

CASE No.

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

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**LAND IN MONTEREY COUNTY GRANT**

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**WIDOW AND CHILDREN  
OF SIMEON CASTRO**

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**CLAIMANT**

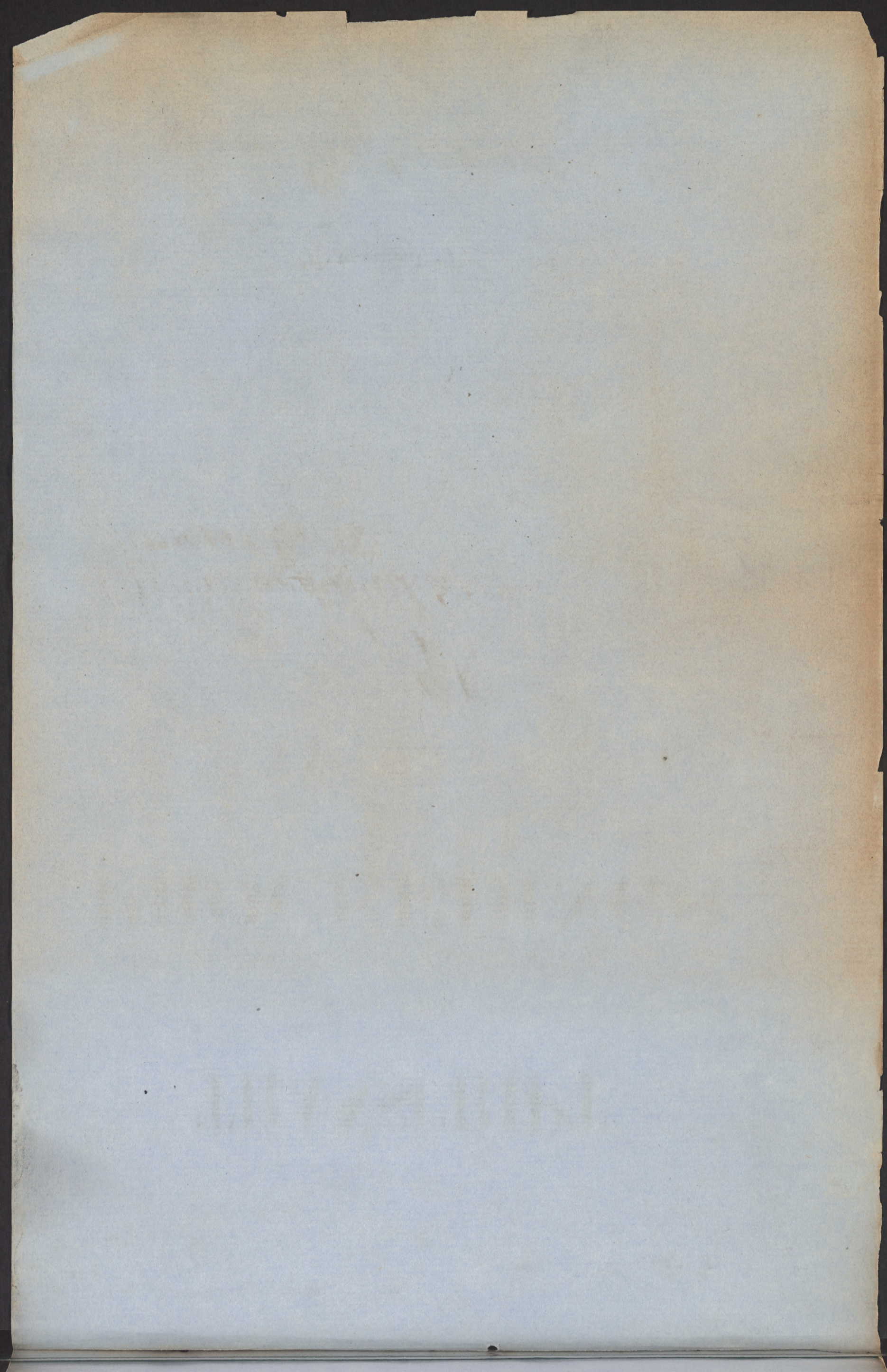
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# TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 790.

