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Hon W. C. Walsh Commr Gen. Land
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Dear Sir:

Yours of Dec 29th

to hand, and Carefully examined.
After Careful and patient Study, I am
of opinion, that your instructions to the
Surveyors of Rockwall and Kaufman Counties,
Contained within them, the elements, of a
final and irrevocable decision on the
subject of the boundary lines between Rockwall
and Kaufman Counties. When you traced
the line on County maps, and instructed
the Surveyors to run the line as traced. I
think, you then and there, made your
decision officially, and made it a
matter of record; and when the line was
run as directed, your instructions were
officially carried into execution, and
the disputed line forever settled.
The best lawyers in this district agree with me.

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I fully agree with you that the points raised by Judge Dillard, do not effect the question. The only source, to which you can look under the law, for evidence in the matter, is the data in your office; could you look any where else. You never could reach a decision, because interested parties ~~would~~ would forever be hunting for some last land marks, or other evidence in support of their own theories; but you can look to the data in your office, and be governed by it, without bias or prejudice to any County.

I am not dictating to you, nor I would not under any circumstance, but the your final action in the premises is of vital interest to the officers and people of my County. Both Counties take cognizance of criminal offenses committed on the disputed strip. Tax payers are anxious to pay their tax, but don't know where to pay. If the boundary question remains open until

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The 1st day of March, both Counties will proceed to collect tax, on the disputed strip by force. As County attorney for Rockwall County, I treat your orders, to Pruitt and Lewis, as a finality. and cannot see how they can be any thing but a finality.

I sincerely hope, that you will take no exceptions, to this letter, or the manner in which it is written, and I do earnestly hope that you will say to me by return mail, that, the line run by Messrs. Lewis and Pruitt, under your instructions, is the true line between Rockwall and Kaufman Counties.

It would be better, for Rockwall County, to lose the strip entirely, than for the question to remain open, longer. Hoping to receive that response from you, that the law authorizes, and your letter to me concedes, and which all the facts in the case warrant

I remain faithfully yours.

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