

CASE No.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

LOS CARNEROS GRANT

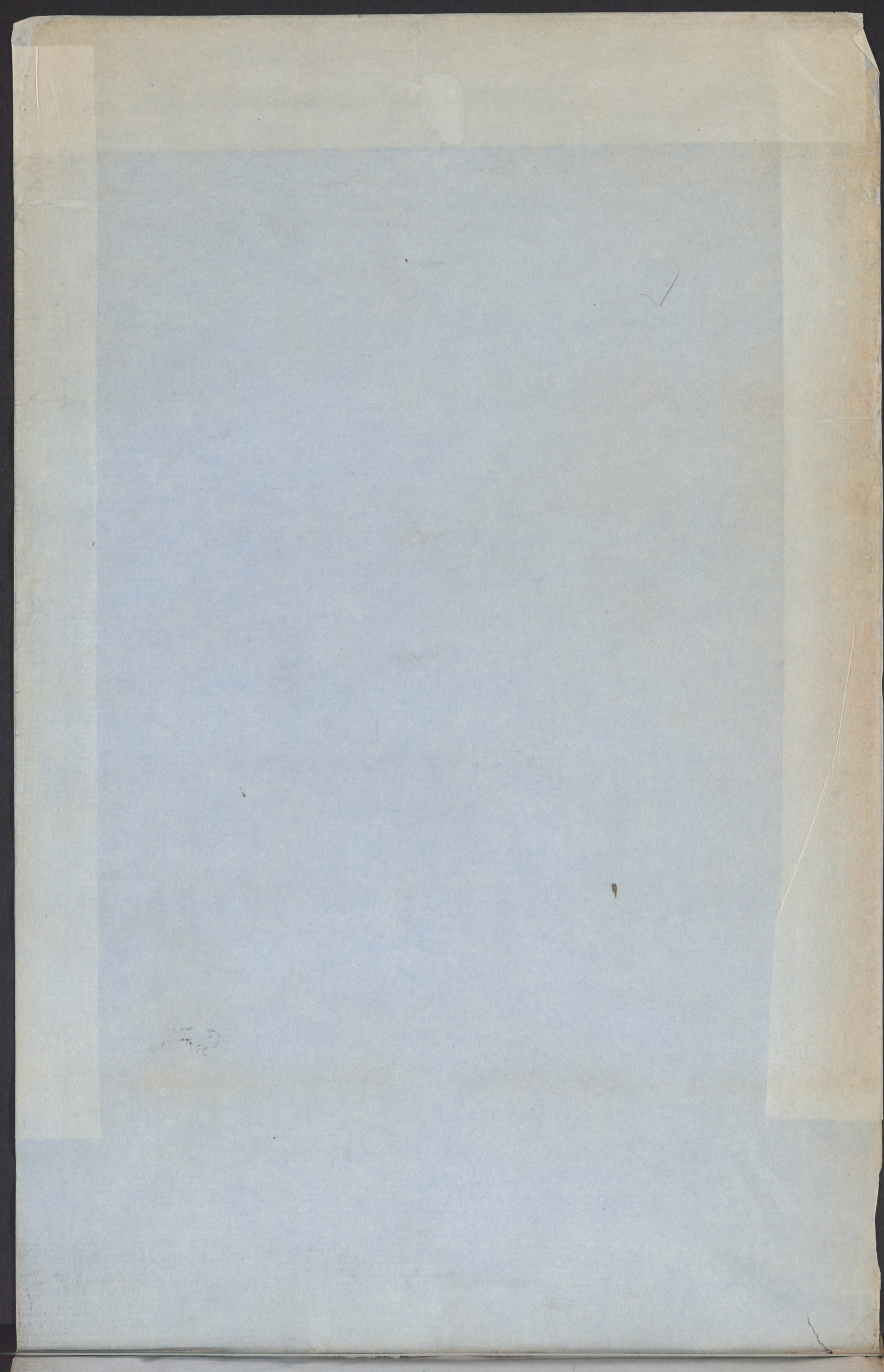
THE HEIRS OF DAVID LITTLEJOHN

CLAIMANT

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 665.

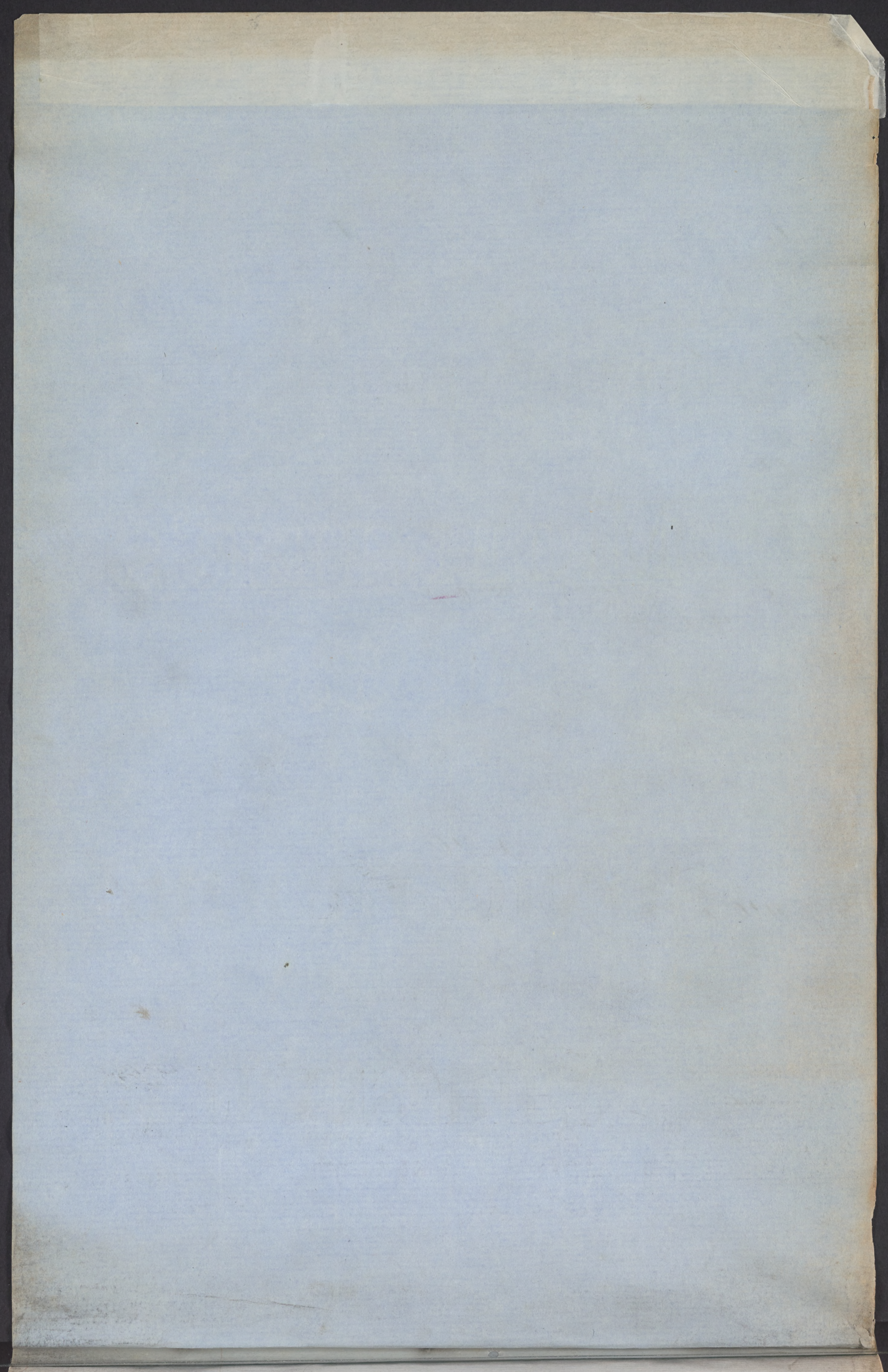
The Heirs of David Littlejohn CLAIMANT &

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"Los Carreros."



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 *first 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 Heirs of David Littlejohn
for the Place named
"Los Carneros,"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 665 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 7th 1853.
In case no. 665 Heirs of David Littlejohn for the place named "Los Carneros," the deposition of David Spence, a witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with document marked W. L. A. S. annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco December 21st 1853.
In the same case the deposition of Manuel Castro, a witness in behalf of the Claimants, taken before Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson, was filed;

(Vide page 9 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco April 18th 1854.
In the same case the deposition of William A. Richardson, a witness in behalf of the Claimants,

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taken before Commissioner Peter Sott, with Exhibit marked No. 1. R. S. P. L. annexed thereto, was filed:

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco January 2^d 1855.

Case no. 665 was ordered to be placed at the foot of the 4th class cases on the Trial docket.

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San Francisco January 15th 1855.

In the same case the deposition of Selos R. Ashley, a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before Commissioner Peter Sott, was filed:

(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco January 16th 1855.

Case no. 665 was submitted on briefs and taken under advisement.

In the same case the Counsel for the Claimant filed the following Motion, to wit:

(Vide page 14 of this Transcript.)

Which motion was granted, and

Ordered, That the said Petition be amended accordingly.

San Francisco May 22^d 1855.

In the same case Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson delivered the Opinion of the Board concerning the claim:

(Vide page 67 of this Transcript.)

and the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 70 of this Transcript.)

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To The

Honorable the Board of Commis-  
sioners to ascertain and settle Private  
Land Claims in the State of California.

Your Petitioners

formally the wife of David Littlejohn,  
deceased, and the Heirs. José David;  
Santos; Simeon; Ana; Paula Anita;  
Maria Antonio; Soledad; and Maria,  
who were begotten of her during lawful  
wedlock with the said David Littlejohn  
deceased; respectfully show unto your  
honorable Board that they are the owners  
of a tract of land situated in the County  
of Monterey in said State and containing  
one Spanish league a little more or  
less.

That their title to their land is  
derived from a legal grant thereof made  
by the Mexican Government to the said  
husband and father, the said David  
Littlejohn, deceased, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of  
June in the year A.D. 1834.

And that the following is a desaign-  
ment of their title thereto, and a  
specification of the legal steps taken in  
acquiring and perfecting the same, with  
faithful copies of the original expediente  
now in the possession of your pe-  
titioner, and ready to be produced as  
your honorable Board shall direct, and  
correct translations of the same, all which  
are hereto attached, and designated by  
Alphabetical letters in the margins  
of the translations with corresponding  
letters in the margins of the originals;

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Petition



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that is to say:

1<sup>st</sup> (A) The grant made by Figueroa then Governor of California, to the said David Littlejohn, deceased, making mention therein of the necessary steps having been previously taken in that behalf in compliance with the Laws and regulations concerning the disposition of the public lands by the Mexican Nation. Specifying the quantity granted to be one sitio de ganado mayor a little more or less as explained by the line which is run in the expediente, which grant was made in Monterey on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year A.D. 1834.

