

Primitivo Balli
3rd W Francis St
Brownsville Tex

Num. 2.

Despues de firmados por los herederos, en Brownsville,-----
el Señor José Besteiro, lo remitira al Señor Juan Manuel Balli
San Diego, Duval, Co Texas, para que lo guarde.-----

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June 20 1937

Copia testimonio de poder otorgado al Señor W.C. Chamberlain
por los Señores Juan Manuel Ballí, Pedro Balli y Josefa Ballí
el día 26 de Mayo de 1908. -----

Los infrasquitos, Juan Manuel Ballí de sesenta y seis años de edad y con habitación en el Rancho La Rosita, San Diego del Condado de Duval, Texas, y de transito en esta Ciudad, por sí y en Representación de sus hermanos Don Pedro Ballí de sesenta años de edad y Josefa Ballí de cincuenta y ocho años de edad, vecinos de Matamoros Tamaulipas, México, y de los descendientes de sus hermanos fallecidos Don Concepcion y Don Nicolas, del mismo apellido Confiere por el presente documento, poder generalísimo á favor del Señor W.C. Chamberlain, natural de Brownsville y radicado en esta ciudad en la calle de Hidalgo Numero 1604; para que los Represente en el Juicio Testamentario del Venerable Clerigo Don Nicolas Ballí, cuyo Testimonio de la Testamentaria fué expedido el dia 9 nueve de Agosto de 1828 un mil ochocientos veinte y ocho por el Escribano Público Lic. Don Matias Garcia, segun original, que desde luego deposita el primero nombrado en manos de su poderante Señor Chamberlain, quien se dá por recibido de dicho público instrumento para los efectos legales de su cargo, á fin de que haga las gestiones conducentes á que hayan lugar, para obtener los bienes raices, que les pertenecen, con motivo de dicha Testamentaria y que constan descritos en la misma del Numero I-uno al 27 veinte y siete, en cuyo ultimo Numero declara el Testador que son sus herederos sus Sobrinos Doña Maria Josefa Ballí Don Juan José Ballí-Padre del otorgante (Juan Manuel) Doña Rosa M^a Ballí, Doña M^a Guadalupe Ballí y Doña M^a Concepción Ballí, á los hijos de Don Francisco Ballí, haciendose entre todos un solo heredero y á los hijos de Doña Carmen Ballí, para que se partan de todo el caudal y lo gozen por iguales partes con la bendición de Dios, mandandoles que con los usufructos mantengan al Señor su Padre Don José M^a Ballí &c. &c. é igualmente declara el Testador que se tengan los bienes hasta su repartición á su sobrino Don Juan José Ballí y Doña Rosa M^a Ballí á quienes en la clausula 28 veinte y ocho encarga se de cuenta de lo otorgado; y reboca en la clausula 29 veinte y nueve, cuantas testamentarias hubiese hecho hasta la fecha del testamento cuyo testimonio fue expedido en la fecha indicada de 9 nueve de Agosto de 1828 un mil ochocientos veinte y ocho, que se adherira integramente en este poder y se considerará parte del mismo, y para cuyo efecto y en la mas bastante forma y con auencia de sus hermanos Pedro

y Josefa Ballí quienes firmaran de conformidad el presente instrumento en la Ciudad de Matamoras Tamaulipas, donde residen declara el primero nombrado (Juan Manuel Ballí) que por sí y en Representacion de los dichos otorga este poder al Señor W.C Chamberlain por el termino de tres años á contarse desde la presente fecha de veinte y seis de Mayo de mil novecientos ocho y que vencera hasta el veinte y seis de Mayo de un mil novecientos once, para que de hoy y en el transcurso de este tiempo gestione la posesión de los bienes descritos en la Testamentaria, con la renumeracion como honorarios de su cometido de un cincuenta por ciento de los bienes que logre adquirir, siendo de su cuenta los gastos que originen las gestiones que haga, y quedando ampliamente autorizado á nombrar mandatarios Judiciales, Arbitros amigables, y á ocurrir en debida forma por medio de autoridades competentes sin limitación alguna, pues desde luego y por el presente instrumento, estan conformes con cuanto haga y por cuantos medios emplee yá sea judicialmente ó amigablemente en lo particular, renunciando todo derecho en favor de su referido mandatario Señor Chamberlain, en quien depositan su confianza absoluta y completa, quedando así mismo autorizado á nombrar Juezes, aseptar transacciones, permutas, haser liquidaciones, y á aseptar, ó rechazar las que se le hagan, en virtud de este mandato, cuyas aseptaciones ó negaciones, aprobamos sin restréccion alguna como si hubiesen sido hechos por nosotros mismos. Quedando unicamente fuera de esta obligacion los derechos que yá con anterioridad transferimos en venta de las Tierras de Florida á los Championsds.-----

Firmando en esta ciudad como testigos del primero nombrado los Señores Juan G. Ballin y J. G. Escalante, mayores de edad legal y vecinos de esta ciudad, y por los Señores Pedro y Josefa Ballin de Matamoras, los Señores José Basteiro y Toribio S. Hernandez vecinos de Brownsville, siendo cuatro de un solo tenor, uno con el original de la Testamentaria sea del testimonio citado y las otras cuatro copias con copia autentica del mismo Testimonio, en la Ciudad de Laredo Texas á los veinte y seis dias del mes de Mayo de un mil novecientos ocho.-----

W. C. Chamberlain

Juan Manuel Ballí

Testigos
Juan G. Ballin

Testigos:
J. G. Escalante

SELLO SEGUNDO

(Aquí el Sello)

DOCE REALES.

Para los años

de 1827 y 1828.

En el nombre de Dios Amen.

Sepan cuantos este mi testamento vieren como yó el Br D. Nicolas Ballí Clerigo Presvitero de este Obispado y actual Cura Beneficiado de esta Villa de Matamoros; Que soy originario de la Villa de Reinosahijo legitimo de D. José M^{te} Ballí y de Dña Rosa M^{te} Ynojosa, ya difuntos, que soy Catolico Christiano, Apostolico, Romano que creo todos los misterios de nuestra Santa Fé, vajo cuya creencia quiero vivir y morir, y que havandome en mi entero juicio y cabal salud, pero temeroso no vaya á padecer algun grave accidente que no me deje testar comodamente lo hago ahora en la forma siguiente.-----

1. Primeramente mando que mi cuerpo sea sepultado en la Parroquia del lugar donde me cogiere la muerte, con entierro, Mayor Vigilia y misa de cuerpo presente, y que se aplique por mi alma un novenario de misas cantadas con sus respuestas.-----
2. Declaro tambien primeramente por vienes mios, la casa de mi morada con todos los muebles, Ropas y alajas que en ella se contienen.-----
3. Ydem declaro por vienes mios cinco platos, diez cubiertos una vandeja grande, una taza, un tintero y un brasero todo de plata.
4. Declaro por vienes mios un par de villas de Oro, de mi uso.-----
5. Ydem declaro un estante de libros que se compone de varias obras, diccionarios y demas.-----
6. Ydem declaro por vienes mios un caliz de plata, cuatro ornamentos de seda, á saver, Blanco, encarnado, Verde y negro, una Alva, Amito y Singulo, y todo esta en esta Parroquia de Matamoros, declaro asi para que conste.-----
7. Ydem declaro por vienes mios una casa de ladrillos que se compone de sala y cuarto cita en la calle que de plaza sale al Norte por el lado del Oriente y esta fundada en veinte y dos varas que del fondo de su solar me vendio Dña Ysidora Villarreal y sus dos hijas Manuela y Guadalupe de la Sorda. Declaro asi para que conste-----

Ydem declaro que en el mismo solar de la mencionada Teodora Villarreal tengo diez y seis varas de frente con su correspondiente fondo que me vendieron los Franceses Don Emilio Menauton y D Juan Fouga, como consta de la Escritura que me traspasaron, y se

The State of Texas,
County of Webb.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Juan Manuel Balli and W. C. Chamberlain, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th day of May, A.D. 1908.

