

Goliad 12<sup>th</sup> October 1857

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Sir; Herewith I send to you a plot of my surveys upon the Gtoto & San Antonio rivers, — You will perceive that there is a great error upon the Old map in the Gtoto surveys. — I ran the line between Bexar & Goliad Districts from the mouth of the Cibolo to the road from Victoria to San Antonio via the Sulphur Springs, where I connected it with the corner of a survey, said to have been made for — Deussen in the Bexar District,

(viz; from Deussens corner North 1122 Varas — West 326 varas to the County line at the road.)

I have plotted out the Meanders of the San Antonio as far as I have ascertained them from my surveys, from the Ojo upward. — The black lines on the plot, show the surveys that I have made & upon which I have put the river & Creeks as I found them — the faint, or interrupted lines, are marked from the old map — I have not surveyed upon them & cannot vouch for their correctness, except 2 or 3 corners marked by a small circle which I have determined. — From J. Murphy's S.W. corner S.  $2\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1055 Varas is the West angle of De Witt County — In regard to the conflicting surveys, Hordaway appears to have the oldest date # Begins at its N.W. corner, E, 590 or. Gtoto — 800 thicket, 1160 dry branch & Live Oak marked H.M. — this appears to me to be identical with the N. line of a survey I made for Corta — on which is a Live Oak by a dry branch (since determined to be the Mustang brand) marked H.M. then W. 270 thro' a thicket, 618 to Gtoto Hopkins — (5<sup>th</sup> March 1838) begins on S.W. of Hordaway Pickett (6<sup>th</sup> March 1838) begins at Hopkins' N.W. Carter (3<sup>d</sup> March 1838) begins at Hopkins' N.W. &

I have marked the surveys on tracing paper & laid it over so as to bring the Live Oak, dry branch & thicket of Hordaway, — upon the Live Oak, dry branch & thicket of Corta,

I should be pleased if you would send me a plot of the Bexar surveys that lay upon the dividing line I have run, & that come over into this District, & mark those that have been patented, also please inform which of the Goliad surveys upon the same line (if any) are patented, & which (if any) of the conflicting ones on the Gtoto have been patented

# 1<sup>st</sup> March 1838

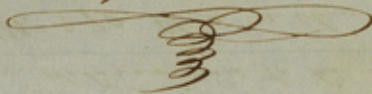
I would farther request of you to send me a  
plot of the division line between Goliad and  
Bexar upon the S.W. side of the San Antonio  
& mark its course.

As I am often applied to for information  
on these matters, & cannot furnish it from my  
office I hope you will excuse the trouble I  
give you.

Please tender my best respects to  
Capt. Crosby & Mr. Crutcher &

Respectfully Yours

Joseph H. Barnard



Sketches — File 2

Goliad Dis. —

Conflict on the Goliad —

November — 1851 —

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