

County Surveyors Office
Brownsville Cameron Co, Tex.

Sept. 4th 1878.

Hon. N. C. Walsh

Cour. Genl Land Office
Austin Tex.

Sir,

Your letter of August 21st just to hand, in reply I have the honor to say that I have already sent you a protest against the issuance of Patents on Precious 61, 62, 63, and 64 and 65, and I think some others, said protest was written while absent from my office and I have no copy. The Field Notes for said five Precious as well as those for Precious 60, 70 and 71 were made by Mr. J. C. Ewert and the calculations for the same also. The measurements were made by Mr. A. Salinas, Co. Surveyor Hidalgo County. I examined some of said calculations (as recorded) and found that they did not agree with mine, and to the best of my knowledge and belief they are all wrong. as your sketch shows.

2.

I did not do the work and am not responsible for it. To correct it would entail upon me an expense and loss of time, which I am not willing to undergo without compensation. Besides it cannot be done for one or two months on account of the present great rise in the Rio Grande.

As, to Porcious 58 N. Boanegra and 59, Ramon Munquilla, I will say that I believe that the connecting line is correct. I made the calculations very carefully upon the basis of measurements made by myself and Mr. A. Salinas, and I have always found Mr. Salinas correct in his measure. He only runs Magnetic courses, and Cardinal Points. In making said calculations, account was taken of the vacancy between P. 71 and 72. Therefore the said Vacancy does not affect the true position of the Porcious above it, as regards the point of Connection on the E. line of the M. Dominguez 1-664, and N. Side of B. Seal surveys. Said point being called "Sinderio de Amargosal."

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To the best of my knowledge and belief said surveys of M. Dominguez and Porcion. 72 Jon^{ts}. Bacci are wrong. These two were surveyed a year or two ago by J. C. Eivet, and that for M. Dominguez was patented, at that time said Eivet was Deputy Surveyor of Hidalgo County, He was afterwards removed from office, but lately has been assisting Mr. Salinas without being deputized.

It is my opinion that the lines on those two surveys should run magnetic or very nearly so to correspond. to correspond with the rest of the Porciones, for in running the porciones magnetic old land marks were several times found. I also think that the M. Dominguez

should be widened, which would throw P. 72 higher up the river and cause it to include all or nearly all of the vacancy existing between it and P. 71 as now surveyed

As to Porciones 66, 67, 68 and 69 I have to say that I wrote the Field notes and Record of them. Mr. Salinas made the measurements on the ground, except the me-

anders of the river which were run by
 me and are correct. If any corrections have
 been made in any part of the record of these
 four Porciones, they are without my authority
 or consent and I protest against their use. I
 have not a copy of my Field notes here, but I
 believe that all my Connecting lines except
 that of Porcion 59, are made from the begin-
 ning point of that Survey along the "Sendero
 from Reynosa Vieja" and therefore you have
 only to get the width of the several Porciones to
 know the lengths of the Connecting lines, this
 being the case, all depend upon the connection
 of Porcion 59, with the "Sendero de Amargosa"
 on the E line of the M. Dominguez Survey ^{to wit.}
 and I repeat that my Connecting line to wit,
 N. $54^{\circ} 22'$ E. 21015 varas is correct and I can
 make no "explanation" of the discrepancies in
 Mr. Everts work other than that he has prob-
 ably made his calculations without regard
 to the vacancy between P. 71 and P. 72, which
 he knew was there.

An explanation is in order from him ³

as to why he ran the M. Dominguez survey
and Porcion 72 as he did. Especially since
I have been informed by old residents, that
his lines for said surveys do not correspond
with the lines run for the same tracts by
Geo. Lyon, Dis. Surveyor more than twenty
years ago and again by J. T. Fulton Dis.
Surveyor about ten years ago.

I again ask for Patents on Porciones
58, N. Boca Negra and 59. Ramon Munguil-
la.

Respectfully Yrs.

J. J. Locke
Dep. Surveyor Hidalgo Co.

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JJ Cocke's letter as a
protest to patents on por-
cions 61, 62, 63, 64 & 65,
dated 9-8-'78

H. J. Cocke

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