

Brewville Texas Feb 23^d 1879

Chas W. Prepsler. Chief Draftsman
General Land Office

Dear Sir - My attention has been repeatedly called to the fact, that the survey made for Pat Burk by virtue of Land Scrip Nos 9 & 10 issued to the Puerta Fiera Irrigation Company would not pass your department for Patenting - If you will be kind enough to inform me what alterations are necessary, I will reexamine the survey, and if said alterations or corrections can consistently be made I will make them at once - In making this survey I found the the S.W. corner of the Phebe Crane on the creek as described in the field notes. There can be no question as to the correctness of this point. I then took the courses and measured the distances on this survey I also found a line plainly marked through the timber on the Medio Creeke a distance of about two miles or more which has always been recognised as the West bdy or rather the N.W. bdy of the James Brown Survey. I measured this line through to its intersection with the N.E. bdy of Phebe Crane I then went to the N.W. bdy of the Juan Maria Planes

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or at least a line that is so recognised by the oldest citizens, - followed it up to the creek, and here I find the course of the creek to correspond with the call of field notes. Then I measured across for the North bdy of said Planes through open prairie, no trees, no marks - Thence with the S E bdy of said Planes to the Medio Creek - distance approximately correct - Thence continue to the distance to the S W bdy of same - From this you will perceive how I got the North, East, and South bdys of the survey for Pat Burk - Then from the N W corner of Phebe Crane I ran to N E cor of State sur. Thence on North bdy of said State sur to a point in a line with with East bdy of the Ed Ryan Survey. Thence to the South bdy of Planes - These lines are all in open prairie and there is nothing on which to find a mark. The only means of locating the Ed Ryan Survey, even approximately, is by experimental surveys on the creek, till I find a point from which the meanders of the creek will correspond with the field notes, there being nothing on it to mark - These old surveys are really much larger on the ground than the field notes will make them, hence it is impossible to make other surveys close up with them properly of on a map.

After this explanation if you can not pass the survey
for patenting, please write to me how you think it
can be corrected - The parties interested are anxious
to get their patent - and it will be a gratification to me
to have them satisfied - Your earliest attention to
this matter will greatly oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

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Surveyor Bee. County

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Bee County

Surveyor's Statement

6 Mi. East Beeville

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