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Alpine, Texas, July 23 1918

Hon. J. T. Robison  
Commissioner Gen. Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a report of progress made in the resurvey of certain Blocks of Land in Upton and Crockett Counties, made for Messrs Nelke & Murphy, at the request of Mr. L. L. Farr of San Angelo, as their agent, to whom I have sent a copy of Map and Report.

The conditions found are peculiar in this that the three surveys reported from Penteen to Grierson differ from a quarter of a mile to three quarters in the distances given east and west, and from 500 yds to 1250 yds from south to north, and each man claims to have actually measured it.

The original surveyor makes a mistake of a mile west in his first six miles through Blk 1 U.L. from Grierson, and then we find no trace of his work until we reach some rock mounds evidently put in from Penteen. The facts would seem to imply that much of the work in the U.L. Blocks called for in the field notes was not put in on the ground, or, if put in, is so far from the position called for that it can not be found by running from the corners that were put in.

It is not a hard country to survey and the main points at Penteen and Grierson are absolutely fixed and easily identified, and any such errors as appear in the earlier surveys and connections run are inexcusable.

Mr. Farr had made a survey in 1911 starting from Grierson, and he kindly let me have the field notes of his run, part of which I refer to in my report. In the midst of some much confusion and misstatement, it was a great help to me to be able to check our run by Mr. Farr's survey.

Mr. Friend's survey from Penteen was evidently carefully made and is correct as far as I have checked on it, and I believe will be found accurate all the way through to Blk 13.

The marks we placed on the west line of Blks 4 & 5 U.L. if you approve our construction, will give the corners of the surveys in the Blocks west and all that remains is to check on Footers corners and the corners run from Penteen so as to exactly determine area and location of the strips of unsurveyed State land found on this survey.

There seems to be some uncertainty as to location of river surveys near Penteen and their position relative to Bonnells block run in from Lancaster. Mr. Nelke seemed to wish me to return and straighten this out, but I understand that Mr. Friend has already made the connection from Lancaster to Penteen, and the connection to Grierson which is given in this report was all that was required to enable your Office to pass on that survey, which showed a tract of unsurveyed State land north of Bonnells Blk H. H.

Will you kindly look over my report at your convenience and instruct as to what changes if any should be made in our construction of surveys, and what further work you may think necessary to settle the matters at issue.

Respectfully

*R. H. Dod*  
State Surveyor

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~~U.T. Robinson~~, Com'r

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