E. A. Aiken, Jr.
Notary Public Webb County Texas.

- # encontrara en mis papeles. Declarolo asi para que conste.-----
9. Ydem declaro por vienes mios un solar que tengo en la esquina de la plaza de esta Villa de Matamoros en la cuadra del Poniente del lado del Sur el cual tengo poblado con casas pagisas, sembrados de ~~arboles~~ adobes que se componen de una sala, una recamaras tres cuartos de comercio y otras piezas internas.-----
10. Ydem declaro por vienes mios, un solar que fué de mi Madre Dña Rosa M^a Ynojosa cito en la plaza de la Villa de Reinosas en la cuadra del Poniente al lado del Sur con un cuarto de piedra. Declarolo asi para que conste.-----
11. Ydem declaro tener en la Parroquia de Reinosas un fierro de hacer ostias.-----
12. Ydem declaro tener en la dicha Villa de Reinosas en casa de Dña M^a Ygnasia Cavasos un Santo Cristo de una vara de alto.-----
13. Ydem declaro por vienes mios el Agostadero de los Fesia esto para de aquel lado del Rio Grande que se compone de veinte y cuatro sitios de tierra siendo de cavecera por la orilla del Rio desde la puerta del potrero de las Nuncias, que esta al Oriente, hasta el sendero del baston Rumbo al Poniente, y de fondo hasta los linderos que confinan y estan cerca del Rancho de Santa Rosa; y declaro que primero compuso y tomo posesion mi difunta Madre Dña Rosa M^a de Ynojosa de doce sitios de tierra de que se componia el agostadero antiguo de dicha Texia y despues se agrego dentro mi difunta Madre doce sitios mas que se midieron y se pagaron al Rey en funciones de las tierras que componen el Agostadero de la Taxia, que compuso y se le dio á mi tio Dn Vicente de Ynojosa, y dichos doce sitios agregados al agostadero de la Taxia eran comprendidos en un cuadrilongo desde el pasage nombrado el OJO de AGUA rumbo al Oriente y pasando por el llano de las Chatorias ba rumbo al Poniente á unirce á dicho agostadero de la Taxa, y contaba asi en su mapa y por quanto la medida de dicho quadrelongo se hisieron á costa de mi referida Madre y todos los gastos hasta su composicion, y traspaso de dichos doce sitios, luego que mi tio Don Vicente Ynojosa tomo posesion, le hizo á mi mencionada Madre dejacion y traspaso de dichos doce sitios de tierra como consta del Ynstrumento Publico que al efecto se hizo en la Villa de Reinosas cuyo testimonio se hayara agregado á los titulos del Agostadero de la Fesia que estan en mi poder declarolo asi para que conste.-----
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14. Ydem declaro por vienes mios el potrero nombrado de las Castañas agregado al Agostadero de la Texia por venta juridica que de el hizo Dña M^a Rita de la Garza, declarolo asi para que conste.-----
15. Ydem declaro por vienes mios tres sitios de tierra en el agostadero de Guadalupe digo Llano Grande que le correspondian á mi Madre Dña Rosa M^a de Ynojosa por legitima herencia, declarolo asi para que conste.-----
16. Ydem declaro por vienes mios nueve sitios de tierra en el Agostadero de Guadalupe cito en esta jurisdiccion que con todos sus derechos y acciones me vendio Don Chrisostomo Long^a vecino de esta Villa de Matamoros, cuyas escrituras de venta con su legitimo traspaso se hallaran entre mis papeles; declarolo asi para que conste.-----
17. Ydem declaro por vienes mios el Agostadero de la Ysla de Santiago que se compone de once sitios de tierra los cuales tengo medidos y adjudicados y actualmente estoy componiendo con el Gobierno de este Estado de Tamaulipas, hasta conseguir sus titulos; y dicho agostadero deveria ser partible por mitad con mi Sobrino Juan Ballí siempre que pague la mitad de los costos cuyo apunte se hayara en mi libro de Gov^{no}; declarolo asi para que conste.-----
18. Ydem declaro por vienes mios una estancia corta de cria de Cavavada y mulada que tengo en dicho agostadero de la Ysla de Santiago la cual se la tengo dada á medias por el termino de tres años á mi sobrino Don Juan José Ballí, con arreglo al instrumento que á este fin hizimos y firmamos entre ambos y se hayara entre mis papeles, declarolo asi para que conste.-----
19. Ydem declaro por vienes mios como trecientas rocas de Fierro arriba que tengo en dicho agostadero de la Ysla; declarolo asi para que conste.-----
20. Ydem declaro que la Capellania de Cuatro mil pesos que en efectivos reales fundaron mis Padres en este Obispado y de que yo soy Capellan viendo mi Madre Dña Rosa Maria de Ynojosa que arrian riesgo de perderse, recogio y agrego al comulo de los demas otros cuatro mil pesos y los aseguré con los de la Texia, tanto el viejo como el que le traspasé á Vicente Ynojosa y demas vienes havidos y por yo en este año de un mil ochocientos veinte efectivo y sacados de mi propio caudal los cuatro mil pesos.

de dicha Capellania como consta de los recibos que al efecto he cobrado del Provisor de esta diocesis de Don José Leon Lobo y se hallaran entre mis papeles por lo que me nombro dueño de todas las tierras que heran de mi difunta Madre Dña Rosa - M^a de Ynojosa y tambien de la que heredó del agostadero de Lla - no; declarolo asi para que conste.-----

21. Ydem declaro que tengo satisfecho á mi hermano José M. Ballí toda la herencia que le correspondia de los bienes que dejó mi difunta Madre Doña Rosa Maria de Ynojosa y tambien le tengo satisfecho la mitad de la parte que de dicha herencia de mi Madre le correspondia á mi hermano el Capⁿ Don Juan José Ballí, y dejó á favor de entre ambos dicho mi hermano el Capⁿ y el recibo y consta de dicho mi hermano José M. Ballí se hayara entre mis papeles. Declarolo asi para que conste.-----

22. Ydem declaro que para esta fecha á nadie le debo nada; pero no obstante, si en algun tiempo resultase contra mi alguna deuda - vien justificada, mando á mi albacea que se pague, declarolo asi para que conste.-----

23. Ydem declaro que se hayan en mi poder doscientas obejas que mi difunta Madre Dña Rosa M. de Ynojosa dejó fincadas para que con su renta se cante una misa anualmente el dia quince de Agosto dia de la Asunción y se pague tambien un novenario de misas resadas que para el mes de Noviembre se aplique por las almas vendidas del purgatorio, y yo con consentimiento de los Señores Curas de Reinosá he estado anualmente haciendo esta funcion y aplicando dichas misas hasta la fecha y si para cuando muera no he fundado dicha finca en Reinosá mando á mi albacea la funden. Declarolo asi para que conste.-----

24. Ydem declaro que cien pesos que mi difunta Madre dejó para la Fabrica material de la Parroquia de Reinosá, se los entregue al Señor Cura Juan José Cardenas como consta de su recibo, que se hayará entre mis papeles. Declarolo para que conste.-----

25. Ydem tambien declaro que un par de bracerillos de oro que mi difunta Madre dejó para que con ello se dorase la custodia de la parroquia de Reinosá los tenia en poder de Dña Ygnacia Cava - sos vecina de dicha Villa y si ella los tomó el Señor Cura Don Mig. Martinez para verificar otro dorado, pero hasta ahora no he podido conseguir otro recibo de ellos, mando á mis albaceas lo cobren. Declarolo asi para que conste.-----

26. Ydem declaro que el solar que tengo en la esquina de la Plaza

- # de esta Villa de Matamoras con todo lo que en el esta fabri-
y Fabricare en adelante se lo dejo en herencia por separado
mejorada a mi sobrina Doña Maria Josefa Ballí sin perjuicio
su demas herencia por que me há asistido con fidelidad y me á
ayudado á desempeñarme. Declarolo así para que conste.-----
27. Ydem declaro por mis herederos á mis sobrinos Dña Maria Josefa
Ballí, Don Juan José Ballí, Dña Rosa Maria Ballí, Dña Maria Guada-
lupe Ballí, Dña Maria Concepcion Ballí, á los hijos de Dn Francé-
-cisco Ballí, haciendo entre todos un solo heredero y á los hi-
-jos de Dña Carmela Ballí, haciendo entre todos un solo heredero
para que se partan de todo mi caudal, y lo gozen por iguales -
partes con la bendición de Dios y les mando que con el manten-
-gan á su Padre Don José Maria Ballí y en muriendo lo entierren
con descencia. Declarolo para que conste.-----
28. Ydem declaro por mis albaceas y Fidecomisos para que cumplan, y
hagan guardar este mi testamento y tengan los vienes hasta su
repartición á mi sobrino Don Juan José Ballí y á Dña Maria Jo-
-sefa Ballí y á Dña Roca Maria Ballí á quienes encargo la con-
-ciencia de cuanto dicho es, y en el esta otorgado. Declarolo -
así para que conste.-----
29. Ydem declaro que ambos revoco cuantos testamentos y codicillos
tenga hecho hasta esta fecha y en particular revoco y anulo el
testamento que el año de mil ochocientos once otorgué en este
mismo lugar ^{ante} antiguo de Jesus Solis siendo con la misma fuerza
rebocó y anulo un codicillo que el año de mil ochocientos quin-
-ce otorgue ante Don Felipe Roque de la Partilla siendo Alc. y -
quedando por de ningun valor, pido y hago al Sr Alc. de primera
Elección Presidente Dn Matias Garcia autorice este mi testamen-
-to para la mayor revalidación. Hecho en la Villa de Matamoras -
á los seis dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y
ocho; y yo el Ciud. Matias Garcia Alc. prim. de esta Villa y Puer-
-to de Matamoras habiendoseme presentado este testamento hoy -
siete de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho por el Sr Cu-
-ra este lugar Ciud. Nicolas Ballí me hise cargo de las mismas
que fallé arregladas á la practica de testamenterias conforme
á la Ley que constituye estas, en consecuencia pregunte al men-
-cionado Sr Cura á presencia de los testigos instrumentales, que
lo fueron los Ciudadanos Rafael Solis, José M. Gomez y Don Nico-
-las Cavazos que de la antecedente disposición es hecha segun
la voluntad y buena conciencia á lo que contestó que sí y que

el Citado Alc. hube por admitido el mencionado testamento el mismo que mando se archive en el protocolo de mi cargo para suprema constancia y feé de lo hecho firmandolo con migo el testador y los testigos de mi asistencia con quienes actuo á falta de escribano Pub. que no lo hay segun derecho doy fé.-- Matias Garcia-Nicolas Ballí--Asist. Manuel Galan Asist. Juan José Galver lo tachado por debajo que dice así- Guadalupe digo no vale Se saca este testimonio hoy 9 de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho, á pedimento verbal del Señor Cura Ciudadano Nicolas Ballí cuyo documento esta yqual y conforme con el testamento original - que obga en el Juzgado de mi cargo al que me remito, salvando la enmendatura que á si mismo se á tachado, siendo testigos Manuel Galan y Juan José Galver, á mas de los Ciud. Rafael Solis, Jose M. Gomez y - Don José Nicolas Cavazos, á mas de dos de mi asistencia con quienes autoriso á falta de escribano Público que no lo hay segun el dro p provl. doy fé. firma. Matias Garcia.

