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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

LAS VIRGENES GRANT

MARIA ANTONIA MACHADO
CLAIMANT

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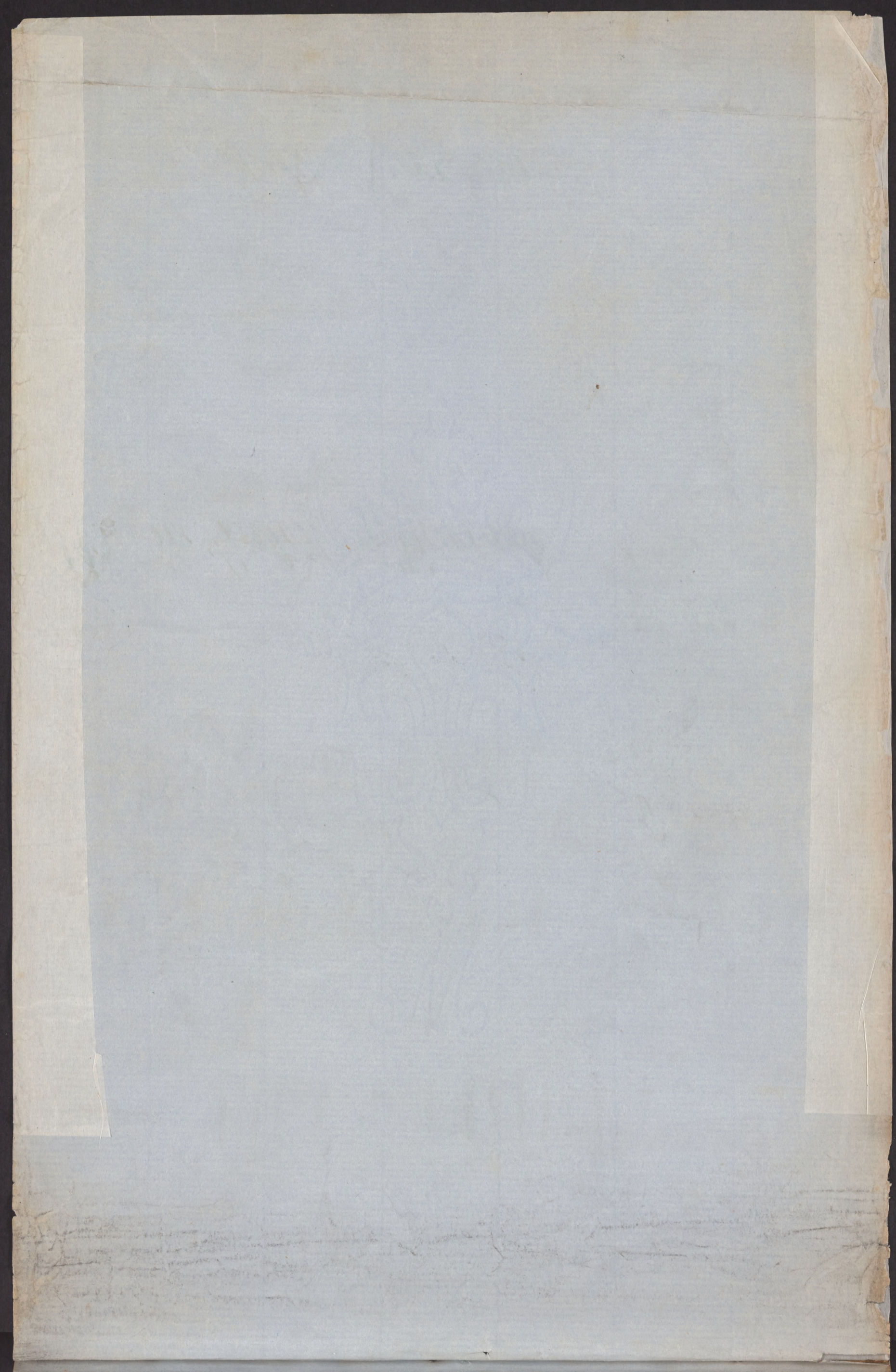
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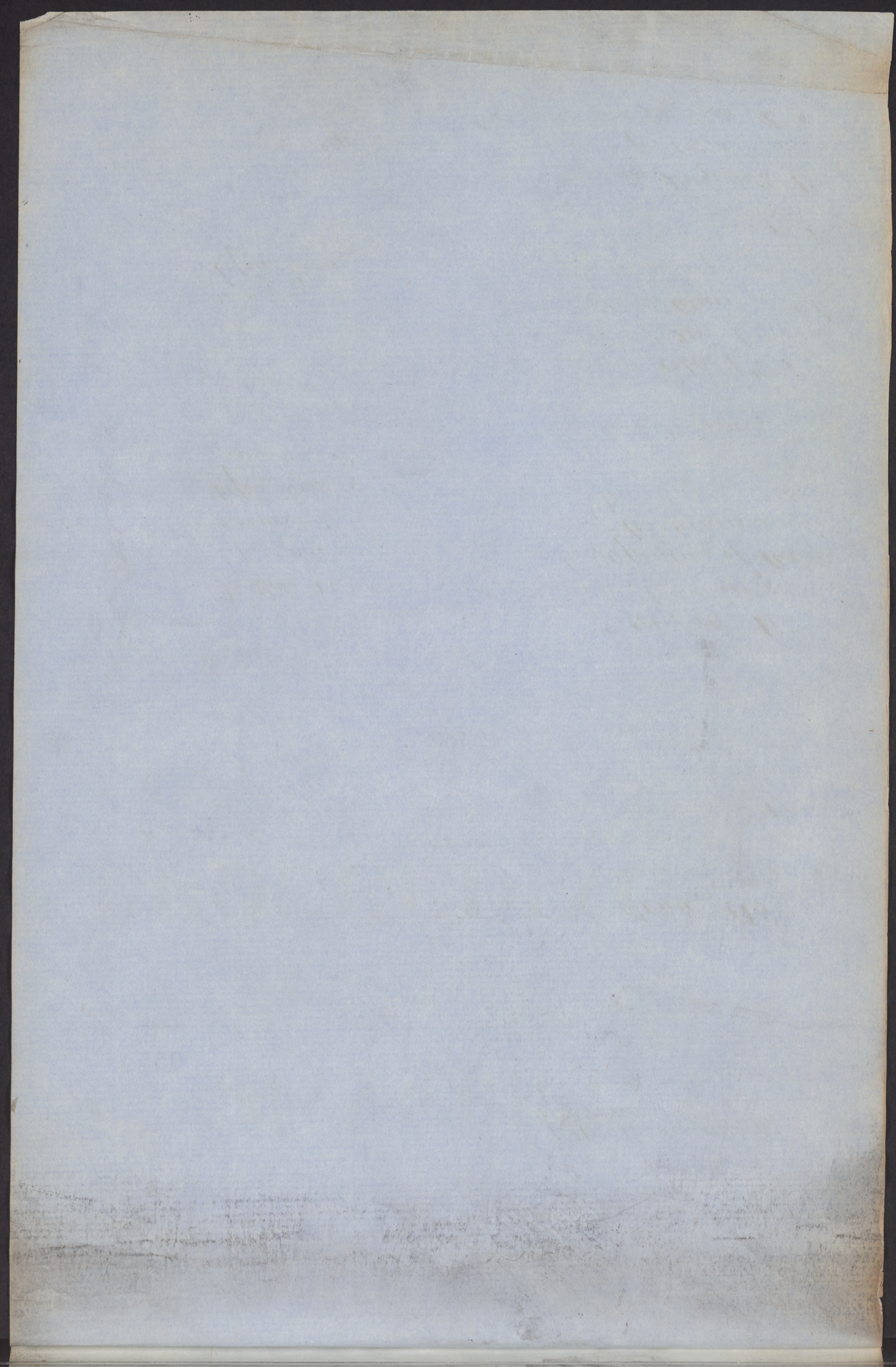
Maria Antonia Machado CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"San Virgenes."



