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December 5, 1913.

Mr. Edgar C. Saunders,
County Surveyor Sutton County,
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your elaborate letter of August 13th to our Mr. E. von Rosenberg, was referred to this Department for attention, also one of the 15th ult. Delay in answering your favors could not be avoided in consequence of crowded condition of the Drafting Department. In regard to the location or position of Blocks B. D. and L., surveyed October, 1880, by H. C. Barton, Deputy Surveyor of Bexar District in Crockett County, now the N E part of Val Verde and N W corner of Edwards County, south of Block "A", Central & Montgomery Ry. Co., on Buckley's Creek, surveyed by Wm. Cassin, Deputy Surveyor Bexar District, would state I have again investigated the matter, together with full explanation, field notes and connecting line by Mr. J. T. Gray, Deputy Surveyor of Edwards County, as to what he identified, and on which this office has recognized, accepted and awarded five scrap land surveys in Edwards County, situated on the east boundary line of Blocks B. D. and L, based on the construction of Block "B", GC&SFRyCo, made by Barton, connecting to the common S E and S W corner of Surveys Nos. 1 and 2, Block "A", Central & Montgomery Ry. Co., Scrip No. 208,

This office recognizes the position of Blocks B. C. and L. GC&SFRyCos surveys made by H. C. Barton, Deputy Surveyor Bexar District, as represented on the enclosed blue print maps of Val Verde County, dated September, 1898, and Edwards County, dated September, 1910, now in use.

It appears from all the evidence filed in this office that Barton's survey of Blocks B. D. and L cannot be identified on the ground, hence, have come to the conclusion that said Blocks should be constructed from Survey No. 2, Block A, C. & M. Ry. Co., (Whitehead head-quarter ranch) as shown on the above mentioned maps, and surveyed

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accordingly by J. T. Gray, Deputy.

For your information see rough copy of Gray's report herewith, and copies of other documents that may be of interest; also am returning memorandums received from you.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Sketch file Val Verde
County
N. E. corner
of Val Verde Co.

Blocks B. D &

L connect to
Blk "A" B & M.

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Respectfully referred
to Gen J. I. Roberts
for attention 8-15-1913
E. Von Rosenberg

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Rosenberg

Sonora, Texas 8-13th 1913

Mr E Von Rosenberg Austin
Dear Sir:

A little over six years ago I had occasion to do some surveying for Mr Will & Walter Whitehead in Val Verde County in Blocks B + D G.C. + S.F.R.C. Located by H.C. Barton after searching for several days and find no corners suiting the description of any calls made by H.C. Barton for corners to bounds made for corners to surveys in these blocks I concluded there were none any made. But after returning home I wrote you for all the information you could give me about the surveying and establishing of these surveys by H.C. Barton which you did. I herewith inclose your letter with data sent at that time along with a sketch of Blocks A B + D. It was left in by Cassin from that time until the 20th of last month I have never had the chance to act upon the data so kindly furnished by you since the 20th of July I have spent 18 days hard work in these

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blocks trying to find some of Barton's corners, and I am sorry to say without any success whatever I had with me during this hunt Mr Walter Whitehead Mr Will Whitehead, and Mr E. K. Foucett Mr Foucett being in that section of Country for 25 years and according to his statement has been with nearly every surveyor that was ever in that County having a great deal of surveying done himself. Mr Will + Walter Whitehead had also had a good deal of surveying done in Blocks B + D at different times for the last 20 years, Capt. John McNeal having done the most of the surveying for Messrs Whitehead. Capt. McNeal is in the office here with me + have marked the portion of your letter where Capt River thought he found a Barton corner at the S.W. Cor. Sec. No 16 Block D + showed this letter to Capt McNeal he stated that he marked that tree while making a survey for G. W. Whitehead in 1891 or about that time, in 1906 Mr E. K. Foucett was with Capt River,

