

For reprint of this letter  
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Every acre of land belonging to the  
School fund was on the market  
prior to the going into effect of the act of  
1897. Lists of which were furnished  
by R W Hall + W L Wadsworth and  
record was required to be kept by the Clerk  
see sec 6. 1887 page 84 - Repealed in  
sec 6 act 1895 see page 66. In addition  
to this in a public announcement in all the  
daily papers of the state on July 25 1897  
I informed everybody that all these lands  
were to be on the 20th of August 1897  
be on the market at 1.00 & 1.50 under the  
new law. This notice was not necessary  
nor not required under the law. So that at  
the time ~~there~~ any of the lands ~~of~~ ~~which~~  
which were furnished by both my predecessors  
were on the market, except after sale.  
The only lists which I have furnished  
you have been acknowledged. So that you  
will see that if you ~~do not~~ or your predecessors  
have not kept up the book as required under  
both these laws it cannot be the fault of  
County # 75439

9-27-1899.

Wm. J. Ferrell

County # 75443

County # 75444



To H. A. Walton  
Co. Clk of  
Mottley Co.

9-26-98

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... of you could be at large places  
... and see the hundreds of letters  
from all over the west complaining that the  
Clerks say all the lands are sold or not  
on the market - and begging me to furnish  
them with lists of un sold ~~land~~ land, you  
could readily understand how much I  
have needed your assistance in keeping  
the entries properly made on your books and  
keeping them open to public inspection  
One of the chief causes of delay has been  
in trying to inform the people that all the  
lands on on the market in your office,  
and also informing them whether they  
or that section was on the market - If  
you all would keep the book as the land  
is sold to require I would have been saving  
the writing of thousands of letters, and kept  
down much complaint - against me  
and yourself - The letter written to the Surveyor  
or according to what you say of it - is  
correct and I am quite sure I have  
written 10000 such letters all over the west  
for the past four years

Counter 75441

3-27-1899

J. J. Ferrell

Counter # 75443

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Car. Baker

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# GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

W. L. McGAUGHEY, COMMISSIONER.  
M. E. GROOS, CHIEF CLERK.

AUSTIN, Texas,

County Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.

Dear Sir:

By reference to Chap. 47, Sec. 6, Acts of the 24th Legislature, you will observe that it is made my duty "to notify in writing the county clerk of each county of the valuation fixed upon each section of land in his county, and in each county attached to it for judicial purposes, which are offered for sale". Upon consultation with the Attorney-General on this matter, I am advised that such notification may be made by letter. In view of the fact that my predecessors have as a rule placed the valuation of the State lands at the minimum price as fixed by the various Acts, which course has received universal approval as well as subsequent legislative sanction; and in view of the further fact that no appropriation has been made to defray the necessary expenses of State agents to review the lands to determine the valuation of each section, I have concluded that the State's interests as well as the public generally demands that the valuation of all such lands be fixed at the minimum prices contemplated under the law, except in special cases, which will be advised.

You are, therefore, hereby officially advised that the valuation of all lands placed on the market under act of 1887 and amendatory Acts thereof, as shown by the official record thereof in your office, classified as "Agricultural", be and the same are hereby valued at \$2.00 per acre and upon lands classified as "Grazing" at \$1.00 per acre.

You will please note changes of valuation accordingly upon the record of Classification and Appraisement in your office, and kindly advise this Office that you have done so.

You are further advised that the classification of lands classified under Acts of 1879 and 1881 by the county surveyor, and not subsequently classified under the Act of 1887 and amendatory Acts, and approved by the Commissioners court, a record of which should be found in your surveyor's office, is to be regarded as the official classification and appraisement.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

*This letter was found in the mimeograph machine  
3-27-1899.  
J. M. J. Terrell*

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County # 75444



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GARRY MAUTO, Com'l

By Lh

80 cents,

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