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

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The Petition of *Maria Antonia Machado*
for the Place named
"Las Virgenes,"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 344 and
is as follows, to wit:

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

Los Angeles October 2^d 1852.

In case no. 344, *Maria Antonia Machado* for the
place named "*Las Virgenes*," the deposition of *Manuel*
Requena, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken
before Commissioner *Melara Hall*, with document
marked H. H. No. 1, was filed:

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)

Los Angeles October 17th 1852.

In the same case the deposition of *Jose Maria Do-*
minguez, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken
before Commissioner *Melara Hall*, was filed:

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco August 16th 1853.

Case no. 344 called: the Counsel for the claimant
read the Evidence; argued, submitted and taken
under advisement.

San Francisco, November 7th 1854.

In the same case Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson delivered the opinion of the Board confirming the claim:

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(See page 27 of this Transcript.)

and the following order was made, to wit:

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To the Honble the Board of U.S. Land  
Commissioners appointed to settle private  
land claims in California -

Petition.  
The petition of Dona Maria  
Antonio Machado respectfully sheweth that  
on or about the 6th day of April 1834 Juan  
B. Alvarado then Governor of California  
granted in full propriety to Jose Ma Dominguez  
the tract of land in the present County  
of Los Angeles known by the name of Las  
Virgenes within the limits of the State or  
map accompanying the papers of said Domini-  
guez copies of the same being herewith  
filed and to which your petitioners pray leave  
to refer as part of this petition -

The said grant was  
made by virtue of the Colonization laws of  
August 18, 1824 the instructions and regulations  
of Nov 21, 1828 and the various laws of Mexico  
and the Customs of the Country affecting  
grants of land in California -

Your petitioners further sheweth  
that on or about the 15th day of May 1834  
said grant received the approval of the  
Departmental Assembly and on or about the  
6th day of August 1835, the said Dominguez  
was put in Canonical possession of said lands  
so granted by the proper Officer having juris-  
diction thereof referred being had to the  
original papers and documents copies of  
which are herewith filed as part of this peti-  
tion will more fully and at large appear -

Your petitioners further sheweth  
that on or about the 14th day of March  
1845 the said Jose Ma Dominguez by  
and duly authenticated said and conveyed  
the said lands to your petitioners in full

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property reference being had to said deed a copy being herewith filed as part of this petition -

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Your petitioners further sheweth that there are no conflicting claims to said lands known to your petitioners that the said lands have always been in the peaceable and quiet possession of said original grantee from the date of said grant until the same was conveyed to your petitioners and since that time to the present the said lands have been in the peaceable and undisturbed possession of your petitioners.

The lands here claimed by your petitioners have been surveyed and measured but not by the U.S. Surveyor General of Cal<sup>a</sup> -

The Evidence upon which your petitioners rely are the records of this grant in the Office of the U.S. Surveyor General for Cal<sup>a</sup>. Original papers copies of which are herewith filed and the testimony of witnesses to be produced before your Honor's Board.

Respectfully submitted for such action as the justice and nature of the claim may require -  
Crosby & Norton -  
of Counsel  
for Claimant -

Filed in Office Sep. 13, 1852.

(Signed) Geo Fisher  
Secy.

Office of the Board of Commissioners  
of California Land Claims,  
Los Angeles Oct 2, 1853.

Deposition  
of  
Manuel  
Reguena.

On this day Cyprio Heiland Keall one of the  
Commissioners for ascertaining and settling  
junior land claims in California came  
Manuel Reguena a witness produced in behalf  
of the claimant Mr. Antonio Machado whose  
petition is No 344 on the docket of the Board  
& was duly sworn.

His evidence being given in Span-  
ish was interpreted by the Secretary -

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The Law Agent was notified and attended

In answer to questions on behalf of the claim-  
ant the witness testified as follows.

My name is Manuel Reguena My  
age fifty one years I reside in the City of  
Los Angeles where I have resided for the last  
eighteen years -

I am acquainted with the hand  
writing & signatures of Juan B. Alvarado Victor  
Ferdinand Jose Ruiz Vicente Carraga Juan  
Sepulveda & Ignacio Coronel.

A paper is now shown me  
purporting to be the title of Jose Maria Ro-  
miguiz to the rancho Reguena dated April  
6, 1837 approval of the Constituent Congress  
map & proceedings of Judicial possession  
together with an instrument of conveyance from  
Romiguiz to Mr. Antonio Machado -

I have examined the signatures  
of the said several persons appearing upon  
said paper & believe them to be genuine -

The persons named in said

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paper filled the Offices mentioned in the papers of O. C. C. the whole paper to be genuine. Alvarado & the Constituent Congress usurped the places they exercised & held them for a time & performed this act with several others, which the general government of Mexico never disapproved.

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The said paper is hereto attached & marked H. H. No 1.

In answer to questions by the Law Agent the witness says that he does not know that the government of Mexico expressly approved of the proceedings of Alvarado & the Constituent Congress but that tacitly they did approve of them.

He knows that remonstrances against these proceedings were made to the government of Mexico he himself being one of the remonstrants, and a Commissioner was sent here to inquire into the matter & that instead of disapproving the proceedings of Alvarado the Commissioner continued him in the government which he had assumed for some time.

The Commissioner was Andres Castillon who resides in Mexico.

