

Nacogdoches Sept 2. 1857

Wm. S. Crosby,
Comd. Genl. S. Office,
San Antonio.

We are in receipt of your favor of the 21st + 22nd ult. with enclosures in latter case of 25th enclosure.

Referring to former can we trouble you to have Thos. B. Corp's Donation Warrant (file 455. 2nd) placed before the Court of Ct. of Claims, for approval so that patent may issue —

In regard to the Thomas Smith league in Angelina County we obtained from the Surveyor of Angelina a Certified Connection showing the course + distance of some one corner of that league from a known corner of some survey that is already on the map. You perhaps overlooked that Certificate — with such a connection + the calls of the title we supposed as did the Surveyor, that your draughtsman could locate it properly —

As regards the Antonio Andrada + Juan Jose Villa leagues in Trinity County finding that they did not lie as sketched on some of the old maps, and as calls for adjacent leagues by name would indicate, we employed a Surveyor to search out their true position, presuming, as was found to be the fact, that errors existed in marking adjacent corners — As will be seen from the Certificate we sent you and annexed sketch (which we beg to return herewith + again ask your attention to them) the Andrada league was found by unmistakable corner marks to lie N W of the George league (instead of occupying same ground) and the Villa league probably (we say probably for in this last ~~two cases~~ ^{case} we examined by the Surveyor) S W from the Borden league — It was a custom we find of many Surveyors who run lands in Trinity County to make different bearing trees for adjacent leagues — often showing in the field notes no ^{identity} ~~identity~~ of corners where on the ground their identity is at once apparent, the marks being on different trees — The plan was a very bad one + has

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heretofore given rise to much trouble - In regard to
the Andrada league we hope on a reconsideration
of the matter its position will be found established
by surveyor Hamilton's certificate, as N.W. of the George
grant - As to the Villa league we will if neces-
sary name that here out by the surveyor again -
Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you
on the subject at your convenience - as also respecting
the suspended matter mentioned in our letter of 11th June
We remain very truly your obedient

John & Amos