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Claude, Texas, April 27th, 1917.

Mr. J. T. Robison, Commissioner,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by the commissioners of the Court of Armstrong County, to look into the matter of the Boundary line between Armstrong and Donley Counties, with a view to getting the same established and recognized as one line.

I find that it is very vexatious and confusing to the people living along the line as it now stands, as well as to the officers, in that they do not know where to render their taxes or pay same, and refuse to render them in either County in many instances, lest they may have to pay same twice. Some year or two ago the two counties entered into a survey of the said line, and established it on the ground, with good monuments, in such a way that they felt sure that it would be approved by the land office, the survey being sufficiently satisfactory that both counties were satisfied to accept same as correct and abide by it. However, your office has made the objection, I believe, that the line was not run on proper variation, and was therefore not correct. It seems now, that this line is about as correct as it can well be run by the surveyors, and the courts of the two counties desire its establishment as the county line.

The object of this letter, therefore, is to inquire if your records show any finally established line that is an obstacle to approval of this line, and if not, what objections is made to this line, and what suggestions you would offer to aid us in correcting the report made to you with the survey, or the survey itself, to make it satisfactory to your office. Neither county cares particularly about the location placing property in the one or the other, but they do want to know which county the property belongs in, where the citizens residing in the "no man's land" should pay his poll and other taxes at, and where the scholastic population should be enrolled at, and where the children should attend school at.

There has never been a marked line before the last one, marked as the law requires, and it is doubtful if any surveyor could locate either of the other lines. It is up to us to get the matter straightened out in some way, to avoid the confusion now resulting therefrom, which is very annoying, as well as expensive.

Finally I would ask if the Land Office would recognize this line if the same were established by an order of the court as the proper line between the two counties?

Very truly
J. S. Stallings
Co. Atty. c

Carbon copy of letter written to E. F. Ritchey, Co. Atty. Clarkston, Tex. 5/11/17 sent in care of this