 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1847  
Gave testimonial to the Party interested of these proceedings for their safe guard and security Thus I Jose Baltar Vorba Regidor of the Illustrious town council and acting as second Justice of the Peace decreed commanded and signed with those of assistance according to law - Jose Antonio Vorba = Assistance Mariano Goldan = Assistance Jose Simon Adonju

This agrees with the original which I quote and is in the judicial Record of this year. From which this was taken corrected and compared, true and legally on these three leaves of common paper for want.

for want of stamps paper date as above

Don Antonio Gorbay

Assistance  
Juan Padilla

Assistance  
Manuel Enriquez

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I, George Fisher Secretary to the  
Board of the W S Land Comm<sup>rs</sup> &c  
thereby certify that the foregoing is a true  
and correct translation of the Spanish  
Document "YH N<sup>o</sup> 1, filed in the case  
as therein mentioned

San Francisco 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1854

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

Filed in Office Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1859,

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

Do you know the hand writing of  
Agustine Arenas  
Answer I do. It is not in his  
hand writing  
(Signed) Agustine Alvarez

Sworn and Subscribed  
Before me  
(Signed) Michael Hall  
Comr

Filed in Office November 16<sup>th</sup>. 1852

(Signed) Geo. Fisher  
By

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Deposition  
of  
Juan C. Gallardo

Office of the Board of  
Commissioners &c

This day before Comr P. Aug Thompson  
came Juan C. Gallardo a Spaniard a  
Witness in behalf of Claimant William  
Workman Petition N<sup>o</sup> 413 and being  
duly sworn this evidence being in Spanish  
was interpreted by the Secretary as follows

Testimony for Claimant

Present Hancock Atty for Claimant  
and P. Greenhow Esq Associate Law  
Agent

Witness states his name is Juan C.  
Gallardo his age fifty nine years residence  
Los Angeles Cal

Question by Claimant's Atty

Do you know the Rancho claimed in  
this case called the Cajon de los Negros  
if so state what you know of its bound-  
aries and its occupancy by the Claimant  
William Workman

Answer. - I know said Rancho - It lies between the Cajon de los Mexicanos and the Rancho of Cucamonga - I also know two of its boundaries, one next the Cajon de los Mexicanos is marked by some Sycamore trees, and that between said Rancho and the Rancho of Cucamonga by some trees called Ulay which bear a fruit resembling the cherry, It is now occupied by William Workman - when I was last there I was told he occupied - that was last year - I saw some cattle on the place.

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Question by same

Do you know Ignatio Coronel the original grantee in this case, if so state what you know of his Military services during the years 1845 - '46

Ans.

I never knew him in the Military service in 1845 Gov. Micheltorn issued some Commissions, one to myself and I believe also to Ignatio Coronel as Captain - but we were never called into service

Question by Mr. Greenhow

When did you first know said land and who then occupied it

Answer.

I first knew it in 1834 it was then occupied with cattle by the Mission of San Gabriel, I never knew it to be occupied by Ignatio Coronel

(Signed) Juan C. Gallardo

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

(Signed) J. Aug. Thompson

Filed in Office Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1853

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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Deposition  
of  
Y<sup>o</sup>. F. Coronel.

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G. Thompson Burrill at  
Los Angeles California

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Before me G. Thompson Burrill Com-  
-missioner duly qualified for the taking of  
Testimony to be used before the Board  
of Commissioners to ascertain and settle  
the Private Land claims in The State  
of California. Personally appeared Y<sup>o</sup>  
F. Coronel a Witness in behalf of William  
Workman (Claimant) for the land named  
"Cajon de los Negros" numbered on the  
Docket of the said Board with N<sup>o</sup> 413  
who upon oath declareth and saith as  
follows

Questions by Coronel for Claimant

Question N<sup>o</sup> 1. What is your name age and  
place of Residence?

Answer - My name is Ignacio F. Coronel  
I am fifty nine year of age.  
I live in the City of Los Angeles

Question N<sup>o</sup> 2 - Have you any particular  
interest or other interest in  
the above named land in  
this case

Answer - No I have transferred all  
the interest that I had to  
William Workman, and to  
day can give an impartial  
declaration

Question N<sup>o</sup> 3. Was the Rancho of Los  
Negros granted to you and  
if so under what circumstances

Answer - The Rancho was granted to  
me by the Governor for services  
rendered in the Republic of  
Mexico

Question N<sup>o</sup> 4, In what capacity did you  
serve

Answer.

I served the Republic of Mexico  
 I served in the capacity of  
 Ensign, and afterwards in  
 other positions in the Army of  
 the Republic at the time Star-  
 bide took the Capitol of Mexico  
 also accompanying different divisions  
 of the Army in other parts of  
 the Republic and up to the  
 year 1824. In the year 1834  
 I came from Mexico to Califor-  
 nia with Eleven other retired  
 officers with the intention of  
 colonizing California and a  
 part of the Eleven men and  
 myself went to Sonoma where  
 I remained One year and a  
 half we then dissolved the  
 company and I returned to  
 this place and during the  
 years 1836 and 1837 I was  
 commander of the Fort at the  
 Mission of San Gabriel

Question N<sup>o</sup> 5. In consideration of what  
 particular service was the grant  
 given to you.

Answer

The grant was given to me  
 for services rendered and  
 more particularly for those  
 rendered during the Revolution  
 for which we had not been  
 paid

Question N<sup>o</sup> 6. Did you build a House  
 the first year after the grant  
 on said land.

Answer-

I did not for immediately  
 the Revolution or War of 1846  
 prevented my doing so.

Questions by C. E. Thom Acting Law Agent

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Question N<sup>o</sup> 1 By whom and in what year was this grant made and upon what conditions

Answer - The grant was made by the Governor I believe in the year 1845 or 1846 but I do not recollect as my memory has failed me.

