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Goliad 26th August 1849

Sir — Two or three days since I received yours of the 7th Inst. making some inquiries relative to the surveys of Valdes — In answer to which I do not think I can give you any information that you do not already possess. I have in my office two maps, one purports to have been made by Mr. Haid a former Surveyor of this County the other one is comparatively new and as I am informed was obtained two or three years ago from your Office by my predecessor — In the new map the three league tract is marked as in the annexed sketch and the dotted lines run over the surveys of D. A. Perry & D. Perry. — In the old map — the two tracts inland in black lines (in the sketch) are put down as one tract and marked A. V. Y. Gonzales. — The upper tract (2 leagues) is marked in both maps alike — (contained in the black lines in the sketch) — but the new map mentions it as incorrectly plotted — the new map gives dotted lines connected with the upper tract line of De Soto forming a tract, which I suppose is meant to answer the description of Valdes 2 league tract, this covers some nine or ten surveys, laid down in both maps. — the field notes of the three league tract, seem to connect it with surveys of Galan & Martinus — — those of the two league tract do not connect it with any other survey — There is nothing on the record books of my Office (that I can find) relating to Valdes

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Such is all the information I am able to
Give from my Office on the Subject.

Last April I made a report to your Office
of all the Surveys made in this Land District since
the time of my Accession to the Office, As I
sent it to you by Mail, I supposed it must
have reached you - Although the receipt of
it has not been acknowledged

Respectfully Yours

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