Asist. Manuel Galan.

Asist. Juan José Galver.

Juan Manuel Ballí

*Subscribed to before me by Juan Manuel Ballí
this 26th day of May, A.D. 1908.*

*E. A. Añón, Jr.,
Notary Public,
Veracruz, Texas.*

Estado de Tamaulipas.

Supremo 2º
de Matamoras

Año
De 1828.

Expediente de Medidas y
Demarc.^{on} del Ferreo de la Isla
del Brazo de Santiago, Sito en
esta Jurisdiccion. Denunciado por
el Gobierno de este Estado. al
Ciudadano B.^o Nicolas Balli Co-
Antiguo poseedor de aquel Ferreo, y
a su Sobrino Juan Balli.

Nº 404.

Des de Medidas. }
Cind. Juan Song. y Gra.

Escrito Agrimensor }
Cind. Domingo Sastre

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Diligencias de medida, promovidas
por el Presbítero Nicolas Balli, de la
Ysla de Santiago. Dic. 11 de 1827.

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Siendo que en una me-
dida de tierras de an. de
el Superior Gobierno en la
Ysla llamada Corpus Cris-
tina en esta jurisdicción, y ha-
biéndose dado en ejecución
no poder verificarse la medida
y la por el reclamando el
reclamante como de la an. y
como reclamando en el padre
Ciudadano Nicolas Balli;
se da el primer a efectos
de la medida con el ofi-
cial de la Ysla de Santiago. De la
Ysla de Santiago se da la
an. correspondiente para
que se pague el an. y ex-
ecutado todo premita el

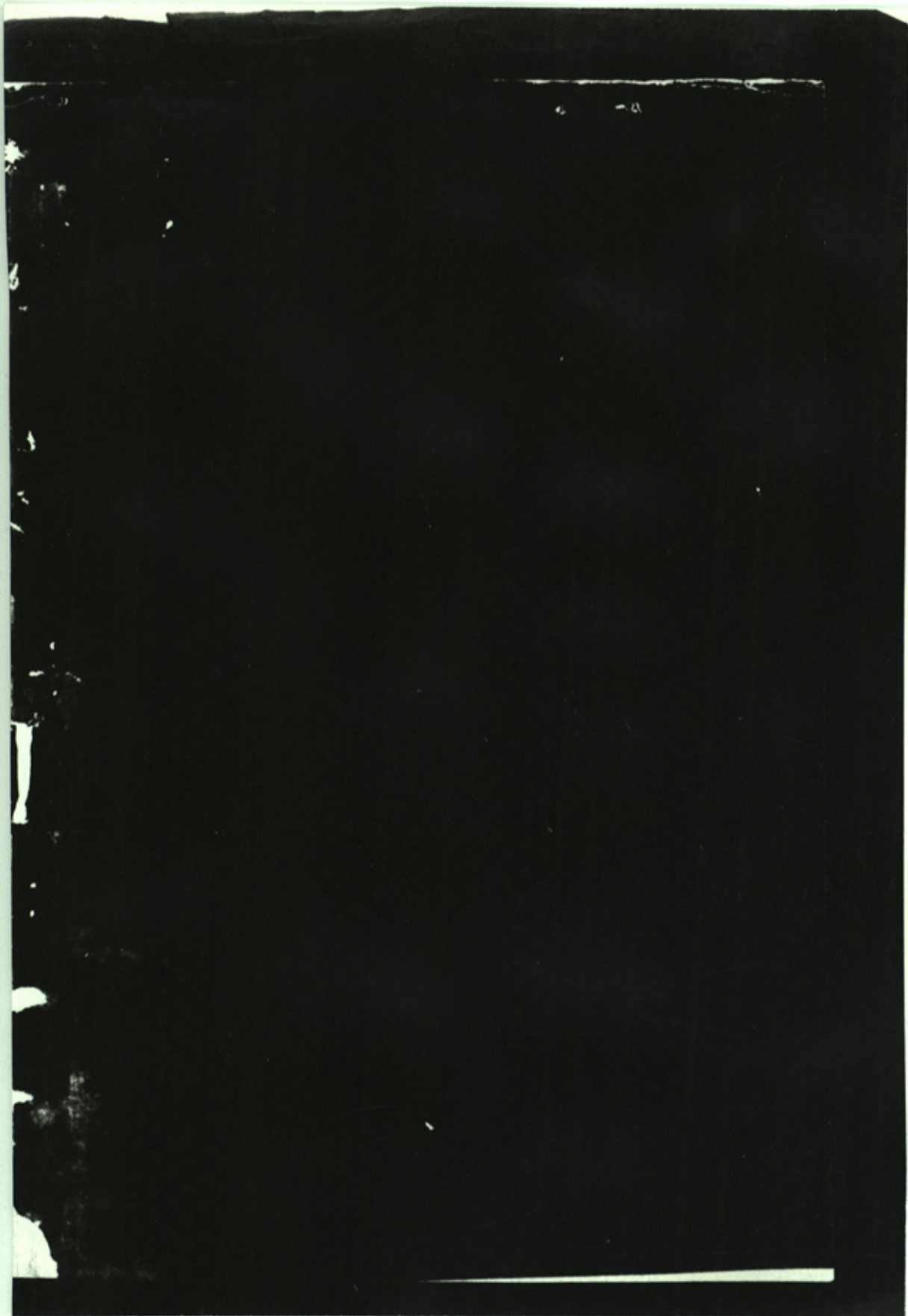
expediente de gobierno
de empujando con el
que se tenga de tener praci-
lar.

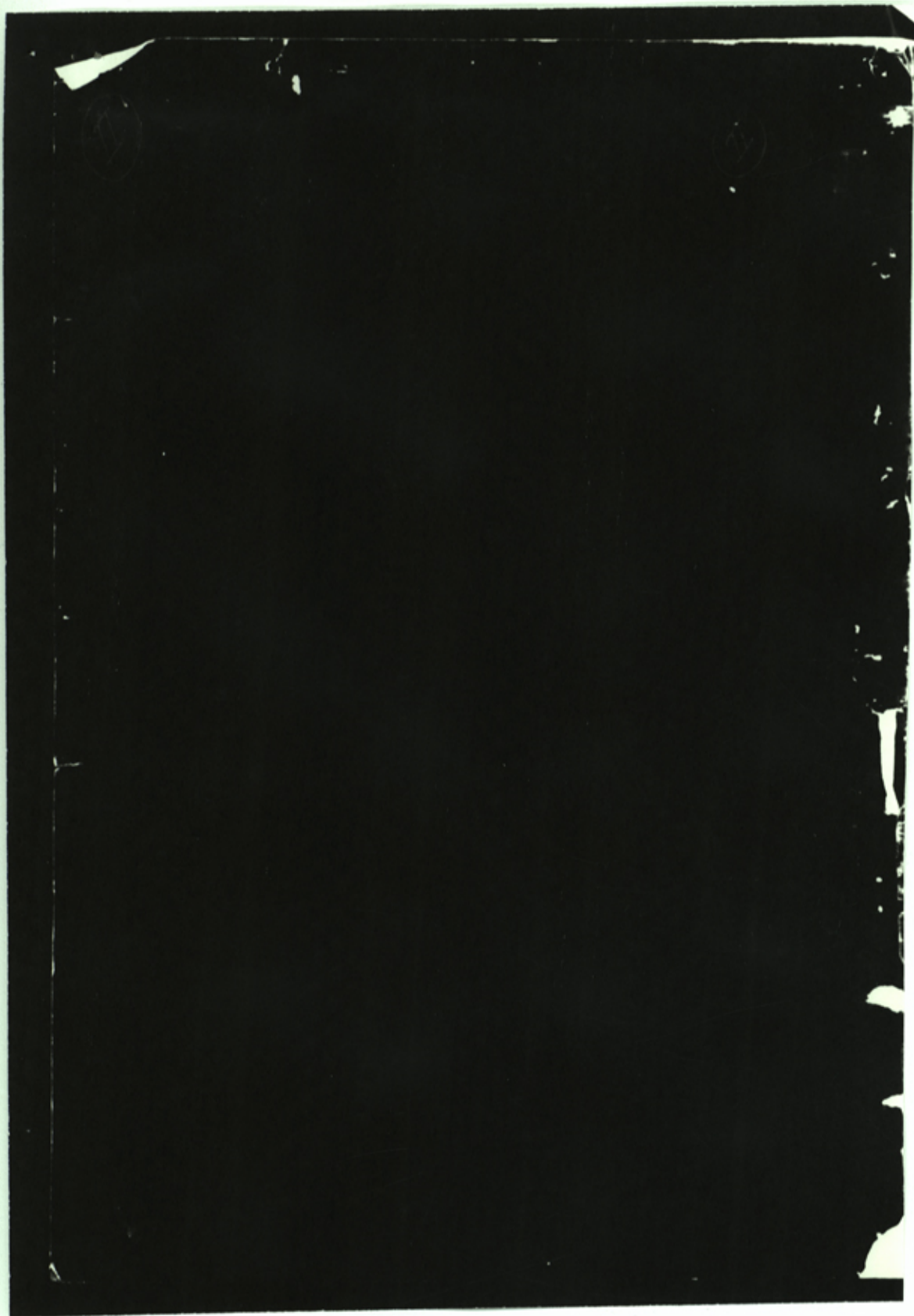
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de P. y M. de P. y M.
no de 1828. 5.º de la Un-
filiación de la Unión de
C. y M. de P. y M.

Matias Cruz
H.

Ciudadano Juan Longoria
y Genza G. y G. y G.





SELLO TERCERO.



DOS REALES.