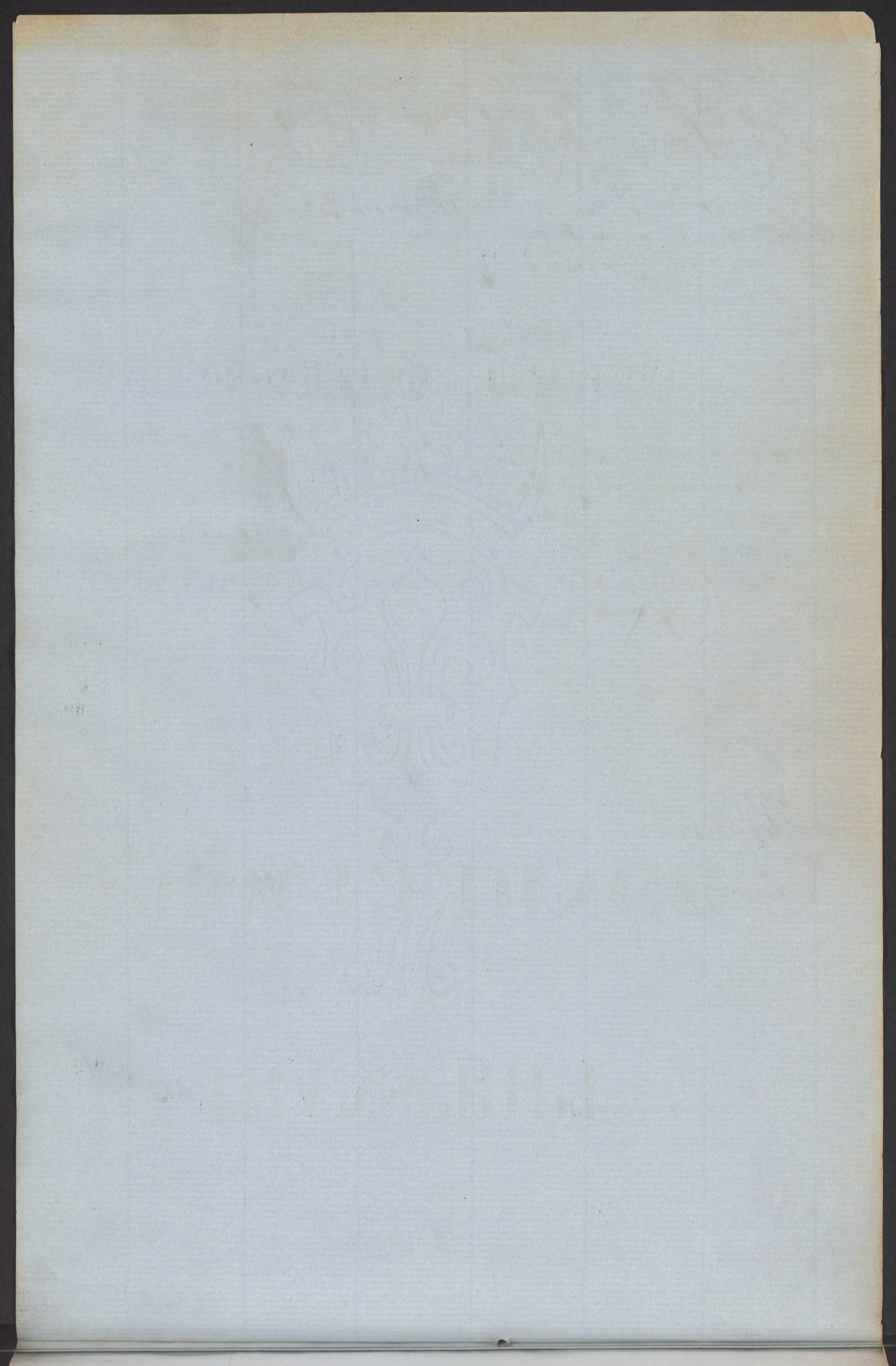
*The Widow and Children  
of Simon Castro* — CLAIMANT &

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR ~~THE PLACE NAMED~~

*Land in Monterey County.*



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

The Petition of *The Widow & Children of Simon Castro*, *for the Place named* *land in Monterey County*, was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *790* and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page *3* of this Transcript.)