2<sup>nd</sup> (B) A certificate of the said grant having been recorded in the proper Book on the 1<sup>st</sup> July A.D. 1834.

3<sup>d</sup> (C) A petition by Littlejohn to the Alcalde for Judicial possession August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1835.

4<sup>th</sup> (D) An order by the Alcalde assenting thereto and that the owners of the adjoining land should be cited by written notices to attend at the delivery of such possession.

5<sup>th</sup> (E) The evidence that all interested parties were notified that judicial possession thereof was about to be given.

6<sup>th</sup> (F) Oath by the Alcalde, that on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1835,

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he attended at the Rancho with others owning adjoining lands who were summoned to mark out its boundaries, and appoint men to run the lines.

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7<sup>th</sup> (G) The consent of the borderers thereto

8<sup>th</sup> (H) The oath administered by the Alcalde to those who were about to measure the land.

9<sup>th</sup> (I) The order of the Alcalde to bring a rope into his presence and measure off fifty varas upon it.

10<sup>th</sup> (J) Specifies the starting point and the actual measurement of the land with the rope, and the quantity measured being 1500 varas wide, and 7900 varas long, which being less than a league, the estero called Vallejo was ordered to be included.

11<sup>th</sup> (K) Specifies the disposition which was made of a lake which lies on the line dividing this land, from that of Jose Antonio Castro, and establishing that it is the property of each.

12<sup>th</sup> (L) The order of the Alcalde, placing the said David Littlejohn in full judicial possession of the land declaring the same to contain one Sitio de ganado mayor.

On the same day of the foregoing proceedings concerning the measurement, to wit, the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1835,

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13<sup>th</sup> / Me / Order of the Alcalde that the title be recorded and that the original expediente be returned to Littlejohn.

14<sup>th</sup> (It) A certificate that the title was recorded on page 1 of the proper book and that the original expediente was returned to the said David Littlejohn on six good sheets of paper which your Petitioners show is that now in their possession.

And your Petitioners further say unto your honorable Board that the said grant to the said land was made under the authority of, and in accordance with the laws, usages and customs of the Government of Mexico then in force in this state; that the limits thereof are certain and well defined; that no intervening claim exists thereto, or to any part thereof; and that your Petitioners have been and continued in the possession of their said land for 18 years.

Wherefore your petitioners ask that their title to the said land be confirmed &c

D. W. Ashley  
(By Wm. L. P.) Attorney  
for Petitioners

Filed in Office March 1<sup>st</sup> 1853.  
Geo. Fisher Secy.

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Office of the Board of Commis.  
-sioners &c &c.

This day before Court, Alphens Felch  
came David Spence, a witness in behalf  
of Claimant's Heirs of David Littlejohn  
No 665, who after being duly sworn  
deposed as follows:

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Questions by Mr. J. Shaw Attorney for the Claimants

1 Question, What are your  
Deposition name, age, and place of residence?

Answer. My name is  
David Spence, David Spence, my age fifty five, and  
I reside at Monterey in California.

2 Question, Look on the  
document here presented to you marked  
"Exhibit No 1" with the initials "A F"  
purporting to be a grant of land by Governor  
Figueroa to David Littlejohn and  
the record of judicial possession there-  
of which is attached to this Deposition  
and state whether you know the hand  
writing of José Figueroa, Agustín  
V Lamerand, José M<sup>a</sup> Maldonado &  
Juan Malasín and if so whether the  
several signatures appearing on said  
document as theirs are their true &  
genuine signatures?

Answer, I have looked  
on said document and know the handwriting  
of the several persons named in the  
interrogatories and believe the signatures  
above referred to to be the true and genuine  
signatures of those persons.

My own signatures appearing in several  
places on said document is my true

and genuine signature,

My said signature on said document is sometimes written in full and in other places only the surname - and in other place I made only my subrick,

I was Alcalde of Monterey at the time the papers relative to the judicial poss. session were made,

3 Question, Did you believe the judicial possession to the claimant at the time these papers bear date?

Answer, I did.

4 Question, Were there any buildings on the place at that time?

Answer, There was a house on the place at that time which was then occupied by said David Little, John and his family. He had also a corral built and had some cattle on the place.

He lived in the house that he then occupied but a short time after the time above mentioned when he built another house on another part of the land and moved with his family into it. He lived with his family in that house until his decease.

5<sup>th</sup> Question, Who now occupies the land?

Answer, From the death of said Littlejohn his family continued in occupation, living on the place until the Public Administrator appointed some person to have charge of it for their benefit.

R. Spence,

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Mr Greenhow Associate Loan Agent was present at the taking of this deposition but propounded no questions to the witness  
Subscribed & sworn  
to before me this seventh  
day of November.

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Alphens Felch  
Commissioner

Filed in Office Nov 7, 1853.  
Geo. Fisher Sec

Case No 665.

Office of the Board of W  
S. Land Commissioners &c  
San Francisco Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Deposition  
of  
Manuel Castro

This day before Commissioner R. Aug Thompson came Manuel Castro a witness on behalf of Claimants, Heirs of David Little John Petition No 665 and being sworn this evidence being given in Spanish was interpreted by the Secretary as follows.

Present Claimants Atty & U.S. Asso<sup>te</sup> Loan Agent.

Witness states his name is Manuel Castro, age thirty two years and residence Monterey Cal<sup>a</sup>.

Question by Claimants Counsel.  
Look at the paper now shown marked Exhibit No 1, hereto annexed and marked with the initials R. I. and state what you know of its genuineness.

(Question withdrawn)

Questions by same,

Do you know the Rancho called  
 Las Cañeros granted to David Littlejohn  
 and if so state what you know of its  
 occupation improvements and cultivation  
 by said grantee or his family, also  
 whether said grantee is living and if  
 not who are his heirs,

Answer, I know said Rancho  
 and have known it ever since 1835. When  
 I first passed it I saw the said grantee  
 there at that time. He was then living  
 on the place with his family, he had  
 then on it a stock of cattle, horses con-  
 rales and some cultivated land. He  
 had about two hundred milk cows,  
 and carried on the dairy business sup-  
 plying the shipping with milk butter  
 and cheese. He had a wooden  
 house in which he resided with his family  
 in 1835. But afterwards he built a better  
 one. He continued to reside there  
 until his death which occurred in  
 1843, 44 or 45. I cannot remember  
 the year since which time his family  
 have continued to live there, he left a widow  
 and several children. His widow is neoull  
 Francisca Heigera and his eldest son is  
 named José. Said Ranch is situated  
 in the County of Monterey,  
 Manuel Castro.

Sworn & Subscribed

Before me Dec 21, 1853,

R. Aug Thompson Comr.

Filed in Office Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1853, G. Fish,

United States of America }  
State of California }  
}

San Francisco, January 15, 1855.

This day came before Peter Gott, Commissioner for taking testimony to be used before the Board of W. S. Land Commissioners in said state, Delos R. Ashley a witness on behalf of the Claimants, The widow and heirs of David Littlejohn deceased, in Case No 665, on the docket of said Board, and said witness being sworn deposed as follows:

Deposition

Delos R. Ashley

The W. S. Associate Land Agent is present.

Questions by Mr Shaw for Claimants.  
1<sup>st</sup> Question. What is your name, age and residence?

Answer. My name is Delos R. Ashley, my age 29 years, my residence in Monterey, California.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question. Are you acquainted with the widow and heirs of David Littlejohn deceased, the petitioners in this case, if yea, state their names?

Answer. I am acquainted with them. The widow's name is Francisca Heigera, and the oldest son is José David, and the other two are named Santos, and Simón, and the daughters are Maria, Soledad, Helena Anita, & Maria Antonia.



These constitute the whole family,  
I have known them about five years.  
D. R. Ashley.

Subscribed & sworn to  
before me, on this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of January A. D. 1855

Filed in Office  
Jan 15. 1855  
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Peter Scott

Commissioner

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United States of America  
State of California

Deposition  
of  
Wm. A. Richardson

Saw Francisco, April 18. 1854.  
This day personally came before  
Peter Scott, a commissioner for taking  
testimony to be used before the Board  
of W. L. Land Commissioners in said  
State. William A. Richardson, a witness  
in behalf of the Claimant in Case No  
665, on the Docket of said Board, in  
which the Heirs of David Little John  
are claimants, and said witness being  
duly sworn on oath deposed in the  
English language as follows, to wit:

The United States Land Agent is  
present.

Questions by the Attorney for Claimants  
1 Question. What is  
your name, age, and present residence?

Answer. My name is  
William A. Richardson, my age 58 years,  
my residence Marin County, California.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question, Are you or not acquainted with the hand writing of Gov José Pigueroa and of Agustín V. Zamorano, if yea, state your means of knowledge, and look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit No 1 R. I. S. D. S. and state whether the signatures thereto are genuine?

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Answer, I am acquainted with the hand writing of both of the persons named. I have seen them both write, and have received official documents from them, and upon examining this document now shown me, I am satisfied that both the signatures of José Pigueroa and Agustín V. Zamorano thereto signed are their genuine signatures.

Will<sup>m</sup> A. Richardson

Subscribed & Sworn to  
Before me on this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of April A. D. 1854

Peter Lott

Commissioner  
for taking Testimony &c.

Filed in Office April 18, 1854,  
Geo. Fisher Sec.

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Case No 665

Claim of the Widow & heirs  
of David Littlejohn - deceased.

Wm J. Shaw Counsel for the Claimants  
in this case, moves that the name of  
the widow of said David Littlejohn  
deceased be inserted in the petition  
of said Claimants, as follows to wit:

Francisca Hernandez de Littlejohn  
formerly the wife of the said David  
Littlejohn, deceased.

Wm J. Shaw  
Counsel for the Claimants.

Filed in Office Jan 16, 1855,

Geo. Fisher  
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Motion

Span Loe follows.

