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Very truly yours,

(Sgd) C. A. Culberson

Received from The L & H Blum Land Co.
Galveston Tex. 5/8/1903
J.T. Robison
Chf Clk & acting Cov. ins
5/8/1903

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Texas State Boundary Line 2

W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

(Copy for Hon John J Terrell)
(Personal)

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AMARILLO, TEXAS,

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Yours very truly,

W. D. Twichell

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Copy of letter from Dwidhill to Lon Phillips Land Company on Boundary

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SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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W. D. Twichell

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SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

In camp near Tascosa
~~AMARILLO~~, TEXAS,
May 2" 1903.

Copy.

Mr. Arthur D. Kidder
Higgins, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Con John J. Terrell Commissioner of the General Land Office for Texas instructs me as state surveyor to represent the states interest in her N. W. boundaries and to give you any assistance or information pertaining to such boundary. As I am personally familiar with about 500 miles of the boundary under consideration I trust my assistance may be of value to you and all interests concerned. If you will kindly let me know where you will be during this month, I will be glad to call upon you at my earliest convenience. My party is now near Tascosa and I will receive my mail there until the 20" instant.

Yours Respectfully
W. D. Twichell.

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.
Texas Land Business a Specialty.

STAMFORD, TEXAS.

copy of Twichell's letter
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Yours very truly,

(Sgd) W. D. Twitchell.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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In camp near Tascosa
~~AMARILLO~~, TEXAS,
May 4" 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20" was not forwarded with my other mail, so I did not receive it until ~~until~~ my return here. On my way to Amarillo I got off at Childress and learned the intended movements of Mr. Arthur D. Kidder from his friend but hoped to gain an interview with him before reporting to you. Since he expected to be engaged on the 100" meridian until May 10" at which time he expected to return to Childress and take further observations, I have not thought it was necessary for me to join him until after he had completed that work.

Yesterday I ~~went~~ verified the correctness of my information by locating him by telegram near Higgins where he is probably engaged in determining meridian. Since your letter instructs me to join him at the 103" meridian, it will not be necessary for me to take up this work until he

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

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completes the 100° meridian, at which time I am informed he will proceed to trace parallel 36° 30'. Along this parallel it will be well to have Texas represented to prevent small complications and prepare an understanding concerning the 103°

I have written Mr Kidder a letter, a copy of which I enclose as nothing further seems necessary at present. I will improve the earliest opportunity to confer with him. My surveying work has been in a condition that required my constant attention but I will arrange to give the boundary every necessary attention. Trusting my action will meet with your approval I am Mr Kidder's work will probably occupy the greater part of this summer.

Yours respectfully.

W D Twichell

State surveyor.

Ans. 5/9/1903

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

(Copy for Hon. John J. TERRell)

Mr. W. D. Twichell, Higgins, ~~AMARILLO~~, TEXAS, May, 11" 1903.

State Surveyor, Tascosa, Texas.

Dear sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4" inst., in reply to which I will state that I have just finished a complete retracement of the old 100" meridian, made for the purpose of ascertaining information regarding the conditions along this line I am now preparing to carry on astronomical observations at Higgins, Monahans, and Texline, Texas, for the purpose of determining accurate reference points in longitude at th se places. I expect to complete this work about July first, after which I will observe for latitude reference points at the east and west extremities of the 32" and 36 30' parallels, and make such retracements as will enable me to tie in any of the Clark monuments now supposed to be in existance; during the latter work your assistance will be very valueable to me, and I will greatly appreciate your assistance in enabling me to get at the facts regarding the Clark and other monuments.

I made an effort to meet you in Amarillo in March, but you were absent from the city. Until I return to Higgins I will be stationed at our observatory thirteen miles east of Childress most of the time, I therefore conclude that it will be more convenient for us to meet here, at Higgins, for a discussionof this work, while I am stationed herefor the astronomical work in May; unless we can arrangea meeting in Amarillo while I am enroute.

Very re pectfully,

Arthur D. Kidder

Examiner of Surveys.

Mail and telegraphic address:

Childress, Texas.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

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Mail and telegraphic address:

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Copy of Kidder's letter
W. D. Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

(Copy for Hon. John J. Terrell.)

AMARILLO, TEXAS, May 11" 1903.

Mr. Arthur D. Kidder,

Examiner of Surveys, Higgins, Texas.

Dear sir:

Your favor of the 8" inst.states clearly what your movements will be and enables me to arrange my affairs to meet this demand.I hope to be able to be with you after July 1" ,a sufficient time to give every necessary assistance in your retracement. In the mean time I hope I may ~~be able to~~ meet you here,when you are passing. If you can give me ~~a~~ severaldays notice I will arrange to be at home.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. Twichell,

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Texas State Boundary Line 2

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

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W. D. Twichell,

Copy of Letter
Twichell to Kidder

W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, May, 11th 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:

Inclosed I hand you copy of Mr. Arthur D. Kidder's letter and my answer which is intended to convey to you and Governor Lanham the exact situation It appears the work which requires my attention will not begin until July This will not suit the state agent appointment, for you will probably need a man in the field that can give his whole attention to that work. The work of tracing out the Clark lines will doubtless require several months, and I therefore will surrender my appointment as state agent at any time which is best for the interest of the state.

Mr. Kidder's letter shows clearly that the United States will be fully prepared to act when the Stephens bill comes up in Congress. Hence it appears that Texas should be fully and ably represented during the retracement for the case will be won or lost upon Mr. Kidder's report. Since Texas has no general provision for representation in matters touching her interest in land boundaries, it is practically impossible to fully protect such interests. I will gladly render every reasonable service in this matter (as I have in many cases touching the states interest in land boundaris) though my business relations will not justify a great sacrafice of my time.