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Como. Lta.

El Ciudadano Diego de Leon vecino a esta Ciudad, y apoderado al Escrivano D. Carlos Balli, Cura de Matamoros, de cuyo Poder se tomó razón en la Secretaria de esa Superintendencia, ante V. E. en la mas bastante forma que haya lugar en D. D. y al de mi parte conveniga, digo: que habiendo ocurrido por conducto de mi Poderdante al Juzgado de Reynosa en solicitud de nuevo Testimonio de la practica de diligencias por haber aparecido diminuto el que ocurrente a V. E., y no encontrándose el original en aquel archivo, y siendo de inferir que pudo haber padecido extravío en la época pasada, o que el Comisionado viera cuenta a esa Superintendencia con D. D. Expediente el año de mil ochocientos que era Gobernador el Conde de Sierra Gorda, me ha sido oportuno ocurrir a nuevo a V. E. replicándole a nombre de mi parte que en caso de que D. D. Expediente se halle en el archivo de Gobierno que hoy es al cargo

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de V.E. se sirva mandar se me dé testimo-
nio para perfeccionar el denuncia de
tierras de la Isla de Santiago, que como an-
tiguo poseedor tiene interpuesto mi Obeden-
dante; y en caso de no escribir dho. Obeden-
dante, se sirva V.E. dar por de nuevo de-
nunciado el terreno de la Isla de Santiago
que termina en el brazo de Corpus Christi,
y se compone de diez y nueve y medio Sitios
en favor de mi Obediente y su sobrino don
Juan José Balli, quienes están prontos a sa-
tisfacer el corte y costas por dho. terreno,
por convenirles así para el aumento y
crecer de los bienes que poseen, y evitar in-
corporacion de otros que les podría parar en
perjuicio. No dubo que V.E. teniendo en con-
sideracion todo lo expuesto, los daños y perju-
cios que siempre se han ocasionado los Indios
Canancabúas, se terrene a mas, no tener
calindancia alguna, vendrá en conceder
a mi Obediente la posesion que solicitan,
sirviendole libran orden al Jurgado de Sta-
tanxos para la practica de diligencias has-
ta ponerlos en quiera y pacifica posesion
de dho. terrenos, todo con acuerdo del Con-
sejo y audiencia del Virrey como lo previene
la Ley de Colonizaciones: Con tanto

A V.E. pido y suplico se sirva acceder a mi soli-
citud por ser así de justicia: bene en am-
ma de mi parte no proceder de malicia

SELLO TERCERO.



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protesto contra y lo necesaria V. Ciudad
Victoria Diciembre 11. de 1827. 4.º de la ins-
tallacion del congreso en este Estado.

(3)

Diego de Longoria

Ciudad Victoria Ent. 2 de 1828.

No encontrandonos en el Archivo de este Go-
bierno las dilig. originales ni en testimonio
of. en su parte notoria, y teniendo en con-
sideracion el dño. q. le asiste a las partes por
quien representa he venido en disponer q.
el Alcalde de la Villa de Matamoros, cuan-
do al aguiemeron nombrado por este Gobno.
Ciudad. Domingo de la Vuelta proceda a
la vista de opo y medida del terreno de la
Yma de Santiago y demas tramites q. la
Ley designa remitiendo lo practicado a este
Gobno. y en vista de no haber operacion
de dño. de obcion o propiedad, entiendo a
las partes el correspond. titulos de adju-

Dedicacion y propiedad.

Fernandez

Elenco de Dargos

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SELLO TERCERO.



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En la Villa de Matamoros a los ocho dias del Mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos veintio y ocho Yo, el Ciudadano Juan Comperia y Garcia, Alcalde de Segunda Nominacion a Esta Villa. Encumplimiento al Sup.^{to} Decreto del Excmo. Senor Gov.^{to} a este Estado a dos de Enero del Cor.^{te} año, y oficio del Sr. Alcalde prim.^o Ciudad.^o Pavia de Tamaulipas, a fines de Dto. pp. que citan p.^o principio de este expediente, y mandos de aprehension dize: Se prenda ala medida y demarcacion del terreno de la isla del Puerto de San Mateo, sito en esta jurisdiccion denunciado y adscribiendo p.^o el primer Gov.^{to} a este Estado. D.^{to} D.^{to} de la R.^{ta} como antiguo vecino a aquel terreno y a este ultimo Juan Comperia denunciado. Dto. con tal que al suplico del Excmo. Dto. para Dto. y a la Colonizacion a este Estado. Asi por este auto lo mande y firme con los Jueces y notarios con quienes antes apelen a Escritano Publico Nacional que no lo hay segun Dto. Dize fe.

Juan Comperia y Garcia

Asista.
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Asista.
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Y de inmediato haciendo hecho saber a los Excmos. Duenos y Habitaciones cercanas al Puerto de San Mateo la medida que se da al Sup.^{to} Gov.^{to} se ha de prender, y no volviendo opinion al

en obediencia a la Villa y Corpore conuenga a Dho. Srano, y a Dho.
 Alcalde pda. que fuesen faga faga deca en mandos y mandos
 se dice a comparendo al Ciudad.º Domingo a la Puente, Puerto. Qui-
 (4) -menor nombrado el el fco. y a este fco. pda. mandos al fco.
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 y firme con los a mi asistencia con quienes auto a que
 doy fee.

Juan Soria y Garza
 Asista.
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Conuenga en cumplimiento al auto q. antecede comparendo
 ante mi y los a mi asistencia la persona del Ciudad.º Domingo
 a la Puente, para el fco. y a este fco. pda. mandos al fco.
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Domingo de
 La Puente
 Juan Soria y Garza
 Asista.
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 Asista.

Y

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los es mi sentencia con quien como Dño. y Doy
feci.

Juan Long. y Garza

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Niolas 13 de

Juan Jose Balli

Ante.
Juan Jose Balli

Ante.
Juan Jose Balli

Juan Jose Balli

Yo el Notario Juan Jose Balli, en virtud de lo
comandado por los Códigos de Niolas Balli y Juan Balli,
hice comparecer ante mí y les di mi sentencia al Cód.
Domingo, solo fuese a quien doy fe con cargo, y preun-
to siendo le hice saber el contenido de la misma en la
persona p. los Cód. y para que interpusiera ya Códigos
y Códigos, y para que interpusiera ya Códigos
que ha sido de los de aplicación en el contenido de la
que supra y supra el cargo p. fuese practica en ella, y
en el acto p. fuese practica en forma de fuese feli, y
entonces se fuese a todo el mundo, y entonces se

Asistencia Con quina Autos Como Dho. u a
que day fee.

Juan Long y Garza

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Primo Longoria

Jose Mig^o Salinas

Asista.

Juan Long

Asista.

Eparan

Fran.^o Balli

En la Villa de Matamoras, a los once dias de Dho. Mes
y año Citado Yo el Ciudadano Juan Long y Garza Alc. de
segunda Nominacion a Dha. Villa para el conoci-
miento de las Tierras e Isla demarcada p.^a los Ciud.
B.^o Diego Balli y Juan Balli, hice marcha en Union
a los y mi asistencia, los Intendentes, Ayrimenson, Furi-
gos y Idemidad, y a mi Comitiva, y llegando al pa-
rase de Matamoras suspendi la marcha p.^a haberlo emba-
xado una fuerte Ullia q.^e se puso, y para su debida
comunicacion lo puse p.^a dilig.^a q.^e firmé con los y mi asis-
tencia Con quina Autos Como Dho. u day fee.

Juan Long y Garza

Asista

Juan Long y Garza

Asista.

Fran.^o Balli

En

el parase a San Martin alor Catorce Dias el mismo
Año y Año 18. el Excmo. Sr. en Vicio de haber compu-
-erto el tiempo principi la marcha en Union a los 4 mi. uni-
-tencia y a mas que me recomendaron para la Vta al Sr.
a Santiago ha desamparado. Reunimienos y haciendo alle-
-gado ha este punto me pare para la otra Vta a Edo-
-Rauco lo que para. Comenzamos para el diligencia q. firmé con
los 4 mi. uniendo con quien autuó como Dto. a Doy feci.

John Long

Charmante

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Franc^{co} Bally

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Dear Love: w/ Mary

Jose M^{te} Salinas

Mina
Luan Lee & Associates

James Longoria

Francis Bally Esq

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Fuero recibidos y algunas veces razonables algunos habian
una libranca a Juan Vidal y algunas veces a los interesados
lo que via. Comencia en el p. diligencia q. firmaron con mi
go de la vida de los años a mi asistencia con quien
asisto como Dho. i. Don Juan.

Juan Doming. Carrasco
Ximeno Longoria
Jose Migl. Salinas

Asista.
Juan Lopez de Carrasco
Francisco Bally

En diez y siete dias del mismo mes y año citados al autor
Dho. Alcalde en Union solo a mi asistencia los interesados el Agri-
-menos fides de los y demas q. me acompañan dependi la vida a
cso en el mismo paraje siendo en el autor q. asistido v. por dia peña-
de via. Comenzaba al dia 15 de q. via. Comenzaba p. dilig. q. firmaron con mi go los fides de los años a mi asistencia con quien
asisto como Dho. i. Don Juan.

Juan Doming. Carrasco
Ximeno Longoria
Jose Migl. Salinas
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Francisco Bally

Lucas Long, Jr. Clerk

of mine Son

Jose Mig Salinas

Francis Bailey

y alguna tierra y Caballada de los Indios lo que
 por constancia puse p. diligencia y firmaron con
 los sellos de sus manos y la de mi asistencia con que
 me acuerdo como Dios es Dios feo.