Question N<sup>o</sup> 2, Was you in the uninterrupted service of Mexico from the year 1821 to the year 1837

Answer - I was - I served in different occupations

Question N<sup>o</sup> 3. What Offices have you held from the year 1821 to the year 1837. from whom did you obtain your Commission and what compensation were you to receive

Answer, I have held various offices in the Army from the year 1821 to the year 1837. I obtained my Commission from the Government, and I have never received any compensation for my services

Question N<sup>o</sup> 4, Did you ever erect a fence on the land or Rancho "Cajon de los Negros"

Answer, I never did

Question N<sup>o</sup> 5. Did you ever erect a house on the Rancho

Answer, No I never did

Question N<sup>o</sup> 6 Did you ever live in the Rancho or did you ever plant any trees there of any sort

Answer, I never lived there and I never planted any trees there

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Question N<sup>o</sup> 7. In what county is the Rancho "Cajon de los Negros" and how far is it from the Sea.?

Answer - The Rancho was formerly in the County of Los Angeles, but since the division of said county I do not know in what county it is now situated and the Rancho is situated about 24 or 25 leagues from the sea more or less

(signed) J<sup>o</sup> F. Coronel

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me in the City of Los Angeles this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1854

(signed) G. Thompson Burrill Comm<sup>r</sup>

Filed in Office April 10<sup>th</sup> 1854,

(signed) Geo. Fishery

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Office of the Commissioner  
G. Thompson Burrill  
at Los Angeles Cal<sup>a</sup>

Deposition  
of  
Manuel F. Coronel

Before me G. Thompson Burrill Commissioner duly qualified for the taking of Testimony, to be used before the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, Personally appeared Manuel F. Coronel a Witness in behalf of William Workman for the land named "Cajon de los Negros" numbered in the Docket of said Board with N<sup>o</sup> 413 who upon oath declareth and saith as follows

Questions asked by Counsel for Claimant

Question No 1. What is your name age and place of residence?

Answer. My name is Manuel M. Coronel I am twenty three years of age and I reside in the County of Los Angeles

Question No 2. Have you any interest in the lands claimed in this case?

Answer I have not.

Question No 3. Were you writing in the Office of the Alcalde of Los Angeles during the month of June 1846 in matters apper-  
-taining to that Office

Answer. Yes I was

Question No 4. Do you remember of any thing having been done in that Office in reference to this claim at that time, if so what was it

Answer. What was done in the Office I was copyist or assistant to the Secretary, and as the Secretary was sick I had then to write the originals, and then they gave me notes made of the concession by the Governor asking information, those little remained there until the Secretary came and I informed him that they were on the table under a cover and the Secretary said to me to set down to write he at the same time dictating to me and I put down each form required by the act and he left me the points

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The points how they were to be finished, and I made an error at the date at the bottom, the Secretary did not discover the mistake when they were returned to the Governor who might distribute them to their respective owners, when the mistake was first discovered in this case it was when the comparison was made with the original and the copy to be given to the party interested, the correction was not by interlineation but by endeavoring to change the letters which was very perceptible the alteration was from July to June which it ought to have been there were mistakes in many cases sometimes they were amended by interlineation and others by erasures this case however was owing to the immediate departure of the Governor and the interested party waiting and asking for the papers - there not being time to copy the papers previous to the departure of the Alcalde who was going with the Governor

Questions asked by C. E. Thom Esq acting  
Law Agent

Question No 1. Were there not many other documents placed in your hands at the time above

above spoken of for copying and recordation if yes how comes it that you recollect so particularly the mistake and alteration alluded to in your examination in chief

Answer.

Yes there were many other papers presented for copying and I recollect this error and alteration from the fact that it was brought to my recollection at the time of the comparison of the original with the copy.

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Question No 2. By whom was the said change affected alluded to in your examination in chief and by what authority was it made

Answer.

This change was made by the Secretary whose business was to correct all papers because he exercised equal authority with a Notary Public, and I saw him do it for I was reading the original and the Secretary the Copy the Secretary was named Ignacio P. Coronel

(Signed) Manuel P. Coronel

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1854

(Signed) A. Thompson Barrill  
Clerk

I hereby certify that A. E. Thom was present at the time that the foregoing testimony was taken, acting for and behalf of and

of and to the authority of J. H. McKune  
Esq. U. S. Law Agent  
Los Angeles July 5<sup>th</sup> 1854

(Signed) C. Thompson Burrell  
Com

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Filed in Office July 21. 1854

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

Deposition  
of  
J. J. Warner,

United States of America }  
State of California } SS

Saw Francisco Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1854  
This day came before Peter Holt Com-  
missioner before taking testimony to be used  
before the Board of U. S. Land Com-  
missioners in said State, J. J. Warner  
a Witness on behalf of the Claimant  
William Northman in Case No 113  
on the Docket of said Board and  
said Witness being duly sworn, deposed  
as follows

The U. S. Associate Law Agent is  
present.

Questions by H. Hancock Esq for Claimant

1<sup>st</sup> Question. What is your name  
age and residence -

Answer. My name is J. J. Warner  
my age 46 years my residence San  
Diego California

2<sup>d</sup> Question Look at the traced



copy of the Expediente now shown to you marked "Expediente A. P. S." and filed in this case and state whether you have examined the original thereof in the Office of the W. S. Surveyor General for the State of California if you are acquainted with the handwriting of the persons whose names appear signed thereto, and if you state your means of knowledge and whether their signatures to said original documents wherever they respectively occur thereto are genuine

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Answer, I have examined said Original Expediente in said Surveyor General's office and I am acquainted with the handwriting of Pio Pico, Ignacio Coronel, - Leonardo Cota and Jose Matias Moreno having seen them write and their signatures respectively wherever they occur to said Original document are genuine

(Signed) J. J. Warner

Subscribed and Sworn to  
before me Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1854  
(Signed) Peter Solly Comm<sup>r</sup> &c

Filed in Office Sep<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1854  
(Signed) Geo. Fisher  
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Expediente A.F.L.

exhibit in Warner  
Deposition

Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> 1854.

La Sierra que colinda con Cuernavaca.  
concedido a Ignacio Coronel.

Nº 573.

Angeles Junio 15 de 1846.

Informe el Jues 1º de esta Capital sobre si es baldio el terreno que

uelva Gobierno para resolver.

Pico.

mas haya lugar en derecho que hallandose un terreno baldio desde las linderas de Cunamungu en la Sierra que da buetta al Cajon de los Mejicanos q. constara de tres sitios de ganado Mayor poco mas o menos lo denuncio en toda forma para que la benevolencia del Superior Gobierno y como en recompensa de mis servicios se sirva adjudicarmelo. Por tanto A. N. S. suplico decreto de conformidad lo que recibiré gracia. Juro no ser de malicia y lo necesario. Sin embargo admitir este en papel comun por falta del sellado.

