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Aransas Pass Texas Dec  
26<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1894.

Now W. L. McLaughrey  
Comr. G. L. Office.  
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned President of  
The "Aransas Pass Harbor  
Company" a corporation  
organized under the laws of  
Texas, respectfully calls your  
attention to the following  
facts to wit:

Said Corporation was duly  
authorized by an Act of the  
Congress of the United States  
approved 12 May 1890 and  
amended 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1894 to  
improve Aransas Pass Texas.  
Said Corporation under  
the authority granted by said  
acts has already expended  
much money and done much  
work towards securing  
deep water at said Aransas  
Pass and has already con-  
structed a jetty from the

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North end of Mustang Island on the South side of said Pass for a distance of about 2500 feet into the Gulf of Mexico and has been at great expense in securing boats, wharves and material, which is now on hand and will be used in the prosecution of the work of securing deep water over the bar at said Pass.

The Legislature of Texas on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891 passed a law giving to said Corporation certain rights, privileges and franchises which are of great value to investors who secure deep water at said Pass. One of said rights is the right to purchase from the State of Texas, at \$2000.00 per acre certain Islands, Lunds, Shores & Shallow Bays that may be situated within one half mile from

any point or points on  
the construction works of  
any jetty or any such  
deep water channel  
leading into the main  
Harbor from the open  
sea &c. Reference is here  
made to said law for  
information as to all the  
rights privileges & franchises  
granted to said Corporation.  
Furthermore, undersaid  
Law said Corporation has  
a right to purchase one  
half mile off of the south  
end of Mustang Island  
situated in Sussex County Texas  
the same being situated within  
one half mile of the jetty along  
the north end of said Island  
which is a part of the construct  
ion works on the deep water  
channel leading into the main  
Harbor from the sea.

That from the work already done  
and the vast amount of  
money expended by the said  
Corporation has a vested

right in said land and has the sole right to purchase said land, that said Law is the property of the State of Texas and not subject to purchase or location, except under said Law to aid in securing deep water at said Texas Pass. Yet, notwithstanding this fact, the undersigned is informed that certain parties have filed on said land lately and are now ~~getting~~ setting up some kind of claim to it -

The said Corporation has complied with all the requirements of the said Congressional acts and the Law of Texas and will continue to comply with all requirements of said National and State laws until a permanent deep water Harbor is secured at the said Pass and until it secures all of

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Its rights and Privileges under  
said laws.

Therefore, the premises Considered,  
The undersigned for, and, in behalf  
of said Corporation files this  
protest, and Protests against  
your Department receiving  
any Field, Notes, Plats Survey,  
or other papers whatsoever  
of any party or parties.

Claiming any rights to or  
interest in any lands ~~situated~~  
situated on the north end  
of Mustang Island in Sussex  
County Texas. And said  
Corporation, if called upon  
so to do, will furnish any  
further reason or reasons  
or information required  
showing how and why the  
said Corporation is entitled  
to said lands and why no  
other person has or can  
obtain under the laws,  
and rights therein, or  
title therein.

Jones Taps Harbor Company.  
By J. B. Wheeler, President.

Museum Co. St. Fil.  
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attest  
C. O. Probst  
Secretary

counter 32586

Sketch File 26<sup>9</sup>  
Nueces County.  
Aransas Pass Harbor Co.

Protest, referring  
to North end of  
Mustang Island

Filed in General  
Land Office  
Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1895  
H. P. [Signature]  
Chief Clerk