Juan Longoria y Carraga

Juan Longoria

José Miguel Salinas

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Asista.
 Juan Longoria y Carraga

Asista.
 Francisco Bally

En virtud de lo que el Mercedario y el Indio acordaron lo que
 mencionado fue en virtud de la constancia y de una escritura
 continúe la vida y de los que me dio para que en el presente
 siguiendo el mismo punto y de la de la vida. Llegó
 al Puerto de Coahuila en donde terminan las tierras me
 mencionadas en esta distancia y encuentro alguna Caballada
 Mercedaria y los mismos denominados tierra y muchos Meda-
 nos y los bien cultivos y frutos. Hay en esta tierra, unas tierras
 y tierra sembrada y habita algunos q. a. Hay en esto y muchas
 bastante abundancia, mucho ganado, Encinales de castaños, bastante Texoa
 y otros, muchas Alvercas y Agua dulce con mucho Aceite, q. se decono
 se sean durables, lo q. por constancia puse p. diligencia y firmaron con
 mis sellos de sus manos y la de mi asistencia con quienes me acuerdo
 como Dios es Dios feo.

Juan Longoria y Carraga

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Franc. Bally

Concurramos en Dho. dia mes y año. Y el conuenio de
nos haciendo finalizado la Cita e cpa. a las Tierras
e Hda. nombrada del Braco e Sanguay q. en Union se
h. a mi asistencia porser intercedida el Apuntamiento los
pales buidos y se mai Comitada se efectuó y reconoció
los límites de sus tierras Cerrzo y Terreno el que es
en las p. las muchas arbores, y de arame. e Agua

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que tiene p.^a varias bovedas q.^a guarda algunas pajas gran
de la Alca se alinea asi mismo el D^{ho}. Aguardero habi
endo p.^a temporadas sales y dices barbares. Enanchurados que
al presente estan a Paz y sin armar permanentes mas que
el que vegen en tiempo de lluvias barbares. Enanchurados y alber
cas que en ella hay p.^a lo q.^a solo es util para Caballada
y ganado Alanca p.^a el seguro y no tiene mas fuerza q.^a
unica p.^a donde cruzan q.^a es el Miedo Barro a San Juan
con lo que se conata. Ena. Vaca a q.^a lo que para conuen
cia puzo p.^a dilig.^a q.^a firmaron con nro. los fides biden
antes a los de mi presencia con quenta. Como D^{ho}.
a Day los.

Juan Lopez

Juano Longo
Jose Alig Salino

Alma.
Juan Lopez
Agustino

Alma.
Fran.^{co} Balby

En el mencionado paraje a Corpuchoite y en el propio
dia mes y año citados siendo como ala una y la tarde

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Yo, Dño. Alcatde en Union sales a mi asistencia
Peritos y demas acompañados ya mencionados para
la Vista de ofos; mandé al al Ciudad. Domingos a
la fuente como Aguinemio nombrado y juramen-
tado en forma pra. esta medida Comensare ha esta-
cer su Ministerio quien ante mi y Peritos y a mar q.
me acompañan como una barra en la mano a
largos Regulas y Acordos en ella uno sales extramos el
Cordel preparado pra. este fin midió a de Dha. haun
sinuenta ^{de con vara} Varas y Media sellada con el sello real
aico la cual es Usual en este Estado y Tamaulip.
y medias q. fueron Dhas. sinuenta Varas endonde
se completaron até el Ciudad Cordel ha otra bar-
ra a igual parte y poniendo un Ahupon aro una
primera linea tomando el punto a donde a dar
y dar. ella se tendió el Cordel siete Diez veces du-
de la Laguna Madre Tota. el Mar, en donde p. ha-
berse puesto el sol se suspendió esta Medida pra
proseguirla el dia siguiente. lo q. pra. Constancia
pore p. dilig. q. firmo con miso el Aguinemio
amas sales a mi asistencia con quienes asumo afalta
a Exisano Publico q. no lo hay seg. Dño. Voy feci-
re a mi oficio con la paz y justicia

Juan Doming.

Domingo de La Fuente

Asista.
Juan Estre
Garras

Asista.
Francisco Bally

En

Veinte y un dias a Dho. Au y Ano referido y en el mismo pue-
 se Citado en mi auto anterior. Yo Dho. Alcade en Union con
 mi asistencia y en presencia de tres mis acompañados mandé al
 Agrimensor midiere el Cordel quien habiéndolo verificado así se mi-
 dió cincuenta Varas como el día a Tercer advertiéndole que en cada
 Legua midiere el Cordel en toda su medida y poniendo el Altopon se hizo
 una línea Recta rumbo al Poniente, y Tercer esta se tendió el Cordel qua-
 renta Veces las que terminaron en el bordo de la Laguna Madre, y re-
 trocediendo a la orilla de la Playa para proseguir la medida se tendió
 a este punto, puesto el Altopon se hizo una línea Recta a Norte a
 Sur y Tercer ella se tendió el Cordel trececientas Veces, y donde ter-
 minaron se hizo una línea Recta a Oriente a Poniente y sobre ella
 se tendió el Cordel cincuenta y cuatro Veces que terminaron en
 el bordo de la Laguna, y retrocediendo a la orilla de la Playa se
 se puso el Altopon Tercer la misma línea a Norte a Sur, y Tercer
 ella se tendió el Cordel trececientas Veinte y cinco Veces, y donde
 terminaron se hizo una línea Recta a Oriente a Poniente y Tercer
 ella se tendió el Cordel cincuenta y nueve Veces que terminaron
 en el bordo de la Laguna Madre y se llegó al paraje de los Lau-
 relitos en donde p.^a hacerse punto el Sol se suspendió esta
 medida para proseguir el día siguiente, lo q.^e p.^a constancia pu-
 se p.^a diligencia q.^e firmó con mi go el Agrimensor Armas y los
 a mi asistencia con quienes antes como Dho. es Day feci = entre
 nosotros = q.^e fue en Carretera = V. =

Juan Don. y Garcia

Domingo de La Fuente

Asista.
 Juan Don. y
 Garcia

Asista.
 Fran. co Bally

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 el paraje al Rio de San Agustin, y en Viernes y Sábados
 Dho. San y uno To el Comendado fue con los de mi anterior
 y cuando por el día de los que me acompañan vengo al
 Aguardiente me lleva el cordel grande como se dio las
 taras de un y se le da de un. y continúo la medida de
 este punto fijo de la tierra hasta al fin p. la villa de
 la Palla, y de allí se fundo el cordel de un punto de un
 y cuando se funden. se fue una línea a la parte de
 y de allí se midieron veinte y dos cordeladas las que
 funden en el cordel de la línea, y continuando de allí
 la siguiente la medida de. y de allí se fundo el cordel de
 ciento y tres, y cuando se funden. se fue una línea a
 veinte y dos puntos y de allí se fundo el cordel veinte
 y tres que funden en el cordel de la línea, y p. había
 de haber una línea se funden la medida en el
 paraje de los campos de San Agustín donde se llegó con
 cuatro leguas medidas para comenzar el día siguiente
 lo que para comenzar por el día de. q. firmó con
 miso el Aguardiente de San Agustín de mi anterior
 con quienes Pedro como Dho. es Doy fe.

Juan José García
 Domingo de la Fuente

Atesta.
 Juan José García

Atesta.
 Juan José Bally

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Juan Lopez y Guzman Domingo de la Fuente

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Fran.^{co} Bally

En el paraje del Descriadero y en Veinte y siete dias en el mismo
año y uno. Lo el Comandante de la Real Armada de las Indias de España

SULLO TIRORIO.

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Lucas Lukens Group

Domingo de La fuente

2. Митя.
 3. Иван. 4.
 5. Григорий.

Alma.
Fran. w Bally

Im.

el puzo a la Virquilla a Loma alta y en Vinte y
nueve dias al Espinado Alto y en Vinte y cinco dias
en Union a las de mi Asistencia y en provincia de Loma
a mi Comitiva donde al terminarse midiere el Cordel
dandole como en forma de Diez las espaldas de un
Vaca y haciendole el mismo de Loma q. en cada una
q. se midiera de Loma a la Virquilla de Loma el mismo
q. en la Loma media la Loma y despidiendo asi se pro-
cedio la Loma a este mismo punto Lomando la orilla
de la Loma punto de Loma p. donde se fundo el Cordel en
veinte veces y en donde terminaron se hizo una raya
a oriente a Poniente y sobre ella se fundo el Cordel
diez veces q. terminaron en el lado de la Loma y
volviendo a tomar la orilla suya Loma p. el mismo
punto se fundo el Cordel diecinueve veces y en donde ter-
minaron se hizo una raya a oriente a Poniente y sobre ella
se fundo el Cordel Vinte y quatro veces q. terminaron en
el lado de la Loma y procediendo a la Loma siguiendo
el mismo punto se fundo el Cordel diecinueve veces y
en donde terminaron se hizo una raya a oriente a Ponien-
te y sobre ella se fundo el Cordel diez veces q. termi-
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ma Lomando el mismo punto se fundo el Cordel
treinta veces una raya al Loma a Loma en donde ter-
minaron entre ultimas Lomas y volviendo con sus Lomas
treinta cordeladas se midio se finalizo y quedo concluido
lo q. para constancia puse p. dilig. f. firmo conmigo el Escribano
Juan Luis de mi Asistencia con quienes auto de f. Doz. fei

Juan Luis de mi Asistencia Domingo de la Fuente

Asista.

Juan Luis de mi Asistencia

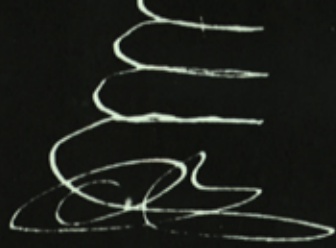
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San Salvador Mayo 24 de 1828

Al Consejo de Gobierno.