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

*San Francisco December 10<sup>th</sup> 1853.*  
In case no. 790, Widow and children of Simon Castro for the place named "Finch", the deposition of Juan B. Alvarado, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner Thompson Campbell, with document marked "A. F. C.," annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page *9* of this Transcript)

*San Francisco January 9<sup>th</sup> 1855*  
Case no. 790, on motion of the counsel for the claimant with the consent of the U. S. Survey Agent, was ordered to be placed at the foot of the *4<sup>th</sup>* class cases on the Trial Docket,

*San Francisco January 18<sup>th</sup> 1855.*  
In the same case the deposition of Vicente Perfecto Gomez, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner Peter

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Sott, was filed:

(Vide page 10 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, March 13' 1855.

Case no. 790 was submitted without argument, and taken under advisement.

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San Francisco March 20' 1855.

In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch delivered the opinion of the Board confirming the claim.

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript)

and the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

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3 Petition

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for ascertaining and settling private Land Claims in the State of California.

Your petitioners the widow and children of the deceased Siméon Castro of the County of Monterey State of California, respectfully present to your Honorable Board, — That they claim a certain tract of Land, — containing eight hundred Varas in Span situated at a place named "El Tuche" in the County of Monterey, distant from the City of Monterey about four leagues, that they claim said Land in fee, by virtue of a grant made to the aforementioned Siméon Castro under the Authority of the Mexican Government of Don Juan B. Alvarado, Governor of the Territory of High California bearing date of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841.

Your petitioners further represent that the said Siméon Castro and Rosalva his wife & children occupied said tract of Land, with the consent of the Mexican Governor Don Juan B. Alvarado ever since 1836 as proved by the Document annexed, and that they built upon & had a fence and cultivated the same until December 1852, when the fence was carried away by the flood; and your petitioners wishing now to occupy & cultivate again said Land they pray your Honorable Board to take their claim into consideration and confirm the grant thereof.

And your petitioners will ever pray

For the widow and children of Siméon Castro.

J. A. Mounhout

Filed in Office March 3<sup>d</sup> 1853.

Geo Fisher Secy.

Recorded in Vol 2 of Petitions on page 200

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Sello Cuanto una Cuartilla  
Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Aduana  
maritima del puerto de Monterey en el  
Departamento de las Californias, para

Elle pape los años de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta  
y uno y mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y uno  
antes de D. J. B. Alvarado Antonio Maria Osio

of Juan B.  
Alvarado  
Dec: 10<sup>th</sup>  
1853

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Sello

Como San Gabriel

El Ciudadano Amador Castro  
de 1841. } vecino de esta demarca  
Vista la prest. } era ante V. E. respectivo  
con el documto. } amnt. Espongo que habien  
que se acompa } do ocupado una parte  
concedo al supli } el parage del Tuche  
cant. las tierras } conforme el titulo provi  
que se mencion } sional que a V. E. debi  
Vuelvase esta al } clamt. acompaño y desean  
interesado para } do poseerlas en propiedad  
resguardo y dema } he de merecer de V. E. se  
finis consipos } agne concederme las  
Alvarado } mismas tierras que he  
cultivado en la Rinconada  
del espresado parage del Tuche con la  
Estencion de Ocho cientos Varas en  
cuadro que es lo que comprehenden las  
referidas tierras.

P. J. a V. E. suplico se sirva tomar en  
consideracion mi pedido con ce dien dome  
en propiedad las tierras a que me  
refiero de lo cual recibire gracia y  
justicia que pido  
Monterey Junio 10 de 1841