Yours respectfully W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

AMARILLO, TEXAS,

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Washington, D. C. May 16, 1903.

Subject-Boundary between New Mexico and Texas.

Mr. Arthur D. Kidder,

Examiner of Surveys-Childress, Texas.

Sir: Copy.

I am in receipt of your letter dated Higgins, Texas, May 3, 1903, enclosing copy of a letter dated May 4, 1903, addressed to you by Mr. W. D. Twitchel, State Surveyor, Texas, in which he states that Hon. John J. Terrell, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, has insisted him as State Surveyor to represent the State's interest in her northwest boundaries and give you any assistance or information pertainint to said boundary which he may be able to render.

In reply have to state that you may avail yourself of any assistance which may be offered you in the matter of the identification of the original survey with the understanding, however, that you are not authorized to incur any expense by reason of such voluntary assistance. In accepting such assistance you will advise the parties offering the same that your present duties are confined to the identification of the boundaries established by the former survey, and the ascertainment of the true latitudes and longitudes thereof.

You request copy of the report of field notes of the resurvey or retracement in 1892, by Messrs. Twitchell and Harrell, and the report and sketch by W. S. Mabry, Texas Surveyors, referred to in letter "E" to the Secretary of the Interior dated January 13, 1903. Copies of the said papers and tracing of the Sketch referred to in Mr. Mabry's report herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully,

"L. J." W. A. Richards, Commissioner.

E. M. M.

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS. June 1, 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I was called to Amarillo Saturday to confer with Mr. Kidder and arrange work upon the State line. His longitude work will be completed about the 1st of August and then he expects to determine the latitude points and tie in points on the Clark line that can be identified, and which are near the reference points which he has established.

His department appears to confide in the reports of their surveyors that the Clark line can not be found on parallel 36° 30' , and the 103 Meridian from the Canadian River south. In my opinion his department is disposed to recommend that the mathematical lines be established and the rights of private parties protected.

Mr. Kidder is disposed to make a reconnoissance of parallel 36° 30' the 103 Meridian and the 32° parallel and examine what we recoginize as the Clark line but he can not arrange for this work until his party is disbanded. He thinks that latitude determinations on the 32° parallel will occupy the early winter months and he expects to return full report by January 1, 1904. His department will doubtless submit recommendations based upon his report.

Please furnish me with any information which may assist in identifying the Clark line from the Pecos to the Rio Grande.

An aswer to my letter touching my appointment to this work has not reached me. Since this is preliminary work affecting the remarking of the boundaries it appears the funds for this purpose should be available.

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

AMARILLO, TEXAS. June 1, 1903.

J. J. T. #2.

Please send me a copy of the "Act" passed by the Texas Legislature providing for a resurvey of the north west boundary.

I inclose copy of Mr. Kidder's instructions touching my assistance.

Yours very respectfully,

W D Twichell

Enc.

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Amarillo, Texas, June 23, 1903.

Hon. S. W. T. Lanham,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Having had something to do with retracing the Clark line along the west line of Texas, and knowing the importance to Texas of perpetuating the few monuments that can be found to-day along the line and the further importance of having a competent man on the ground to represent Texas at the time Mr. Kidder is making his investigation of this line for the United States Government. I take the liberty of recommending Mr. W. D. Twichell as best equipped for the appointment of any one I know of. He is competent professionally and he can locate and identify on the ground more of the Clark monuments than any man in the State as he has retraced a large part of the Clark line when the monuments were much plainer than they are to-day. This together with the fact, that he is a competent surveyor, makes him I am sure a most suitable man to represent the State in this boundary question and I trust you can see your way to appoint him to accompany Mr. Kidder as the representative of Texas.

Yours very truly,

W. D. Mabry -

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, June 26, 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

About three weeks ago I forwarded to you a full account of my interview with Mr. Arthur D. Kidder, U. S. Examiner of Surveys, touching his work upon the State boundary, but it appears from your favor of the 20th inst. that my letter did not reach you. My letter was dated June 1, 1903, and was intended to show that my active service would not be needed for some time. Mr. Kidder will come to Amarillo when he completes his observations to determine the intersections of the 36° 30′ parallel with the true 100th and 103d meridians and will remain here sometime determining the results from his observations and I hope to be able to arrange with him to go over the state line and examine the monuments, so the line as claimed by Texas will be included in his report. This work can probably be done after the first of August. Mr. Kidder expects to return his full report by Jan. 1, 1904 and his department will doubtless submit recommendations to Congress based upon his report. When Mr. Kidder completes his observations for longitude about August 1st he will then determine the latitude points and "tie in" such points on the Clark line as can be identified near the reference points which he has established.

His department appears to confide in the reports of their surveyors that the Clark line cannot be found on parallel 36° 30′ and on the 103rd meridian from the Canadian River South. In my

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS,

opinion his department is disposed to recommend that the mathematical lines be established and the rights of private parties protected.

Since your office has found it necessary to place two state land agents in the field, I will write Governor Lanham making my report to date and requesting permission to proceed with the work as Commissioner for Texas under the Act which is now enforced providing $10,000.00 for this purpose.

I appreciate the favors you have shown me in this matter and will make no charge for my service and expense to date.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, June 26 1903.

