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Hon Wm. H. McDonald, Land Commissioner
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: Herewith I am returning 7/11 of sec 190,
Block 2, H. V. T. C. Ry. Co in Coke Coke County, together
with a map showing the position and dimensions of
said sec. 190 with surrounding surveys affecting it,
and offer same for approval for the following reasons
to wit:

In 1884-5, Stephen Turner surveyed and marked these lands
for the H. V. T. C. Ry Co. For the reason that Turner's work
was not recorded in Tom Green Co, where the land at that
time was situated, ~~the~~ it was not approved and filed in the
General Land Office, yet, since then, surveyors and your
department have recognized the Turner surveys as being correct.

With this explanation, in surveying sec. 190, I took
the distance between the two north corners of sec. 161 ~~to~~
~~for the~~ for the distance of the N. lines of sec. 190 which
was 1928 vrs. The N corners of sec 161 are Turner
corners, the bearings of which were found and identified, I found
them 1928 vrs apart. So I constructed sec. 123-148-161
190 and 227 from the North corners of sec. 161.

I do not recall that I ever surveyed sec. 244 but
my field book shows that I ran the S. line of sec. 227, which
is the N. line of sec. 244, and found it 1920 vrs. or 8 vrs
shorter than the N. T. S. lines of sec. 190.

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With ^{the} facts before me, I do not feel justified to change the length of the N.T.S. lines of sec. 190, because if I did, I would have to change the length of the lines of secs. 123-148-161-190 ^{and} 227.

I submit that the field notes herewith are correct according to actual ^{and} careful surveys on the ground by me.

The ground is ~~mostly~~ rough cedar canyons, ^{and} it requires great care to get anything like accurate measurement, I have surveyed most all the land shown on the map herewith, ^{and} my work ties up with that made by Stephen Turner-1884-5 ^{and} George M Williams 1905-6.

I am afraid I do not understand you when in the 2nd paragraph of your letter to me of April 9. (JLL:eb encs), when you state that the "sketch" indicates an excess of 702 varas East ^{and} west in the tier ~~of sections~~ in which 190 is located." There must be a mistake.

The Puett sketch shows an excess of 70 vrs. - Not 702 vrs. Over the rough ground Puett measured, ~~in~~ he could have easily made an error of 42 vrs. My chainmen, with "break chain" method made the line 1420 vrs. on ^{the} line of ^{244'}. I submit that my work is correct. It would do violence to old established corners ^{and} be unfair to the owners of the land to add 42 vrs. ~~more~~ to the lines that careful chaining shows is not there.

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Knowing ~~that~~ by check [&] recheck in measurement of the lines of this tier of surveys, I do not feel justified in certifying that they are 1970 vrs when I personally know that they are only 1928 vrs.

In measuring the N. line of sec. 244, as I stated before, an error of 42 varas could be made, because the line goes over hills [&] canyons, and unless you "break chain," I often find ~~these errors~~ the line can be made excessive.

Because Sec. 244 may be excessive apparently, but not really, I see no reason why the error should extend to the whole tier.

However, I will gladly cooperate with your Department in getting this matter ironed out.

For your information, I refer you to the work of George M. Williams, State Surveyor, 1905-6. He resurveyed Block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. for the State [&] Ry. Co. and he based his work on the corners made by Stephen Turner in 1884.

Yours truly

W. F. Kellis

A map showing the lines, boundaries and corners of Block No. 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. in Coke County, Texas, as surveyed by Stephen Turner in 1884 and partly by Geo. M. Williams in 1906 and W. F. Kellis 1924-28. Corners by Turner marked: (T) by Williams (W) and by Kellis (K). Variation 1928: 9° E. RM = Rock m. Scale: 2000 yrs = 1 inch. I certify that the foregoing map was made by me from actual surveys on the ground and that the same is true and correct. Witness my hand and seal at Sterling City, Texas, Feb. 10th 1928

W. F. Kellis, Licensed State Land Surveyor.

