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Oakville, Texas, Dec. 21st 1898

Am A. J. Baker
Comm Gen. Land Office
Austin Tex }

Dear Sir: In answer to your favor of 26th Mt. in reference to surveys in conflict. I have to state that there is so much to be said & so many explanations to be made in order to make everything lucid to your office, I fear that I have not the time to devote to the subject.

1st In reference to the Bondget Haughy Surv. I will state that; the original field notes of the survey can be taken or made on the ground. in the order in which Mr. W^m O'Donohue of the Colony Survey gives them; if this is done, the survey will assume the position shown by the black lines on the map I furnished you in Nov. 1895.

If you give the Haughy Surv. the position represented by the Red lines on said map, it will have 1600 acres excess; and will also cut the Hefferman down about 400 acs. in width.

There is no doubt as to the starting point, The mouth of the branch at the S. W. cor. of the Haughy is the only branch possible to be found in that vicinity.

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The Haughey Survey as shown by the red lines on the map (aforesaid) was surveyed on the ground by running backward according to the calls; that is first N 85 E. 5100 vs - Thence N 5 W. 4500 vs - Thence S 85 W. 7300 vs to Atascosa. - This method of surveying the Haughey league makes the Heffernan Survey suffer on account of the errors in the field notes of the Haughey.

In short if the Haughey Survey is run out following the order of the field notes, the result will be that indicated by the black lines on the plat (aforesaid).

2nd I ran out Survey No 99 & 100 on the North line of the Festus Doyle league in 1881, and according to my recollection there is no conflict of these Surveys with the Doyle league.

3rd In fact of the Atascosa & Frio. there is but three known primary land marks. to wit: Mouth of Atascosa, mouth of San Christoval Creek and Rock Crossing the upper cor. of Hays & Juan Hordihan leagues.

If you will compare the calls of Mr. D-Tocharly the Colony Survey, on the West Side of

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Atascosa with his calls on the East side of the Atascosa, you will find that they are the same and unbroken only when the corners are not opposite. - in that case he starts off with the broken call and then resumes the calls on the East side. This is the case also with regard to the Rio Frio, from its junction with the Atascosa up to the S. W. cor. of the Serugham survey. Then it is evident O'Docharty crossed over to the North side of Frio River and set the S. W. cor. of the Serugham - The Thos. Henry, Pat Henry, and Walter Henry. The Simon Ryan and L. Ayers surveys were fitted on the North bank of Frio River from the calls taken on the South side.

So with all the surveys on the West side of the Atascosa from the calls taken on the East side.

Again Mr O'Docharty in taking the meander of these streams was very seldom near the channels, but confined himself to the open glades along the streams; consequently he was in many instances far from the stream sometimes 5 or 6 hundred varas, as I have been able to prove in many places. as for instance |

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the last call on the meanders of the Juan
Houlihan Sur. to the rock Crossing of the
Atascosa Creek which point is well known.

Therefore, owing to this fact, that is of-
flying meanders taken on the East and
South sides of Atascosa & Frio respec-
tively, to the surveys in the forks of these
streams. the calls of the meanders in the
forks can not be taken

(a) The boundaries of E Jordan Sur. have long
been fixed by starting at a point on the
West Side of Atascosa Creek opposite the
S. W. cor. of the Hester Doyle, & reversing
the calls. 1st S 85 W. 1000 ors. Thence S 5 W

- Thence N 85 W - Thence N 6 E to Atascosa

(b) Surveying the S. Hays league, begin-
ning at its upper cor. (Rock crossing) -

Thence S. W. - Thence S. E. - Thence N. E. to
Atascosa. leaves a space of only 40 y ors
in width between said Jordan & Hays leagues
for the E. Scandan & league.

Proper connections were made with the

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Junior survey No^s 49 & 50 south of
the Hay survey. There is no doubt
about the L. J. Sparks sur. of 558
acres, it exists on the ground according
to my plat formerly sent to your office

2^d As to the Francis Pooney Location
I have to state that longitudinally it is
practically correct, but latitudinally it is
not correct. The Pooney is correctly locat-
ed as to the M. Killelea, & E. Jordan sur-
veys. But after locating the Pooney, I
had occasion to survey the Scroggins-
Ayer and Ryan surveys, and by that
work I found the Simon Ryan sur-
lapped on the M. Killelea & D. O. Boyle
surveys nearly one mile, which lap or
conflict consumed all of the state part
and some of the individual part of the
Pooney location.

I have made these statements as
short as I can to make them in-

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intelligible, and give you my manner of procedure in the work on the ground.

Hoping these statements may be satisfactory to your office, I am

Very respectfully yours
T. J. Gilmore
Co. Sur. L. O. Co. Tex

I T. J. Gilmore County Surveyor of Live Oak County Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing exhibit and explanation of the several subjects therein explained, as to the position on the ground of the Bridget Haughey

The Festus Doyle, the M. Hillelea, E. Jordan, S. Hays, L. Scanlan, and Simon Ryan Survey is true and correct to the best of my knowledge & belief

T. J. Gilmore
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