Copy

Gov. S. W. T. Lanham,

Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:-

After receiving your instructions to proceed as State Surveyor and State Land Agent upon the ground and assist Mr. Arthur D. Kidder, U. S. Examiner, of Surveys in identifying the Northwest boundary of Texas, I have met Mr. Kidder and ascertained that he will be engaged until about Aug. 1st, in making observations to determinine the true 100th and 103rd meridians, after which he will come to Amarillo and determine results from his observations. He will then go upon the ground and determine the intersections of parallel 36° 30" with the 100th and 103rd meridians and the intersections of parallel 32 with the 103rd meridian and the Rio Grande River, at the same time making connection with such monuments made by John H. Clark, U. S. Boundary Commissioner, as can be found and identified near the points which he has determined, namely the Northeast corner of the Panhandle, the Northwest corner of the Panhandle, the Southeast corner of New Mexico, and the point where the 32nd parallel crosses the Rio Grande. Mr/ Kidder has traced the 100th meridian as marked by Jones & Brown, and by John H. Clark and has found the monuments which remain are about three fourths of one mile west of the 100th meridian which he has determined.

From the above you will learn little active service in this matter has been required of me, except to keep myself and Hon. John J. Terrell advised of the progress in this matter and my service to date has been without cost to the state.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS,

Hon. John J. Terrell informs me by letter, dated June 20, that mandamus proceedings against the state required his department to place an active land agent in the field in the southwest portion of Texas on June 1st and hence the state now has no representative to protect her boundary interest.

It appears of great interest to Texas that Mr. Kidder should review the condition of the Clark monuments along our border and report their position and present condition to his department and hence I have suggested that he make such review upon the completion of his observation. Mr. Kidder considered the proposition favorably and he and I have partial arrangements accordingly but it now appears that some arrangement must be made through which I can represent the state. Since the Act providing for the remarking of Texas Northwest boundary does not appear to depend upon a similar Act passed by Congress and since the work which is now being done on the part of the United States is really preliminary to the establishing of the Texas boundary, it may be proper that you appoint the Commissioner for Texas at once. If such proceeding under the circumstances is found to be necessary and proper, I will request that you consider me as an applicant for the appointment, believing that my experience and information in this matter should make my services most valuable to the state.

Mr. Kidder's department appears to confide in the reports of United States Surveyors that the Clark line cannot be found on parallel 36° 30" on the 103rd meridian from the Canadian River to the South.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

AMARILLO, TEXAS,

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south. Since I have found the lines mentioned, it appears of great importance that Mr. Kidder examine and report them to his department. In my opinion his department is disposed to recommend that the mathematical lines be established and that the rights of private parties be recognized and protected.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. Twichell.

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

AMARILLO, TEXAS, June 27th 1903

Hon John L Terrell
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:

Inclosed I hand you copy of my report to Governor Sam Ham, in which I apply for appointment as Commissioner for Texas to represent her interest in her North West boundary. Any kindness which you can show me in this matter will be most highly appreciated. Thanking you for many favors & yours hearty good will and the confidence which our relations have proved and assuring you I will do my best in this matter I remain,

Yours truly,

W D Twichell

Ans 6/30/03

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

aus 9/8/03.

AMARILLO, TEXAS, Aug. 29" 1903.

Governor S. W. T. Lanham,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I learn from Mr. Arthur D. Kidder, U. S. Examiner of Surveys, that he has taken observations near Texline and near Monahans to determine the true position of the 103" meridian and that he will probably complete his latitude observations by the last of October, at which time he will be prepared to connect with such points on the Clark line as can be identified, near the points which he has determined. Though Mr. Kidder has not completed his calculations, he is practically certain that the Clark boundary as claimed, at Texline is more than two miles west of the true 103" meridian.

Since no United States surveyors have reported the boundary as marked by John H. Clark, from the Canadian river to the south, Mr. Kidder is not instructed to make a thorough search for the Clark ~~lines~~ mounds, the presumption being, that no such mounds now exist along the 103" meridian from the Canadian river south. He is instructed, however, to accept any voluntary information concerning the Clark mounds, which may be offered on the part of Texas. He will keep me informed as to his movements, and personally he seems anxious that I may be able to join him at intervals. If desired on the part of Texas, he will accompany me along the 103" meridian and inspect the Clark mounds, after his party is disbanded, in November.

Those opposing the Clark lines, most probably will insist the Clark lines are inaccurate and defective, that they are not well identified, that they were adopted "forty" years after they were marked, through the influence of interested parties; and that the true line should be marked as the boundary, without disturbing the rights of owners.

The reports of United States surveyors were not sufficient to enable their department to recommend what should be done with the Stephens bill,

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS,

hence recommendations were witheld awaiting Mr. Kidder's report.

Mr. Kidder notices that the Texas provision for marking the boundary holds to the true 100" meridian and the defective Clark lines on the west, and as an engineer he seems convinced that the Clark line is too erroneous to be remarked upon the ground. I have suggested that the bill passed by Texas and the bill introduced by Mr. Stephens, appear, to follow the lines now fixed by law, and the true line where no line has been adopted.

I hope to be able to arrange my business so I can give this matter any necessary attention, yet the time and expense of a long trip on the plains in November is somewhat serious.

Owing to Congressional dutiesit is hardly possible for Hon. John H. Stephensto a company the inspecting party.

Please let me know your pleasure in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON.

Ans 9/8/03 Terrell

Vernon, Texas, Sept. 2nd. 1903.

Gov. S. W. T. Lanham

Austin, Texas,.

My Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a carbon copy of the letter dated the Aug. 29th. from W. D. Twichell addressed to you in which Twichell suggests that the U.S. Surveyor now on the ground will locate the 103rd, Meridian East of where it is now located by the Clark line thus cutting off part of the lands patented by Texas into New Mexico and it is very important that we hold to the old line as run by Clark and as Mr. Kidder has agreed to go over this line with Mr. Twichell and search for the old Clark Monuments and report to the Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington what he finds on the ground, I think it very important that Mr. Twichell should accompany him, I would also suggest that Mr. W. S. Mabry of San Antonio (Surveyor for the H & T. C. R. R. lands) and formerly Surveyor of Hartley Co. land district, has rerun the old Clark line many years ago, and found and identified the same monuments as found and identified by Twichell, should accompany Twichell and Kidder.

