

Mr.

W. D. Tuttle
 Care, Worth Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Sir;--In pursuance of my telegram this morning, I write you this letter in order to advise you of your movements. Col.D.S.Woods of Barstow, Texas, who was under contract and was surveying the public domain in West Texas for the State, died at Barstow, Monday. I want you to take the first train for Barstow, Ward county, on the T.P.Ry, and upon your arrival there, call for Mr.D.Boone, who was Col.Woods' first assistant. Ask him to deliver to you all of the field-notes, maps, tracings and other data, held by Col.Woods by virtue of his being the State Surveyor, and performing this work; and advise me fully as to what has been accomplished and also the number and names of counties in which complete surveys have been made of all of the public domain; and what work has been performed in counties in which the work is incomplete. I shall want you to make arrangements to complete the work, I agreeing to pay you \$125.00 per month.

2.(W.D.T.)

I presume there will be no difficulty in procuring Col.Woods' surveying outfit and men whom he had in his employ. Mr.Daniel Boon, the present first assistand, will continue as first assistant under you, unless a change is made under your advice.

If possible, I will try to meet you in Fort Worth, in order to advise you more fully.

Very truly yours,

Dict.(Carter)

Charles R. ...
 Commissioner.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 9, 1949

I, BASCOM GILES, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the reverse hereof and attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the original

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Record of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said office the day and date first above written.

Bascam Giles

Commissioner of the
General Land Office

Mr. Dan Wortham,
Towson, Texas.

Dear Sir:--In reply to your letter of the 20th ult. stating that you failed to give to me the money which was intended to be paid to you for the purpose of carrying out the contract made with Col. D. S. Woods, deceased, under said contract, I am sorry to hear that you have failed to do so. I am sorry to hear that you have failed to do so.

To,
W.D. Twichell,
Austin, Texas, November 8, 1900.

Dear Sir:--

You are hereby appointed State surveyor for the purpose of carrying up and completing the work undertaken by D. S. Woods, deceased, in his contract with the State, dated, 23rd day of May, 1900, a copy of which is on file in the General Land Office. It is understood that if you accept this appointment, you will file your bond as State surveyor and proceed to carry out the unfinished part of the work, as begun by him under said contract, and if the work should be stopped prior thereto by myself, and it is understood that the contract between the State and yourself will be the same as that made with Col. D. S. Woods, with the exception that your salary will be \$125 per month. You will observe that in said contract certain specific amounts are allowed for the employment of assistants, chain carriers, flag-men, and their horses, teamster, cook, supernumeraries and provisions, horse feed, and hire wagons and teams. The amounts specified per month are the maximum, and if the work can be accomplished for less than said amount, my confidence in you leads me to believe that you will make the expense as light as you can.

Charles P. ...
Commissioner, General Land Office.

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W. D. TWICHELL'S appointment and
instructions as State Surveyor,
November 1900.

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