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1. Jurisdiccion, N<sup>o</sup> 33  
de monterey, l. 352 }

Año de 1833

# Expediente

Sobre el pasaje nombrado "Los  
Carneros" - Solicitado por  
David Litteljohn

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2. Dello Tercero: Dos Reales:

Habilitado provincialm<sup>te</sup> por la Adminis-  
tracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey  
para los años de mil Ocho cientos treinta  
y tres y mil ocho cientos treinta y Cuatro.  
Riqueroa José Rafael Gonzalez

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Monterey Dto. 11. Don Comand<sup>te</sup> Gal y  
de 1833. De confro. Exped<sup>to</sup> sup<sup>or</sup> politico.  
mediado con las le. David Littlejohn que en  
yes de la materia dada en la Canada lla  
Informe el Ayuntamiento el Rancho de Cos-  
minto de Esta Cap. Carneros: Ante V. D. con  
tal, si el contenido el Respecto y sumision q<sup>ta</sup>  
en esta instancia debe hacer presente: Que  
tiene los requisitos hallandose averiguado  
prevencidos p<sup>a</sup> ser en ctra. Canada adonde  
tendido a su solicitud ya tiene cava Creencias  
si el tenem<sup>to</sup> que me abren y sus bienes p<sup>a</sup> con-  
tende esta compra eson q<sup>ta</sup> le hizo al Antee-  
cido en las Veinte le sup<sup>or</sup> de V. D. Ciudadano Ma-  
guas limites de la Victoria como lo  
litorales que espere a creditar el papel q<sup>ta</sup>  
la ley de 18 de Agosto acompaño a V. D. con el  
de 1824. si es de l. y habiendo merecido en la  
Regadio Temporal bondad de V. D. la Carta  
de abrevadero si p<sup>a</sup> de naturaleza q<sup>ta</sup>. Tambien  
nese a propiedad acompaña con el 2. con  
particular, espere ahora en nuevo a la  
cion o pueblo con la venifricdad de V. D. con el  
demas que crea en fin en que se digno con el  
auente a dicho de la propiedad del  
la materia. Debe Reperido sitio en su diseno  
basele la Carta de acompaña con el 3. re-  
naturaleza Origenido V. D. que esto hara su  
nal que acompaña felicidad y la en eno favori  
con prevencion de lla. Como es tan conocida  
que presente untes ya p<sup>a</sup> todos los habitantes  
termino de ella p<sup>a</sup> en este territorio su p<sup>a</sup> en  
apregarlo al Expe. Caridad, de de de luego  
diente. El Sr. Don Diego de V. D. a ella p<sup>a</sup> a.  
José Riqueroa Gen. Tenca la dignacion de con  
3. ral de Brigada de de de este Corto parage  
los Estados Unidos p<sup>a</sup> en este modo atender

Mexicanos Coman- } à la subsistencia de mi  
 dante general In } familia. Por tanto.  
 specto y Jefe sup: } A. V. O. pido y suplico  
 político de la Alta } que p: un efecto de su  
 California así lo } benigna corazón se digné  
 mandó, decreto y } proveer à mi favor de qd.  
 firmo de que doy } recibire gracia y merced  
 feè. } Monterey 28 de Octbre  
 José Aguirre } de 1833.

Agustín V. Zamora } Señor!  
 rano. Dño. } David Litteljohn

Especto-  
 continuado.

Dello tercero Dos Reales:  
 Habilitado provisionalmt: por la Adminis-  
 tración de la Aduana Maritima de Mont-  
 erey para los años de mil Ocho cientos-  
 treinta y tres, y mil Ocho cientos treinta y cuatro  
 Ligueroa José Rafael Gonzales  
 Sesión de hoy se dio cuenta al C. Ayun-  
 tamiento con este Expediente y se acordó  
 pase à la Comisión de Colonización y  
 terrenos Valados para qd. ahora dictamen  
 Monterey Enero 3 de 1834.

José Maria Maldonado  
 Vocal Dño.

Por Jefe superior político  
 El C. Ayuntamiento de esta Capital con  
 el Objeto de dar à V. O. el informe que se  
 sirvió pedir en su superior decreto de  
 11 de Diciembre Ultimo pasó la presente  
 solicitud à la Comisión de Colonización  
 quien en Sesión del 2<sup>o</sup> del presente pre-  
 sentó el dictamen qd. aprobado se mandó  
 preparar à este Expedite y como su contenido  
 es lo qd. en el particular debe informar  
 esta Corporación lo reproduce en toda  
 sus partes devolviendo à V. O. el Expres-  
 do con el testimonio de la Carta de natu-  
 raleza del interesado p: haversele ente-  
 gado la Original en cumplimiento de  
 dho superior decreto.

Monterey Enero 30 de 1834  
 Manuel Jimeno  
 Casarín

José Maria Maldonado Dño.

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F. Sello Cuarto De Oficio. N.º 1

Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Comisaria subalterna interina del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California, para los años de mil Ocho cientos treinta y uno y Ocho cientos treinta y dos.

Salvador Espinosa J. J. Gomez

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El Ciudadano Agustín Q. Gamoreno Capitán de la Compañia de Caballeria permanente de Monterey y Comandante General accidental de la Alta California.

Certifico: Que el Sr Comandante General y Jefe político de este Territorio D. Manuel Victoria, antes de emprender su marcha para el pueblo de los Angeles; en donde supio la prision a que le Redujo la Revolucion de D. Diego, dijo al Estomero David Litteljohn que cultivase los terrenos de la Ciénaga de los Carreros, e introduyese en ellos sus bienes de campo, en tanto se provia suficientemte la instancia que el interesado, tiene presentada en la Secretaria de la Jefatura política en solicitud de otro paraje. Ya heclimto del interesado doy la presente en Monterey a Diez de julio de mil Ocho cientos treinta y dos.

Agustín Q. Gamoreno.

G. Sello Tercero Dos Reales:

Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey para los años de mil Ocho cientos treinta y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos treinta y cinco.

Riqueroa Rafael Gonzales Manuel Jimeno Casarin. Alcalde Constitucional de este partido.

Certifico: en toda forma de derecho: Que en este dia se me ha presentado personalmente en este cargo de mi cargo: el Vecino Manuel Carrer David

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Littlejohn pidiendome copia testimo-  
 na de su Carta de Naturaliza que tiene  
 en su poder lo cual es del tenor sig<sup>te</sup>.  
 José <sup>de</sup> Quiroga General de Brigada de  
 los Ejercitos Mexicanos, Comand<sup>te</sup> General  
 Inspector y Jefe superior politico del Ter-  
 ritorio de la Alta California. Haviendo  
<sup>de</sup> Francisco Javier David Littlejohn ori-  
 ginario de Arbrot de la provincia de  
 Ayrsh en el Reyno de Escocia, cumplen-  
 do con las condiciones y requisitos que pre-  
 vené la ley de 14 de Abril de 1828 del  
 Congreso general que amega el modo con  
 que debe concederse la Carta de naturaliza  
 a los Extranjeros y acompañando los docu-  
 mentos que lo acreditan, declaro al referi-  
 do <sup>de</sup> Francisco Javier Littlejohn por las  
 presentes, naturalizado en los Estados  
 Unidos Mexicanos en virtud de la autori-  
 zacion que por aquella Ley de me con-  
 fiere. Dado en Monterrey a cinco de Junio  
 de mil Ocho cientos treinta y tres.

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Especte  
continued

José <sup>de</sup> Quiroga  
 Agustín V. Zamorano. Jefe  
 R<sup>do</sup> a § 1. del libro Respectivo. Y para la  
 y devida constancia doy la presente en el  
 puerto de Monterrey a los treinta dias del  
 mes de Enero de mil Ocho cientos treinta  
 y cuatro que autorizo y firmo con los de As<sup>to</sup>  
 segun derecho.

Manuel Jimeno  
 Asa Cesarin Asa  
 Juan B. Alvarado # Juan B. R. Cooper

f. Here follows  
 Map }



9. Sello tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Ad-  
ministracion de la Aduana Maritima  
de Monterey para los años de mil Ocho  
cientos treinta y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos  
treinta y cinco.

de Figueroa

Rafael Gonzalez

Y. Ayuntamiento

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La Comision encargada de tenernos Val-  
-divo; abre dictamen sobre la instancia  
presentada por David Litteljohn; para qd.  
se le conceda el paraje nombrado La Caña-  
da de los Carneros, y en cumplimiento al  
superior Decreto que le acompaña: Dice  
que el mencionado David es naturalizado  
casado con Mexicana y con familia que  
el paraje que pretende se halla compren-  
do en las 10 Leguas Litorales; que expresa  
la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, dicho terreno  
es de temporal y no de Repadio no pertenece  
a propiedad particular ni pueblo; por lo  
expuesto es de ventura se le concede de for-  
dolo a la deliberacion de esta Junta con-  
pacion.

Monterey 26 de Enero de 1834

Jose Antonio Romero # Jose Aguila.

10 Monterey Febrero 1.º de 1834.

pase al Alcalde de esta Capital ante quien  
la parte de David Litteljohn produciera me-  
informacion de tres testigos celeros que sean  
interrogados sobre los puntos siguientes:

1.º Si el Solicitante es Mexicano por naci-  
miento; si es casado y tiene hijos, si es de  
buena conducta;

2.º Si el terreno que solicita pertenece a la  
propiedad de algun particular Mision  
pueblo o corporacion, si es de Repadio-  
temporal o Abrevadero y que esten con-  
tendra.

3.º Si tiene bienes de Campo con que po-  
blarlo o posibilidad de adquirirlos.

Evacuadas estas diligencias vuelva el  
Expediente para su resolucion. El Sr  
D. Jose Figueroa general de Brigada

Comendante general Inspector y Jefe Superior politico de la Alta California asi lo mande decreto y firmo de que doy fe  
Jose Figueroa

Agustin V. Zamora Orio.

Monterey 11. de Feb. de 1834.

En conoconencia a lo dispuesto por el ante sedente Superior decreto del Dn sup<sup>te</sup> politico, prosedase a tomar las declaraciones de los tres testigos que han de ser interrogados  
11 Sello Cercas: Dos Reales:

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Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Academia Maritima de Monterey, para los años de mil Ocho cientos treinta y tres y mil Ocho cientos treinta

Especto y cuato.  
continued

Jose Rafael Gonzales en los terminos y forma acostumbradas asi yo el Alcalde lo decreto firme y mande en los testigos de asistencia.

Manuel Jimeno, Asso.  
Casarin, Jose Ayula  
Asso. Jose Ant. Romo

En la fha presente el Sr. Jimeno Castro se le recibio juramento en toda forma al derecho por el cual aprecio decir verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y siendo lo p<sup>o</sup> su nombre, Estado, edad, patria y Religion Dijo, llamarse como tiene dicho que es Casado de cincuenta años, natural de Sta. Barbara. C. W. R.

Preguntado sobre los puntos q<sup>ue</sup> se contiene el Especoado superior Jefe politico: Dijo. Que el Vecino David Littlejohn no es Mexicano por naciem<sup>to</sup> pero que esta naturalizado, que es Casado y tiene hijos y es de buena conducta, que tambien conoce el terreno que solicita dicho David Littlejohn y no pertenece a la propiedad de ningun particular ni Mision pueblo y ni a Corporacion ningun que dicho terreno es de temporal y abrevadero y no de Repadio y que su Estension sera por mas de tres cuartos de league y tiene el Solicitante bastantes bienes

en que poblarlo que lo dicho es la Verdad  
 12 à cargo del juramt. que tiene hecho en la  
 y prima que se ratificó leyda que le fué y firmó  
 conmigo y los testigos de asistencia  
 Casarín Simeon Basto

Asa

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Quem Pt. R. Cooper # José Aguilera  
 En la pta presente el vecino Teodoro Gonzales  
 se le recibió juramt. en toda forma de  
 derecho por el cual oprecio de en verdad  
 en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y sien-  
 dolo por su nombre Estado edad patria y Re-  
 ligion dijo: llamanse como tiene dicho, que  
 es casado de veinte y nueve años, natural  
 de la Ciudad de la Puebla de los Angeles  
 y C. A. R.