Also Mr. W. A. Morris a surveyor of Monatgue, Texas, many years ago run out the Capital Syndicate land and located the Clark line on which line, the Syndicate placed their fence where it now stands, he also found and identified some of the Clark monuments and he should also accompany them. I hope that you will find some means by which these men can be paid from the State Treasurer for their services, as the passage of my bill through Congress will depend largely on the report made by Kidder as to the finding of these old monuments. I will accompany them unless I have to go to Washington. With best regards. #C Jno. H. Stephens

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

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Aust 9/28/03 Terrell

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, Sept. 11th 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin Texas,

Dear Sir:-

Relating to the state boundary I wish to state that the settlement of the state boundary will hardly affect the rights of private citizens and hence from what Mr. Kidder has said I do not feel free to offer my service in the capacity of a private citizen(implying that I am bearing my own expense) for a long and disagreeable trip, to show him something on which his department has, what they consider, full and sufficient official reports, nor do I believe from what he has said that he can get instructions for such a trip. I fully appreciate your intended kindness in offering to displace a land agent to enable the state to pay the expense of the trip, but I prefer that no ones interest be disturbed for my benefit.

Mr. Kidder will doubtless be anxious to know what the state of Texas considers is her boundary and he has expressed a desire and a willingness to place such claims in his report; so the wisdom of showing or retaining the strength of the evidence for the state rests with our Governor.

There is no occasion for the expense of the trip being a disturbing factor in this matter. The most difficult part for me is to arrange so I Can leave my other business, at such a time as will be suited to Mr. Kidder's work. However if the state desires anything which I am able to present I will gladly do what I can.

Yours respectfully

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....

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Amarillo, Texas, Oct. 7" 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Acting upon your favor of Sept. 25" I have written Mr. Kidder, as shown by carbon copy of letter inclosed and I will advise you fully upon receipt of his answer.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL.
SURVEYOR.

Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

(Copy for Hon. John J. Terrell)

AMARILLO, TEXAS, Oct. 7" 1903.

Mr. Arthur D. Kidder,

Childress, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received instructions from Governor S.W.T. Lanham, through our land commissioner, Hon. John J. Terrell, to go with you, as partially arranged by us, to examine the monuments made by John H. Clark upon the 103" meridian and as agent for Texas to furnish you with such information as may assist you in completing your report upon the north west boundary of Texas. The State of Texas will bear the expense for my services.

Please let me know the time that will best suit you for this work so I will have an opportunity to arrange other work to conform.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. Twichell

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Twichell to
Kidder

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....

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Amarillo, Texas, December 24th 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin Texas,

Dear Sir:-

Arthur D. Kidder, U. S. Examiner of surveys, and myself have completed our trip inspecting monuments on the state line as marked by John H. Clark, U. S. Commissioner &c, and I arrived here Dec. 23d.

On account of cloudy weather, wind, and sand, Mr. Kidder was not able to reach his intersection of meridian 103 with parallel 32 N. L. until Dec. 6th and the weather being clear he observed for latitude Dec. 7th and 8th. On Dec. 9th we inspected Clark's monument No. 1 on the 103 meridian and found no trace of the old trench; but a stone properly marked placed by state surveyor D. S. Wood still marks the site of the original Clark monument. Since no trace of this monument now remains, it will probably become necessary to introduce parole testimony before the commissioners when the line is remarked. About 20 credible witnesses can verify the position of the monument as reported by me in 1892. This being the only monument found to locate the 70 miles established by Clark while marking the 103d meridian from the 32d parallel north, its original location is important.

The charcoal, placed by me, and the iron casing placed by state surveyor D. S. Wood at the southeast corner of New Mexico and Clark's monument 31 on the 32d parallel were duly inspected. One fragment of a bottle remains at the southeast corner. Monument 31 is still plain to me, but Mr. Kidder says there is not sufficient on the ground to enable him to identify the point.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....
Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty

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Amarillo, Texas,

Mr. Kidder has not reduced his measurements so I can only furnish round numbers showing that Mr. Kidder finds the intersection of the 103d meridian and the 32d parallel at a point 3 miles and 67 gunter (66 ft.) chains east and north 3 chains from the southeast corner of New Mexico as marked by Clark. When Mr. Kidder reduces his measurements he will furnish me a copy showing his results at all of the corners.

Along the 103d meridian we found Clark monuments #5, #6, #9, and #10 distinct; and #12 remaining in part. Mounds on the Canadian have been previously reported.

In 1886 I connected all monuments from 5 tp 13 with a continuous line of mile and half mile corners apparently placed by the United States government surveyors along and near Clark's line. By making careful measurements from these the exact position of monuments 7 and 8 can be determined and all monuments from 5 tp 13 can be identified.

Mr. Kidder noted the azimuth of Clark's line by the solar compass:

at monument #5, N0° 3' W and S 0° 3' E.
" " #6, N 0° 6' W and S 0° 3' E.
" " #9, S 0° 1' W and N 0° 1' E.
" " #10, N 0° 2' E and S 0° 2' W.

Mr. Kidder took photographs of all monuments found. He will send me two pictures of each, one for you and one for myself. The pictures are not a part of his official work.

In my opinion the Clark 103d meridian is sufficiently identified to prevent the United States from attempting to mark the meridian as determined by Mr. Kidder. If this is true, United States surveyors will probably insist that the 100th meridian as marked by Clark, and Jones and Brown should be the true line, (acquiesence may be their reason); and they

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....
Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty

(J. J. T. 3)

Amarillo, Texas,

will probably attempt to mark Mr. Kidder's 103d meridian where no Clark monuments remain. Failing in this they will probably insist that Mr. Kidder's 103d be the line along the 56 miles which Clark did not actually survey, though Clark states (p. 300)

"The 103d meridian being thus traced and marked *** it may for all practical purposes be considered as complete".