Excmo. Sr.



Juan de Vargas

Excmo. Sr.

Las leyes de la isla del Puerto de
Sanchez que se han de dar a la
Belli como Mando general, y que se le han
revisado por el Excmo. Sr. D. Juan de
Juan Belli, estan metidas por
poco a poco, segun el plan que con-
tiene, que la misma cosa legalmente se
ha, pero las leyes referidas no se han et-
ornado en lo que se debe, ni en el momento.
completo de la ley, con arreglo a la
ley, por que se ha cometido el error de
que se han de dar a la ley con el
de revision, y tiene en si algunas con-
venciones o separaciones, asi es que no qu-
iere en todo el expediente una sola

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diligencia que requiere el mayor ba-
 tor del Barro en razon de las como-
 didades que le proporcionan las lavas ma-
 nantiales, albañales y corrales de agua
 dulce y salobre. Remediando faltar es
 de consideracion respecto de las viviendas
 del Barro, las cuales se remedian en
 gran parte que ellas continúan grandes en este
 concepto. El Consejo opina, que en dan-
 do por un remedio no puede para-
 le a declarar con todo el remedio, y al-
 to para remediar nueva que se practique
 la ley en todas las partes, y así
 el primer punto puede considerarse el
 corregimiento de las propiedades en favor de
 los moradores, quienes por una cantidad muy
 corta respecto de la cantidad del Barro
 y de la cantidad de personas son a llevarse dos
 por D. José María Leguía por sí sola.
 y tan poca como que abunda en pro-
 ducción de frutos que la comarca es rica.
 Que es el Barro del Consejo, que queda supe-
 ra abarcar lo que se requiere, a las circunstancias
 del Barro. Ciudad de México Junio 7 de
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 Barro.

José B. de la Cruz

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Qd. Viro Junio M. de 1828.

Habiéndose conformado con el Gobierno.
con la aut.^a consultada al Consejo
Unión con exp.^{te} al H. C. de Ma.
Amor pro. g. cumpla con lo
q. ella dispone, en concepto de
q. evacuar todo lo devuelto
a este mismo Gobierno pro.
No conguiramos.

Hecho

Don de Norga

SELLO TERCERO.



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Plan Democrático de la Villa de Santiago
denunciada Uníformemente p.^a el Ciudad.^o Eccl.^o San-
tas Trullé, y de Sabino Francisco Ballé, Veces
la Villa de Matamoros a quien pertenece Dha.
Villa la cual esta comprendida entre el Mar
y la Laguna Madre. Su extensión es de 10.⁰⁰⁰
Comederos de Tierra y parte Laguna de Tierra y Lago
Cordoba. Su extensión es de 10.⁰⁰⁰ Comederos de
la parte mar. Tierra de Inmenza y parte Corde-
litas disminuyéndose por una y por otra di-
rección en desigual proporción. Su forma es
de angulo Esquadrado de 10.⁰⁰⁰ y 10.⁰⁰⁰ y
forman las orillas del Mar y la Laguna a
que limita la Demarcación del Puerto. E
Comprende esta Villa a Once sitios de San-
tiago y los Caballeros como Cometa por
la Demarcación Saniente.

Demostracion.

A.A.A.A. F.F.F.F.

La Figura y extension de la Isla de Norte a

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Sur. Sobre A. B. Figura primera se tendió
el cordel siendo diez veces y más ala Pla-
lla de Oriente a Poniente Sobre B. C. se
tendió el cordel cuarenta veces y terminó
en el bordo ala Laguna y quedó formado
un Triangulo que tiene siendo diez corde-
ladas de Longitud y Cuarenta de altura cuya
Superficie contiene sesenta Cuarenta quinientas
mil Varas Cuadradas. Y se lo q. compone el tri-
con a Correspondiente, de Norte a Sur y quien-
do la brilla ala Plalla Sobre B. C. se
tendió el cordel sesenta veces y alcanzó
al punto a Carnes Filadas de Oriente a Pon-
iente Sobre C. H. tendió el cordel cincuenta y
Cuatro veces y quedó formado un Cuadrangulo
de sesenta Cordeladas de Longitud y Cuarenta de
Latitud cuya area Cuadrada se compone de
quarenta Cuarenta quinientas mil Varas, y por
ser B. C. de Cuarenta Cordeladas y C. H. de cin-
cuenta y Cuatro queda también formado un Tri-
angulo que tiene sesenta Cordeladas de Longi-
tud y Cuarenta de altura que es la diferencia de
Cuarenta a cincuenta y quatro cuya area Cuadra-
da es, sesenta Cuarenta doscientas cincuenta mil Va-
ras de C. a D. se tendió el cordel doscientas Vín-
ta y sesenta veces y alcanzó alos Chanzos adri-
ente a Poniente Sobre la D. G. se tendió el
Cordel cincuenta y nueve veces, y quedó formado

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un Cuadrilongo que tiene Dieciocho Vientres y cinco
cordeladas de Longitud y Sincuenta y cuatro de
Latitud que componen diez Cuarenta y
ochenta y siete mil quinientos Varas Cuadradas y
p. la C. N. de Sincuenta y cuatro y D. G. de sin-
cuenta y siete queda formado un Triangulo de
Dieciocho Vientres y cinco Cordeladas de Longitud
y cinco de altura p. la Diferencia de Sincuenta
y cuatro a Sincuenta y siete que tiene de Super-
ficie un Cuarenta y siete Sincuenta y siete
mil dieciocho Sincuenta Varas Cuadradas Sobre
D. E. se fundo el Cordel Dieciocho Vientres y cinco
Vezes y alcanza a San Juan de las Cruces de
Oriente a Poniente Sobre la D. F. se fundo el
Cordel Cuarenta y siete Vezes y queda formado
un Cuadrilongo que tiene Dieciocho Vientres y
cinco Cordeladas de Longitud y Cuarenta y siete de
Latitud cuya Superficie es de diez Cuarenta y ocho
cientos Sincuenta mil Varas Cuadradas, y p. la
D. F. de Cuarenta y siete y D. G. de Sincuenta y siete
se forma un Triangulo que tiene Dieciocho Vientres
y cinco Cordeladas de Longitud y cinco de altura
cuya Area Cuadrada contiene de dos Cuarenta y ocho
cientos quarenta y siete mil Sincuenta Sincuenta
Varas, Sobre D. F. se fundo el Cordel Dieciocho
Vientres y cinco Vezes y alcanza ala Plaza en-
rada al Calvario de Oriente a Poniente Sobre
D. F. se fundo el Cordel Dieciocho y tres Vezes y que

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Se formará un cuadrilongo de línea y superficie
 Diez y ocho Cuarenta quinientos Cuarenta y seis mil
 quinientos Seis Cuadradas y el Triángulo que se
 le agregará sea Cuarenta quinientos Cuarenta y
 seis mil Cuarenta quinientos y quince Cuadradas
 la línea primera, formada por las partes
 impares de la línea y ocho Cuarenta quinientos y se-
 is mil Cuarenta quinientos. De donde a la
 línea A. B. línea Segunda. Se tiró el cor-
 del Segunda. Desde donde a la línea A. B.
 Se tiró el cor del Tercera y desde donde
 y se formó un paralelogramo y Cuarenta Cu-
 dradas y Cuarenta y Seis mil y Cuarenta Cu-
 dra Superficie es y Cuarenta Cuarenta quinientos mil
 Cuarenta Cuadradas y el Triángulo formado de la
 misma línea y de dos Cuadradas y altura
 que es la distancia que hay de la línea A. B.
 y una A. B. Tercera y sea la línea Cuadrada
 es y quinientos mil Cuarenta y Seis mil y Cuarenta
 con otras Cuarenta Cuadradas y sea C. D. Si-
 ente y línea y quince formado otro paralelogra-
 mo y Cuarenta Cuadradas y Cuarenta y Seis
 y líneas y Cuarenta y Seis mil y Cuarenta

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De doce Cuarenta quinientas mil Varas, y el Triángulo formado de la misma base y de sus Cordeladas y altura que es la Diferencia q. hay a C. h. 2 Veinte y diez a D. G. Veinte y una Cua sea cada una de un Cuarenta quinientas mil Varas, a C. h. Se midieron otras Diez y siete Cordeladas entre D. G. Veinte y una, y p. en el G. Igual a D. F. y sea C. h. Como alts. anteriores se forma otro Triángulo de doce Cuarenta quinientas mil Varas, y otro Triángulo de un Cuarenta quinientas mil Varas. Al D. G. Se midieron Diez y siete Cordeladas, y alcanzaron al varo de San Agustín entre D. F. se midieron Veinte y diez y se formó otro Cuadrilongo de Diez y siete Cordeladas y Longitud y Veinte y diez a al vara q. tiene a sea quince Cuarenta y el Triángulo formado de la Diferencia a D. F. Veinte y diez a D. G. Veinte y una tiene a superficie un Cuarenta Diez y siete mil Varas. Entre D. F. Se midieron otras Diez y siete Cordeladas entre D. F. Veinte y diez, y quedó formado otro paralelogramo de Veinte y diez cordeladas y altura que tiene a sea quince Cuarenta, y p. en D. F. Veinte y diez y D. F. Veinte y diez se forma un Triángulo.