Amador Castro

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Montreay Die. 20 } Excelent<sup>mo</sup> Sr Gobernador.  
 de 1836. se concede nador.  
 intencant. al Sr. } Simeon  
 licitante el uso } Castro de esta Veindad  
 solista de los tene } ante Q. E. dijo: Que en  
 no que menciona } los años ante pasados he  
 devuelvasele la } echo algunas siembras  
 presente, p<sup>a</sup> los } en tenas del Tuche  
 p<sup>es</sup> consi<sup>es</sup> } p<sup>a</sup> ocurrir a la  
 Alvarado. } sociedades de mi fami  
 die: Cosme Pena } lia numerosa y como  
 sin del Despacho } p<sup>a</sup> disposicion del Sr  
 } Jefe politico de se  
 me mando de ocupar  
 el Rancho q<sup>d</sup> ocupava con notorio per  
 juicio de mis cortos intereses p<sup>es</sup> me  
 fue preciso abandonar mi casa y acor  
 -cautos, me heo en el caso de ocurrir a  
 Q. E. a fin de que se sirva concederme  
 el uso de las tenas de q<sup>d</sup> me heo venido  
 mientras puede arreglarse lo relativo  
 al Tuche en cuyo tiempo formalizare el  
 Ocurro que me convenza.  
 Duro no ser de malicia y lo necesario p<sup>a</sup>  
 Simeon Castro

Otro si  
 a. Q. E. suplico me admita en el parte  
 papel p<sup>a</sup> no haver en esta municipalidad  
 del sello q<sup>d</sup> corresponde  
 S. Castro

Presidi Office Mex 3<sup>ra</sup> 1853  
 Geo: Fisher Secy

Translation of To His Excellency the Governor  
"A"

The citizen Someon  
Castro, resident of this place, respectfully  
represents, that having cultivated and  
occupied a certain portion of land at a  
place named El Teco, as mentioned in  
the process on a title, which I herewith  
submit to your Excellency and wishing  
to obtain the same in property, I beg you  
will be pleased to grant me the lands  
I have now since cultivated at the aforemen-  
tioned spot the Teco, to the extent of  
eight hundred varas in square which are  
the dimensions.

I beg your Excellency to take  
my request into consideration and to grant  
the property of the aforementioned lands  
for which I will feel thankful  
Monterey June 10th. 1841

Signed Someon Castro

Monterey June 13th. 1841

Considering the present  
of the document annexed, the lands mentioned  
are granted to the petitioner.  
The present will be returned to the interested  
for his security and all other ends  
(Signed) Alvarado

To His Excellency the Governor  
The citizen Someon Castro  
of this neighborhood represents to your  
Excellency, that he has some years ago  
cultivated some of the land at the Teco  
to supply the wants of his numerous family  
and that having been obliged to evacuate  
with great loss to his small property the  
rancho he then occupied, as also his house  
and plantation, he found himself in a  
position which obliged him to address the  
present to your Excellency, to beg that you  
may be pleased to grant him the use of the  
same land he had once cultivated, until the  
time the affairs of his rancho may be settled to  
(Signed) Someon Castro

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I beg your Excellency to receive my petition  
upon Common paper that being stamped  
(Signed) Simón Castro

Monterey Dec. 20th. 1836

The use of the  
mentioned name is granted to the petitioner  
The present will be sent back to him for  
all proposed ends  
(Signed) Alvarado

Filed in Office March 3<sup>o</sup> 1838

Geo. Fisher Secy

Recorded in Ev. B Vol 17. p 410

Geo. Fisher Secy

Office of the Board of N. S. Land Commissioners  
San Francisco December 10th 1853.

This day before Commissioner Thompson Campbell came  
Juan B. Alvarado a witness in behalf of claimants,  
Widow and children of Simeon Castro. Petition No 790  
and being duly sworn his evidence being given in Spanish  
was interpreted by the Secretary as follows.

Deposition  
of Juan B.  
Alvarado.

1<sup>st</sup> Question. What is your name, age & place of residence?

Answer My name is Juan B. Alvarado. I am  
forty four years of age, and I live in Contra  
Costa County.

2<sup>d</sup> Question. Look upon the paper now shown you  
as marked A. S. C. and annexed to this  
deposition and state whether the signa-  
tures of Simeon Castro and Alvarado  
are the genuine signatures, and if so  
state your means of knowledge?

Answer I recognize the signatures now shown  
me on said paper, as being genuine as  
also the signature of Cosma Puce, who  
was at that time my secretary and the  
Alvarado is my own signature, and I have  
often seen the other two write.

3<sup>d</sup> Question. State what you know of the occupation  
and cultivation of the land claimed  
in this case by Simeon Castro?

Answer I have seen during my travels between the  
years of 1836 and 1842 Simeon Castro  
cultivating land on the Monterey Vicer  
granted to him by me as Governor of Cal  
ifornia. He had a wooden house upon  
it which was occupied by people in his  
employ, he himself lived in Monterey  
He had also fences around his cultivated  
grounds, had some work Oxen and other  
domestic animals and the necessary imple-  
ments of husbandry.