The collateral facts bearing upon the Texas interest can hardly be presented in Washington by United States surveyors.

Yours respectfully W. D. Twichell

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Texas State Boundary Line 2

Report of W D Twichell on accompanying Auditor D Kidder over line of New Mexico & Texas.

Received Jan 5, 1904.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....

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Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 26th 1903.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin Texas,

Dear Sir:-

On the 24" inst my bill for inspecting state line with Mr. Kidder was mailed by mistake without my affidavit. I now inclose the bill with addavit.

Yours respectfully, W. D. Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,

.....Surveyor.....

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....

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Amarillo, Texas, December 24th 1903.

The State of Texas,

To W. D. Twichell, State lease agent, Dr.

" salary Dec. 1" to 24" inclusive $86.67

" expense

car fare	31.85	
hotel and subsistence	9.80	
team and feed 20 days @ 2.50	50.00	
teamster Dec. 12" to 15" @ 1.00	4.00	95.65
		$182.32

W. D. Twichell

Sworn to and subscribed before me. Witness my hand and seal of office, in Amarillo, Texas, this the 26th day of December, A. D. 1903.

J. H. Wills

Notary Public Potter County, Texas.

NOTARY PUBLIC POTTER COUNTY TEXAS

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....

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Amarillo, Texas, February 20" 1904.

Hon John J Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have just received photographs showing monuments, old and new, along the 32" Parallel. I hope to receive those which were taken along the 103" Meridian soon, also Mr. Arthur D Kidders report. I fear the picture of Clarks monument #31, which is near the S.E. corner of New Mexico, and which is the best land mark we have there, will not assist Hon. John H. Stephens in proving the S.E. corner. The pipe and stone have been placed on the old Clark monument, and hence are no partof the original monument. On the ground the old earth monument can be easily seen, by any one who wishes to find it. The pipe at the S.E. corner of New Mexico is in the sand, only one fragment of Clarks bottle remains there. Monument #1 Just north from the corner is now destroyed, but a goard vine still remains which covered the monument in1892 and came near preventing me from finding the monument which at that time could not be mistaken. Yours Respectfully, W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
.....Surveyor.....
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Amarillo, Texas, April 22" 1904

Hon. John J Terrell,

Austin , Texas.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Kidder has at last been able to get our pictures finished, and has sent me three copies. I forward one copy to Hon. John H. Stephens by same mail.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Amarillo, Texas. Jan. 6" 1905.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

While in Austin recently I learned that you were not advised of recent action in the U. S. Land Office affecting the N. W. boundary. I therefore inclose you pamphlet which I have marked for my own convenience in referring to this matter. Since this is the only one I now have you will please return it when you have examined it as fully as you desire. Another copy is misplaced in my office and I will forward this to you if it can be found.

Hon. John H. Stephens being farmiliar with all the facts on the ground, feels no uneasiness because the recommendations are unreasonable. I sincerely hope he is correct, but my connection with this matter for about ninteen years, convinces me that the recommendations do not appear unreasonable to many parties, whose interests are opposed to a Texas construction.
I therefore hope Hon. John H. Stephens may have all possible assistance when this matter is presented to the committees in Washington. If $60.000.00 is spent marking and establishing the mathematical lines, in my opinion the mathematical lines will ultimately be established.

The U. S. has spent something like $5.000.00 preparing this matter and are prepared to spend any amount that may be necessary to protect their interest. Texas should have fund for the same purpose. I think more can be done preparing to present this matter than can be accomplished defending a position that is not well developed.

The pamphlet contains some valuable admissions.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Amarillo, Texas. January 9", 1905

Hon John J. Terrell,
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I inclose a carbon of a letter which I am mailing to Hon. J. H. Stephens, in which I have tried to convey to him the nature of the opposition which I have good cause to anticipate he will meet, ~~fr~~ judging from the 19 years I have had occasion to study the matter, by meeting the men from the New Mexico side , some of whom will be consulted in this matter. I think their policy will be to get what they want(the mathematical lines) or they will do their utmost to prevent any thing from being done. Either of these methods promises well for their contention, for all of the piles of dirt which Clark made will soon be obliterated, and the witnesses who can identify their original position will gradually grow less. Our S.E. corner of New Mexico you will notice is not recognized as the Clark corner. I fear this matter has waited too long already, but further delay can only make matters worse,

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Hon. John H. Stephens,
Washington, D.C.

Amarillo, Texas. January 9th, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

Your recent favor giving the status of the state boundary is received and is much appreciated. The recommendations by the secretary appear very unreasonable to us who know and appreciate the equity due tosettlers and land owners along the line. But I am convinced that the surveyors representing the U.S. interest see no force in our argument, and they will do all in their power, assisted by the Com'r of the U.S. Land Office, to minimize the argument which will protect the Texas interest, and to secure some action which will straighten these lines and place them where Mr. Kiddr has determined they should be. Their object is principally to enable the U.S. surveys to close against these lines as they should, and preserve the uniformity in the U. S. map. These objects are so paramount in their minds that the paltry right of the individuals is not of sufficient importance to justify the giving away of land which they will attempt to show was surreptitiously managed by the Texas interest. They will attempt to influence any fair consideration of the Texas interest by intimating that Texas has acted unfairly in this matter.

The small difference in latitude should not be disturbed. Com'r Clark was as well equipped to determine latitude as was Mr. Kidder. I think we should insist on the Clark lines without exception, where they have been adopted.