Ignacio Coronel Mayor  
-cano por nacimiento  
y vecino de esta Ciudad  
ante V. E. con la curren-  
basta forma y como

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Angeles. Julio. 15 de 1846. Jy<sup>no</sup> Coronel.

Excm. Sor.

En cumplimiento del Superior decreto Marginal pase a examinar el terreno que solicita el interesado y hecha la correspondiente verificacion resulta estar absolutamente baldio y no pertenecer a particular alguno lo que informo a V. E. para su satisfaccion de lo dispuesto que resultara lo conveniente.

Angeles 5 de Julio de 1846.

Servando Cota.

Angeles. Junio 15 de 1846.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este expediente y el informe que antecede con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver convido de conformidad con la ley de 18 de agosto de 1826 y reglamento de 21 de noviembre de 1828 de elano a D<sup>n</sup> Ignacio Coronel dueño en propiedad del terreno de ganado Mayor que solicita constituirse de tres sitios, colindante con el rancho de la cananga hacia el Cajon de los Mejicanos; librese el titulo correspondiente y sometana este expediente a la aprobacion de S. A. Departamental.

Pico Pico Gob<sup>o</sup> Constitucional del Departamento de California, lo decreto y firmo. Doy fe.

Pico Pico.

José Matthews Moreno.

Sro. Ant<sup>o</sup>.

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Pio Pico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de California. = Por cuanto Don Ignacio Coronel Mexicano por nacimiento a solicitado para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un terreno baldio en la Sierra que esta colindando con la Cacumonga y de la buelta hasta el Cajon de los Mexicanos asta los linderos de Chacao, practicadas previamente las averiguaciones conservantes y usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado por el Supremo Gobierno a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por decreto de esta <sup>al me es estado</sup> ~~esta~~ ~~en~~ ~~usando~~ Coronel la propiedad de un terreno por las presentes letras de compraventa con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 y bajo las condiciones siguientes. 1<sup>a</sup> Podra tenerlo sin perjudicar las traversias y servidumbres. 2<sup>a</sup> lo disfrutara libre y esclusivamente destinandolo al uso que mas le convenga. 3<sup>a</sup> Dentro de un año, finca casa abitada y pondra en produccion algunos arboles frutales o silvestres. 4<sup>a</sup> Solicitara del Jefe respectivo posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho. 5<sup>a</sup> La estension de este terreno son tres litros de ganado mayor poco mas o menos. En consecuencia unida que teniendo por firme y libre valedero se tomara en el en el libro que corresponde. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en papel comun, por falta de sellado a 15 de Junio de 1845.

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Pio Pico. J. M. Moreno. Sr. Int<sup>o</sup>

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

I John C. Hayes Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California and as such having in my office and in my charge and custody a portion of the archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or department of Upper California Do hereby certify that the six preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to six inclusive exhibit a true and accurate copy of a certain document now on file and forming part of the said Archives in this office.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused my seal of office to be affixed at the City of San Francisco this

Twenty five fifth day of April AD. 1854.

John C. Hayes.

U. S. Surveyor General

Filed in office. Sept<sup>r</sup> 4. 1854.

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Expediente  
A.P.S.  
Exhibited in the  
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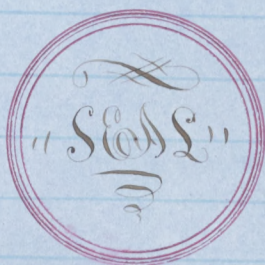
La Sierra which bounds on  
Cucamonga granted to  
Ygnacio Coronel

No 573

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Angels June 15<sup>th</sup>  
1846

Let the first  
Judge of this Cap-  
ital report whether  
the land is vacant  
and let this be re-  
turned to the Gov-  
ernment for its  
decision

(signed) Pico

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Most Excellent Sir

Ygnacio Coronel  
a Mexican by birth and  
a resident of this Capital  
before Your Excellency in  
due form of law appears  
and represents that there  
being a tract of land which  
is vacant from the boun-  
daries of Cucamonga at  
the Mountain ("Sierra")  
which turns round towards  
the "Cajon de los Mexicanos"  
which may contain three  
square leagues (sitios de  
ganado Mayor) a little

more or less I denounce it in due form  
in order that through the benevolence of the  
Superior Government and as a recompense  
for my services you may be pleased to  
adjudicate it to me therefore—

I pray of  
Your Excellency that you may decree in  
conformity with my petition in which I  
shall receive a favor, I swear it is  
not in malice as necessary &c &c

Be pleased to receive this on  
Common paper for want of stamped

Angels, June, 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

(signed) Yg<sup>o</sup> Coronel

Most Excellent Sir  
 In compliance with the  
 Superior decree which appears in the  
 margin, I proceeded to examine the land  
 which the interested party solicits and  
 having made the necessary examination it  
 appears that it is absolutely vacant and  
 does not belong to any individual which  
 I report to Your Excellency to comply with  
 your order and that you may determine  
 what you may think proper

Angels, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

(Signed) Leonardo Ucola

Angels June 13<sup>th</sup> 1846

Having seen the petition with  
 which this Expediente begins and the report  
 which precedes with whatever else was  
 thought fit to be seen in conformity with  
 the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1824 and  
 the regulations of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1828  
 I declare Don Ignacio Ucola owner in  
 full property of the land which consists  
 of three square leagues adjoining the rancho  
 of Cucamonga towards the Cañon de los  
 Angeles. Let the corresponding title be  
 issued and let this Record of Proceedings  
 (Expediente) be submitted to the Most  
 Excellent Departmental Assembly for  
 approval.

Pu Pico Constitutional Governor  
 of the Department of the Californias, thus  
 ordered decreed and signed which I attest

(Signed) Pu Pico  
 (Signed) Jose Matias Morino  
 Secy ad interim

Opinion

William Workman  
of  
The United States

For the place called  
"Cayon de los Negros"  
in Los Angeles County  
containing three square  
leagues of land.

