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Hon W. C. Walsh
Com. Gen L.O.
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:

My yours of the 21st giving a history of your action in reference to the boundary line between Hunt and Kaufman has been received. The statement is at variance with the facts. Mr Money surveyor for Hunt County was not satisfied with the S. C. Corner of Hunt as sought to be established by Mr Bryant. but on the contrary made a report showing that according to his view of the matter, such corner was not the true one, which report was approved by our Court and a copy forwarded by mail addressed you the Gen Land Office. Whether you received it or not, (I infer from

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your letter you did not.) Then how did you determine that "Mr. Money was satisfied and left for some account of sickness?"

But sir; admitting that all the facts occurred as your letter states them then I ask if you had sufficient authority under the act of April 22, 1879, to declare the line run by Mr. Bryant to be the true line?

The surveyors disagreed, such disagreement was certified to you. You "designated the line to be run" "stating at what specific point they shall begin and to what specific point they shall run adhering as nearly as possible to the line designated in the act - creating such County line, which shall be sufficient authority for such surveyors to run such line, and the line so run" &c.

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Now did the surveyors run the line and make a report, or did one man report that the other was satisfied. Or did that one report and certify that one of said surveyors failed "to attend at the time and place appointed" and then proceed to run the line alone? The law makes no provision in case of a second disagreement by the surveyors as to the matter of "adhering as nearly as possible to the line designated in the act creating such County line" Had the surveyors made any effort to "adhere" to such line they would have had no trouble as the original Corner (S.E.) of Hunt County is plainly marked and has been known and recognized for the whole time since the organization of the County. The footprints of the surveyors are there. Now I ask has the law of April 22nd 1879

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been complied with? Certainly not.
Can the rights of Counties to valuable territory be, in this loose manner be destroyed?

Our Dist Court has repeatedly ignored the line established by Mr Bryant, in the selection of grand and petit jurors. Murders have been tried and convicted on indictments presented in this County by grand jurors living on the territory South of Bryant's line.

We, with due deference to your ruling, and to you as an officer feel bound to ignore your instructions, and to proceed as in the past to regard the original as the true line and to treat our citizens living on the disputed territory as citizens of Hunt County.

I agree with you that boundaries should be settled but I can not assent to such an arbitrary manner of settling

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disputed rights either between Corporations or individuals.

I hope that you as an officer will call the attention of the Legislature to the necessity of legislation on this point - the present law is defective.

I do not think that any unbiased man has any doubt that the course of Kaufman County is clearly wrong, in regard to the boundary between Kaufman and Hunt and between Kaufman and Rockwall. My opinion (and many concur therein), is that this whole trouble has been instigated by the citizens of Terrell, they hope to acquire territory and votes enough to remove the County seat from the town of Kaufman to Terrell. This is the secret of all this agitation.

I am most Respectfully Yours

J. S. Sherbill County Judge

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