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Hon. Chas. Rogan Commissioned Gen. Land Office

Austin, Tex. Dear Sir;

I send the map by express today,

I also enclose with it a list which may or may not be of use to you.

The San Andres and La Huerta Grants in the Eastern central part of the County have been drawn in according to a decree of the District Court, made between the claimants of the two tracts when Duval belonged to this District. You may have a copy of the decree there as I think one was sent you; You notice it does not leave any vacancy between the two. When I was Co. Surveyor of Duval I was mandamus'd to make a survey on the vacancy by your maps but the parties claiming the land ^{by old grant} beat the mandamus but I do not know on what grounds, as I was not there.

The middle West of the N.W. corner of the Diego Hinojosa Grant was caused by the surveyor running West to S.E. corner of 452, then West to N.E. corner of 461, and set that, then he ran on with the same count, but only ran the distance he should have run from N.E. cor. 461, instead of 1900, he then ran North and West and set S.W. of No. 459 & S.E. 457, and then set the corners by running as indicated by the arrows. After I found there was an error and located in the S. line of 452, I got the field book and ^{via} saw how the surveys were run, originally on the ground.

The error in the Animas valley 3 to 5 miles N.W. of center of County was made by the Surveyor being shown a corner of an abandoned homestead Survey for another Alanis as the S. corner of No. 4. but that was corrected by patented surveys, and I suppose is correct on your present maps, I have never located exactly the error in the South line of N. Tinsley league, and don't know just how it came I expect the Surveyor ran North ^{for} 1900 ~~###~~ the East line of Sur. 69. I ran a connection through about 3 miles S. of the Sublett Stevens No. 77 to Sullivan 81. and also a connection from 552 on West line of Sublett to N.W. cor. 557 on East line of Sublett, so that block of surveys are not far from right.

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I think Survey No. 313 is about the only one there is any material difference in the quantities in the abstracts between your calculations and mine for abstract Nos. that lies in the N.W. corner of Nueces and in Live Oak, as the Assessor of this County showed me by his abstract it is very different from the way I make it, but you may have changed since. Of course those abstracts cannot be expected to come within a matter of 20 acres, unless every corner was connected when the County lines are run.

I have made many surveys in this County of the large ranches and hope to get out a map of this County in a year or so.

I don't suppose if I get out a map showing the surveys as I find them and put the Abstract Nos and patent Nos. upon it it will violate your copyrighted map of this County.

And in this connection I suppose my map of Duval is not an infringement upon your map of Duval, if I should see fit to have it copyrighted

Yours truly.

Wm French

Do you have the Abstracts for the different Counties separate if so. how much each County?

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French's Explanation
of San Andres & Huerta
grants, in Eastern part
of County.

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Do your place the Abstract for the different
Counties referred to so your name does not
appear.

Yours truly,

W. H. French

When you see your map of San Andres & Huerta I should see it to have it corrected
in this connection I suppose my map of Duval is not an infringement
of the Abstract Nos and Patent Nos. upon it if it will violate your
map of this County in a year or so.

I suppose if I set out a map showing the surveys as I find them
a map of this County in a year or so.
I suppose many surveys in this County of the large ranches and hope
to see them.

Of course those Abstracts cannot be expected to come within
30 acres, unless every corner was connected when the County

is very different from the way I make it, but you may have changed
the five or six the Assessor of this County showed me by his Abstract
and mine for Abstract Nos. that lies in the N.W. corner of Nueces and
difference in the quantities in the Abstracts between your calculations
I think Survey No. 219 is about the only one there is any material

No. 24
Duval Co
Sketches
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