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The Petitioner bases his right to the land claimed on a conveyance made to him by Ignacio Coronel to whom he alleges a grant of it was made by Governor Pio Pico on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1846.

To substantiate the title of Coronel the Petitioner has given in evidence the grant and also a traced copy of the Expediente showing all the proceedings in which it was based.

The grant bears date June 15<sup>th</sup> 1846, but the original Petition for the grant, the decree of the Governor directing information to be taken and the report of the officer giving the information to the Governor were all originally dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 1846 and are altered by changing the word July to June. If these papers were made in July as originally dated the grant issued in pursuance of and founded upon them could not of course have been issued in June. It is also observable that the date of the grant "July 15 1846" was not written continuously with the draughting of the body of the instrument but was manifestly filled up subsequently by another hand and with different ink and pen. These manifest alterations are not denied, but the Petitioner has introduced Manuel T. Coronel as a witness to explain them. The effect of his testimony however is to throw still stronger suspicion on the

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on the whole matter; while he connects the original grant with the making of the alteration he fails in the opinion of the Commission to relieve the case from the charge of the ante dating of the documents. On an examination of the whole case we find it impossible to avoid the conviction that the documents were all made at the time of the original date of the earliest papers in the case to wit on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1846. We have already decided several cases in which documents issued and dated in July of that year have been altered to June but in the whole Records no other alterations by substituting one month for another has met our attention. The circumstances cannot be accidental.

Regarding these documents then as we feel unstrained to do as originating on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July after the conquest of the country by the American Forces — the grant is without authority and cannot be the foundation of a valid claim.

If the grant was declared valid several questions as to the performance of conditions would necessarily arise on the case but as the object above stated is fatal to the claim we need not consider the other points.

An adverse decree will be entered.

Rejected

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher  
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William Workman

vs  
Decree. The United States

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

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(Signed) Alpheus Felch

(Signed) R. Aug Thompson

(Signed) S. B. Farwell

Commissioner

Filed in Office Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1854

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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and it appearing to the satisfaction of  
this Board that the sum of money appor-  
tioned is situated in the Southern  
District of Cal. it is hereby ordered  
that five Manuscripts of the proceedings  
and of the papers and documents  
which the same are found to be  
made out and duly entered by the  
Surgeon of which Manuscripts shall be  
sent to the Clerk of the United  
States Dist Court for the Southern  
District of Cal. and two other  
copies sent to the Attorney General  
of the U.S.

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BY

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 *forty seven* pages, numbered from  
1 to 47, 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. 413 on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *William Workman* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*El Cajon de Los Negros*."

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 fifth* - day of *May*  
A. D. 185*4*, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the seventy=*ninth*.

*Geo. Fisher*



U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

*Southern* District of California.

No. 229

*Doc*

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*William Workman:*  
*"El Cañon de Los Negros."*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE

BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. *413*

Filed, June 6<sup>th</sup>

1855.

*J. S. Farr*  
*clerk*

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*No. 413*



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Southern Dist of California  
Los Angeles Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1833-

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William Workman Appellant } Docket No  
ad } 229 Trans-  
United States Appellee } do 413

You will take notice that in the  
above entitled cause, decided by the  
U. S. Land Commission in favor of the  
United States, and a transcript of the  
proceedings in which was filed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of  
Jun 1833- The appeal. It will be  
prosecuted in this Court by the  
Claimant

Henry Hancock  
Atty for Appellant

No 229

United States District Ct:  
Souther. Dist: of California

William Workman App'ant

vs.

The United States, Appellee

Notice of Appeal

Filed Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

C. E. Carr Clerk

By Amo H. Rose Dep't

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H Hancock, Atty: for Claim

In the District Court of  
the United States for the  
Southern Dist. of Cal.  
William Workman Appellant } Docket N<sup>o</sup>:  
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The United States Appellee }  
December Term  
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Before Hon. Isaac H. Blair  
U.S. Dist Judge

Petition  
for Review

Your Petitioner William  
Workman Appellant in the  
above mentioned cause respectfully  
represents, that on the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1852 he  
presented a petition before the  
Board of Land Commissioners  
appointed under the act of  
Congress approved on the 3<sup>d</sup>  
of March 1851 for ascertaining  
and settling private land claims  
in California, asking confirmation  
to him of the tract of land, claimed  
in this case, and called "Cajon  
de los Reyes, situated in the  
present County of San Bernardino  
and between the Tranchas Lucanoy,

and Miscabialer. The latter  
Ranch being situated at the  
Mouth of Cajon Pass and  
formerly granted to "Blanco"  
alias Miguel White: I was  
afterwards to wit on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1854 the  
aforesaid Commissioners made  
a decree rejecting the claim  
of your petitioner; that the  
transcript of the said decision  
and proceeding before the said  
Board was duly filed with  
the Clerk of this Honourable  
Court according to law on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855  
and a Notice of Claimants  
intention to prosecute the  
appeal on the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1855

Your Petitioner  
would further respectfully  
represent that his said claim  
is good and valid, and that the  
said decree of the said  
Commissioners is unjust and  
contrary to law. Therefore  
Your petitioner respectfully

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prays this Honorable Court  
to view the said cause,  
to reverse the said decision,  
of the said Commissioners  
and to decide upon the  
validity of his said claim,  
and to confirm the same  
to him, and for such further  
and other relief as he may  
in law and equity be  
entitled to. And your  
petitioner will ever pray

William Northman  
By his Attorney  
Henry Hancock

No 229

U.S. Dist Court  
Southern Dist of Cal  
William W. Rouse  
appx  
vs  
The State  
appx

Petition of Rouse

Filed Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1857  
C. H. Rouse  
att

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C. H. Rouse  
att for Rouse

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Translation of Grant

Pio Pico Constitutional  
Governor of California

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Since Don Ignacio Coronel  
Mexican by birth has solicited for  
his personal benefit and that of  
his family a vacant land in  
the mountain bounding with  
the Concamonga and runs towards  
the Cajon de Los Angeles Mexicanos  
up to the lines of Blanco:  
The necessary requisites having  
been complied with, using  
the faculties with which  
I find myself authorized by  
the Supreme Government  
in the name of the Mexican  
Nation I have come by a  
decree of this day to decree the  
said Coronel the proprietor  
of the land by these present  
letters, in conformity with  
the Law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of August  
and the Regulations of the  
21<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1828 and upon  
the following conditions  
1<sup>st</sup> He may fence it without

judicial to the roads and

2<sup>d</sup> He may enjoy it fully and  
Exclusively destining it to whatever  
use may suit him

