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Barstow, Texas, April 27th, 1909.

Hon. J. T. Robison, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

It is my intention to have the boundary lines of Ward County established in accordance with the Statute this year. I have however been informed by a former County Judge that an effort was made at one time to have the county lines established and that the General Land Office refused to recognize same because lines had not been run out west of Calahan County. Will you kindly investigate the matter and advise me if there is any reason why we should not have the lines established.

Yours truly,

J. E. Starley
County Judge Ward County.

I have your letter of the 27th ult. in regard to the establishing of boundary lines of Ward county. I know of no reason why the boundary lines of that county should not be established in accordance with the provisions of articles 799 et seq., A.S. 1895. Neither do I know of the refusal of this office to recognize a survey of those lines because lines had not been run out west from Callahan county. In fact I doubt if any such absurd objection was ever raised. Such a connecting line is not at all necessary. The corner

of Midland county have been well established. The south line of that county may be produced west for the north line of Ward; and the northeast corner of Ward may be established from the southwest corner of Midland.

About three or four years ago a surveyor did try to file in this office field notes of a survey of the boundaries of Ward county; but they were refused because he had not been vested with legal

authority to make the survey. It did not appear to this office that the County Court of Ward county had proceeded under the statute cited above to order the surveying, nor adjoining counties notice to be

Besides the field notes did not give connections with the surveys through which the lines passed. The whole thing had the appearance of a bungled job and this office would have nothing to do with it.

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