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Hon. Jacob Ruechler  
Commissioner General Land Office  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

Your circular of the 13.<sup>th</sup> March  
came duly to hand & contents noted

In regard to the Condition  
of my Office as to County map & field notes,  
I beg to state that there is no Land Office in Washington  
County, as County map, showing the original Grants, but  
none showing the surveys made. There was no Index  
for the field notes, and I have made one - for which  
trouble & labor I have as yet received nothing, and  
shall probably never get a cent by our County  
County Court.

The Condition of the different Surveys in the County  
in regard to field notes & plats, when combined, is  
horrible.

I should like very much to make a County map  
with all the surveys that have been made in this County  
and would also give up the records of all surveys,  
which would greatly benefit the County and State,  
in regard to tax pp. - but can not do so as  
things stands now, the County Court refusing to pay  
me anything therefore. -

If you can do anything in the matter by way of ad-  
vice to the G. Court, you will much oblige

Washington County  
Texas

Brenham April 12. 1873

Yours  
Very Respectfully

H. C. F. Schmidt  
C. S. W. C.

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