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3<sup>d</sup> within a year he shall  
put a house on it and have  
it inhabited and put at  
his corners some fruit or  
forest trees

4 He shall solicit the re-  
spective judge to give him  
judicial possession by virtue  
of this dispatch

Note will be taken of  
this title in the corresponding  
book Given at Los Angeles  
on common paper for want  
of sealed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1846

(signed) Pico

Morano  
Sue



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William Northman  
Attendant  
in United States  
Translation  
of Grant

Filed this 20th February  
1857  
C. Smith Clerk  
of A. Coleman

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United States of America, } SS.  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TO

*P Ord W. S. Atty*

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GREETING :

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

*William Workman praying  
said Court to wind the decision of the U. S.  
Board of Land Commissioners of the 12th December  
1854 rejecting his claim to the tract of land  
called "Cajon de los Negros" in the County  
of San Bernardino*

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

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this *20th* day of *February*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*seven* at Los Angeles aforesaid.

*Les Sims  
J. M. Coleman  
clerk*

Clerk.



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Marshal Cost  
Copying same - 60  
Printing same 30  
Petition 30  
\$ 6.60

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

William Workman  
vs.

The At Stake  
appur.

SUMMONS.

Filed on return this  
20th Feb'y 1857  
at San Fran  
J. M. Coleman  
sep

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I served this Summons, along with the proper copy of the Petition, upon *P. Ord Esq*  
by delivering to him personally a true copy of the same  
at *Los Angeles*, in the Southern District of California, on  
the *20th* day of *February*, A. D. 1857.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this  
*20th February 1857*  
*at San Fran*

*J. M. Coleman*  
Clerk.

*Edward Hunter*  
U.S. Marshal.

*J. M. Goodman*  
Sepy



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William Wakeman.

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The U States.

Answer of U States.

Filed this 21<sup>st</sup> February

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James Workman }  
vs } appellt } NO 229  
The United States }  
} appellee }

To the above named  
Claimant or his attorney

You will take  
notice that the above entitled  
cause will be brought on to hearing  
in the said United States District  
Court on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September  
A.D. 1860 or as soon thereafter  
as counsel can be heard

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1860

J. P. Mitchell  
at test

I served a copy of the within notice on  
H. Hancock Esq Atty for Claimant in the City of  
Los Angeles on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1860

James C. Purdie

U.S. Marshal  
S. Dist of Cal

Marshals fees \$2.00

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U.S. Dist Court

Wm Workman  
appellor

vs  
The United States  
appellee

Notice of trial

Filed in office on this  
17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1860

Admsr  
CR

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

*Los Angeles*  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

*District* In the ~~Circuit~~ Court of the United States for the *Southern* Districts of California,

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*William Workman*

vs.

*The United States*

*no 229*

The President of the United States of America,

TO

*Lemanda Lata*

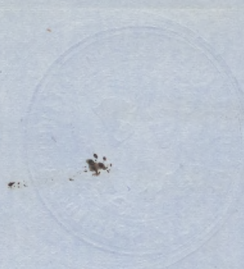
GREETING :

You are hereby required, That all and singular business and excuses being set aside, you appear and attend before *J. L. Mif* Clerk of the *District*, U.S. Commissioner ~~of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California, to be held at the Court House in the City of San Francisco,~~ <sup>*Southern*</sup> on the ~~the~~ *8th* day of *February* A. D. 18*61*, at *10* o'clock, *P.M.*, then and there to testify in the above stated cause now pending in said ~~Circuit~~ <sup>*District*</sup> Court, on the part of the above named *William Workman*. And for a failure to attend you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court, and liable to pay all loss and damages sustained thereby to the party aggrieved.

*J. S. K Ogier* Judge of the *District*

Witness, the Hon. ROGER B TANEY, ~~CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; this Court of the U. S. for the Southern Dist of Cal~~ <sup>*this 8th*</sup> day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~fifty~~ *61* and of our independence the eighty-

Attest,



By

*J. L. Mif* Clerk, *U. S. Com'ry*  
*John Wheeler*  
Deputy Clerk.



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Great Court of the United States

Southern District of California.

FOR THE  
Northern DISTRICT.

*A. Workman*

vs.

*United States*

SUBPOENA

FOR

*Leonardo Cota*

Filed this 8th day of February 1861

*W. L. Burns*  
Clerk.

*Wm. A. Sturges*  
Deputy.  
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This is to certify that I served the within personally upon the within <sup>named</sup> Leonardo Cota by reading the same to him (which service he acknowledged) in the County of Los Angeles Cal<sup>a</sup> February 8th 1861

Service 50  
Mileage 2.50  
\$3.00

*James C. Pennie* u. s.  
Marshal  
per *J. L. Burns* Deputy



William Workman

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Deposition of

Leonardo Cota

Q. H. Mix Clerk of the United States District Court for the South Dist of Cal + 4 offices taken before C. SIMS, United States Commissioner for the District of California, at the United States Court House, in the City of Los Angeles, on Friday, the 8th day of February A. D. 1861, at 3 o'clock P. M., on said day, on behalf of the Claimant, by the Stipulation of the parties - to be used as testimony in a certain cause now pending in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California being Case No. 229, on the Docket of said Court, wherein William Workman are appellants, and The United States are appellees.

Present

Henry Hancock is

Attorney in behalf of the appellants

and

J. R. Fitch, U.S. Deputy

in behalf of appellees.

Leonardo Cota being duly sworn according to law deposes & says through William G. Dryden who was duly sworn as Interpreter as follows

Question What is your name, age & place of residence?

Ans My name is Leonardo Cota, age Forty three Residence in the County of Los Angeles.

Question ~~What you acting Alcalde of the~~ Did you hold any office under the Mexican Government during the year 1846, and if so what office?

Ans Yes, I was Alcalde of Los Angeles, by virtue of being the first Resident to whom corresponded the office of Alcalde when the Alcalde

was absent, and this continued up to the time when the American came, & I think I began from <sup>about</sup> May, 1846, to act as such Alcalde.

