

Burnet Texas April 15th 1885

Hon. W. B. Walsh
Comr. Gen. Land Office
Austin Texas

Sir:

At the meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Burnet Co. in November last, I was appointed to meet the Surveyor of Llano Co on the 17th of Feb. 1885, to make a survey of the County Boundary of Burnet and Llano counties. By a mistake of our Co. Clerk in copying the date, the Llano Surveyor was notified to meet me on the 11th of Feb. He went on the 11th and made a survey, I went on the 17th and made another commencing about a quarter of a mile West of the line he ran. Upon returning home and finding the condition of matters I wrote to the Llano Surveyor asking him to agree with me to submit the question as to the starting point, to you, for your determination; after which we could proceed to make the survey in accordance therewith. He wrote to me that the Court of Llano had accepted the report of his survey and allowed his account and he had nothing further to do with the

matter till called on by the Burnet Court
Court for a plat &c of his work.

The Commissioners Court of Burnet
County are not satisfied to accept
the Survey made by said Slano Co.
Surveyor and in accordance with
instructions from said Court I hereby
give you notice of protest against
the accepting in your office of the
field notes of said Slano Surveyor's
survey and give the following as the
main reasons why the same should
not be accepted as a final survey
of said line

1st The law contemplates that both
counties interested in a boundary line should
have a chance to be represented in a
survey of the same

2^d The survey made by the Slano Co.
Surveyor was not in accordance with the
law defining the method of ascertaining
county boundaries; as he did not have
the same chained, and did not erect
a single mound or post on said line
(I was so informed by Mr. Ben Libson
who blazed the line for said Surveyor, and
I traced the same for a mile or so, and

found neither mound nor post)
3^d Said survey does not commence
at the true mouth of Slick Rock
Creek as it was, when it was made
by law, the initial point for said
line; but commences at the mouth of
an old channel or arm of the
River into which Slick Rock runs
thereby throwing the County line more
than a quarter of a mile too far
east to agree with the maps, the book
of abstracts showing the portions of the
John Darlin Survey in the two counties,
or with the actual work on the ground
(My reasons for this last position I can
state at length if necessary)

Respectfully

J. A. Chamberlain
Surveyor Burnett Co.

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