

Coliad 0002

San F. M. White April 6th 1859

San Antonio Texas

Sir:

Please find enclosed a tracing of the outlines of Bex County which will enable you to retrace it more accurately in the Land Office. ~~The Blanco and Medina tracts as far as marked.~~ All the streams as far as marked with ink are retraced from actual surveys by myself and predecessor. where left in pencil or blank, are certain. The centre of the county falls among the Mullen & Mc Goin Colony surveys. of these the upper corner of S. J. Malloy and the upper corner of G. P. Docherty are known. The rest are unknown, and there is no transcript of the field notes of those colony surveys in this office. I ~~do~~ again urge ~~it~~ upon your attention the immense importance of furnishing this office or Bex County with a transcript of the Mullen & Mc Goin Colony surveys in Bex County. I have found the upper corner of the Phebe Crain league on the Boyeta, and find that its front is 3323 varas instead of 5323 as contained in the original field notes. A location has been made on the land next above it which I have made several attempts to survey but find that it ^{would} probably conflict ~~with~~ with the E. Ryan colony grant, and its position I have no means of determining. I have been informed that it corners with the upper corner of the Geo. P. Docherty, and I find its lower line plotted on our old ~~San Antonio~~ District Map. N. 70° E. Counter 24338

2000 varas which if run from the upper corner of
Geo D Doerthy as I have laid it down ~~it~~ would touch
the Phil Crain West line as corrected by reducing this point
to 3323 varas and was possibly the way ~~it~~ the work
was originally done

All the Colony surveys of both colonies seem to have
been run to the magnetic meridian, which has not
changed since here since 1760. The J. J. Malloy and
Geo D Doerthy lines are plainly traceable and run $S. 62.45^{\circ} W$
of the True meridian. The upper line of the Phil
Crain league can be traced plainly several hundred yards
and is $N. 14\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$. The upper line of the Domingo
Morris league on the Saco in this county is plain and
runs $S. 80\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E$. There is great confusion
about all the Colony surveys. The above are the only
positive data I have found.

Yours
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