Preguntado) Dóne los puntos à que se con-  
 trae el mencionado decreto del Sr. Jefe  
 Supt. político Dijo: Que el Vecino David  
 Littlejohn no es Mexicano por naciem. pero q.  
 esta naturalizado que es casado y tiene hijos  
 y es de buena conducta que tambien conoce  
 los terrenos que solicita dicho David Little-  
 john que es la Cañada de los Carreros por  
 la parte de Abasco, y no pertenece à la propie-  
 dad de ningun particular ni Misión pue-  
 blo y ni à Corporacion ninguna que dicho  
 terrenos es de temporal y ahuevoadero. y no de  
 Repadio y que su Estension sera por mas  
 de tres cuartos de leguas y tiene el solicitante  
 bastantes bienes con que poblarlo, que lo  
 dicho es la Verdad à cargo del juramento.  
 que tiene hecho en que se afirma y Ratifica

13 Sello Tercero Dos Reales  
 Habilitado provisoralmt. por la Ad-  
 ministracion de la Aduana Maritima  
 de Monterrey para los años de mil Ocho  
 cientos treinta y tres, y mil Ocho cientos y  
 treinta cuatro.

Eligueron José Rafael Gonzales  
 leyda que le fué y firmó con mi go y los de  
 asistencia.

Casarín

Teodoro Gonzales

Asa. Quem Pt. R. Cooper # José Aguilera Asa

En la fha presente el Ciudadano Gabriel de la Torre se le recibo juram<sup>to</sup> en toda forma de derecho por el cual afirma de verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y oido lo por su nombre Estado, patria y Religión dijo llamarse como tiene dicho que es casado de.

Preguntado: Dóbe los puntos a que se con-  
tae el mencionado Decreto del Sr. Jefe  
Sup<sup>te</sup> político: Dijo que el Vecino David  
Littlejohn no es Mexicano por nacimiento  
pero que está naturalizado, que es casado  
y tiene hijos y es de Buena Condición que  
también conoce el terreno que solicita dicho  
David Littlejohn que es la Bandada de  
los Carneros por la parte de Abajo, y no p<sup>o</sup>ste  
neces a la propiedad de ningún particular  
ni Misión pueblo y ni a Corporación alguna,  
que dicho terreno es de temporal y áhe  
vadero que es de Regadio y que su Estension  
será poco mas de tres cuartas de legua y tiene  
el solicitante bastantes venes con que p<sup>o</sup>lla  
lo que lo dicho es la Verdad a cargo del  
juramento que tiene hecho en el que se afir-  
mo y Ratifico leida que le fue y firmo con  
migo y los testigos de asistencia.

17) Basarin Gabriel de la Torre

Asa Quem Nota R. Cooper Asa

Monteury 12. de Set<sup>em</sup> de 1834 José Aguilas

En Vista de haverse evacuado las antee-  
dentes diligencias como previene el Sr. Jefe  
Sup<sup>te</sup> Político en su sup<sup>te</sup> decreto de 1<sup>o</sup> del  
corrente, Vuelvase este Expediente al indi-  
cado Sr para su resolución así y el Al-  
calde Constitucional lo mandò decretar  
y firmè con los testigos de asistencia  
Manuel Jimeno Basarin

Asa Quem Nota R. Cooper Asa Levador Goyales  
Monteury Mayo 13 de 1834.

Vista la petición con que da principio este  
Expediente el informe de la autoridad

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municipal de esta Capital las Exposiciones de testigos con todo lo demas que se tubo presente y ver continuo de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y Reglamentos de la materia declarada a David Littlejohn naturalizado en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos dueño en propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre (Delloteo - cerro Dos Reales: Habilitado jurisdiccionalmente por la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Ligueroa Rafael Gonzales de Cos Barreros colindante con la Misión de San Juan Bautista Rancho de los Cupeyeros, San Antonio y Lomas Laterales dirijase este Expediente a la Coma Diputación para la debida aprovacion El señor D<sup>n</sup> José Ligueroa general de Brigada, Comandante general Inspector y Jefe superior político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mando decreto y firmo de que doy fe.

José Ligueroa

Dño

Agustin Q. Zamora  
Monterrey Junio 12 de 1834.

En Sesion de este dia acordó la Coma Diput<sup>ca</sup> pase este Exped<sup>te</sup> a la Comision de terrenos Valdios.

16. Como D<sup>n</sup> Ligueroa

Las Comisiones de Colonizacion y terrenos Valdios a quien se paso este Expediente cuya formacion probese por pretencion que el Ciudad. David Littlejohn hizo al terreno nombrado Los Barreros lo han examinado con la circunspeccion que corresponde teniendo al mismo tiempo presente la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 sus concordantes y las disposiciones generales que en 21 de Noviembre de 1828 dicto el supremo Gobierno de la Nacion para el mejor cumplimiento de la primera

del Examen del Expediente sea pene-  
hado la Comision de la Opinion que ya  
tenia de la Exempolalidad y tino con  
que el Sr Jefe politico lo mando instruir  
de suerte q. ni en su formacion se estaba  
algun Requisito esencial ni de los pae-  
reados.

Por lo otro enclulle la comision apre-  
endiendo a la deliberacion de esta Coma Di-  
putacion la siguiente proposicion.

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10. Se aprueba la concesion hecha al Ciu-  
dadano David Littelljohn del terreno nom-  
brado los Carneros conseedido en 13 de Mayo  
de 1834 de Entera conformidad con lo  
prebenido en la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 18  
24 y el art. 5 del Reglamento de 21 de  
Noviembre de 1828.

Monterey, 14 de Junio de  
1834.

Carlos Ant. Carrillo  
Jose A. Estacillo.

Jose Castro.

11. Monterey junio 19 de 1834.

En sesion de este dia aprubo la Coma  
Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen  
antecedente mandandose devuelva el  
Expediente al Sr Jefe sup<sup>o</sup> politico p<sup>o</sup>  
los fines consiguientes.

Higuera

Juan B. Alvarado Otero

18. Habilitado por la Administracion de la  
Armada Maritima del puerto de Monterey  
para los años de mil Ocho cientos treinta  
y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos treinta y cinco  
Higuera J. B. Gonzales.

Peace of  
the King

Monterey Junio 24 de 1834

En Vista del Acuerdo de la Coma  
Diputacion Territorial del dia  
19. del corriente en confirmacion del  
terreno de los Carneros pretendido por  
David Littelljohn naturalizado en los  
Estados Unidos Mexicanos: Abrese el Tita-  
lo respectivo, tomesk Reason de el en el

libro à que corresponde y Entreguese al interesado para su Resguardo y demas fines. El Sr. D. José Quiroga General de Brigada Comandante general. Inspector y Jefe superior político del territorio de la Alta California. así lo firmo mando y decreto de que doy fe.

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José Quiroga

Agustín V. Zamoraño Oño.

19 José Quiroga General de Brigada de la Rep<sup>ca</sup> Mexicana, Comandante General Inspector y Jefe superior político del territorio de la Alta California.

Por Cuanto Dava Littelljohn naturalizado en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos ha pretendido p<sup>a</sup> su beneficio personal y el de su familia, el terreno conocido con el nombre de Los Cameros colindante con la Misión de S. Juan Bautista, Rancho de S. Cayetano y S. Antonio y lomas Laterales: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes según lo dispuesto en las Leyes y Replamentos: usando de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Excm<sup>a</sup> Diputación Provincial del día 12 del corriente aprobando la concecion del citado paraíso de los Cameros echa en Decreto de 19 de Mayo ult<sup>o</sup> al Referido Dava Littelljohn a nombre de la Excm<sup>a</sup> Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarándole la propiedad de el p<sup>a</sup> las presentes Letras y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1<sup>a</sup> Que se sometera à las cf. establecidas el Replamento que se ha de formar p<sup>a</sup> la distribución de terrenos Valais y que enhetanto ni el aparcialdo ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se les adjudica; ni poner censo, vinculo piazca, hipoteca ni otro gravamen alguno. sea por causa p<sup>a</sup>closa ni pasarlo à ma

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...no pasarlo a ma  
= nos muertas.

20. 2º podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las  
haciendas, caminos y servidumbres; lo  
disputará libre y exclusivamente destin  
nandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomo  
de; pero dentro de un año fabricará casa  
y estará habitada.

3º Solicitara desde luego del juez res-  
pro que le de posesion juridica en vir-  
tud de este despacho por el cual se de-  
marcaran los linderos en cuyos limites  
pueda à mas de las mohoneras, algunos  
arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna  
utilidad.

4º El terreno de que se hace mencion  
es de un Sitio de ganado Menor por lo mas o  
menos segun esplica el disenõ que corre en  
el Expedite el juez que daie la posesion lo ha-  
ran medir conforme à Ordenanza pª sena-  
lar los linderos quedando el sobrante que  
resulta à la estacion pª los usos comunen-  
tes.

5º Si entremetiere à estas condiciones  
perdiera su derecho al terreno y sera de-  
nunciabile por otro.

En consecuencia  
mando qd. Terminose pª prime y Validerose este  
titulo se tome razon de el en el libro à que  
corresponde y se le entregue al interesado  
para su resguardo y demas fines.

Dado en Monterey @ 28. de junio de 1834  
José Arqueiro  
Agustin. V. Zamorano Omo.

Office of the Surveyor  
General of the United States for California

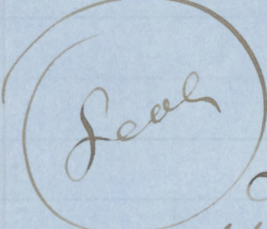
I John C. Hays Surveyor General  
of the United States for the State of Cali-  
fornia, and as such, having in my office  
and in my charge and custody a portion  
of the Archives of the former Spanish and  
Mexican Territory or Department of

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Upper California, by Virtue of the power  
vested in me by law Do hereby Certify  
that the twenty preceding and hereunto  
annexed pages of tracing paper numbered  
from one to twenty inclusive, exhibit a  
true and accurate copy of a certain do-  
cument now on file and forming part of  
the said Archives in this Office

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 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 second day of February,  
1855.

John C. Hays,  
U. S. Surveyor General  
for California

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Jurisdiction of { No 33 } Year  
Monterey { x 35 } 1833.

Record of proceedings relative to  
the place called.  
"Los Carneros"  
Solicited by David Littlejohn

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Translation of  
Expediente

To The Commandant General and  
Superior Political Chief,

I, David Littlejohn domiciliated  
in the valley (Cañada) called the Rancho  
de los Carneros, with due respect and  
humility represent to you:

That being domiciliated in said  
valley (Cañada) where I already have  
a house opened sowing grounds and  
my stock by virtue of a grant made  
to me by your predecessor Citizen  
Manuel Victoria as is proved by the  
paper I accompany to you marked  
No 1 and by your goodness having  
obtained a Letter of naturalization,  
which I likewise accompany marked  
No 2, I now apply anew to your  
Kindness with the object that you  
will please to grant me the ownership  
of the aforesaid "sitio" a plot of which  
I accompany marked No 3, you being  
aware that thereby you will make  
me and my family happy.