Quest. Do you recollect whether you ever gave information in relation to the occupancy <sup>time</sup> of the Rancho called the Cajon de los Negros, during the time you were acting Alcalde? if so when

Ans. I remember something of the circumstances & after an examination of the Transcript. I am satisfied that I must have given the information required

Quest. State what you recollect about the circumstances and the time when - and at whose instance & for whose benefit -

Ans. All the circumstances, that I recollect at this moment are - that the Governor required information, as <sup>Jonacio</sup> Antonio Coronel had ~~filed a petition~~ <sup>for a grant of the same</sup> - solicited this land from the Governor - as to the positive time I cannot say with certainty

Quest. Was it given in Los Angeles, and if so in what building was the transaction had

Ans. It happened here in the City of Los Angeles, & I think the house in which it took place was the one now occupied by Luis Baueher, the rooms of that house serving as offices for the Alcalde, as also a hall for the town Council which house is fronting on main Street

Which house is fronting on main street

more or less - when it was given?, or in what month -

Ans. I cannot tell the precise time

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Quest. What distinguished officers of the Mexican Gov't or Depart<sup>t</sup> of California were in town at that time

Ans. I remember Gov. Pio Pico was here, I know of no others of higher grade being here at that time, - others of lesser grade were here.

Quest. What length of time did he remain here after that transaction prior to leaving for Santa Barbara

Ans. (~~Question objected to.~~)

Ans. I cannot tell how long he remained here after that circumstance

Quest. Have you had your attention long called to this matter, prior to having come here to testify,

Ans. I have been called here suddenly without reflection, - yesterday was the first time it was mentioned to me

Ques. Do you recollect any thing about the alteration of the date of the Papers concerning this grant from July to June at or about the time it was given,?

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Ans. I do not remember whether there was or not

Ques. Who were employed in your office as assistants there <sup>in your office</sup> during the months of June & July 1846

Ans. Ygnacio Coronel was the secretary his son also writing there - Manuel Coronel - he often made out writings in place of his father when he was out - Manuel was only a copyist notwithstanding he often wrote papers in the absence of his father

Ques. Do you recollect about the writing of this grant - about which you are now testifying on the Expediente of the same - and if so - By whom & where was it done

Ans. I do not remember who wrote the grant nor Expediente - I think, if I am not mistaken - however that the grant was in

the handwriting of Manuel Comel

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Was I accused by the Attorney

Ques. Where were you during the months of July and August 1846,

Ans. As to August I am not positive - but as to July I am positive that I was in Los Angeles,

Ques. When you left Los Angeles, where did you go

Ans. I never went anywhere except around to the ranches in the vicinity here

Ques. Did you go with Pio Pico in 1846 to San Luis Obispo to meet Castro?

Ans. No. I was here acting as alcalde at the time he left I did not go with him.

Ques. At what time in the month of July 1846 did Pio Pico return to Los Angeles with his troops.

Question objected to by Clements' atty. as

being leading

Ans, I cannot recollect - I think he left here in the month of July but when he returned I do not recollect, -

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Ques, State as near as you can more or less how soon after his return this report was made by you -

Objection }  
Suggesting a reply that was made after a return from somewhere - and furthermore as tending to confuse the witness

Ans, I cannot tell whether I gave the information required before he left or after - his return - but I am more inclined to believe that I made it before he left - but I cannot be positive

Ques, Have you any recollection of having <sup>made</sup> said report or giving said information, aside from having this day seen your name attached to said report as it appears in the Transcript in this case - and if so - what circumstances enable you to recall said transaction

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Ans. I recollect to having given the information without having seen my name in the manuscript to day - I recollect the circumstance of Ygnacio Coronel having presented me with the Decree or order of the Governor and afterwards of his having asked me if the information had been made out in order to return to the Governor - I also recollect that he told me after the Grant had been made by Pio Pico, that he had good luck and the prayer had been granted -

Quest. When the petition was referred to you by Pio Pico, how many days more or less did you take to examine the same. Whether the land was vacant - the party applicant entitled to receive - before you made your report.

Ans. I objected to as suggesting a reply that there was a number of days intervening

Ans. I cannot recollect

Quest. On reference being made to you - Was it your custom to enquire into the situation of the land the Capacity of the Claimant to take - before making your report - And if so - how long was generally occupied in these inquiries



Ans The only investigation that the Alcalde made was,  
to see if the land was actually vacant,  
The time, entirely depended upon Circumstances  
the Capacity of the Alcalde, <sup>and</sup> the land being well  
known, it was a matter of but a moment - At  
that time I knew of no other mode or manner  
of investigating it

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Ques Did you make those inquiries in this case  
& if so - by what means, did you ascertain  
it to be vacant

Ans, I do not now remember through what  
source that I learned that the land was vacant  
at that time

Direct Examination resumed

Ques You have hitherto been asked about an Expedi-  
tion to San Juan de los Rios with troops, by the Governor  
Don Pedro, What are we to understand you to  
say, you know of such an Expedition

Ans I intend to say that an armed force left  
here with Don Pedro the Governor

Ques Did he with that armed force leave here  
prior or subsequent to the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1846

Ans I do not remember whether before  
~~or afterwards~~ - He left here after the  
15<sup>th</sup> of June

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Ques Might you not have given the infor-  
-mation required by the Governor, concer-  
-ning the funds being subject to be granted  
upon the same day and date of the order  
of the Governor  
(Objected to)

Ans Perhaps not on the same day  
Leonardo Costa

*Sp. L. Mex*

**I. C. SIMS,**

*Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California & its offices*  
of the City and County of Los Angeles, and State of California, Commissioner to take Affidavits and Bail, in civil case pending in the Courts of the United States, and Depositions under the Acts of Congress, approved September 24th, A. D. 1789, February 20th, A. D. 1812, and March 1st, A. D. 1812, by virtue of my office of Clerk of the United States Court of the Southern District of California, and by special appointment by the United States Circuit Court for the State and circuit of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing

Depositions of *Leonardo Cota* was taken before me on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, A. D. *1851*, according to the *stipulation* of the said *parties*

at the United States District Court House, in the City of Los Angeles, and State of California, in behalf of the *Claimant.*

That the said *Leonardo Cota* was by me duly sworn according to law as a Witness in said cause in the caption of this Deposition mentioned, and after being so sworn, his Testimony was by me reduced to writing in his presence, and after having been by me carefully read to him, and by him corrected in every particular as he desired, was by



In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and private Seal, (having no Seal of Office,) this *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, A. D. *1851*

*I. C. Sims*

United States Commissioner.

