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Del Rio, Tex., July 4th, 1907.

Hon. John J. Terrell,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I and Mr. C. F. von Blucher, Surveyor of Nueces County, went to Mustang Island on June 26", and from June 27" to July 2, 1907 we established the S. E. corner of the Thos. T. Williamson survey No. 92, now State land, and the N. E. corner of the Thos. T. Williamson Sur. No. 90. Also the second corner of Sur. No. 90 where according to the original field notes of No. 90 it first calls for Aransas Bay. After considerable random work without any definite results, we went to an old clump of tree Spanish Daggers on what is called Dagger Island on the margin of Corpus Christi Bay. One dagger is standing and is about 10 ins. dia. and some 8 or 9 feet high. Several are dead and down, one of which is about 12 inst in dia. and some 9 feet long. This clump of Daggers is an old land mark and can be seen for miles just like a lone tree on a prairie. Old men who have known this locality for a long time say this dagger point was to be seen when they first saw this part of the country and that there was no other daggers in that immediate vicinity. This is an old land mark and is of as much dignity as an old lone tree or clump of trees on a prairie. Mr. von Blucher says that he ran out the Wm. Little survey that covers Shamrock Island, from Shamrock Point at lower end of said island which point is said to have changed but little, if any, since 1848, and connected said Little survey with the clump of Daggers and the connection was a reasonable fit according to W.H. Jones' original work connecting S. W. corner of the Saml. Ward Sur. No. 192 with the survey covering Shamrock Island. This connection of Mr. von Blucher identifies the clump of daggers above mentioned as the bearing or witness tree for S. W. corner of the Wm. Little Sur. No. 19. The run we made from the old gagger clump for point 640 vs. S. 70 W. of S. W. corner of said Little Sur. No. 19 to locate the surveys on upper end of Mustang Island satisfied the original calls, fitting the old Gulf shore, also the old shore of Aransas Bay. This fit is remarkably good and is about the best I ever saw for old surveys made back in the forties. We think there is no reasonable doubt that the daggers are the original bearing to S. W. Corner of the Wm. Little Sur. No. 19 and

we so adopted it, and put in our work by a course and distance run from it, and the following are the field notes of the connecting line:

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Beginning at a Spanish Dagger tree mkd. \equiv (new marks) 8 ins? dia. This tree and some small young ones now growing is the remains of an old clump. Several dead ones are down, one of which is 12" dia. and about 9 feet long on a small island known as "Dagger Island" whence Light House brs. N.40 E; a high Beacon brs. N.5 10'W; Tower on Life Saving Station at Tarpon brs. N.47 30'E; Tower on Aransas Hotel brs. N.14 30'W.

Thence N.84 4'E. 4966 vs. to a stake on sand bar at about mean low water mark on gulf shore for S.E. Cor. of Sur. No. 92, Thos. T. Williamson (State Sur.)

Thence N.56 W. 29 vs. to a stake at foot of high shore of Gulf whence an iron pipe brs. S.34 W.44.6 vs. at foot of sand hills. Thence N.34 E.4941.3 vs. to a stake in sand hills about 60 or 70 vs. from low sand flat stretching back to low water gulf shore. This stake is approximately the original N.E. corner of No.90, Thos. T. Williamson Sur. (State). It is 500 vs. S.56 E. from this stake to the gulf shore and 515 vs. S.56 E. to low water shore line.

at point on sand flat 350 vs. 50' from B with a stake wh. Light House brs. N.1 1/4 W
The above stake is point B. on sketch. Continuing from point B

Thence N.56 W. 712.8 vs. we established a monument at point A. See sketch, ~~about~~ *at what* appears to be about the old Bay shore. Said monument at A is a joint of 4 1/2 in. tiling ^{pipe} set in ground, with a small galvanized pipe in center with a long pipe 4 1/2 ins. set in ground to protect the tiling pipe, whence the U.S. Bench mark at Life Saving Station (a piece of tiling pipe set in ground and filled with cement) brs. N.61 30'W.163-65 vs; center of piping of Cotter's well brs. S.7 5'W. 264.5 vs; Light House Brs. N.1 1/4 E. Ran N.80 30'W. from monument A 760 vs. to point on old bay shore; from this point the shore brs. S.87 W. for a long distance. Began at monument A Thence N.9 45'E. at 612 vs. mean high water mark at 652 vs. jettie wall at pass. General course of shore line is S.55 E. Variation 7 15' E.

I, Geo. M. Williams, State Surveyor, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement and field notes are correct and that all marks

natural and artificial are truly and correctly described as found to exist on the ground.

Given under my hand this July 4th, 1907 at Del Rio, Texas.

(Signed)

Geo M Williams
State Surveyor.

The State of Texas -
County of Nueces.

J. C. F. H. V. Blücher County Surveyor of
Nueces County do hereby concur in the above report,
made by Geo. M. Williams State Surveyor, of the survey
fixing the Sld. bdy line of the N.^m Little Survey No 20, and
N.E. bdy line of what was formerly the J. F. Williamson
Survey No 90, and now Pascen Domain.

Witness my hand this 15th day of July 1907

C. F. H. V. Blücher
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exists on the ground.

Given under my hand this 17th day of July 1857 at the City of Austin.

State of Texas
County of Travis
I, J. O. R. ...

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CFHY Blucher
7-15-07

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