Juan B. Alvarado

Associate Law Agent present.

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this 10th day of December AD 1853.

Thompson Campbell  
Comd<sup>o</sup>

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Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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United States of America S. S.  
State of California

San Francisco January 17, 1855

This day came before Peter Holt Commissioner for taking testimony to be used before the Board of the S. Land Commissioners in said State. Vicente Perfecto Gomez a witness on behalf of the claimants The widow and children of Simcon Castro in case No 790. on the Docket of said Board and said witness being duly sworn deposed in Spanish which was interpreted by the interpreter to said Board as follows.

The U. S. Associate Law Agent is present.

Questions of Mr Williams for claimant

1<sup>st</sup> Question. What is your name, age & place of residence?

Answer. My name is Vicente Perfecto Gomez. my age 30 years. my residence Monterey Cal.

2<sup>d</sup> Question. Are you acquainted with the Rancho called Turko. if yes. how long have you known it, and state what you know of its boundaries and its occupation of the original grantee Simcon Castro?

Answer. I am acquainted with said Rancho I have known it since the year 1836. It is bounded on the West by the "Monte del Rio", a wooded place in the River Salinas. on the east by the Lands of my father Joaquin Gomez, now deceased. on the North by the Lands of Predicacion Espinosa, and on the South by the Rio de las Salinas.

This Rancho contained 800 Varas square. I was on the place and staid one night in 1836. Don Simcon Castro, and his son Manuel Castro were then and they had two or three Indians then and a house. the place was all enclosed in a fence and planted in beans, corn and other vegetables. the house was a wooden house.

3<sup>d</sup> Question. State whether said Simcon Castro is now dead, if yes. state the names of his widow and children?

Answer Simcon Castro is deceased he left a widow named Maria Antonia Pico who is still living and seven children who are now living. named as follows Manuel Castro Jose Francisco Castro, Leandro Castro, Juana Castro, Maria Antonia Castro. Simcon Castro died before the year

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Deposition of  
Vicente P. Gomez

4<sup>th</sup> Question. Who occupied said tract of land after



1858. though I do not know in what particular year.  
4<sup>th</sup> Question. Who occupied said tract of land after  
the death of said Simeon Castro?

Answer. It was occupied by the said Jose Antonio and another  
of the Sons of said Simeon who is since deceased they continue  
to cultivate the land and keep milch cows on it.

Was examined by U.S. Associate Law Agent.

1<sup>st</sup> Question. How do you know the boundaries of  
said tract of land.

Answer. I know them from having seen  
them. I lived on the adjoining Rancho, and I have seen  
the title of the land, which called for the land bounded  
as I have described.

2<sup>d</sup> Question. State the shape and dimensions  
of said Rancho?

Answer. It is square 500 Varas on each side

3<sup>d</sup> Question. Have you been on said Land since 1836?

Answer. I have been in the habit of  
passing said place since 1842. I have land adjoining  
it and when I am in want of things, I need on my place  
have gone there to get them.

Vicente Rufino Gomez.

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1855.

Peter Lott Commissioner

Filed in office July 18. 1855

Geo Fisher Secy.

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Widow and Children  
 of Simeon Castro  
 vs  
 The United States  
 For a parcel of land 800 Varas  
 square at the place called  
 El Tuche in Montezuma  
 County

Opinion

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By the documents filed in this case duly authenticated it appears that Simeon Castro, now deceased applied to Governor Alvarado for a grant of the temporary use of the land now claimed, and which he alleged that he then had under cultivation which petition was granted by a Marginal decree dated December 20th 1836 that subsequently he again petitioned to the Governor for a grant of the same in full property, and on this application the Governor made the grant to him under date of July 12th 1841. The land solicited and conceded is described to be that which the petitioner then cultivated and occupied at the place named "El Tuche" and which he had cultivated ever since the provisional grant of 1836, the dimensions being eight hundred Varas square.

