

Hamilton, Texas, May 24, 1898.

Hon. A. J. Baker, Land Commissioer,

Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir and Friend:- Your favor of the 19th Inst. to hand and contents duly noted, and in reply thereto have to say that I would have been much pleased if a legal survey between Hamilton and Mills Counties could have been made, and the matter submitted to you as the law directs. My Surveyor makes a report in which it was stated that there was a disagreement between himself and the surveyor of Mills County as to the point at which to begin for the measurement of $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. 60 E. from the ^West boundary of Comanche Co. to ascertain the true boundary line between the two counties aforesaid and that upon such disagreement Hon. D. M. Hooks, the Surveyor of Mills Co. would not certify the point of ~~this~~ agreement together with all other evidence bearing thereon to you in order that you might order the survey to proceed as the law directs. From this report I have determined that it will be impossible for you to determine where the true line between the two counties should be located, or which of the reports you should adopt, the two surveyors having made entirely different surveys. Having the utmost confidence in our county surveyor, and the evidence in existence that can be brought to bear upon this question, I have no doubt of our ability to maintain ⁱⁿ a proper Court a successful suit for the establishment of the line in controversy, and I ^{have} therefore concluded to exercise the right awarded by the 25th Legislature shown in Art. 803a page 222 in the prosecution of ^a ~~the~~ suit for the purpose of establishing the true line between the two counties.

(Dictated)

Yours Very Truly
J. L. Main
Judge