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En parte Cordeladas y altura que es la diferencia es de
 -tre y seis a quarenta y uno tiene a una Cuadrada
 deo Cuarenta y quarenta mil Vacas, Tre. R. C. se mi-
 midieron otras Diez y tres Cordeladas y se cuenta a Tri-
 -senta Tre. C. de. y queda formada un Triangulo y se
 Triangulo el Triangulo que tiene diez Cordeladas de lati-
 tud y Diez y tres de longitud tiene a una Cuadrada de
 Diez y tres Vacas, y el Triangulo es la misma longitud
 diez Cordeladas de altura y la diferencia es de Trece
 Tre a diez tiene a una de Cuarenta y tres mil
 Cuarenta mil Vacas Tre C. D. se midieron otras
 Diez y tres Cordeladas y se cuenta a Tre y tres
 un Triangulo y un Triangulo el Triangulo que tiene
 -a Cordeladas de altura tiene a una Cuadrada de
 Cuarenta y tres Vacas, y el Triangulo que tiene diez Cordel-
 -das de altura y la diferencia es de Trece y quarenta
 Tre a una Cuadrada de Cuarenta y tres Vacas, Tre D. E.
 se midieron otras Diez y tres Cordeladas y se cuenta a Tre
 y se forma un Triangulo que Triangulo es la misma
 longitud y el Triangulo que tiene diez Cordeladas de lati-
 -tud tiene a una Cuadrada de Cuarenta y tres Vacas, y el
 Triangulo que tiene Cuarenta y tres de diferencia es de Trece y
 -tre y quarenta Tre a una Cuadrada de Cuarenta y tres
 -vacas mil Vacas, Tre. E. F. se forma el cordel de

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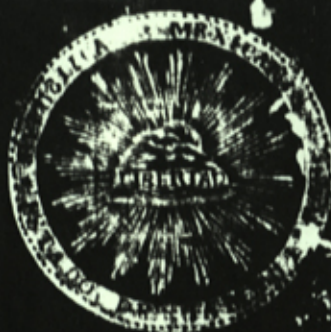
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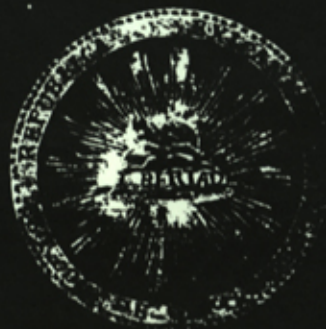
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gac. de 2.^a Nominacion en Matamoros 21. de Julio
del 1828;

En cumplimiento de lo decretado por el Superior Po-
bicano en la foja diez y siete vuelta de este Expedi-
ente, a consecuencia de lo acordado por el Con-
sejo en la foja diez y seis cara de la diez y siete,
por el Ciudadano Juan Longoria y Laura Alcalde
de 2.^a Nominacion de esta Villa, dije: que se ha-
gan comparecer en mi juzgado a los Ciudadanos
de esta verindad Xines Longoria, y Miguel Salin-
peiros nombrados por su acreditada idoneidad
para fides deadores en la medida de la Isla
de Corpus como practicos en aquel terreno asi
en este como en tiempos anteriores; a cuyos su-
getos se le recibal por mi con las solemnidades de
la Ley juram.^{to} en forma, bajo el cual expresen a
cargo de su responsabilidad y menudam.^{te} desem-
buelvan los puntos que pretende saber el Gob.^o
de este Estado. Asiyo el mencionado Alcal-
de lo mande y firme con los de mi as.^{to} con
quienes actuo por falta de Escrib.^o publico que no
lo hay segun el dño prebiente doy fe.

Juan Long. *Garcia*
ass. *Garcia*

Placido Samir

Felipe Maximino

mediatam^{te} en cumplim^{to} del auto que antecede
Lo el referido Alcalde hizo comparecer ante mi y los
de mi ass^a a los ciudadanos ya citados hincos, Longo-
ria, y Miguel Salinas, y habiéndolos instruido de lo
consultado por el Consejo y Decreto del E^c al mismo
tiempo que les hice cargo de que reflexionara sobre su res-
ponsabilidad en el caso de que no especificasen con
claridad la operacion que se les encomendaba al caso de
la ejecución de la medida como peñeros prácticos nom-
brados al efecto que arriba se ha hecho referencia,
y en consecuencia les escribi^{je} juram^{to} en forma por el
que especificaron proceder en verdad en todo lo que se-
pan y por mi fueren interrogados, y siéndolo por el
tenor de la consulta del Consejo dijeron de voz unani-
me y conforme: Que cuando fueron nombrados por
el presente fue para fides vocados de lo sentados e
irmitis que pudiere ser la T^{ra} de Corpus prestaron
el juram^{to} prevenido en los leyes de O^{ra}n con lega-
lidad como en efecto lo hicieron, y si algun requi-
rido o expresion fizo a aquella practica fue involun-
tario, pero que a la vez recordandolos lo hecho
assi como entendidos de lo que el Consejo de E^c con-
sulta, dicen, afirman y p^{ro}ueban generalm^{te} con so-
dos los antiguos como los que responden y los mod^{er}-
nos de ese tiempo que han trancitado continua y
repetidamente la T^{ra} de Corpus que se ha referido,
que aquel terreno lo mas de el es arenoso que no
consiente estanques de agua Novedades que puedan
durar mas de seis meses por abundantes que sean
las lluvias ni mas de tres en tiempo de secas, siendo
el caso que solamente dos receptores de agua pueden
durar seis meses en tiempo de abundancia de
llovias como se ha dicho, y lo de mas en degra-

dación desde tres hasta uno, y de esta ultima clase es
 el numero de quinze estanques muy contos en toda
 la Tla: Que aguas corrientes no las ha' habido ni hay
 ni menos d'os de agua perennes: Que continua y regu-
 larmente se mantienen tanto los bienes como los
 abitantes que los cuidan sacando agua dulce por
 medio de pozos o norias, y para esto no logrando esta
 ventaja en todos los puntos de la Tla sino en pa-
 rajes muy señalados: Que a mas de los dichos pozos
 y norias que se hacen o norias como se ha' mencionado,
 por naturaleza a poco de seroir se convierte la
 agua dulce en salobre; y quando por casualidad re-
 sulta alguna agua duradera de buen gusto, a la vez
 que el Mar tiene fuerte refluxo non salen las sa-
 gunas maxas que circundan y forman la Tla a la
 inbersion de ella en los parajes mas bajos que es en
 donde se saca la agua, de lo que resulta que con la
 agua del mar se rellenan las norias y ya presivas
 y necessarias se han de hacer otros pozos o po-
 sos tanto para el uso de las gentes quando para los
 bienes que alli agostan. Esto respondieron en testimonio
 de la verdad a cargo del juram^{to} que han prestado, rege-
 rando su relato a la inspeccion y censura de los anti-
 guos habitantes de estos texanos, en lo qual se afir-
 maron y ratificaron loido que les fue su declaracion;
 expusieron el primero six de sinuente y un año de cañi,
 y el segundo de treinta y ocho años, y lo firmaron con
 miso y los de mi as^{to} con quienes actuo en la forma
 Ch^o day fee.

Juan Long. J. Gomez

Vineco. Ingoz...

José Mig^l. Salinas

Ante...
Dionisio Navarro

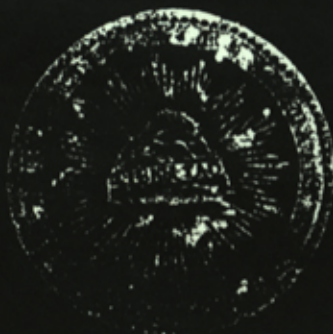
Ante...
Clemente Martinez

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el mismo día mes y año, lo el Jefe que tomé conocimiento en este asunto, creyendo salvada la deuda que convulsa el concepto como que a un a mi mismo me consta ser cierta todo lo relacionado, dije: Que se entregue este expediente a la parte interesada para que remitiéndolo al Gob.^o de este Estado, S. E. disponga lo que sobre el particular convenga, y en el caso de conformidad se aigne nombrar el que debe abastecer por parte del Gob.^o el terreno referido, a efecto de que con el que nombre el D.^o Ciudadano don Nicolás Balli, en ambos habidas todas las precisas consideraciones se declare la aprehensión de la Tola de corpus, y se efectue el pago de ellas al Superior Gobierno. lo que mandé acordar por diligencia que firme con los de ar.^o como queda referido doy fe.

Juan Long. *J. Long*

Macedonio Naranjo *M. Naranjo*

Fernando Martínez *F. Martínez*

Ciudad Pinar del Rio 2 de 1828.

A Comiso del Gobierno

Mano

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Veno de Dargaz

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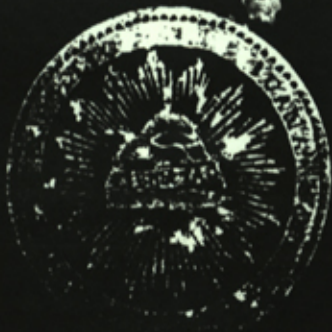
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Señor El Consejo no era satisfecho con
lo practicado en este Expediente de comen-
ciación de la cuenta de 4 del Abril
Julio y del Durero de V. E. lo Real
mismo por las circunstancias que
nos, sin embargo el presidente de
se puede correr la demás tramitación
de la ley propuesta por contenido y
debe de archivarla para futura consult.
expediente a la parte, si lo fuese,
el Ministerio correspondiente. Este
es el acuerdo del Consejo que de su
trámite al. V. E.
Vicario Victoria Agosto 3 de 1828.
de la Intendencia del Cons. de este Excmo.

Don J. Antonio
V. E.

Excmo. Agosto 12 de 1828.

Para al Sr. Fiscal.