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when he made the corner mentioned in his field notes that I have marked in his calls he says. Thence N 33 E 760 ers Rk Md. Made by John McMichael Surveyor. Thence S 74 1/2 W 350 var Rk Md. Made by Saunders Surveyor Thence S 9 1/2 W 176 var ~~made by Saunders~~ ~~tree~~ ~~like~~. ~~any~~ old mark Thence N 87 E 470 var Rock mound for S W Corner Sur 16 NW Co 17 Block D L C + S F R Co Now from the reading of these field notes any one would infer that Capt Price found the mound on the ground according with the Barton call for the Cedar tree but such is not the case Mr Foucet was with him and helped him make this corner he set his instrument at the Cedar tree that Capt McMichael had marked and ran course and distance as called for by Barton and made the mound himself with Mr Foucet's assistance Capt Price then ran from that mound he made himself East the old mound he found over there was the corresponding corner to the one made by McMichael for the S.W. Cor No 16 However thinking it might not be, I began there and ran

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two miles East and 4 Miles North then two Miles East & West from this this last named point 4 Miles north without finding a marked tree, or a mound of rock that would fit in any way for a Barton Corner excepting the one that Mr. Gray found. ~~W. H. C. corner or mound~~ had a buried 20 stump the proper course and distance to fit one of Barton calls but Mr. Walter Whitehead who was along when we were hunting Barton Corners told me he was with Mc Nicol and helped him make that mound about 20 years ago when they were surveying out the lines to put their pasture fence on. I have about satisfied myself that Barton never made a survey in that section of the country unless he commenced his survey at ~~Devils Lake~~ and ran East course and distance there beginning Block B by establishing N. E. Corner of same and in no way connecting it with Block A. Surveyed by Cassin in which case the N. E. Corner of Block B Surveyed by Barton could be $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile East of Cassin work. Now in conclusion I will say that Mr. White

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head is very desirous of finding the Barton
work if it was ever put on the ground and
is willing to spend some more money hunt-
ing them & find by a very Carefull Survey
Made from the S.W. Corner Survey No 2 Block A.
O.M. R.R. Co that all the Corners named by Capt
Peirce are too far South and West even my
own Corners made by me in 1906 are too far W
by 38 vars and too far South by 72 vars I am
speaking of the S.W. Corner of 1/6 G.C. & S.F. R.R. Co.
Block D measured and run from the S.W. Cor-
ner Survey No 2 Block A O.M. Co R.R. Co in making
this Survey & had the brush cut out and chain
the line carefully to the North line block E
& then chained it back to the place of beginning
carrying one end of the chain myself. I obtained
my variation by tracing Cassin's lines in Block
A at each time of making the Survey with a
difference of only $\frac{1}{4}$ of a var between the two
lines in Latitude. Now will ask you to please
send me all the information you can get
from the records as to where Barton began

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his survey whether he calls for the common
S.W. Corner of Sur No 2 C & M Co Block A. in the
field notes of Survey No 2 Block B. also please
send me field notes of Surveys No 44 Cert No 160 G C +
Survey " 46 " " 161 S F

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| Surveys No 61 | Cert No 343 | Central & Montgomeris RR Co |
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Please if you can spare the time get up
this data for me within the next two or three weeks
attaching a bill of your charges to same and
the favor will be greatly appreciated for if Barton
ever made a ^{large} corner in Valverde County & am going
to find it if it can be found Thanking you
for past favors & remain

Yours truly

Edgar C. Saunders

P.S. Please return your letter; Barton either was over the County Surveyor
country or he was a good guesser when he Sutton Co Tex
calls for oaks there are oaks where he calls for small cedars
nothing but small cedars grow where he calls for large cedars they are ^{the} ^{also}
counties 39161 E.C.S.

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Sonora, Texas 8-15-1913

Mr J T Robinson Austin.
Dear Sir:

After an extended trip in Val Verde County of some twenty days or more trying to locate some of the H C Barton corners in Blocks B, D + L & returned the 11th satisfying myself that if Barton ever made a corner as called for by him in these blocks it is not within one half mile of the place it should be. Your letter in reference to the excess in Block D & C + S T R K Schriener County received also copy of letter and sketch of Mr Andrews with copy of reply from you. Many thanks to you and Mr E Von Rosenberg for your trouble & find no fee bill attached for this work if there be any let us know and I will remit. Thanking you again for the information & remain

Yours truly

Edgar C. Saunders
County Surveyor Sutton Co

65 or with taken
and 12-5-1913
P. A. [Signature]