

Brazoria Texas Dec 14th 1874.

Dear J. J. Groves

Austin Texas

Sir

I have just received from your office a Postal card, declining to send some field notes I wrote for unless I first send the money, and stating that I owe the office 25 cts. You will please find the amount enclosed and I respectfully request to be informed what it is for as I had no idea I owed the office any thing and cannot imagine in what way I can have incurred a fee of that amount. I enclose a stamp for reply.

I have been doing business with your office for the last five years in a private and official capacity and have always hitherto been promptly furnished with such field notes as I required which have been as promptly paid for. The refusal in this case is unfortunate as I needed the information to enable me to locate certificates filed in my office and it is now too late to get them. It occurs to me that the owners of the certificates have cause for action against the State for their value.

I think a County Surveyor ought to be assisted by courtesy at least from the head of his department to such information as he may need to perform his official duties.

and if he is required to pay for the information his official position should entitle him to credit until he proves himself unworthy of it.

Respy Wm
Kennell Stevens
County Surveyor
Brax. Co.

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