As your great Kindness is already

so well known to all the inhabitants of this Territory. I now apply to it, that you may vouchsafe to grant me this little place so that in this way I may look to the subsistence of my family.

Therefore I ask and pray you that by an act of your kind heart you will please to take measures in my behalf, whereby I shall receive a favor and a boon.

Monterey 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1833.

Sir yours,

David Littlejohn

(In the Margin)

Monterey December 11<sup>th</sup> 1833.

In conformity with the Laws on the Subject of the "Ayuntamientos" of this Capital report whether the petitioner in this instance is possessed of the prescribed requisites in order that his petition can be entertained, whether the land he claims is comprised in the twenty limitary or ten littoral leagues mentioned in the Law of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1824, whether it is land irrigated seasonably or artificially, whether it belongs to my private property, corporation or pueblo, together with whatever else it may think conducive to illustrate the matter.

Let the original letter of naturalization he accompanies be returned to him, with an injunction that he present a certified copy thereof to be annexed to the Expediente.

D. José Figueroa, Brigadier General  
 of the Mexican United States, Com.  
 mandant General, Inspector and  
 Superior Political Chief of Upper  
 California, thus did order decree  
 and sign. I attest it.  
 José Figueroa.  
 Agustín N. Zamorano  
 Secy.

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(Stamp) In to days session the Illustrious  
 Ayuntamiento took up this Expediente,  
 and resolved that it be sent to the  
 Committee on Colonization and vacant lands,  
 that an opinion may be had.  
 Monterey January 3<sup>d</sup> 1834.  
 José María Maldonado,  
 Member & Secretary,

Mr Superior Political Chief,  
 The S. C. Ayuntamiento of this Capital  
 with a view to give you the report  
 you are pleased to demand in your  
 superior decree of 11<sup>th</sup> December last,  
 sent the present petition to the Committee  
 on colonization, which in session of  
 25<sup>th</sup> instant presented an opinion,  
 which approved, was ordered to be  
 annexed to this Expediente, and as the  
 contents thereof is what this corpo-  
 ration must report on this subject  
 it re-produces it in all its parts, trans-  
 mitting it to you together with the  
 certified copy of the letter of naturalization

of the interested party, as the original has  
been delivered to him in compliance  
with said Superior decree.

Monterey January 30<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Manuel Jimeno Casarin

José Maria Maldonado

Secy.

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(Stamp)

I, the Citizen Agustín V.  
Zamorano, Captain of the Company of  
Cavalry stationed at Monterey and  
accidental Commandant General of Upper  
California.

Certify: That the Commandant  
General and Political Chief of this Terri-  
tory Don Manuel Victoria, before un-  
dertaking his march for the Pueblo of  
San Angeles, where he suffered the  
imprisonments to which the revolution  
of San Diego reduced him, told the  
foreigner David Littlejohn to cultivate  
the lands of the Canada de las Cameros,  
and to introduce thereon his Country  
stock meanwhile the application which  
the interested party has presented in  
this Secretary office of the Political  
Chief, petitioning for said place, was  
sufficiently acted upon.

And at the request of the interested  
party I give these presents in Monterey  
on the tenth of July 1832.

Agustín V. Zamorano.

(Stamps) I, Manuel Jimeno Casarin, Constitutional Alcalde of this "Partido" certify in due form of Law: That on this day the denizen Francisco Javier David Littlejohn has presented himself to me personally in this Justice's Court to which I am appointed, asking me for a certified copy of his letter of naturalization, which he has in his possession, which is of the following tenor:

José Digueroa, Brigadier General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper California: Francisco Javier David Littlejohn, Native of Arbrath in the Province of Angus in the Kingdom of Scotland having complied with the conditions and requisites prescribed in the Law of 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1833 of the General Congress, which regulates the mode in which a letter of naturalization is to be granted to foreigners, and accompanying the documents in support thereof, I declare the aforesaid Francisco Javier David Littlejohn by these presents naturalized in the Mexican United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by that Law.

Given in Monterey on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1833.  
 José Digueroa Agustín V. Zamorano  
 Secy

Recorded on folio 1 in the respective book.

And for due attestation I give these presents in the Port of Monterey

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on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1834 and certify  
and subscribe it together with my  
attesting witnesses according to law.

Manuel Jimeno Casarin,  
att. with.

Juan B. Alvarado  
Juan Bte R. Cooper?

(Flat)

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Illustrations Ayuntamiento

The Committee charged with vacant lands  
in delivering an opinion on the application  
presented by David Littlejohn, to be gran-  
ted the place called La Canada de las  
Carneros, and in compliance with  
the superior decree accompanying  
it, says That the said David is  
naturalised, married to a Mexican  
woman and with a family, that the land  
he claims is comprised in the 10 littoral  
leagues set forth in the law of 18<sup>th</sup> of  
August 1824; said land is irrigated  
seasonably and not artificially, does not  
belong to any private property nor  
to any Pueblo.

Wherefore it is of opinion that it  
be granted him, leaving it to the delib-  
eration of this illustrious Corporation.

Monterey 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1834.

Jose Antonio

Pomero.

Jose Aguilera?

Monterey February 11<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Be it sent to the Alcalde of this Cap. itol, before whom the party David Littlejohn will procure an investigation from three idoneous witnesses, who shall be interrogated on the following points:

1<sup>st</sup> Whether the petitioner is a Mexican by birth, whether he is married and has children whether he is of a good character.

2<sup>nd</sup> Whether the land he solicits belongs to the property of any private person, Mission, Pueblo or Corporation, whether it is irrigated seasonably or artificially and of what extent it will prove to be.

3<sup>d</sup> Whether he has country stock wherewith to cover it or whether he is likely to acquire it.

These proceedings being over, let the Expediente be returned for resolution thereon. So José Figueroa Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of Upper California thus did order, decree and sign. I attest it.

José Figueroa

Agustin A Zamora Secy.

Monterey 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1834,

In consequence of the order in the foregoing Superior decree of the Superior Political Chief, let there be proceeded to take the declarations of the three witnesses, who are to be interrogated in the customary terms and form. Thus did I the Alcalde decree, order and sign together



with my attesting witnesses

Manuel Jimenez Casarin  
Att. with José Antonio Romero,  
José Aguilar.

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Under the same date, the Citizen Simeon Castro being present, was sworn in due form of law, under which oath he promised to tell the truth about what he should know and be interrogated, and being so interrogated as to his name, condition, age, native country and religion, he stated: that he calls himself as above mentioned, that he is married, is 50 years of age, native of Sta Barbara an Apostolic Roman Catholic.

Asked on the points referred to in the aforesaid Superior decree of the Superior Political Chief, he stated: That the denizen David Littlejohn is not a Mexican by birth, but that he is naturalised, that he is married and has children, and is of a good character; that he also knows the land petitioned for by said David Littlejohn, and it does not belong to the property of any private person, nor any mission, Pueblo or Corporation at all, that said land is irrigated reasonably and by watering places, and not artificially, and that its extent will be a little more than three quarters of a league, and the petitioners

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has sufficient stock wherewith to cover  
it; that this statement is true on strength  
of the oath he has taken, the truth of  
which he ratifies and affirms after  
it had been read to him, and he  
signed together with me and my  
attesting witnesses,

Cesarin, Dionisio Castro,  
Att. wit. Juan B<sup>ta</sup> R. Cooper,  
Jose' Aguilar,

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Under the same date, the denizen Teodoro  
Gonzales being present, was sworn  
in due form of law, under which  
oath he promised to tell the truth  
about what he should know and be  
interrogated, and being so asked  
as to his name, condition, age, native  
country and religion, he stated: that  
he calls himself as above mentioned  
that he is married, is 29 years of  
age, native of the City of la Puebla  
de las Angeles and an Apostolic  
Roman Catholic.

Asked on the points referred to in  
the said decree of the Superior Political  
Chief he stated: That the denizen  
David Littlejohn is not a Mexican  
by birth, but that he is naturalised,  
that he is married and has children  
and is of a good character, that he  
also knows the land petitioned for by  
said David Littlejohn which is the  
Canada de las Carneros from the  
lower side, and it does not belong  
to any private person, nor to any  
Mission, Pueblo or Corporation at all;

that said land is irrigated seasonably and by watering places, and not artificially and that its extent will be a little more than three quarters of a league, and the Petitioner has sufficient stock wherewith to cover it, that this statement is true on strength of the oath he has taken, the truth of which he affirms and ratifies after it has been read to him and he signed together with me and attesting witnesses.

Casimiro, Federico Gonzales  
Att. Wit. Juan Santa R. Cooper.  
Jose Aguilar.

(Stamp) Under the same date, the Citizen Gabriel de la Torre being present was sworn in due form of law, under which oath he promised to tell the truth about what he should know and be interrogated, and being so asked as to his name, condition, native country and religion, he stated: that he calls himself as above mentioned, that he is married, of

Asked as to the points referred to in the said decree of the Superior Political Chief, he stated:

That the denizen David Littlejohn is not a Mexican by birth, but that he is naturalized, that he is married and has children and is of a good character; that he also knows the land petitioned for by said David Littlejohn, which is the

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Cañada de los Cameros, from the lower side, and that it does not belong to the property of any private person, nor any mission, Pueblo or Corporation at all, that said land is irrigated seasonably and by watering places and not artificially, and that its extent will be a little more than three quarters of a league, and the petitioner has sufficient stock wherewith to cover it; that this statement is true on strength of the oath he has taken, which he affirmed and ratified, after it had been read to him, and he signed together with me and the attesting witnesses.

Casarin, Gabriel de la Torre  
att. wit. Juan B<sup>ta</sup> R. Cooper,  
José Aguilar.

Monterey 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1834.  
In view of the foregoing proceedings having been completed, as directed by the Superior Political Chief, in his Superior decree of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, let this Expediente be returned to said gentleman for his resolution.

Thus did I, the Constitutional Alcalde orden, decree, and sign together with the attesting witnesses.

Mmanuel Jimenez Casarin  
att. wit. Pedro Gonzalez,  
Juan B<sup>ta</sup> R. Cooper,

(Stamp)

In view of the petition at the head of this Expediente, the report of the municipal authority of this Capital, the exposition of witnesses together with whatever else to be borne in mind and was befitting in conformity with the requirements of the laws and regulations on the subject. David Littlejohn naturalised in the Mexican United States is hereby declared owner in fee of the land known by the name of Las Cameros, bordering on the Mission of San Juan Bautista, Ranchos de San Cayetano, San Antonio and Lomas Laterales (lateral highlands). Let this Expediente be addressed to the Excellent Deputation for due approval.