Manuel Reguera,

Sworn & Subscribed  
Before me -

Holland Keall  
Comm.

Made in Office Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1852.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy

Office of the Sheriff of

Office of the Board of  
Commissioners of California  
Land Claims -  
Los Angeles Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1852.

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Deposition  
of  
Jose Maria  
Dominguez

On this day before Heiland Heall one of  
the Commrs. for ascertaining and settling Private  
Land Claims in California came Jose Maria  
Dominguez a witness in behalf of Mr Antonio  
Machala whose petition is in 344 on the  
docket of the Board and has duly sworn.  
His Evidence being given in Span-  
ish was interpreted by the Secretary -

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

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In answer to questions by the  
Counsel for the Claimant the witness tes-  
tified as follows

My name is Jose Maria  
Dominguez. My age is fifty three years & I  
reside in Santa Barbara of which place  
I am a native & I have always resided  
there.

I am acquainted with the Rancho  
Las Virgenes - It was granted to me by  
Govr Juan B Alvarado & is situated about  
twenty six leagues this side of San Barbara

It was granted about fifteen  
or sixteen years ago - I cannot tell the  
precise time - to me -

The land had been pre-  
viously granted by Governor Figueroa to  
Donungo Carullo & I occupied it for him  
he made a present to me of his right &  
with the papers - I had from him - I went  
before Govr Alvarado who gave me the title  
before mentioned - The paper I had from

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Carillo I left with Govr Alvarado & I  
suppose it was kept among the Archives -

After the grant was made  
to me I continued to occupy the land for several  
years until I sold it to Maria Antonia Macha  
do which I think was about seven years  
ago from which time to the present it has  
been occupied by her -

I built a house on the  
place before the grant from Alvarado was  
made & lived in it at the time I continued  
to reside on the place & to occupy it with  
cattle & cultivated the land until I sold  
out as before mentioned -

Jose Maria <sup>his</sup> & Dominguez.  
Mark

Sworn & Subscribed  
Before me  
Heiland Keatt  
Cmm.

Filed in Office Oct 4. 1832.  
(Signed)

Geo Fisher  
Secy.

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El ciudadano Juan Bautista Alvarado, Gobernador del estado y residente de la extinta Diputación del mismo. Por cuanto el ciudadano José María Domínguez ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de las Virgenes dentro de los límites del dicho que acompaña a su solicitud practicadas previamente las diligencias concernientes a un caso de Deposition según lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la mat of Manuel Prequeña, eria, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la nación Mexicana he resuelto en concederle el terreno mencionado declarándole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras, entendiéndose dicha concecion con entera conformidad a las leyes a reserva de la aprobación o desaprobación de la misma diputación y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1º El agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica, imponerle censo vinculo, finca, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piousa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2º Podrá cercar lo sin perjuicio de las traversas y caminos: lo disputará libre y exclusivamente a quien lo alquile al cultivo y uso que le acomode.

3º Cuando se le conceda la propiedad solicitada del Sur respectivo le dé la posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcarán sus límites y pondrá sus ranchos.

4. El terreno de que se le hace donacion es puramente el que se expresa en la solicitud del interesado y se demarca en el diseño: y el Sur que lo poseiere pasará aviso a este gobierno del numero de sitios que comprende.

En consecuencia mandó que serviendo de este título el presente y teniéndose por firmé y valedero, se tome razón en el libro que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demás fines convenientes.

Dado en la Ex. Nacion de Sta Barbara a 6 de Abril de 1837.

Juan B. Alvarado. Victor Prudhon. S. Int.

Sta Barbara. Mayo. 18. de 1837.

En sesion de hoy fué aprobado el dictamen de la comision de terrenos baldios, en el Congreso Constituyente y consta en el expediente relativo. Es del tenor siguiente:  
" se concede al ciudadano José María Domínguez el rancho llamado las Virgenes para obtener los

Doc. N. N. n.º 1. annexed to Deposition of Manuel Prequeña.

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que previene la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el art. 5 del reglamento de 21 de Marzo de 1828. Sta Barbara. Mayo 14 de 1837. = José M. Estrada.

Francisco J. Alvarado. V. Prudhon S.º Int. El agraciado agregará tajado un pliego de seis pesos pr compra a la ley. V. Prudhon.

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*here follows a narrow blank.*

En la ciudad de los Angeles Departamento de la Alta California a los seis dias del mes de agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y ocho ante mi José Frey, Alcalde 2º Constitucional de esta jurisdiccion Por cuanto D. José Maria Dominguez ha manifestado la necesidad que tiene de q. se le le jurídica posesion del terreno que se le han adjudicado anuente con la prevencion tercera del despacho que tiene de la Jefatura de este Departº procedi en union de los testigos de mi asistencia a pasar al citado sitio llamado las Virgenes, el cual que suscribe asi lo mandó, decretó y firmé de que doy fé.

José Peres. Juan Balesteros. Vicente Moraga. En el rancho llamado las Virgenes jurisdiccion de los Angeles a siete del mismo mes y año ya citados afin de proceder a la medida de dicho terrenos para dar la jurídica posesion de los dos sitios que corresponden al interesado y como no hay oficial agremador lo hice yo nombrandolo para efectos a los CC. Teferino Freyes y Guadalupe Rendón a los cuales recibí juramento que otorgaron ante mi y los testigos de mi asistencia por el que ofrecieron desempeñar fiel y legalmente el encargo que de les había conferido, lo que no firmaron por no saber, lo hice yo con los testigos de mi asistencia segun dro.

José Peres. asst. Juan Balesteros. Vicente Moraga. En el mencionado rancho, día, mes y año en



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en prosecusion de las presentes diligencias hice alceitar una cuerda arriola en sus extremos de unos palos y habiendome situado al lugar nombrado la eria de Sapia se tiro la cuerda rumbo al oriente y se medieron y contaron lineos mil varas en donde mande poner la correspondiente mohonera. Seguidamente se siguió la medida rumbo al norte y se contaron y medieron diez mil trescientos varas en seguida se tiro la medida rumbo al poniente y se medieron cinco mil varas y poniendo donde correspondian las respectivas mohoneras concluido este auto lo firmaron por ante mi, actuando en papel comun por falta del sellado.

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José Peres. Juan Balasteros. Vicente Moraga.