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United States District Court for the  
Southern District of California.

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Deposition of

Leonardo Cota

Filed this

5th July, 1861

G. H. Brown et al

J. M. [Signature]

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vs Appellant } N° 229  
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Appellee

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United Dist Court for  
the Southern Dist of  
California

It is hereby stipulated and  
agreed by the undersigned that,  
the disposition of Leonard's Note  
taken in the above entitled  
cause before G. L. Mix Clerk  
of the Court aforesaid and Ex Officio  
U.S. Commissioner, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1861, may be read and  
received in evidence in this cause  
without objection to manner of taking  
the same, and that the same be  
received with the same force, weight  
and effect as though taken in open  
Court or before a regularly constituted  
U.S. Commissioner

~~W. Workman~~ J. Mitchell  
U.S. Dist Atty  
~~W. Workman~~ Henry Hancock  
of Counsel for  
Appellant

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Appellant  
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The United States  
Appellee

Deputation  
Concerning Evidence

Filed Feb'y 13th 1861  
G. L. Mix  
Clerk

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

U. S. Sur Genl's Office  
San Francisco  
April 21 1861

I certify that after a careful search made by R. C. Stopkins Keeper of the archives in this office with reference to the locality of Governor Pio Pico in July 1846, it is found that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1846 Pio Pico was not at Los Angeles on that day, but is reported as having gone North -

In witness whereof I have signed my name official and affixed the seal of my office the day and date first in this certificate written

J. H. Manville

U. S. Sur Genl



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Appella  
vs  
The United States

Certificate of  
U. S. Sur. Gen.

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Sp. Mex. clk  
John Wheeler

(Seal)



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

William Workman 2<sup>d</sup>

Appellant

Case de los Negros

The United States

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To the Hon. Fletcher M. Haught  
U. S. District Judge.

The Appellant in the above cause respectfully prays that the attorney of Record on his behalf herein may be changed; striking out in future proceedings the name of Henry Hancock Esq. and substituting Joseph R. Gitchel & James H. Lander Esq. And as in duty he.

Wm. Workman Appell.  
in pro. per.

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U S Dist Court

W Postman

The <sup>is</sup> United States

Substitution of  
attys

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Clerk

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William Workman  
Appellant }  
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Special Term of the U.S. Dist  
Court in and for the Southern Dist  
of California

It is hereby stipulated by the  
undersigned that this cause be  
continued until the next regular  
Term of this Court to be held  
at Monterey next June -

Wm. Whiting  
U.S. District ~~Court~~  
Attorney for the  
southern Dist Cal.

Mary Hancock  
of Counsel  
for claimant

No. 229

Julian Workman

vs  
United States

Cajon Los Negros

Stipulation  
& Continuance

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Oct. 2<sup>d</sup> 1862.

John D. Whelan  
clerk

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U. S. Dist Court, South<sup>th</sup> Dist Cal<sup>a</sup>

Regular Term Term ad 1863

June 15<sup>th</sup> ad 1863

Hon<sup>ble</sup>, Fletcher M. Haight, Judge

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William Workman, appl<sup>t</sup>

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<sup>vs</sup>  
The United States appl<sup>t</sup> "Cayo delo Negro"

This Cause coming on to be heard on appeal from the decision of the United States Board of Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, under an act of Congress approved March 3<sup>d</sup>, 1851, on a transcript of the decision and proceedings of said Board, and the papers and evidence upon which said decision was founded, and the evidence taken and filed in this Court since said appeal, and it appearing to the Court that the said transcript and notice of appeal have been duly filed according to law and Counsel for the respective parties having been heard and the same being fully understood and considered by the Court.

It is Ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the decision of said Board of Land Commissioners be and the same is hereby affirmed, and that the said claim of the Appellant is held as invalid and is hereby rejected.

This done signed in open Court this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863  
Fletcher M. Haight  
U. S. Judge South Dist Cal<sup>a</sup>

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W. S. Dab Lomh  
South Dakota

Wm Workman

The United States

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John Whelan  
Ck

In the District Court of the  
United States for the Dist and  
State of California

William Workman

Appellant

vs

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Appellee

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Cajon de los Negros

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The undersigned hereby files  
his withdrawal from the prosecution of the above  
entitled cause and states as the reason therefor  
that upon a reexamination of the Mexican Archives  
in the custody of the United States Surveyor General for Cal<sup>a</sup>-  
with the view of prosecuting an appeal of this cause in the  
United States Supreme Court, having obtained an explanation  
from R. C. Hopkins Keeper of said archives and the aid of Col.  
J. J. Warner an old resident of California, the undersigned has  
for the first time since his advocacy of the said cause —  
become convinced that the original petition and  
marginal order of the Expediente was in fact  
written on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1846 and that afterward  
upon the completion of the expediente probably after the  
return of Pio Pico from Santa Barbara in said  
year altered so as to read the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, as is now  
to undersigned patent upon the face of the expediente  
and for the further reason that the decree  
and grant were antedated The undersigned

having heretofore been of the belief that the said alteration was from the 15<sup>th</sup> of July to the 15<sup>th</sup> of June and done in good faith without any attempt to disguise the same, and that the title was issued on the day of its date to wit the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1846 in the place of at some time subsequent to that date as he has now come to believe Whereupon the undersigned hereby withdraws his name as attorney in the said above entitled cause

Henry Hancock  
of Counsel for Claimant



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William Hookman

Appellant  
vs

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Appellee

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Notes of  
Withdrawal  
of Name of  
as Counsel

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May 25<sup>th</sup> 1868

Geo. C. Whitney  
of New York  
City Clerk

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# The Western Union Telegraph Company.

PACIFIC DIVISION.

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The Public is requested to report to the Superintendent, at San Francisco, any cause of dissatisfaction.

## ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office. For repeating, one-half the regular rate is charged in addition. And it is agreed between the sender of the following message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission, or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruptions in the working of their lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agents of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company, when necessary, to reach its destination.