Now José Figueroa, Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper California thus did order, decree and sign, I attach it

José Figueroa,  
Agustín V. Zamora and  
Secy.

Monterey June 12<sup>th</sup> 1834.  
In to days session the Excellent Deputation resolved to send this Expediente to the Committee on vacant lands.

Figueroa.

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Excellent Sir!

The Committee on Colonization and vacant lands, to which this Expediente was sent, the formation of which was occasioned by a claim which the Citizen David Littlejohn made to the land called Las Carneros, has examined it with proper circumspection at the same time bearing in mind the law of 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1824, its concomitants and the general regulations which under date 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1828 were provided by the Supreme Government of the Nation for the better fulfilment of the former.

From the examination of the Expediente the Committee has been impressed with the opinion it already had of the soundness and judgment with which the Political Chief ordered it to be instituted so that neither in its formation nor in the action taken thereon any essential requisite has been deviated from.

In consideration of the above, the Committee in conclusion submits to the deliberation of this Excellent Deputation the following proposition:

1<sup>st</sup> It approves of the grant made to the Citizen David Littlejohn of the tract of land called Las Carneros granted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1834 in entire conformity with the provision in the Law of 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1824 and article 5<sup>th</sup> of the regulation of 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1828.

Monterey 14<sup>th</sup> June 1834,

José A. Estudillo,  
 Carlos Ant. Carrillo  
 José Castro.

Monterey June 19<sup>th</sup> 1834.

In to. days session the Excellent Deputation approved of the proposition in the foregoing opinion, ordering the Expediente to be returned to the Superior Political Chief for consequent purposes,

Figueroa

Juan B. Alvarado

Secy,

(Stamp)

Monterey June 25<sup>th</sup> 1834.

In view of the resolution of the Excellent Territorial Deputation of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant in confirmation of the tract of land called Las Carneros claimed by David Leitzjohn naturalized in the Mexican United States, let the respective title paper be issued, have it recorded in the proper book and delivered to the interested party for his security and other purposes.

L. José Figueroa Brigadier General, Commandant General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper Cal. inform thus did order, decree and sign. I attest it.

José Figueroa

Agustín B. Zamorano

Secy,

José Figueras Brigadier General  
of the Mexican Republic, Commandant  
General, Inspector and Superior  
Political Chief of the Territory of Upper  
California.

Whereas David Littlejohn,  
naturalized in the Mexican United  
States has claimed for his personal  
benefit and that of his family the  
tract of land known by the name  
of Las Carneros bordering on the Mission  
of S. Juan Bautista, Panchas de S. Cay,  
Standy and S. Antonio and lateral high-  
lands (lomas laterals) after having  
previously taken the necessary action  
and made the necessary investigations  
according to the requirements of laws  
and regulations in exercise of the pow-  
ers vested in me, and in con-  
formity with the resolution of the  
Excellent Territorial Deputation on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> instant approving the grant  
of said place de las Carneros made  
in decree of 13<sup>th</sup> of May last to the  
aforesaid David Littlejohn in the  
name of the Mexican Nation, I have  
concluded to grant him the said  
land declaring it his property by  
the present letters patent and  
under the following conditions

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1<sup>st</sup> That he submit to the conditions  
that shall be established by the regulation to  
be made for the distribution of vacant lands  
and that in the mean time neither the  
grantee nor his heirs shall have the power  
to divide or alienate the land hereby adjudi-  
cated to them nor subject it to rent, entail



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bond, mortgage or any other encumbrance though it be for a charitable purpose, nor to convey it into matrimony.

2<sup>nd</sup> He may fence it in without prejudice to the crossings roads or servitudes; he shall enjoy it freely and exclusively appropriating it to the use or culture that best may suit him, but within a year he shall build a house and it shall be inhabited.

3<sup>d</sup> He shall solicit at once of the respective magistrate to give him juridical possession by virtue of this document by whom the boundaries are to be marked on the extremities of which besides the landmarks he shall put some fruit trees or wild ones of some utility.

4<sup>th</sup> The land of which mention is made is one square league (sitio de ganado mayor) a little more or less, as shown in the plat annexed to the Expediente, the magistrate who shall give him possession will cause it to be measured conformable to ordinance for the making of boundaries, leaving the surplus that may result to the nation for convenient purposes.

5<sup>th</sup> If he should violate these conditions he will lose his right to the land and be liable to being denounced by any other party.

Consequently I order that this title paper being held firm and valid, it be

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recorded in the proper book and delivered  
to the interested party for his security and  
other purposes.

Given in Monterey on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June  
1834.

José Figueroa  
Agustín W. Lamora  
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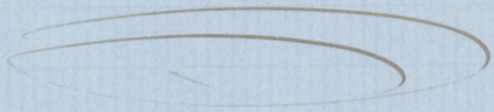
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pos. of David  
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Concecion y posesion del  
Rancho de S. <sup>el</sup> Ilvicio (a) Carnas  
al Sr David Littlejohn en 11  
de Agosto del Año Arriva Citado.

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Dello Primero Diez pesos:

Habilitado por el Ayuntamiento de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil Ochocientos treinta y cinco  
Riqueroa Rafael Gonzalez

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Jose Riqueroa General de Brigada del Ejercito de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General e Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

Señor Por Cuenta David Little John naturalizado en los Estados Mexicanos ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Los Carneros colindante con la Misión de San Juan Bautista Rancho de San Cayetano y San Antonio y lomas laterales: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones correspondientes según lo dispuesto por leyes y Reglamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el Acuerdo de la Excelentísima Diputación Territorial del día doce del corriente aprobad la concesion del citado paraje de los Carneros hecha en Decreto de fecha de Mayo ultimo al Referido David Little John a nombre de la Etacion Mexicana he venido en concederle la propiedad de el expresado terreno por las presentes letras y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

Que se sometera a las que Establecieren el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entretanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza hipoteca ni otro gravamen, aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

Que podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las ha-

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veccias, caminos y servicios: lo dispus-  
tara libre y exclusivamente destinandolo  
al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode, pero  
dentro de un año fabricara Casa y estara  
habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> Solitaria desde luego del preespe-  
tivo que le da posesion juridica en virtud  
de Este Despacho por el cual se demar-  
caran los linderos en cuyos limites pondra  
a mas de las Mohoneras, algunos Arboles  
frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace mencion  
es de un sitio de ganado mayor por lo mas  
o menos segun explica el dictamen que corre  
en el Expedite: el juez que diese la posesion  
lo hara medi conforme a Ordenanza para  
señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante  
que resulte a la estacion para los usos  
convinentes.

5<sup>a</sup> Si con transcurso a estas Condiciones  
perdiera su derecho al terreno y sera denun-  
ciable por oho.

En Consecuencia mando  
que teniendo por firme y Validos este  
titulo se tome Razon de el en el libro a que  
corresponde y se le entregue al interesado  
para su resguardo y de mas fines.

Dado en Monterey a veinte y Ocho de  
Junio de mil ochocientos treinta y  
cuatro.

Jose <sup>de</sup> Siqueroa

Agustin V. Gamorano. Oho.

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Queda tomada Razon en el libro de Asientos  
de Titulos sobre adjudicacion de Ter-  
renos a folios treinta y cinco numeris treinta  
y tres que obra en la Secretaria de mi  
Cajon.

Monterey, primero de Julio de mil  
Ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Gamorano.

Sello Licer. (Sello) Dos Reales.  
para los años de mil Ochocientos  
veinte y seis y Ochocientos veinte y siete

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*Sello* Derechos melisos, el papel 28 p.º y Vn Alcalde Constituent.

*Sello* David Littlejohn naturalizado en los Estados Mexicanos; dice: Que habiendo obtenido la Concesion propia del Terreno conocido con el nombre de los Cameros: Ocurre ante V. para que se sirva darle la posesion juridica conforme este prevenido en el Artículo 3º del titulo de dicho terreno que se les

*Sello* Espicilo en el Veinte y ocho de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro que devidamente acompa

*Sello* no igualmente la conformacion respectiva p.º of. Que los efectos de dicho P.º G.º U.º C. suplica se sirva ponerla en la posesion que solicita de lo que recibira merced y justicia.

Monterey 2 de Agosto y 1835.

David Littlejohn  
Monterey 3 de Agosto de 1839.

D. por presentado y admitido proceda de p.º mi el presente Alcalde 1º a la midicion señalamiento de linderos y posesion judicial of. solicita el Intercedido en esta instancia señalandose para ejecutarlo el dia del actual para lo of. se citaron con Voleta de comparendo a los colindantes asi y el Alcalde 1º Constitucional de esta Capital lo decretó, mandé y firmé con testigos de aco.º

David C. Spence.

De Asoa

José Maria y Maldonado

De Asoa

Juan. Malain

C. En las fhas presentes David Littlejohn se le notifico el auto que antecede y de el entendido: Dijo lo Oyo y of. se daba por citados y lo firmo

Spence

De Asoa. (David Littlejohn)

De Asoa

José Maria Maldonado # Juan Malain

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R. En la misma fha se libraron las Cédulas que se mandaron en el anterior auto. y para constancia lo auto y Rubrico.

En el Rancho de D. Tiburcio (a) Los Carneros a los Once dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco en cumplimiento del auto de D. del corriente y presentes los C. C. José de Jesus Vallejo y José Antonio Castro colindantes de este Rancho y citados para la medición, seña lamiento de linderos y posesion nombrados N. l. Continuo por medidores los señores Joaquin Soto y Casimiro Soto quienes previa la aceptación y juramento procelean al desempeño de su Encargo. Asi yo el Alcalde P. constitucional lo decreté mandé y firmé con los de Asso.


Dar C. Spence

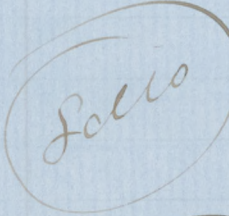
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José María Maldonado

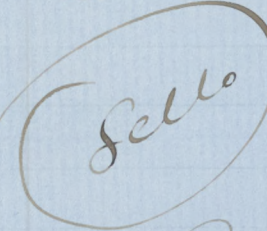
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Juan Malvarin

R. En la misma fha se habiendo asistido el colindante de D. Juan P. lo auto y Rubrico.

En el mismo dia mes y año se les verificó el auto en

Sello tercero para los años veinte y seis veinte y  Dos Reales de mil ochocientos y Ocho cientos Diece.

 antecedito a los colindantes Vallejo y Castro y de el entendidos dijeron lo Oyen y lo firman con miyo y los de Asso.

