

Austin, Texas, August 14, 1913.

The enclosed is a bill which has been introduced in the Legislature. Its object is to eliminate, recover and dispose of all excess in surveys (tracts) of patented or unpatented lands. This includes all surveys made by virtue of 1st, 2nd and 3rd class, bounty or donations, homestead pre-emptions, railroad and other internal improvement scrip surveys and county school land leagues that are now owned by individuals. I have read this bill and find same to be drastic in every form. The State is under no obligation to the school fund. The act of February 23, 1900, effective May 23, 1900, balanced the account between the State and the school fund. The State parted with all of her public domain at the time.

Articles 5347, 5348, 5349, 5396, 5397, 5398, 5399 and 5400 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 are O.K. and should remain in force and not be repealed, as they are being fully complied with.

Should this bill become a law it would create endless litigation and bloodshed, and retard the sale of all lands. Oh where is Texas drifting to?

An appropriation of say \$12,000 per year for the re-surveying under above mentioned articles, without their repeal and correctly establishing lines and corners of surveys and blocks of surveys, of which the original lines and corners were never made, termed chimney-corner or projected surveys, would serve a legitimate purpose, aid in quieting titles and accomplish all which might be in equity and good conscience demanded by the State.

Yours very truly,

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Old Miscellaneous County
Letter on excess in surveys

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