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Aguaio Coronel mejicano por nacimiento y  
vino de esta Ciudad ante U.E. en la ma-

Anges fu  
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bastante porino y como mas haya lugares  
informe el clero que hallandose un terreno al  
fuer 1.º de dia desde los linderos de cucamonga en la  
esta capital  
sobre el cual viere que da buelte al cajon de los mejica  
dio el terreno  
y vuelva a ser constante de tres sitios de ganancia en  
gobierno  
pa resolver y or por mas o menos, lo demucio en

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toda forma para que lo venolencia  
del superior Gob<sup>o</sup> y como en recompensa  
de sus servicios se viva adjudicarselo  
postanto

A.U.E. suscrio de ante de conformidad en lo q.  
reibir gracia furo no sea de malicia  
y lo necesario q<sup>o</sup> se admita este  
en papel comun por folio de selado

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Soi.

En cumplimiento del Superior Decreto  
marginal para examinar el terreno  
y solicitar el interesado, y hecha  
la correspondiente vedura. Venidas  
estas absolutamente validas y no pende  
neces a particular alguno. Lo que  
informo a V.E. para su satisfac  
cion de lo dispuesto y se queleba lo  
conveniente

Angelis 6 de Julio de 1846

Leonardo Cota



Angelis junio 15 del 1846.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este  
expediente y el informe que antecede con todo lo  
demas q. se tubo presente y ver combino de confor  
midad con la ley de 18 de Agosto del 1824 y Re  
glamento de 21 de Noviembre del 1828, declaro a D.  
Ygnacio Coronel, dueño en propiedad del ter  
reno de ganado mayor que solicita constante  
de tres sitios, colindante con el rancho de Con  
camayo hacia el Capal de los mesicanos. Li  
bre el titulo respectivo y constan este expedi

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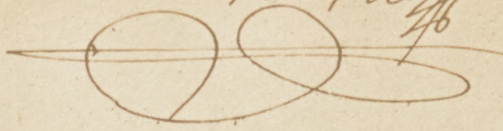
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ante a' la aprobacion de la C. A. Departamen-  
tal.

Pio Pio Gob. Constitucional del Depar-  
tamento de Californias, lo decreta y firma  
así por.

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Jose Maria Moreno  
Pro. Sec. D.

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Yo Sico Gobernador Constitucional del Depar-  
tamento de California = Por cuanto D. Ignacio Co-  
ronel mexicano por nacimiento á solicitado por  
su subsistencia personal y el de su familia un  
terreno baldío en la Sierra q. esta colindan-  
do con Cucamonga y de buena parte el co-  
jon de los mexicanos asta los linderos de Bla-  
co, practicadas previamente las averiguacio-  
nes convenientes y usando de las facultades  
con q. me hallo autorizado por el supremo  
Gob.º acordado de la nacion Mexicana he  
errado por decreto de este dia en concederle al  
solicitado Coronel la propiedad de ese terreno  
por las presentes letras de conformidad con la  
ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglam.º de 21 de  
Noviembre de 1828 y bajo las condiciones si-  
guientes = 1.º Podrá cercarlo sin perjuicio  
de los caminos tranceros y arroyos = 2.º Lo  
disfrutara libre y esclusivamente destinandolo  
al uso q. mas le acomode = 3.º Dentro de un  
año tendra casa aiutada y pondra en culti-  
vos algunos arboles silvestres ó frutales = 4.º  
Solicitará del juez respectivo posesion jurídica  
inmediata de este terreno = 5.º La extension  
de este terreno son tres riberas de ganado mayor

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precio mas oneroso en caso de que mande  
que teniendo por firme y valido u tome  
razon de el en el libro que corresponde. = Dado  
en la Ciudad de la Aug. en papel concur por  
falta de sellado a 18 de Junio de 1846.

Pío Pío = J. M. Moreno Sec. Jur.

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Don Pío Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento  
de California



Por cuanto Don Ignacio Coro el  
mexicano por nacimiento á solici-  
tado para su beneficio personal y el  
de su familia un terreno valdío en  
la sierra que está colindando con  
Cucamonga y da vuelta al cajón  
de los mexicanos; esto los linderos  
de blanco, practicados previamente  
las averiguaciones concernientes y  
usando de las facultades con que  
me hallé autorizado por el supre-  
mo Gobierno á nombre de la nación  
Mexicana me unido por decreto de  
este día en concederle al presen-  
te Coronel la propiedad de ese  
terreno por las presentes letras  
de conformidad con la ley de 18 de  
Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de  
21 de Noviembre de 1828 y bajo  
las condiciones siguientes.

1.ª Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar los  
caminos traccias y servidumbres.

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Lo disfrutara libre y exclusi-  
vamente deteniendolo al uso que  
mas le acomode.

3<sup>a</sup> Dentro de un año tendra casa  
avitada y por ende en sus linderos  
ros algunos arboles silvestres  
frutales.

4<sup>a</sup> Solicitara del Jues respectivo  
posesion Juridico en vir-  
tud de este despacho.

5<sup>a</sup> La estension de est tierra  
ero con tres sitios de ganadorno  
por poco mas o menos. En conse-  
cuencia mando que teniendole  
por firm y validero se tomara  
con de el en el libro que corre  
por de. Dado en la Ciudad de los  
Rios en papel comun por falta  
de sellado, a 15 de Junio de 1846.

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de la tomada razon de este su  
perior de padro en el libro superior

Florens

En la Ciudad de los Reyes de  
la Alta California a los treinta y  
un dia del mes de Agosto de  
mil ochocientos cuarenta y siete  
compramos D. y granis y diez  
que en vista de su Regimen  
yo del Sr. Ayuntamiento  
y fuergia de Ley 2º inter-  
no, otorgo que cede y trans-  
na a favor del Sr. Don  
Julian Woberman, el derecho  
y propiedades que tiene en los  
sitios que menciona el an-  
tecedente titulo, con la ven-  
ca conchicosa de que le da  
ra como por indignacion  
de los gastos de conseque-  
cia en pens en los efectos que  
particularmente van en  
venido. Y para darle la  
suficiente necesaria, lo firmo  
yo y el Sr. Woberman y los dos

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