Recommending that the mathematical lines be marked at a cost of $60,000 before the boundary is finally settled(as they see it)indicates an exceptional desire on the part of the U.S. officials to thwart the Texas interest. I do not doubt that any expense or delay will be utilized as far as possible to gain this point. My experience in boundary matters does not indicate that the most reasonable construction is the most certain, and therefore I fail to enjoy a feeling of security. While I appreciate your

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

Amarillo, Texas.

confidence that all will be well for Texas , I feel that you have great responsibility in this matter, and that you will have a strong combined influence to meet and overcome. I hope you may have every needed assistance, and that you may be able to pass your bill without amendment. It seems of great importance that this matter be fixed before New Mexico and Oklahoma become states, for afterward our position is certain to be more complicated. In my opinion your success in this matter will be a victory that will be appreciated with gratitude by all who are interested, including the State.

Please send me Mr. Kidder's full report if it is in print.

Wishing you every success and a happy year I remain

Yours respectfully,

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710 Pierce.
W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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710 Pierce St. Amarillo, Texas. Feby. 7" 1905.

Hon. John J. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing Hon. John H. Stephens touching what ap ears to me to be an important point in the state boundary, and I hand you a copy for your personal information. It seems quite possible that the conditions at the S.E. corner of New Mexico might not be fully realized, so I wish to make it certain. Mr. Leon Blum of Galveston has written me for details in this matter and I am informing him as fully as I can. Mr. Blum writes me ~~that he has written me~~ that he has written Hon. R. V. Davidson requesting him to take the matter up with Gov. Lanham. I regret that I am indirectly the cause of disturbing Gov. Lanham in this matter, and will be more cautious in the future. I am addressing this to you personally for my suggestions are so intended. I have no copy of the bill passed by our legislature and have not seen the act, so do not know whether this point is drawn to protect the new condition which has appeared since monument # 1 on the 103" meridian can not be identified.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Copy for Hon. John J. Terrell.

Amarillo, Texas. Feby. 7th 1905.

Hon. John H. Stephens,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In lookinh over your bill providing for the remarking of the Clark lines, I notice on page 4 line 25 that the commissioners are only authorized to remark the old lines where the Clark monuments can be found and identified and the monuments found shall determine the position and course of the boundary lines as marked by Clark, to the full extent of the survey made by him.

Since Mr. Kidder does not accept what remains of monument # 1 on the 103° meridian this provision may not be sufficient, and since the commissioners are restricted to monuments found, they would be prevented from establishing the true position of original monuments by parole, and this would materially affect Texas from the S.E. corner of New Mexico north to the north line of Bailey county, or to monument # 5 which I think can be maintained without serious difficulty. I can still find monument # 1 to my satisfaction and can prove that it was a distinct Clark monument when I first saw it in 1892 and that its position was so well identified by the topography, that I really went to the monument though it was considerably west of a meridian dropped south from monument # 5.

When you drew this bill we believed that monument # 1 on the 103° was still distinct enough to be identified but afterwards upon inspection with Mr. Kidder I learned that a well had been established in such a position that cattle passing to and from water, had disturbed natural conditions, the soil was reduced to a powder, and nothing remained of the monument except an irregular mound protected by a gourd vine-this gourd vine completely covered the monument when I found it in 1892.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Hon. J. H. S. # 2. **Amarillo, Texas.**

Unless we can vary the terms mentioned it seems that monument # 5 on the 103" meridian would determine this boundary since monument # 1 is practically destroyed. At the time Texas surveys were made along this line monument 1 was distinct and parties purchasing land from Texas are entitled to protection to the line as originally merked by Clark and approv d by Texas and U. S.

It may be possible to get Mr. Kidder to admit to the committee that monument # 1, could have been only in the vicinity, as claimed by Texas and then specific evidence on the part of Texas showing the true location of this monument, might determine this important point, in the bill. Commissioners could hardly agree , and a suit is attended with great uncertainty. As I see it Texas now has two chances to hold this part of Clark's line, one is before the committee and the other is in court. If depositions will assist command me. A trip to Washington would seriously interrupt my business, so I hope the presence of witnesses will not be necessary. In a short time a number of witnesses could be found to ~~can~~ identify monument # 1 and monument 31 on 32" parallel.

Yours respectfully,

I would like to have a copy of Mr. Arthur D. Kidder's report in full.

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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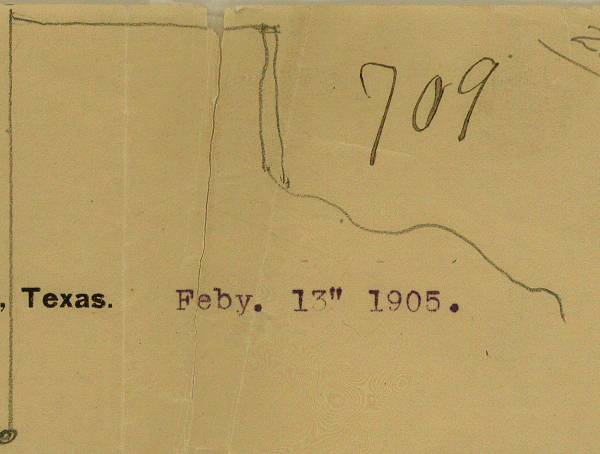

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Amarillo, Texas. Feby. 13" 1905.