G. M.  J. de Jesus Vallejo  
Spence  
J. Anto. Castro

De Asso  
José María Maldonado

De Asso  
Juan Malvarin

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S<sup>to</sup> En la fha y en el Compuado Rancho  
 se les notifico à los C. C. Joaquin y  
 Casimiro Soto el Auto de su nom  
 bramiento y dijeron que aceptaven  
 y aceptaron dicho En cargo y juraron  
 por Dios nuestro señor y la señal de  
 la Cruz de usarlo fiel y legalmente à  
 todo su legal Ocho y entender sin fraude  
 contra persona alguna y no fonnaron p<sup>o</sup>  
 no saber, lo hice yo los de la Assist<sup>o</sup>  
 Spence.

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Deassa } Deassa  
 José Maria }  
 Melanodal } Juan Malamin

D. Incintinente yo el Reperido Alcalde  
 mandè haer à mi presencia el Cordel en  
 q. se han de medir las tierras. y que los  
 R. medidores lo midan de cincuenta V<sup>o</sup> y lo  
 anoto p<sup>o</sup> constancia y lo Rubico

De los terceros S<sup>to</sup> Dos Reales  
 para los años de mil Ocho cientos  
 Veinte y seis y Ocho cientos Veinte y  
 Diez.

S<sup>to</sup> Inmediatam<sup>te</sup> en presencia de  
 mi el repetido prez los expresados  
 medidores, tomaron un cordel de  
 S<sup>to</sup> Meate y con una Varo de medir  
 usual Mexicana midieron Cincue  
 R. enta V<sup>o</sup> para la medida y para con  
 stancia lo Rubique.

R. S<sup>to</sup> En el mismo parage, dia y mes  
 y año siendo à las diez del dia  
 yo el presente fue mandè à

S<sup>to</sup> los medidores, se dispungan para  
 la medida de Drenas que se le ha  
 de haer à David Littlejohn y puestos  
 en el campo de frente de la loma ò mesa  
 alto y el arbol llamado Borraxa, se comen  
 sò la medida tendiendose el Cordel de  
 N. à S. y resultaron treinta y cuatro cor  
 deles de à cincuenta V<sup>o</sup> que hacen la

Cantidad de un Mil setecientos  $Q^o$  de ancho se volio à començar la Reperida medida tendiendose desde el Espresado Ranjon hasta la casa acia el  $NO \frac{1}{4} LO$ . Ochenta y seis Cordales, y desde la casa p<sup>a</sup> el  $NO$  hasta el Rincon setenta y dos que hacen la Cantidad de Diez mil novecientos Varas de largo en cuyas mediciones mande se forman las mohoneras correspond<sup>tes</sup> que señalen los linderos que le pertenecen. El terreno medido corresponde à meno de un situ de ganado mayor y para el completo de el, dispuse se le apregara todo el Rincon que forma el Este llamado de Vallejo sin perjuicio de ningun colindante quienes fueron conformes y lo firmaron con migo y los de cos<sup>tas</sup>

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J. de Jesus Vallejo  
J. Ant<sup>o</sup> Castro

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De assa  
Jose Matias }  
Maldonado } Juan Malerin

En el mismo dia hubo una diferencia entre David Littlejohn y Jose Antonio Castro sobre que cada uno en particular queria que dase à su beneficio la Laguna que se haya entre los dos linderos de ambos sin pertenecer à ninguno: y p<sup>er</sup> obrar discordias por no pertenecer à ninguno y p<sup>er</sup> q<sup>ue</sup> le viva à los dos p<sup>er</sup> sus ganado dispuse que los bienes de uno y de Otro abrevaren en ello sin que se evitase ningun y quedando conforme, lo p<sup>ro</sup> p<sup>er</sup> nota q<sup>ue</sup> Rubrico.

De assa }  
Jose Maria }  
Maldonado } Juan Malerin  
L. En el Rancho de S. Tibreio (a) los Carnes à los Once dias del mes de Agosto de mil Ocho cientos treinta y cinco. Lo el Alcalde 1<sup>o</sup> Constitucional de Monterey C. Davria C. Spence, despues de practicadas las

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medidas del mencionado Rancho por las que resulto tener un sitio de ganado mayor y presentes los Colindantes C. C. Jose de Jesus Vallejo y Jose Antonio Castro siendo estos conformes con lo demas que consta de autos; mande que entrase D. David Littlejohn en posesion del nominado Rancho bajo las medidas citadas y formalidades acostumbradas en casos semejantes lo que verifico anexo cuando yo era y haciendole demostraciones como dueño del terreno q. se le ha dado posesion en ya validacion lo autorizo y firmo con los colindantes y testigos de Asso

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J. de Jesus Vallejo  
Dav. C. Opence

De Asso  
Jose Maria } Asso  
Maldonado } Juan Malarin

Mr

Monterey ago 13 de 1859.

Tomese Razon en el libro de posesiones y devuelvase este Expedt. Original al interesado para que de bonga de titulo asi yo el Alcalde lo decreto, mande y firme con los de Asso

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Dav. C. Opence

De Asso  
Jose Maria } De Asso  
Maldonado } Juan Malarin

N.

En la misma fha se tomo Razon en la paja 1<sup>a</sup> 3<sup>a</sup> del libro Respectivo y se devolvio el Expediente Original a D. David Littlejohn en la paja 1<sup>a</sup> 3<sup>a</sup> con lo anoto y Rubrico

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Seis  
Dello tereno <sup>Seis</sup> Dos Reales  
para los años de mil Ocho Cientos  
Veinte y seis y. ocho cientos Veinte  
y siete.

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Concession and possession of the  
Rancho, de San Tiburcio / or Sheep,  
to Mr David Littlejohn, on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
of August of the year above mentioned.

Seal of the First Class, Six Dollars,  
Provided provisionally by the Admin-  
istration of the Maritime Custom House  
of Monterey, for the years one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty four, and  
one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
five.

Figueroa (signed)

/ signed, Rafael Gonzales.

Joseph Figueroa, General of Brigade  
of the Army of the Mexican Republic, Com-  
mandant General, Inspector, and Superior  
Political Chief of the Territory of the  
Alta California.

Seal 3 Inasmuch as David Littlejohn,  
naturalized in the United States of Mexico,  
has pretended for his personal benefit  
and that of his family, the land known  
by the name of the "Sheep" / Carreros /  
bounded by the Mission of San Juan  
Bautista, the Rancho of San Cayetano  
& San Antonio, and lateral mountains;  
the necessary steps, and inquiries being  
previously taken in compliance with  
the laws, and regulations; using the  
faculties in me vested, and in conformity

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G. H. I. J. K. L. M.

x N.

with the advice of the very Excellent Territorial Deputation of the twelfth day of the present, approving the concession of the mentioned place "of the Sheep" made in Decree of thirteenth of May last to the referred to David Littlejohn: in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have concluded to concede unto him the property expressed of said land, by these presents, and under the following conditions,

1<sup>st</sup> That it be submitted to those who might establish the regulation, which is to be formed for the distribution of vacant land, and that in the meantime, neither the Grantee nor his heirs can divide, nor alienate that which is granted unto him: impose poll-tax, entail, reversion, mortgage, nor any other obligation, even though it should be for a pious cause, nor to pass it to dead hands.

2<sup>nd</sup> He can fence it in without prejudice to the crossings, roads or common sewers; dispute or enjoy it freely and exclusively, destining it to the use or culture which he sees fit, but within one year he must build a house & have it occupied.

3<sup>rd</sup> He shall afterward solicit of the respective Judge that he give him judicial possession in virtue of this dispatch, by which he may mark out the limits of its boundaries, he shall put besides the land marks, some fruit or wild trees of some utility.

4<sup>th</sup> The land of which mention

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is made is of one sitio de ganado mayor, a little more or less as explained by the delineation, which runs in the Expediente: The Judge who gives possession, shall have it measured in conformity to Ordinance, to lay out the boundaries, and whatever may remain surplus, to be for the use of the Nation.

Should he contravene these conditions, he shall lose his right to the land, and it shall be denounceable by another.

In consequence my ordering this as a firm and valid Title. Let an entry of it be made in the book to which corresponds, and that it be delivered unto the party interested for his guard, and further ends.

Given in Monterey on the twenty eighth of June. One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

(Signed) José Figueroa

(Signed) Agustín V. Lamorano  
Secy.

A note is taken, in the Book of Entries of Titles on adjudication of Lands on pages thirty five, number thirty three, which is under my charge in the Secretary's Office.

Monterey the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

(Signed) Lamorano

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Seal Third Seal Two Rials.

For the years one thousand, eight hundred and twenty six, and eight hundred and twenty seven.

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To the Constitutional Alcalde,

David Littlejohn naturalised, in the Mexican States, says: that having obtained proper possession of the land known by the name of "the Sheep" (los Cameros) he appears before you, that you may please serve him with juridical possession in conformity as it is advised in the 3<sup>d</sup> Article of the Title of said land which was granted unto him on the twenty eighth of June One thousand eight hundred and thirty four which justly accompanies, as also the confirmation respective, that all may work its desired effects.

Inasmuch I supplicate you will put him in the possession which he solicits for which you will receive, mercy, and justice.

Monterey 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1835.

(Signed) David Littlejohn

Monterey 3<sup>d</sup> of August 1835.

Having been presented and admitted it is now proceeded by me, the present Alcalde 1<sup>st</sup> to the measurement & the marking out the boundaries, and juridical possession solicited by the party interested

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in this instance, marking it out so that he  
may execute it. — tenth of the present  
for which he shall be cited with a written  
notice — summoning those bordering  
his land, I, the 1<sup>st</sup> Constitutional  
Alcalde of this Capitol thus decree, order  
and sign with witnesses of assistance

(signed) L. W. Elpino  
As assistance As assistance  
(signed) José Maria Maldonado (signed) Juan Malerin

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On the present date David Littlejohn, was  
notified of the antecedent act of which he  
was acquainted. said he hears, and gives  
it as cited, and signs,  
(signed) David Littlejohn  
M. (signed) Spence.

As Assistant As Assistant  
(signed) José Maria Maldonado  
(signed) Juan Malerin

On the same date the written notices, which  
were ordered in the anterior act were  
dispatched, and in testimony whereof, I,  
note it, and give my flourish.  
R. here is the flourish

In the Rancho of San Tiburcio (or) "The  
Sheep" on the eleventh day of the month  
of August of One thousand, eight hundred  
and thirty five, in compliance with the



ack of the 3 of the Current month, and being present José de Jesus Vallejo, and José Antonio Castro, who border on this Ranch, and summoned for its measurement, marking out the boundaries and possession, named as measurers the Citizens Joaquin Foto, and Casimiro Foto, who previously accepting and sworn, proceeded to the discharge of their office

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I, the 1st Constitutional Alcalde, thus decree order & sign with those of Assistance,

J. Q. (Signed) Don V. Spence  
As asst-

(Signed) Juan Malerin  
As asst.

José Maria Maldonado,

On the same date the borderer Co-  
-lindante of San Juan Bta, not having  
assisted I notice and "flourish"  
R. Q. (Here is the flourish)

"C"

On the same day month and year,  
the antecedent judicial decree was noti-  
-fied to the borderers Vallejo and Castro,  
and of it being made acquainted, said,  
they heard and signed with me, and  
those of Assistance.