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Por el presente auto en favor de D<sup>na</sup> Maria Antonia Machado el derecho que obtengo en el terreno conosciado por nombre de las Virgenes (segun consta por el titulo y posesion que pertenecen al expresado terreno) que se compone de dos ditos de ganasto mayor con previo consentimiento de mi mujer e hijos: por lo tanto bago donacion del terreno mencionado a la referida S<sup>ra</sup>. Antonia Machado por que entre y se gozarse de el como cosa propia y haga el uso que mejor le conveniga: recibiendo sus correspondientes documentos y serviendo al mismo tiempo la mencionada Antonia Machado entregarme en la misma clase como donacion, la cantidad de mil doscientos pesos en los efectos que me parezca por equivalente recibire segun Compromiso que se ha hecho la agraciada y para los fines que son consentes que a ambos convenyan se formó el presente serviendo de testigos a efecto D<sup>n</sup> José Garcia y D<sup>n</sup> Crisostomo Bejar a los catorce dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y cinco. Hecho en los Angeles.

José Maria Dominguez.

José Garcia. Juan C. Noyon.

En la ciudad de los Angeles del Departamento de las Californias a los quince dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y cinco Yo el infrascrito Jues v. de esta Ciudad certifico y doy fe que ante mi al pairo el precedente contesto y me consta que el otorgante es propietario del terreno el cual se halla libre de todo gravamen de lo que tiene conocimiento, la Superintendencia lo que autorice y firmé para lo

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la fuerza de un instrumento publico para que suuto  
efecto en todo tiempo firmandos testigos de asistencia  
segun derecho.

Juan Sepulveda. 1<sup>o</sup> Coronel. Pedro Vasquez. am.

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Filed in Office. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852.

Geo. Fisher  
Secy.

The Citizen Juan Pantoja  
Alonso Gasman of the State and President  
of the Most Excellent Reputation of the Same.

Whereas the Citizen Jose' Ma  
Domínguez has claimed for his personal  
benefit and that of his family the tract  
known by the name of "Las Virgenes" within the  
limits of the Sketch which was annexed to his  
petition. All the requisite steps having previously  
been taken according to the tenor of the Laws  
and Regulations that affect the matter.

Grantation  
of  
N. N. no. 1

In the Exercise of the Powers  
conferred upon me. In the Case, name of the  
Mexican Nation I do grant unto him the  
said tract declaring him to be the owner thereof  
by the present title said grant being under-  
stood to be in entire conformity with the  
Laws, subject to the approval or disapproval  
of the Most Excellent Reputation and under  
the following conditions -

1. - Neither the Grantee nor his heirs shall  
have power to divide nor alien the land now  
granted, nor burden it with rent charge, bond  
mortgage, nor other incumbrance even for a  
religious object, nor reduce it to mortmain

2<sup>d</sup>. - He may fence it without prejudicing  
the cross roads and highways enjoy it freely  
and exclusively and devote it to such cul-  
ture and uses as may suit him -

3. - When the property is (finally granted)  
to him he shall request the Judge having  
jurisdiction to give him the Judicial pos-  
session by virtue of this and -

Such Judge shall mark  
out his boundaries and the land marks

shall be Erected -

4. The land hereby granted is merely that set forth in the petition of the party in interest and marked in the Sketch and the Judge who gives possession shall give information to this Government of the number of leagues (Setos) which it contains -

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Wherefore I order that these presents answering for his title and and being had as firm and valid be recorded in the proper book and delivered to the party in interest for his protection and other behooving purposes.

Given at the Ex. Mission of Sta. Barbara April 6, 1834

Juan B Alvarado.  
Victor Pruden Secy pro tem.

Sta. Barbara May 18<sup>th</sup> 1834.

In session of to day the Constitunt Congress approved the report of the Committee on Waste Lands as appears by the respective Minutes of Proceedings - Such report is of the following tenor -

'The tract called Los Ingenios is granted to the Citizen Jose' Maria Rommang as it meets the requirements provided by the Law of August 15<sup>th</sup>. 1824 and art 5<sup>o</sup> of the Regulation of November 21. 1828.

Sta. Barbara May 14, 1834.

José R Estrada,  
Francisco J. Alvarado,

Juan B Alvarado  
Victor Pruden

Sec Pro tem -

Let the Grantee Annul a sheet of Stamp  
paper Secured over of the Six Dollar Clasp  
in order to comply with the law,  
J. Pruden

At the City of Los Angeles Department  
of Upper California on the Sixth day of the  
month of August one thousand Eight hun-  
dred and thirty Eight before me Jose Perez  
2d. Constitutional Alcalde of this Jurisdiction  
Whereas Don Jose Maria Romminguez  
has stated the Necessity which he is under  
that Judicial possession be given him  
him of the land adjudicated to him in  
compliance with the third Condition of  
the Act which he received from the Head  
of this Department I proceeded in compli-  
ance with my attesting witnesses to repair to  
the said tract called las Virgenes -

I the undersigned Judge do so  
adjudge ordain and subscribe -  
which I certify -

Jose Perez

Attest

Attest

Juan Battista Yermo Mraga.

At the Rancho named las Virgenes  
jurisdiction of Los Angeles on the Seventh  
of the same month and year already men-  
tioned for the purpose of proceeding to the  
measurement of said tract so as to give  
the Judicial possession of the two ranges  
(sitios) which belong to the party in interest  
and as there is no Official Surveyor I  
performed said duty myself appointing for  
this purpose the Citizens Domingo Reyes and  
Guadalupe Rendon to whom I administered  
the oath which they took before me and my

attesting witnesses and by which they promised to perform faithfully and according to law the office conferred upon them -

They did not sign but sign not knowing how. I signed on my part with my attesting witnesses according to law.

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Jose Perez.

Attest - Juan Ballastro, Attest  
Vicente Murga.

At the said rancho same day month and year in furtherance of the present proceedings I caused a rope to be prepared with sticks fastened to the extremities and having placed myself at the spot named La Cruz de Tapia, the line was run on an Eastward course and there were measured and counted five thousand varas (to a spot) where I ordered the proper level mark to be placed. Next the measurement was continued on a North course and there were counted and measured ten thousand three hundred varas,

Next the measurement was run on a Westward course and there were counted five thousand varas and marks being placed respectively where they belonged.

This act being terminated it was signed in my presence on common paper for want of the Stamp.

Jose Perez.

Attest - Juan Ballastro -  
Attest  
Vicente Murga

By these presents I cede in favor of  
Dona Maria Antonio Machado the right which  
I own in the tract known by the name of Las  
Virginis (as appears by the title and (Evidence  
of) possession appertaining to said tract) which  
consists of two rangas (setias) for neat cattle  
with previous consent of my wife and children

Wherefore I make donation of  
the said tract to the said Mrs Antonio Machado  
to the effect that she may enter and take pos-  
session of the same as of a thing of her own and  
make such use thereof as may best behoove her. It =  
Giving her documents relating to the same.

