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Mr. J. A. Walker

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Commissioner, Austin Tex

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of the 16th inst. which refers to my re-survey of the 16 sections of R. & N.O. lands in Montgomery County. In September 1898 at the instance of Mr. C. C. Gibbs Land Comr. of the Southern Pacific R.R. Co. office at San Antonio Tex. I went on the ground to resurvey the eight R.R. sections. I did considerable work of a preliminary nature in hunting up old lines & corners of the old surveys that surround the sixteen surveys. I could not find any evidence on ground in shape of land marks, to retrace the work on the ground of John M. Wade District-surveyor who was the original locating surveyor. The 16 sections would ^{not} fit on the ground as Wade had mapped them. Wade located them in winter of 1861 and in 1898 his marks on trees

would not show very old and should have been easily found, - had he marked his lines & corners. I came to the conclusion that Wade made these locations in his office and did not go on the ground, and that we would have to treat these locations as office ~~plotted~~^{figured} work.

I went back to San Antonio - made a rough sketch and reported the situation to Mr C. B. Gibbs and told ^{him} a complete ^{official} resurvey should be ^{made} under authority of the Commissioner of the State Land Office. The matter was held in abeyance until summer of 1899 - when Mr Gibbs requested me to go to the Land office take a sketch and go over the matter with Judge Royan. I did so and Judge Royan said he would authorize me to make the resurvey as a state surveyor. He gave me some verbal instructions. I got data from the files at the land office and returned. I understood from Judge Royan

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3.

instructions, that I was to correct surveys ~~out~~ in conflict and fit up the 16 sections, adhere the ^{original} calls as to exterior boundaries. It was understood at the time that some surveys would have less than 640 acres while others would have over 640 acres and that total acreage as between the school and RR. surveys would be not far apart. Early in August 1895 I happened to be at the S. P. Land office when Judge Royan came in. Mr. Gibbs called me into his office and I sat in with him and Judge Royan in their conference over the T & N. O. boundary situation in Montgomery County. Judge Royan told Mr. Gibbs that he would approve a resurvey of the 16 surveys. He again gave me verbal instructions - the same as he did at Austin. I know there was a verbal agreement between Judge Royan and Mr. Gibbs as to a correction of the boundaries of the 16 sections. Judge Royan said he would approve the resurvey and that he would issue some new patents - if old ones

were turned in for cancellation
 I cant remember the number of the
 patents that were to be cancelled.
 except no 1 - I heard all that
 was said at the San Antonio
 conference, for I was in the drafts-
 man's office just across the hall
 from Mr. Gibbs office, when Judge
 Royan came in, and soon afterwards
 Mr. Gibbs called me in to sit in
 with them using a map I had made

In sept. 1895 - I again went up on the
 ground and completed the resurvey
 I received your letter of March. 16-
 33 - and note what you say about
 some interlineations in field notes of
 No 3 & No 5 - Wade field notes -

I am glad you sent Judge Royan's
 written instructions to me. Also
 Mr. Gibbs, letter to Judge Royan.

I have not so far had a map.

showing - showing an alleged vacancy
 between 3 & old surveys to the west &
 on between 5 & the Steele. If above and

foregoing information is of any help to you I will be
 glad.

Yours Truly

Geo. M. Williams

Montgomery Co sketch
file

Geo M. Williams' letter.
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