Hon John J Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Today -I examined - the first time- the Texas statute providing for the remarking of the state line and it does not appear to properly guard the Texas interest under such conditions as we now have at the S.E. corner of New Mexico. It will at least raise a serious presumption that Commissioners are to be guided by Clark monuments which they can find and identify, and that they are precluded from examining witnesses to determine the position of monuments which are now obliterated. Since the S.E. corner of New Mexico and monument # 1 on 103" meridian can not now be found and identified, the Texas Com'r could find nothing in this statute which would prevent the line from going to the mathematical 103" meridian, thence north 70 miles , thence obliquely north-west to the end of Clark's 184 miles run from the north. TheCommissioners will have many difficulties and on this one he will need material aid. If the United States passes a similar act the method of remarking Clark's line will be fully defined on both sides , and will repeal so much of former acts as applies to this part of Clark's line by agreeing that Clark's line is the boundary where it can now be found and identified. This matter seems of sufficient importance to require the proper correction of the legislature now in session.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR.
Texas Land Boundaries a Specialty.

Amarillo, Texas. February 12th 1905.

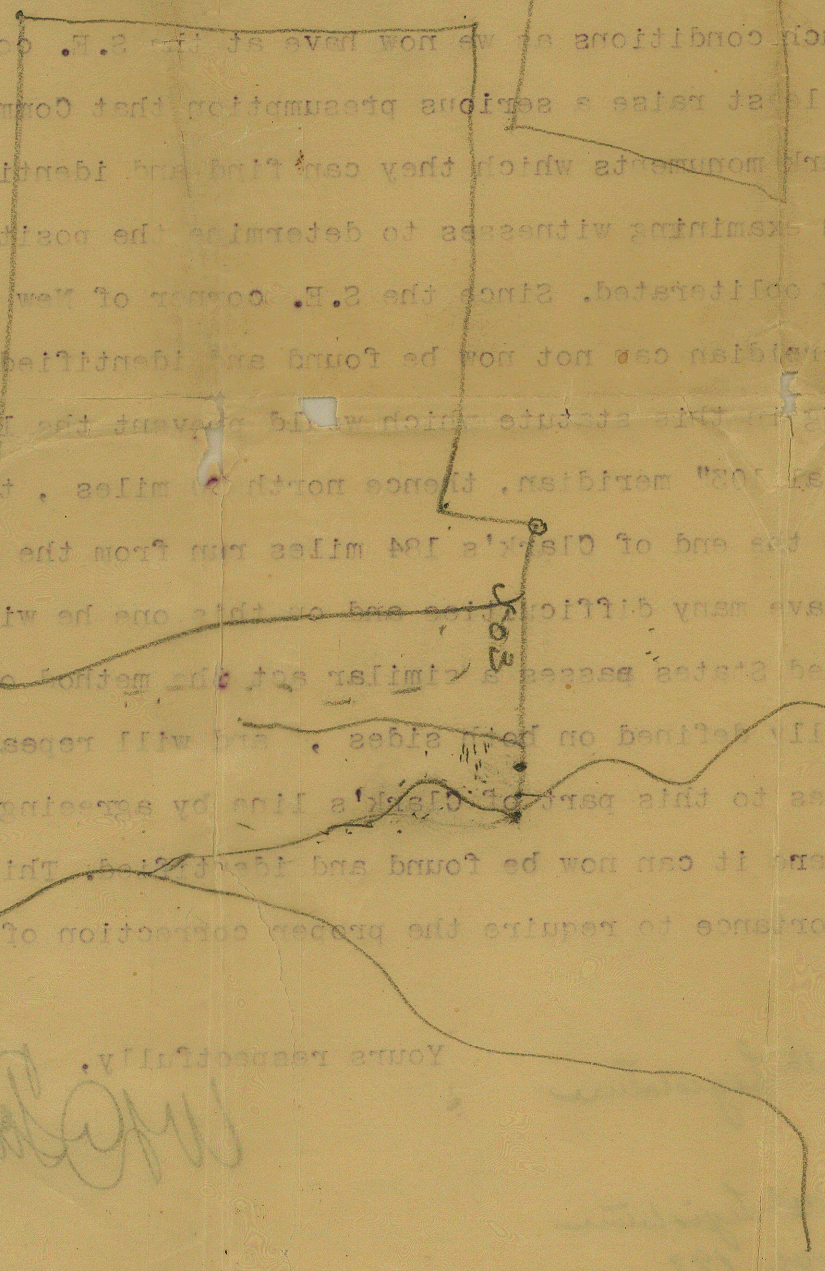
Hon John J Terrell,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Today I examined - the first time - the Texas statute providing for the remarking of the state line and it does not appear to properly guard the Texas interest under such conditions as we now have at the S.E. corner of New Mexico. It will at least raise a serious presumption that Commissioners are to be guided by Clark monuments which they can find and identify, and that they are precluded from examining witnesses to determine the position of monuments which are now obliterated. Since the S.E. corner of New Mexico and monument # 1 on 103rd meridian can not now be found and identified, the Texas Court could find nothing by this statute which would prevent the line from going to the mathematical 103rd meridian, thence north 4 miles, thence obliquely north-west to the end of Clark's 194 miles run from the north.

The Commissioners will have many difficulties and on this one he will need material aid. If the United States passes a similar act, the method of remarking Clark's line will be fully defined on both sides, and will repeal so much of former acts as applies to this part of Clark's line by assuming that Clark's line is the boundary where it can now be found and identified. This matter seems of sufficient importance to require the proper correction of the Legislature now in session.

Yours respectfully.



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W. D. TWICHELL,
SURVEYOR,
Texas, Land Boundaries a Specialty.

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Amarillo, Texas. Feby. 15" 1905.

Hon. JohnJ. Terrell,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

For your information I inclose Hon. John H. Stephen's letter. He considers my recent suggestion a good one. Please return his letter.

Yours respectfully,

W D Twichell

710 Pierce St.

The same objection is found in the act passed by our Legislature;

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

WASHINGTON.