At the same time the said  
Antonio Machado will be pleased to deliver  
to me on the same terms as a donation the sum  
of one thousand two hundred dollars in  
such goods as may seem convenient to me accor-  
ding to the agreement which the grantor has  
made - and for such purposes as may concern  
and behoove both parties these presents were  
executed - The witnesses to this effect being  
Don Jose Garcia and Don Crisostomo Pizar  
on the fourteenth day of the month of March  
of the year one thousand eight hundred  
and forty five - Made at Las Angeles.

Josi M<sup>a</sup> Dominguez  
Jose Garcia                      Juan C Pizar.

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At the City of Las Angeles in the Repab-  
lic of California on the fifteenth day of the  
month of March one thousand eight hundred  
and forty five I the undersigned Second  
Judge of this City. certify and attest that  
before me was executed the foregoing contract  
and I have knowledge that the grantor is  
owner of the land which is given from all incum-

incumbrance as is known to the authorities  
all which I have Certified and Subscribed  
going to the said the validity of a public doc-  
ument that it may be effected in all times  
The attesting witnesses likewise  
signing according to law.

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Juan Sepulveda.

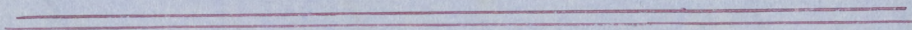
Attest  
Ignacio Coronel

Attest -  
Pedro Vasquez.

True for me.

Filed in Office Sep 15. 1852.

Witnessed by  
Geo Fisher  
Secy.





L.S.D.K.

*Expediente*

*Promovido por el Ciudadano José Maria Dominguez  
en solicitud de aumento de terreno al paraje de*

*Las Virgenes.*

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J. S. D. K.

Misión de Sta Barbara.

Febrero 25 de 1837.

Imprime el G. A. de esta Mun  
cipalidad si el interesado  
en esta instancia obtiene todos  
los requisitos legales para ser  
atendido en su solicitud si  
el terreno que pretende es  
baldo, si no pertenece a la  
propiedad particular de algun  
individuo, corporacion pueblo  
o Misión. Vacuadas que son  
estas impresos se devolviera para  
su resolución.

Alvarado.

Fuero en la inteligencia que el terreno no pertenece  
a ningún particular ni Misión es un terreno baldio  
metido en la tierra.

P. T. M. E. Suplica se oiga a ceder a  
mi petición en que recibiré merced y gracia.

Sta Barbara. Feb. 20. de 1837.

José Maria Dominguez.

Ilustre Ayuntamiento

La Comisión que V. S. se ha servido confiar que dictaminó  
sobre el expediente que formó la solicitud del Ciudadano  
José Maria Dominguez en pretension del paraje  
paraje nombrado Las Virgenes en observancia del  
Gobierno de Sta. 25 de febrero espone: que el interesado  
obtiene todos los requisitos necesarios para ser atendido  
en su solicitud que el terreno que pretende se halla  
baldo y en estado de adjudicarse en colonización conforme  
a la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de noviembre  
de 1828 pues aunque este terreno era reconocido por de  
la Misión de San Fernando no es de tal Misión sino  
de un particular que ha mucho tiempo lo poseso  
y por consiguiente esta en estado de adjudicarse  
conforme a las leyes citadas. El que representa es  
Ciudadano Mexicano americano, tiene buena conducta  
y bienes con que poblar lo que se hace a ser amparado  
por la ley y por las consideraciones del Gobierno a quien  
representa. Por tanto opee la Comisión a la deliberación  
de V. S. la siguiente proposición. Puede  
el Gobierno adjudicar en propiedad al Ciudadano

J. S. D. K.

Excmo Sr Gobernador.

José Maria Dominguez Soldado  
Miliciano de la Compañia de  
Sta Barbara ante V. E. con  
el debido respeto dice que  
habiendole servido Don  
Domingo Carrillo el paraje  
conocido con el nombre de  
Las Virgenes y bajandose  
este en tierras de labor en  
que podria sembrar Supleca  
a V. E. le haya la gracia  
de agregar a dicho sitio  
el terreno conocido con el  
nombre del lauro de

José Maria Dominguer el parage nombrado las Virgenes  
sta Barbara. Marzo 15. de 1837.

Valentin Cota. Pablo Vanega.  
En sesion de hoy aprobó el Y. Ayuntamiento la proposicion  
del dictamen anterior acordando se vuelva el expediente  
al Gobierno para su resolucion.

Diego Olivera. *Ita ut supra.*  
Benito Dias. Secretario.

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*Here follows a map or plan.*

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6.5DK. Consta por este documento que se dio en todas sus partes  
el derecho que me corresponde que tengo en el sitio llamado  
las Virgenes en compania del ciudadano Demesio Dominguer  
al civo José Maria Dominguer para que haga el uso  
que le combenga en el laborio de tierras eria de ganado  
y caballada para su subsistencia, quedando en otro  
sitio el ciudadano Demesio Dominguer en primer lugar  
y en segundo José Maria Dominguer por ser así mi  
voluntad. Dado en Santa Barbara a 16 de febrero  
de 1837. testigo Benito Dias. Domingo Carrillo.  
" Valencia.

7.5DK. sta Barbara. abril 16 de 1837.  
Vista la peticion con que dio principio este expediente  
el informe del Y. Ayuntamiento de esta Municipalidad  
con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver equívoco  
de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos  
de la materia se declara al ciudadano José Maria  
Dominguer dueño en propiedad del terreno cono cioto  
con el nombre de las Virgenes en la parte a que se  
refiere el dictamen que acompaño a mi solicitud y bajo los  
límites que en él se expresan sujetandose a las condi-  
-ciones establecidas en la ley de 18 de agosto de 1824  
y el reglamento de 21 de noviembre de 1828; librese  
el despacho correspondiente; tomese razón en el libro res-  
-pectivo y dirijase este expediente a la Santa Diputacion.

para su aprobacion en cuyo caso el interesado a quien se le haria saber este decreto presentara nuevamente su titulo para que se revalida. En el Sr Don Juan B. Alvarado Gobernador Int<sup>o</sup> del estado y Presidente de la Santa Diputacion lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe.

Juan B. Alvarado. Licen<sup>da</sup> Cosmódromo.

Fin del Despacho.

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g. S. D. K.

Exmo Sor.

La Comision de terrenos baldios inpuerta del expediente promovido por el C. José Maria Dominguez en solicitud del parage nombrado las Virgenes no encuentra inconveniente alguno para que se conceda consiguiente a su pretension. Por lo que la Comision concluye proponiendo a la deliberacion del S. las siguientes proposiciones.

Se le conceda al C. José Maria Dominguez el parage nombrado las Virgenes por obtener los requisitos que previene la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el artículo 9 del reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1837.

