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Clarendon, Texas, May 7th 1901

Hon. Charles Rogan
Govt Gen Land Office

Dear Sir:

Recently an arrangement was made by Armstrong and Donley Counties that the boundary line between them should be run by Jas. L. Gray a Surveyor of Carson County.

The line run by Mr Gray is not satisfactory to Donley County, in that it reduces the North line of Donley Co. to less than 29 1/2 miles, and increases the North line of Armstrong to more than 31 miles, from what County the increase given to Armstrong comes from we do not know, and does not concern us, as we are only seeking to retain our North boundary line at 30 miles in length.

Mr Gray's survey is creating also much dissatisfaction among the settlers on Donley's Western border whose lands have been abstracted, and who have always voted, been taxed and supported that home was in Donley County.

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County Judge of Armstrong, and Mr Gray the Surveyor. It will be noticed that Judge Moore states this survey makes the North line of Armstrong Co. "31 miles and a fraction long." Mr Gray admits that the S.W. Cor. of Roberts from which he started is not far enough West, but excuses himself from perpetuating the error, that he was acting under the directions of the Genl Land officer.

All that Donley County desires in the matter is that her boundary lines may be 30 miles each. She does earnestly and seriously object to the Western boundary line as surveyed by Mr Gray.

We ask that you may withhold final action in the matter of the approval of such survey, until the true boundary line between the Counties of Armstrong and Donley is more definitely and accurately surveyed -

Very truly yours
B.H. White

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Judge, P H White
Clearendon Texas
Dear Sir.

Answering your favor of yesterday, the common corner to Doney, Armstrong, Larson and Gray Counties was determined and located by running a line due East from the SE Corner of Potter County, as established by W D Twitchell to the point of intersection with a line run due South from the SW Corner of Roberts Co as established by W P Hedgecock.

Before beginning on the survey I submitted a plan of locating this corner to the State Land Commissioner and have his approval of the above method. The SE Corner of Potter Co and the SW Corner of Roberts Co as above described, are recognized by the Counties interested and also by the Land office as established and I could not do otherwise than make my work conform to them.

It is true that the surveyor who established the SW Corner of Roberts Co did not locate same far enough west, but until that corner has been legally changed, or corrected, the lines and corners located by me are correct.

The SW Corner of Doney was established several years ago (I do not know by whom) and is the corner recognized by the settlers in that vicinity and by the

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Land office. I am informed by the State Land Comr that this corner was located by running due West from the New Corner of Hall County according to the SE corner of Potter County, as established by Twitchell, taken as a basis (said corner having been established by running due South from 90th mile post West from 100th meridian on north line of the Parkhandle) both the SW corner of Doney and the SW corner of Armstrong Counties are about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of their true positions.

I hope this explanation will be clear to you and that while I do not claim that the new corner of your County as located by me is at the intersection of a line due South from 60th mile post, on north line of the Parkhandle with a line due West from 42nd mile post on 100th meridian, as it should be, I do claim that it is correctly located as governed by the previously established County Corners above described

Yours truly
Jas L Gray

I, Geo F Morgan Clerk of the County Court in and for Doney County, Texas do Certify that the above and foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of the original letter from Jas L Gray to B. H. White,
Given under my hand and seal of office
this 6th day of May A.D. 1901

Geo F Morgan
Clerk Co Court
Doney Co Texas

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Hon B H White

Clarendon Texas

Dear Sir

In answer to your favor of 2nd inst will say that we received Mr Grass filed notes yesterday and they show that the north line of Armstrong County is 31 and a fraction miles long and is situated in Ed Johnstons field, I dont know what the number of the Section is, but presume you can get it from your County map or from your Tax rolls.

I was in Buttsdale last week and Mr Grass told me that the Common Corner of Carson, Gray, Doney and Armstrong fell farther East than the old survey showed

He explained the cause of this to be from the fact that the established corner from which he started on the north was farther East than had been supposed and that his instructions from the Land office was to start from this established corner

Resp Yours

R Moore

I, Geo. F. Morgan Clerk of the County Court in and for Doney County Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing writing is a correct copy of the original letter written by R Moore to B H White, In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the County Court this 1st day of May A.D. 1901 Geo F Morgan
Clerk Co Court.

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