The proof shows that said Castro built a house on the premises as early as 1836 and cultivated the land, that he had the entire premises enclosed by a fence 800 Varas on each side and all under cultivation, that he continued to possess and improve the property until his death and his family have since occupied it. The exterior bound and which are the lines of the adjoining properties are clearly stated and there can be no difficulty under the proof in identifying the same.

A decree of confirmation will be entered.

Confirmed

Filed in Office March 1855

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Widow and Children of  
Siméon Castro  
vs  
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 valid and it is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed.

Decree

The land of which confirmation is hereby made is situated in the County of Monterey at the place named "El Tueli" and is a square of eight hundred varas on each side and bounded on the West by the Monte del Rio on the East by the lands of Joaquín Gómez now deceased, on the North by the lands of Prudencio Espinosa and on the South by the Rio del las Salinas. The said lands hereby intended to be confirmed being the same which was cultivated and fenced in by said Siméon Castro in his life time. Containing eight hundred varas square.

Alpheus Felch  
P. Augustus Thompson  
J. B. Gamwell

Commissioner

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the lands hereby adjudicated are situated in the Southern District of California. It is hereby ordered that two transcripts of the proceedings and decision in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made out and certified to the Secretary. One of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court, for the Southern Judicial District of California, and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

I, *George Fisher* Secretary to  
Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
foregoing *Thirteen* pages, numbered from  
1 to 13, 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. 740, on the Docket of the said Board,  
with the *Widow & Children of Simon Castro*  
as Plaintiff against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "Land in Monterey County."

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

*Geo. Fisher*  
*Geo. Fisher*

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

No. 296.

THE UNITED STATES,

vs. 296

*Widow and Children of  
Simon Castro.  
"Land in Monterey County"*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 790

Filed, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

1855

*J. E. Carr  
Clerk*

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10. October, 1855.

790 of "Land in Monterey County"

The widow and children of  
Simon Castro.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1855, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Southern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

*Clusking*

Attorney General.

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

The United States, applr

vs.  
The widow & children of Amador  
Castro, appellee

Appeal Note.

Filed Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1855

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C. C. C.

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

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TO

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*Widow Castro et al*

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 *5th* 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 U. S. Atty praying  
said Court to review the decision of the Board  
of Land Commissioners of the 20th March  
1853 Confirming your claim to the land  
a tract of land near Monterey in the  
County of Monterey*

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 *2nd* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*seven*, at Los Angeles aforesaid.

*C. S. Sims*  
*J. M. Coleman*  
*clerk* Clerk.



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

Widow Carbo et al  
adversus  
The United States  
Filed this 20th Jan'y 1858  
at San Diego  
J. A. McLeeman  
Clerk

SUMMONS.

Received February 3<sup>d</sup> 1857  
Edward Hunter  
U.S. Marshal  
Dr. M. S. Goodman  
Deputy

<sup>return</sup>  
I served this Summons, along with the proper copy of the Petition, upon ~~you~~ by order of the  
Said U.S. Dist. Attorney as the case is to be dismissed.

at \_\_\_\_\_, in the Southern District of California, on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1858.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

Clerk

Marshal.  
James C. Penne  
U.S. Marshal for the  
S. D. of California

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

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



*Simon Castro, Widow of, et al*

*appellees.*

*vs.*

*The United States. Appellant.*

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**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 3.<sup>d</sup> day of ~~March~~ <sup>schitogen</sup> A. D. 1853, *Widow of Simon Castro*

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~~ *near Monterey* in the County of *Monterey* State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 20.<sup>th</sup> day of *March* A. D. 1855, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 4.<sup>th</sup> day of *October* A. D. 1853, 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. 790; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition. That on or about the 15.<sup>th</sup> day of *September* 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1855, the said Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed, as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimants presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimants ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> any valid right or title to said land claimed as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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

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

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P. M.

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

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Filed this 5th January  
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California Land Claim.  
 Attorney General's Office  
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Sr:  
 In the case of the claim of the  
 Widow and Children of Simon Castro,  
 Confirmed to the claimants by the Com-  
 missioners, Case no. Seven Hundred  
 and ninety, (790). Appeal will not  
 be prosecuted by the United States.

I am,  
 Respectfully,  
 Ours,

William A. Bigg  
 U. S. Attorney,  
 Los Angeles.

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Filed this 1st Feb: 1858  
at San Fran  
of Solomon  
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