Sta Barbara. 14 de Mayo de 1837.

José R. Estrada. Al Sr. Alvarado.

Sta Barbara. Mayo 18 de 1837.

En sesion de hoy fue aprobado dispensando las hamites el dictamen que antecede.

Antonio Buelna. Sr. José Maria Covarrubias. Fin.

Office of the Surveyor General of the United States for Calif<sup>a</sup>  
I Samuel D King, Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California and as such now having in my office and under my custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territories or Department of Upper California do hereby certify that the eight preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to eight inclusive and each of which is verified by my initials (S. D. K.) exhibit true and accurate copy of a certain Document on file and forming part of the said Archives in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at the City of San Francisco Cal<sup>a</sup> this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1853.

Samuel D King Surveyor G. Cal<sup>a</sup>

Filed in office. August. 8. 1853.

Geo. Fisher. Secy.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Ex Mission of Sta  
Barbara -  
Feb 25, 1834.

Let the Illustris  
Common Council of  
this town report  
whether the party inter  
Estd. in this petition  
has the legal requisites  
for his petition to be  
Entertained whether  
the tract he claims is  
unoccupied, whether  
it does not belong  
to the private property  
of some individual  
Corporation town or  
Munici -

These reports being  
made let this be re-  
turned for final  
action -

Alvarado.

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José Maria Romoig<sup>3</sup>, a  
soldier in the Militia  
of the Campesinos of Sta  
Barbara before Your  
Excellency with due  
respect says that Don  
Romero Camello having  
granted to him the tract known  
by the name of Las  
Virgenis and such tract  
being devoid of cultivated  
land wherein to make  
his saying he beseeches Your  
Excellency to do him the  
favor to add to said tract  
the lot known as Canon  
del Triunfo with the unan-  
derstanding that said lot  
not belonging to any individual  
nor Munici is an unoccu-  
pied lot in the midst of  
the Sierra.

He beseeches Your  
Excellency to vouchsafe  
to grant his petition wherein  
he will receive favor and  
grace -

Sta Barbara Feb 26, 1834  
José Maria  
Romeroig.

To the Illustris Common Council -

The Committee which you have  
been pleased to employ to make report concern-  
ing the cause formed upon the petition of the  
Citizen José María Romeroig claiming the tract

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No 2.

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Called Las Virgenes in consequence with the Decree of the Government dated February 25, sets forth that the party in interest possesses all the requisites necessary for his petition to be entertained. That the tract he claims is now unoccupied and in a condition to be adjudicated in Colonization conformably with the law of August 18th 1844 and Regulation of November 1828 for that although this tract was considered as belonging to the Mission of San Fernando it does not belong to said Mission but to an individual who possessed it a long time ago and in consequence it is in condition to be adjudicated conformably with the laws above referred to -

The petitioner is a Mexican citizen is meritorious of good habits and has annals to shew it with wherefore he becomes entitled to be protected by the law and the consideration of the Government towards your petitioners (the original is obscure) -

Wherefore the Committee offers to the deliberation of Your Honors the following Resolution -

The Government can adjudicate in ownership to the citizen Jose Maria Dominguez the tract called Las Virgenes.

San Barbara March 15. 1834.  
Valentin Cota,                      Pedro Panguas.

In a session of to day the Illustriss<sup>imo</sup> Common Council approved the foregoing report directing that the Minutes of proceedings be returned to the Government for its final action -

Done as above -

Wigo Olvera  
Dnito de las Secretarías.

The tract marked out contains two leagues in length and the same in breadth.

It is witnessed by this document that I cede in all its parts the right which belongs to me and to <sup>me</sup> held in the premises called Las Perlas in company with the Citizen Remigio Dominguez to the Citizen Jose Ma Dominguez for him to make such use as may behoove him in the Cultivation of lands raising of cattle and horses for his maintenance the Citizen Remigio Dominguez remaining in said premises in the first place and in the second Jose Ma Dominguez, such being my will -

Given at Sta Barbara on the 11th of February 1834.

Remigio Carrillo -

Witness

Witness -

Donato Diaz - Mateo Galucra -

In view of the petition wherewith these proceedings originate of the report of the Illustrious Council of the Municipality and of all other things which were brought forward and were proper to be kept in view in conformity with laws and regulations affecting the matter the Citizen Jose Ma Dominguez is declared to be absolute owner of the tract known by the name of Las Perlas in the part referred to in the design which he annexed to his petition and in the conditions therein stated subjecting himself to the conditions established in the law of 15th of August 1824 and to the Regulations of 21 Nov 1828 - Let the appropriate Book and let these proceedings be forwarded to the Most Excellent the Regulator for its approval in case

of which the party in interest who will be notified of this decree shall present his title, in order to have it sanctioned over.

Don Juan B. Alvarado  
Governor adm. of the State and president  
of the Most Excellent the Republic has so  
grandly decreed and subscribed which I certify.  
Juan B. Alvarado -

Lieutenant, Cosm. Pna.,  
Secretary of State.

Most Excellent Sir -

The Committee on Public lands having taken cognizance of the proceedings instituted on motion of the citizen Jose Ma. Bonifacio upon his petition for the tract called Las Vigas and no objection to the same being granted to him according to his claim wherefore the Commission reads by submitting to the consideration of Your Excellency the following resolutions -  
1st - Granted to the citizen Jose Ma. Bonifacio the tract called Las Vigas inasmuch as he possesses the requests provided by the Law of August 15, 1824, and Art. 9 of the Regulations of the 21 of November 1828.

Sto Barbara 14 May 1834.  
Jose R. Estrada - From<sup>co</sup> of Alvarado.

Sto Barbara May 16, 1834.

In Session of to-day the foregoing report was approved details of form being excused -

Antonio Bucina President -  
Jose Ma. Cosmanicas Sec -

Filed in Office Aug 8, 1853.  
(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.



Maria Antonio Machado. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Las  
 The United States <sup>vs.</sup> <sub>3</sub> Puginis -

This claim is for two square leagues of land in the County of Los Angeles. It is proved founded on a grant created by Juan B Alvarado on the 6th day of April 1834 to Jose Maria Koumiquiz and by him transferred in due form of law to the present claimant on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1845. The grant was approved by the Territorial Deputation on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1834. and Juridical possession of the land given to the grantee by the proper Officer on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 1838.

Opinion by  
 Comm.  
 Thompson.