Februray, 11th. 1905.

Mr. W. D. Twichell,

Amarillo, Texas,.

Dear Twichell:-

Your letter to hand relative to amending a clause in my bill to remark the boundary line between Texas and New Mexico.

I think your amendment a good one, but there is no possible chance to get favorable action on this bill during the present session of Congress, so during the vacation I will see you personally and we can draft a bill, to be introduced in the next Congress to cover all weak points in the present bill.

Some time, when you are not very busy, I would be glad if you would draft a bill from the old one and when I see you we could discuss all matters and make any corrections necessary.

Very Truly Your Freind.

Jno H Stephens

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General Land Office,

State of Texas.

Austin.

JOHN J. TERRELL, COMMISSIONER.
J. T. ROBISON, CHIEF CLERK.

February 24, 1908.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to give evidence of the very superior ability of Hon. W. D. Twichell of Amarillo, Texas, U. S. A., as a surveyor of land. He has been under my appointment as State Surveyor for several years. During that time he has surveyed much original work and resurveyed and permanently settled a great deal of complicated problems. In all of his activities, both public and private, he has been proven by every test to be honest and capable. I will state with confidence that should anyone, either within or without, the United States of America employ Mr. Twichell to perform any service, and especially that of surveying land, the work will be done with integrity, honesty and the to the full satisfaction of every one.

His assistants are always selected from gentlemen of high character and splendid equipment for the particular work to be performed. Mr. Twichell does all of his surveying with the latest improved and most accurate scientific instruments. He may be relied upon implicitly for he will not perpetrate a wrong upon any one.

IN TESTIMONY OF the foregoing, witness the impress of the Seal of the General Land Office of Texas, U. S. A, this the 25th day of February, 1908.

Commissioner General Land Office
of Texas.

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STENOGRAPHER AND NOTARY
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Respectfully referred to the Comm. of Genl Land Office 2-25-13. Evan Rosenberg

25 cts Expressage paid by G. S. O. see L. J. Bailey

Waco, Texas. Feb. 22, 1912.

Earnest von Rosenberg, Esq.,
c/o General Land Office,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with letter of Feb. 18, 1913 of W. D. Twichell of Amarillo to me, on yesterday Feb. 21st, I expressed to you collect the following:

1. Large Volume Senate document bound in sheep showing Clark's establishment of the State line.

2. Blue print map showing 60 miles of survey, and

3. Document 259 Kidder's Report,

as per carbon copy of letter this day written Mr. Twichell herewith enclosed.

I see that Mr. Twichell refers to some bill that is being prepared relative to some boundary line. If this bill refers to the boundary line north of Lipscomb County between Texas and Oklahoma, I would like any information you could give me in reference to the matter if the bill is passed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of above volume, map and Kidder's Report, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

W B Carrington

CBC.

Counter # 73698

Waco, Texas. Feb. 22, 1913.

Hon. W. D. Twichell,

Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I received your favor of Feb. 18th, and in compliance therewith on yesterday expressed to Mr. Earnest von Rosenberg, Care General Land Office, Austin, Texas, by American Express Co. the following:

1. Large Volume Senate document bound in sheep showing Clark's establishment of the State line.

2. Blue print map showing 60 miles of survey, and

3. Document 259 Kidder's Report, being the volume, blue print and Kiddor's report which you heretofore forwarded me, and described in your letter of May 12th, 1912, and which you requested me in your letter of the 18th to forward to Mr. Von Rosenberg. I mail him a carbon copy of this letter at Austin.

Is the bill which you refer to as now being prepared in reference to the boundary line north of Lipscomb County between Texas and Oklahoma, and would it affect the matters heretofore inquired about by me and referred to in your letter of May 12, 1912? If so, kindly give me any information you can in reference to it.

Trusting this is satisfactory, I am,

Yours very truly,

CBC.

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W. D. TWICHELL
AMARILLO, TEXAS

Carbon copy fot Mr. von Rosenberg's information.

February, 24, 1913.

Mr. W. B. Carrington,

Waco Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of Feb. 22nd., and I wish to thank you for your prompt attention in sending senate document etc. to Mr. Earnst von Rosenberg, care the General Land Office, by American Express. The bill now being prepared refers to the East line of the Panhandle more particularly, but also mentions the North line, so if you have anything you wish to indicate in this bill, you should confer with Hon. R. B. Templeton at once.

Yours truly,

W D Twichell

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Respectfully referred to the Comm. Genl Land Office 3-1-1913. Ovan Rosenberg

Waco, Texas. Feb. 28, 1913.

Earnest von Rosenberg, Esq.,

c/o General Land Office,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of Feb. 22nd relative to the package expressed to you at the instance of Mr. W.D.Twichell, I am also forwarding you by this mail under separate cover another plat which was also forwarded to me by Mr. Twichell, and which I assume is the vellum plat to which he referred in a letter to me of May 27th. Anyway, this plat and the blue print heretofore forwarded you are the only maps which he sent me outside of those contained in the Senate document which I forwarded to you in the package referred to in mine of the 22nd. I could not then find this vellum plat enclosed today, and the sending of this vellum plat would cover all of the matter which Mr. Twichell sent to me and which he desired sent to you at his instance.

Please acknowledge receipt of this last enclosure & former pkg and oblige,

Yours very truly,

CBC.

W B Carrington

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Texas State Boundary Line 2

March 1st 1913

Mr. W. B. Carrington
Suite 601 Amicable Bldg.
Waco, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of Express package containing a book. Marked M. D. Taylor and a sketch by mail this morning of the north boundary line of Texas. They have been referred to the Commissioner of the Gulf Land Office.

Respectfully
D. van Riemsdyk

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