M. Q. (Signed) Spence

(Signed) J. de Jesus Vallejo

(Signed) J. Ant. Castro

As asst.

(Signed) José Maria Maldonado, As asst.

(Signed) Juan Malerin,

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On the same date, and in the said Rancho, were notified Messrs Joaquin, and Casimiro Loto, the Judicial decree of his naming, and they said they accepted and did accept said charge and they swore by God, Our Savior, and the sign of the Holy Cross, to all they truly and legally knew, and understood without fraud against any person, and did not sign not knowing how, which I did, with those of assistance.

(signed) Spence.

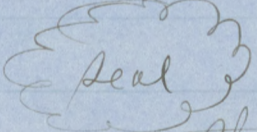
As asst. as asst.  
Jose Maria Maldonado (signed), Juan Malasini  
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I the referred to Alcalde instantly ordered to be brought to my presence, the rope or line with which the lands are to be measured, and that the measurers, measure it off fifty varas, and I in testimony whereof make a note of it, and make my flourish.

R (here is the flourish)

Third Seal  Two Reals  
For the years one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, and eight hundred and twenty seven.

Immediately in my presence as the referred judge, the expressed measurers took a rope and with a usual Mexican yard measuring stick, they measured fifty varas to make the measure to which I attest and give my flourish.

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On the same place, day, month and year, being at ten o'clock in the day, I the present judge, gave orders to the measurers to arrange the measurement of the ground which they have to make to Mr David Scittlejohn, and placed in the /fanyon/ in front of the mountain or high table, and the tree called "Biraja", the measure began having the measuring line of N to S and measured thirty four lengths of fifty varas, which make the amount of one thousand, seven hundred varas wide, they returned to commence the said measurement starting out from the aforementioned /fanyon/ hollow towards the house N<sup>W</sup> N eighty six lengths of the rope, and from the house westerly to the corner seventy two, which amount to seven thousand nine hundred varas in length, and by these measurers, I ordered that necessary stakes be placed at the corners to serve as marking the proper boundaries.

The land measured contains less than one sitio de ganado mayor, and for its completion, I ordered that all the corner which forms the estero called Vallejo, should be added to it, without injury to any of those who border it, to which all agreed, and signed with me, and those as assistants,

(signed) Spence (signed) J. Ant<sup>o</sup> Castro  
(signed) J. de Jesus Balles

M. as Asst. (signed) Juan Malerin  
 Jose Maria Maldonado (signed)

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On the same day, there was a difference between David Littlejohn and José Antonio Castro, that each one in particular wished the lake which is on the line, belonging to neither of them and so as to obviate disputes, and that it might serve both of them for watering their cattle, I decided that each should of right be entitled to it, without default of either of them, and they agreeing to it & I took a note of it, and made my flourish.

R. (Here is the flourish)  
 As Asst.  
 (signed) Jose Maria Maldonado. As Asst.  
 (signed) Juan Malerin

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In the Rancho of S. Tiburcio, or Los Cameros "the sheep" on the eleventh day of the month of August. One Thousand eight hundred thirty five. I the <sup>PRO</sup> Constitutional Alcalde of Monterey, David E. Spence, after the measurement had taken place of said rancho, which resulted in containing one sitio of ganado mayor and those bordering on it, being present Messrs José de Jesus Vallejo and José Antonio Castro, these conforming with the remaining judicial decrees, I command that Mr David Littlejohn

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enter and take possession of the above named Rancho under the cited measures and formalities customary in such cases which he did by pulling up the weeds, and making other demonstrations as owner of the land of which the possession had been given, and to its validity, I authorize, and sign with the borderers and witnesses of assistance,

(signed) J de Jesus Vallejo  
(signed) David E. Spence  
(signed) J Ant: Castro  
As asst. As asst.  
(signed) José M. Maldonado (signed) Juan Malanin

Monterey, August 13<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Me.

Let note be taken in the Book of Possessions, and return this Original expediente / dispatch / to the interested party, that it may serve him as a title.

Thus I as Alcalde, decree, Command and sign, with those of Assistance,  
(signed) David E. Spence.  
As asst. As asst.

(signed) José María Maldonado  
(signed) Juan Malanin

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On the same date, entry was made on page 1<sup>st</sup> in the respective Book, and the original expediente was returned to Mr David Littlejohn in 6 good sheets in testimony of which I make notice and give my flourish.  
R. (here is the flourish)

*J. L.* José <sup>el</sup> Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Mexicanos, Comandante General, Inspector y Jefe superior politico del Territorio de la Alta California.

Exhibición No. 1. R. G. P. L.

*J. L.* Havendo <sup>el</sup> Francisco Xavier David Littlejohn Originario de Cuba de la provincia de Ciego de Avila en el Reyno de España, cumplido en las conclusiones y requisitos que previene la ley de 14 de Abril de 1828. del Congreso general que concede el modo con que debe concederse la Carta de Naturaliza a los Estampados y acompañando los documentos que acreditan de claro al Referido <sup>el</sup> Francisco Xavier David Littlejohn por las presentes naturalizado en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos; en virtud de la Autoridad con que por aquella Ley se me confiere. Dado en Monterey a cinco de Junio de mil Ochocientos treinta y tres

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R. G. P. L. del libro Res- pectivo.

José <sup>el</sup> Figueroa

Agustin V. Zamorano  
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Opinion of  
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Heirs of David Littlejohn Los Carnas  
res  
The United States  
One square league  
of land in the  
County of Stanton

The Claimants have introduced and proved  
in this case a grant made by Governor  
Piquero to David Littlejohn the husband  
and father of the petitioners, dated June  
28th 1834 and the original act of purchase  
possession of the lands granted, executed  
by the proper officer on the 11th of August  
1834. It also appears from the Espectante  
in the Archives, a traced copy of which  
is duly certified by the U. S. Surveyor  
General is filed in the case, as well  
as from the records of the grant, that the  
said Conception was duly approved by  
the Territorial Deputation, and a certificate  
of the same issued to the grantee on the  
29th of June 1834.

It is also in proof that the grantee lived  
on and occupied the premises from the  
date of the grant until his death and  
his family have continued to occupy it  
ever since — The evidence establishes  
clearly the validity of the claim and  
a decree will be entered accordingly.

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DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
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Decree

Heirs of David Littlejohn deced  
<sup>res</sup>  
The United States

In this case it is accepted by the Commission that the claim of the said petitioners is valid; and it is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed. The Land of which Confirmation is made is situated in the County of Monterey and is known by the name of Los Hornos being the same which was granted to David Littlejohn by Gov. Figueroa on the 28th of June 1834 and is bounded as follows - By the Mexican of San Juan Bautista, the Ranchos of San Cayetano and San Antonio and the lateral mountains - For a more particular description reference to be made to the Original grant and record of successful possession and the map contained in the expediente filed among the papers in the case

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Commissioner

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And it appearing to the Satisfaction of  
 the Board that the same hereby appear  
 Case is 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  
 duly certified by the Secretary, one  
 of which transcripts shall be filed  
 with the Clerk of the United States  
 District Court for the Southern District  
 of California and the  
 other be transmitted to the Attorney  
 General of the United States —

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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*J. 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 *Seventy* pages, numbered from  
1 to *70*, 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. *65* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein

*Heirs of David Littlejohn* are —  
the Claimant, against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*Sos Carreros*."



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 seventh* day of *October*  
A. D. *1855*, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the *seventy-eighth*.

*J. Geo. Fisher*  
*J. Geo. Fisher*

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

*Durham* District of California.

No. 322

THE STATES,

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*The Heirs of David Littlejohn  
Los Angeles.*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS.

In

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 31 Dec. 1855.

665. "Los Curruenas"

The Heirs of David Littlejohn Claimants

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 3rd day of December, 1855, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Southern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cushing

Attorney General.

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South West California

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The United States  
appellants

Notice of Appeal

Filed July 12<sup>th</sup> 1886.

J. E. Jan.  
Clerk

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

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



*Francisca Agjuera Wife of & heirs of  
David Littlejohn, Deceased.*

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Docket No. 322

*advs. appellus.*  
*The United States, Appellant.*

Transcript No. 665

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of ~~March~~ <sup>April</sup> A. D. 1853, ~~The~~ <sup>Wife and Francisca Agjuera & heirs of</sup> ~~David Littlejohn deceased,~~

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 *Los Carneros*

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 ~~May~~ <sup>22<sup>nd</sup></sup> day of May — A. D. 1855, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 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. 665; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition.

That on or about the ~~2~~ <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> day of December A. D. 1855, the Honorable Caleb Cushing, Attorney-General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and



evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter, to wit:  
on <sup>or about</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1856, the said  
Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in  
behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District  
Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said  
decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United  
States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the  
United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed,  
as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within  
the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents  
and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said  
Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for  
many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified  
transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said  
cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all  
and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimants  
presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further  
denies that the said claimants <sup>have</sup> any valid right or title to said land claimed  
as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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

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

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

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P. Ord

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

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Clerk  
J. H. Coleman  
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California Land Claims.  
Attorney General's Office  
9 Febr'y 1857.

Sir,

In the case of the claim of  
the Heirs of David Littlejohn,  
confirmed to the claimants by the  
Commissioners, Case no six hun-  
dred and sixty-five, (665), appeal  
will not be prosecuted by the U-  
nited States.

I am,

Respectfully,

Cushing

Placidas M Esq  
U. S. Attorney  
Los Angeles-

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1858  
to Lewis Clark  
J. M. Coleman  
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United States of America, } SS.  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TO

*Francisca Hijura & heirs of  
David Lettjohn Decd,*

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GREETING:

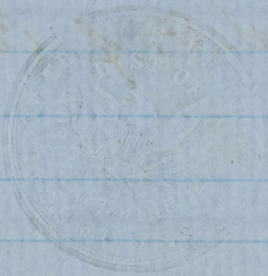
TAKE NOTICE, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against you, and each of you, in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *5th* day of *January* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

*D. Ord U.S. Atty praying said  
Court to review the decision of the Board of Land  
Commissioners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1855 con-  
-firming your claim to the land called  
"Las Carreras" 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 *28th* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, at Los Angeles aforesaid.

*C. Sims* Clerk.  
*J. M. Coleman*  
*Sip*



No 322

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Francisco Higgins et al  
vs  
appellants

The United States

vs  
appellees  
Filed this 20th day of Jan'y 1858

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J. H. Coleman  
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SUMMONS.

Received Feb'y 20 1858

Edward Hunter

U.S. Marshal

J. McGoorman

Deputy

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return  
I ~~serve~~ this Summons, along with the proper copy of the Petition, upon by order of  
Ord U.S. Dist Attorney as the case has been  
dismissed  
at the <sup>10th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1858.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

Clerk.

Marshal.

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