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The original grant, Certificate of approval and record of Juridical possession are all filed in the Case and their genuineness and authenticity established by the testimony - -

The Conditions of the grant appear to have been fully complied with and the boundaries of the land defined with sufficient certainty -

The only particulars in which this grant differs from the customary forms is that the Grantor Juan B Alvarado styles himself Governor of the State and President of the Most Excellent Deputation and in the Certificate of approval which he obtained to the grantee the Deputation is asked called the "Constituent Congress". In all other respects the usual forms have been observed. the grant is made in the name of the Mexican Nation subject to the approval or disapproval of the Territorial Deputation and the resolution of approval is declared to be in accordance with the law of August 1824 and the regulations of

of 1828 - It is proved by the deposition of Manuel Reguena that Don B Alvarado and the so called Constituent Congress usurped the place which they filled, but that the Mexican Government never disapproved of their acts, he does not know that said Government ever expressly approved them but that tacitly they did so.

That remonstrances were sent on to the Supreme Government against their proceedings witness himself being one of the remonstrants and a Commissionsario Anonimo Castellan was sent on here to Enquire into the Matter and that instead of disapproving the acts of Alvarado and his Associates they were continued in the Exercise of the functions they had assumed -

It will at once be perceived that this case differs in many important particulars from that of Valutuo's vote for the place called Rio de Santa Clara decided by the Commissionsion at its last session -

Thus the grant purports to be made under the authority of the free and independent State of California not only recognizing its allegiance to the Mexican Government but occupying a position antagonistic to it consequently it is not embraced within the class of cases upon which this Commissionsion is authorized to adjudicate -

At the time the grant now under consideration was made Alvarado and his Associates constituted the de facto and sole Government of California exercising their functions as such in subordination to the Supreme Authority and laws of the Mexican Nation. This is apparent from the

fact that the grant itself is made in the name of that Government and the act of approval is declared to be in conformity with the laws. This of itself would be sufficient in general principles to make their acts valid and binding in Mexico in the absence of any express disavowal or repudiation of them on his part. But whether this be or not nor subsequent confirmation and continuance of their functions in the exercise of the powers they had assumed nor long acquiescence in their acts and the maintenance exercise of the rights of ownership by the grantee and those claiming under him over the lands granted would raise an equity which according to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States the Mexican Government are bound in good conscience to ratify and confirm. This equity being a subsisting one at the time the Americans acquired the Territory the obligations of Mexico in the premises were transferred to the United States & the latter Government is therefore bound to perfect the title by investing the claimant with the legal estate. For these reasons we think the claim is valid and the petitioners entitled to a decree of confirmation. Filed in Office November 7th 1854  
Gen. Foster Secy

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Decree

Maria Antonia Maclean }  
 of } Las  
 The United States } her heirs  
 In this case concerning the foregoing }  
 allegations it is adjudged by the Commission }  
 that the claim of the Petitioner is valid and }  
 it is therefore decreed that the same be acknowledged

The land of which confirmation is made is situated in the County of Los Angeles and is known by the name of Los Virgenes being the same which was granted by her Alacraz to Jose Van Damming on the 6th of April 1837 and is bounded as follows Beginning at the sea or rather Salern de Topia and running thence Eastwardly five thousand varas to a large mark thence Southwardly ten thousand and three hundred varas thence Southwardly to the point of Beginning containing about three square leagues.

For a more particular description reference is made to the original grant and map and to the act of judicial possession all of which are filed in the case.

Alfonso Felch  
Nancy Thompson  
SB Farnell

Commissioner

Filed in office Nov 7th 1834

Geo Fisher Secy

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the land hereby confirmed is situated in the Southern District of California and that the transcripts of the proceedings and of the decision in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made out and sent forth by the Secretary of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the said District Court in the Southern District of California and the other transcripts to the Attorney General of the U.S.

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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


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 *Thirty* pages, numbered from 1 to *30*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this Office, in Case No. *344* on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

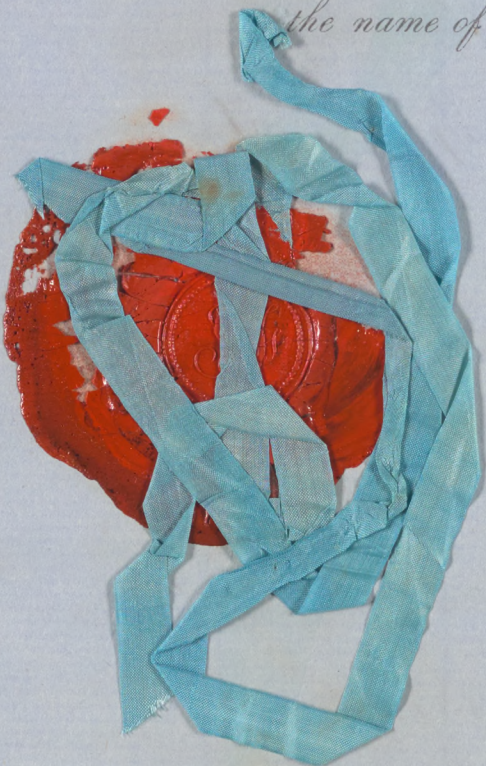
*María Antonia Machado* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of "*Las Virgenes*"

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at San Francisco, California, this *Thirtieth* day of *June* A. D. 1855, and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy=*ninth*.

*Geo. Fisher*  


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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

*Sudthorn* District of California.

No. 265.

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THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*Mama Antonia Machado.*

*'Las Virgenes'*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. *344.*

Filed, *July 12<sup>th</sup>* 1855

*C. E. Leane*  
Clerk

*J. H. Clark*  
Deputy

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Febry 24<sup>th</sup> 57 Order  
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on minutes P. 424



Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, June 13th 1855.

344 Las Virgenes -

María Antonia Machado, Claimant

You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 9th day of April 1855 the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Southern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Very Respectfully,  
C. Smith

Attorney General.

No. 265,

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

United States

vs

M<sup>o</sup>. Antonio Machado,

Notice of Appeal  
in Case no. 344,

Filed July 21<sup>st</sup> 1855,

W. C. Kern, Clerk

By A. H. Lusk, Deputy

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

CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES--STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



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*Maria Antonia Machada, appellee*  
*vs*  
*The United States, Appellant.*

Docket No. 265.

Transcript No. 344.

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

The Petition of Pacificus Ord, a resident of said City, County, and State, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, who petitions in this behalf for the United States, and being present here in Court, in the name and behalf of the United States, represents as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1852, Maria Antonia Machada

presented a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, when sitting as a Board, claiming a tract of land called Las Virgenes

in the County of Los Angeles State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 12<sup>th</sup>

day of July A. D. 1855, a duly certified transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, and marked No. 344; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition.

That on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1855, the Honorable Caleb Cushing, Attorney-General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and

evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter, to wit: <sup>or about</sup> on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July — A. D. 1855, the said Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed, as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimant, presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimant has any valid right or title to said land claimed as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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And no sufficient proof having been made of the allegations in said petition to said Commissioners, or in support of the said claim, no decision confirming the same should have been made by said Commissioners; but the

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

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

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J. O. A.

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

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Filed this 5th January  
A.D. 1857  
C. Lewis Clerk  
J. M. Holman  
clerk

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

The President of the United States,  
TO *Maria Antonia Machado*

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Greeting :

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against *You* in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *fifth* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-~~seven~~, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by *P Ora praying* <sup>*say a court*</sup> ~~*for a review*~~ of the *P Ora praying* ~~*said Court*~~ *to review* the decision of the United States Land Commissioners of the *7th* day of *November* AD 1854 *confirming your claim to the land called Las Virgenes*

and that *You* are required to appear at said Court, in said City, within ten days after the service hereof, if served on you within the County of Los Angeles, and within twenty days if served on you in the County of San Diego or San Bernardino, and within forty days if served on you in any other County of said State, exclusive of the day of service, and answer said Petition, or the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this *5th* day of *January* A. D. 1857.



*Chris*  
*J. McColman*  
*clerk*  
CLERK.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Southern District of California,

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Maria Antonia Machado  
vs  
The United States  
appellee  
appellor

Filed on return this 13th of  
January 1857. C. S. S. clerk  
J. H. Coleman  
Clerk

SUMMONS.

Received Jan 10th 1857

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U. S. MARSHAL.

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J. M. Goodman  
Deputy

I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Maria A Machado* by delivering to her personally a true copy of same

at *Los Angeles*  
the *17th* day of *January*

in the Southern District of California, on  
A. D. 1857.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, *this*  
*13th* January 1857  
*C. S. S.* CLERK.  
*J. H. Coleman*  
Clerk

*Edward Hunter*  
U. S. MARSHAL.  
*J. M. Goodman*  
Deputy.



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

Maria Antonia Machado

Appellee

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Appellant

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And now at this day comes the said appellee by Myron Norton her attorney, and moves the court for leave to file in evidence in this case a certified copy of that portion of the Transcript of the proceedings of the Board of U.S. Land Commissioners No. 508, <sup>numbered 256 in this Court</sup> embraced in pages 7 to 57 inclusive, and that the same be filed by the clerk as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1857.

Myron Norton

Att'y for Appellee

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Motion to file portion  
of Transcript

Filed this 11th February  
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Ca. Suis clerk  
J. S. Coleman  
Clerk

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appellee  
vs  
The United States  
Appellant "Las Virgenes"

On hearing and filing the affidavit  
of Myron Boston and on motion of  
counsel for appellee (the district  
attorney not objecting) It is Or-  
dered by the Court that the appellee  
have leave to file in this case as evi-  
dence a certified copy of that portion  
of the Transcript of the proceedings  
of the Board of United States  
Land Commissioners No.  
508, ~~508~~ <sup>numbered 256 in this Court,</sup> embraced in pages 7 to 55  
inclusive and that  
the same be filed as of the  
9th day of February AD 1857

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Order for leave to file  
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Maria Antonia Machado,

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State of California

Los Angeles County, ss.

Myron Norton of said  
county being duly sworn, upon his  
oath, says, that he is one of the attorneys  
for the appellee in this case; that  
after this case had been argued and  
submitted to the court on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
deponent discovered for the first time  
that there exists material & necessary  
evidence for the appellee in this  
case among the records of this court,  
that said evidence is contained  
in Transcript <sup>Number 256 in this court</sup> No 508, from the Board  
of N of Land Commissioners on file  
with the clerk of this court, and  
that the same is material and  
necessary for the purpose of de-  
termining the rights of the claimant  
in this case.

Myron Norton

Sworn to & subscribed

before me this 11 Feb 1854

John S. Clark

J. M. Coleman  
Clerk

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affidavit

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J. A. Alexander  
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In the District Court of the United States  
for the Southern District of California  
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Mania Antonia Machado }  
                                  } Appellee } No. 265—  
                                  }            } "Las Virgenes"  
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                                  }            }  
                                  }            }  
The United States            }  
                                  } Appellant }

This cause coming on to be heard on appeal, from the final decision of the Board of United States 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> A.D. 1857, upon the Transcript of the proceedings, papers and evidence had and taken before the said Board; And it appearing that the said Transcript and a notice of the intention of the appellants to prosecute the said appeal, have been duly filed with the clerk of this Court—

And counsel for the respective parties having been heard— It is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the decision of the said Commissioners be, and the same is hereby affirmed, and that the title of the said appellee <sup>Mania Antonia Machado</sup> ~~Mania Antonia Machado~~ to the lands claimed in this case be decreed to be good and valid.

The lands of which confirmation is hereby made are situated in the County of Los Angeles, and known by the

name of "Las Virgenes," being the same lands which were granted to José María Dominguez on the sixteenth day of April, A.D. 1837, by Juan B. Alvarado, then Governor of California,

And which said lands known by the name of "Las Virgenes," <sup>are more particularly</sup> described in the Petition and title deed of the said Dominguez and the Map, act of juridical possession, and the other documentary evidence on file in this case, to which reference is hereby made, The same being hereby confirmed to the extent of ~~two square leagues~~ and ~~no more~~ mentioned and explained by the said petition map and title deed —

*James S. [Signature]*  
N & J [Signature]



U. S. District Court  
South. Dist Cal

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Mano Antonia Machado  
appellee

vs  
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appellant

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Altimine Land Claims.  
Attorney General's Office  
4 Febrj 1857.

Sr:  
In the case of the claim of Maria  
Antonia Machado, confirmed to the  
claimant by the Commissioners, case  
no. three hundred and forty-four,  
(344), appeal will not be prosecuted  
by the United States.

I am,  
Respectfully,  
Ours

Pacificus M Esq  
U. S. Attorney,  
Los Angeles.

No. 265,

Filed 4 March 1858,  
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In the District Court of the United States  
for the Southern District of California

Manoel Antonio Machado

appellee

vs

No. 265

The United States

appellants

"Las Virgenes"

And now Comes the  
appellee Manoel Antonio Machado by his Counsel  
Norton & Olvera said for answer to the Petition  
for Review filed by the U.S. Atty in this case  
says

That his claim to the ranch and lands  
known by the name "Las Virgenes" claimed  
in this case is good and valid.

Wherefore they pray that the decision of  
the United States Board of Land Commissioners  
may be affirmed and his title to said land  
decreed to be valid, and general relief

Norton & Olvera

Atty for claimant

No. 265

U. S. District Court  
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María A. Machado  
appellee

vs

The United States  
appellant

Answer

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