Manzan

Manzan

Ueno de Oaxaca

E. Q. M. Sr.

Cualquiera de los Alcaldes de Alarumoros que
se practicasen las diligencias sobre petición a
Escriba que hacia don Al. Nicols y Juan Pa-
lly por que en el cobro de los censos que se
hacian en la ley lo encargas determinadamente
al primer nombrado y el Fiscal no ve a que
fin se dio con. al Al. 2.º por el primero
y el 2.º, ni se que a una aviso sig. a he-
berto hecho. El Al. 2.º por su facultades
poder podia hacerlo y no debe entenderse
que lo hizo, pues el otro no lo podia co-
misionar al efecto.

Se notan defectos en la practica de lo
ordenado que es necesario que se subsanen.
Deviere citarse los testigos y el re-
conocimiento mudado i. r. no hay anota-
to en el Sur. Para el abalo de la
agua hubieron de nombrarse un perito
por el cobro y otro por los intere-
sados. Reflexa bien el Consejo, que hay
contradiccion en los informes a los que
hicieron el reconocimiento q. que 1.º de

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con que hay ~~algunas~~ que manifiestan
que durará la agua ~~todo~~ el año y después
sin nueva inspección bien que durará cuando
mas sea menester. Se advierte tambien que no
se autorice con señales ~~ciertas~~ el punto donde
comienza la medida y sea el un defecto que
tambien hade subsanarse. Podrá pues, V. E.,
si asi es de su agrado, mandar que vuelva
el Exped^{te} al M. E. p. de Tlaxamora y a que
haga el reconocimiento al terreno; disponga
que sea la demarqua donde no haiga lin-
deros fijos: se cree el punto donde comen-
zara la medida: se creen los colindantes
y se les de un termino prudencia que V. E.
tenale y proclamen si tubieren derecho al-
guno, y que si no hay colindantes, lo ex-
prese asi el Res. que la pases nombren
un perito y a. p. con el que nombre el
Cobro. Valen las aguas corriendas en
los terrenos: que se exprese si hay tier-
ras de Labran o si son de agoraderos
todas y a. p. los que hicieron el reco-
noscim. No intervengan p. sen.

inspeccion en dho. asistiendo de la conra-
dicion que tuvieron y que cada vuela
de lapid. al cobro. p. la provid. con-
veniente. Cuentas Victoria Agosto 14.
1822. - 5.ª de la imputacion del con-
greso de una ley.

Ex.ª
C. de la Victoria Agosto 18. de 1822.

De conformidad con el p.º de la
cal. hecha en agosto al dho. de la
va. de Matamoros p.º de la conforme
al exp.º de p.º de la, nombrando a
los p.º de la de la p.º de la
don de las aguas q. disfruta el
terreno al C. dho. de la y para
venir de aquella Villa.

Hecho

En

Señal de Bargas

En cumplimiento de lo consultado por el Consejo de G^o y Seneca
que V^o V^o la Consulta p^o el Excmo. Sr. Gobernador del Es-
tado. y el Ciudadano Juan Lorenzo y Juan de la Cruz Segun-
de esta Villa de G^o. Que se ebaque el todo en un p^o de rep^o
de las Consultas y decretos habiendo que D^o Nicolas Valle
y D^o Juan en el mencionado nombramiento el de G^o y le comen-
tando en G^o con el del Gobierno se pasaba al punto de lo
dispuesto; y hallandose presentes el Excmo. D^o Nicolas Valle
y D^o Juan a virtud de sus providencias nombraron p^o su
punto a batallones al Ciudadano Antonio Maria Casas, a quie-
nes dispuso hacer comparecer ante mi y notificar al Ciudadano
Manuel Garza el nombramiento que tuvo a bien hacer en
su persona el Gobierno, y a Juan el que haun de el de re-
terenadas. A i yo el mencionado Alcalde lo citando a compare-
cer con lo p^o de mi audiencia con quienes deus G^o p^o de G^o
bando publico q^o no lo hay segun el d^o p^o de G^o de G^o.

Juan Lorenzo y Juan

Procedimos a dar

Ignacio Casas

Inmediatamente en cumplimiento de lo dispuesto me comen-
tece a dar ante mi a los Ciudadanos Manuel de la Garza y
Antonio Maria Casas a quienes siendo presentes en mi po-
sona q^o doy fe conores, me extendi al primer la confian-
za q^o se puso a su desempeño por el Gobierno del Estado,
y al segundo el nombramiento que de su persona hicieron
los interesados a la envenada que se halla situada entre el
mar, Laguna, y madre, Ordo de Corpus y Paria de San-
tiago, y entendidos de todo dijeron de comun conun que
aceptaban y adoptaron el nombramiento q^o se ha hecho en
elloy, A virtud de lo cual yo el presente p^o de G^o de G^o.

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juramento en forma q^{ue} hicieron por Dios y la Real e
Santa Cruz bajo el cual prometieron de ser fides y
mente conforme alas Concesiones que tienen y toman
de aquel Rey en lo q^{ue} firmaron con Mago y los reu
nidos con quienes actuo en la forma de la Ley del.

Juan Soria
Manuel de la Gaxa

Ant. Maria Canj

Diego
Diego

El mismo dia y con la misma pla^{za} el mes y año
yo el p^{ro}curador de la Real p^{ro}curacion q^{ue} se
me ha de dar por el Superior Gobierno, en comi
marcha al punto que queda d^{icho} con los des^{de} p^{ro}curador
ciudad y des^{de} testigos de asistencia, en la m^ultitud de
colindancias por lo que en cualquier tiempo en aquella
pla^{za} y si ha de ser siempre postada por el Ciudadano
de la Real y ha de ser de llegada al d^{icho} d^{icho} d^{icho} d^{icho} d^{icho}
de Santiago, pare^{ce} con mi comitiva ala otra parte del
R^{io} de la Barra, de donde p^{ro}cede alos señores abades
p^{ro}curador ala misma medida fixada la vez primera p^{ro} el
Ayuntamiento Ciudad^{de} Domingo de la fuente observaren con sus

la de los años la Tierra que iban á inundarse así como lo q.^o en
 la misma contradicción al abalo q.^o hicieron los primeros señores aba-
 luadores Ciudadanos Trino Longoria y Miguel Salinas de quienes el
 Gobierno del Estado disconfio respecto de su abalo por las ma-
 nos q.^o firma el Consejo en su consulta; hecholes esta aprehensión
 en recomendación con ningo de la Isla de Coahuila exa-
 minando detenidamente el parter. Quis mas o menos duxa
 deas, y lo que conviene a la beneficencia que puedan
 disfrutar en aquel terreno ordenando al efecto y corrigiendo
 lo abalado con lo q.^o una e inracionalmente con los señores
 señores abaladores de el nombrado p.^o el Gobierno: Que hanien-
 do justicia a lo q.^o es Justicia y conforme a la practica q.^o tiene en
 las ciudades de esta Contr. el terreno q.^o ha transcurrido los
 años q.^o hay en el no sea abalado con motivo de la Contr. en
 el grado q.^o sea tiempo de sea bajan á abalar pocas bestias
 algunas veces quedan agotados. En q.^o en el tamaño compendio
 de mayor chico sea de veinte á veinte y tantas varas de
 q.^o en mas fino o sea de hachero y de profundidad con q.^o
 una y media varas esto es a bien calculo en tiempo de Aguas y
 los de mas Aguas con de menor tamaño y menor hondo. Siendo
 que la duxación de estas Aguas consiste en que no hay animales
 q.^o la leban con motivo de no entenderse hasta el punto donde
 estan dichas Aguas los pocos vienes que por el Padre D.^o i.
 elan allí y quando no hay lluvias continuadas se ven aque-
 llas Aguas calotregas en poco tiempo como en efecto lo es.
 Por tanto el mismo q.^o responde cuando hizo examen de la fi.



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me encuentro las Aguas Saladas y quando volbio del bano de
 Corpus Christi ya alló estaba buena la Agua con motivo de
 las muchas lluvias q' hacia oido por esta razon se informo
 que entre otras Aguas mantienen la Agua buena de dos a
 tres meses y no haciendo de me salobrega como queda dho.
 por q' en tiempo del q' habia haciendo bien q' batan la
 Agua no puede pasar de dos meses su duracion: Que aun quan-
 do el Padre Bolli tiene algunos bienes aung' pocos vio q' no se
 sacan de aquellas Ag'as sino es de los tanques q' tenian
 techos a rebajo de barra y Azotea. Que los pastos q' hay en
 aquella lta. conq' no son muy buenos para cria de Caballada
 de vacas para ganado mayor y q' toda la Playa q' com-
 prende la lta. mantiene mucha maderia en fruto y labrada q' en
 todo tiempo se puede sacar el olio de mar sin otros diver-
 sos Ag'as y q' por tiempos se encuentran de los buques q' sal-
 de para fagura se mar de todo esto hay una suenda q' se
 utiliza maderia para latas de Jacal y q' aun quando no
 hay Agua de permanencia de ordinario se encuentra a una
 vara de fondo en la arena y en algunas partes hasta a me-
 dia vara: Que asi como hay Aguas malas tambien se en-
 contran muchas buenas y las Aguas q' se sacan p' medio
 de fag' es necesario estarlos limpiando de continuo p' ser
 arena buena toda la comprension del terreno; Don-



Para los años

de 1827 y 1828.

Que las mas o menos ventajas q^{ue} dicho terreno ofrece a los dueños de él por lo que queda relacionado, fue opinion del Tribunalador que debe valer cada un sitio cuarenta p^{agos} sin oponer se a otra mejor disposicion sentada en lo justo y equitativo y q^{ue} por ellos se convenga el completo elenco d^{el} t^{er}ro del Estado con el menor gravamen de las partes interesadas.

El Tribunalador puesto por los Ciudadanos Dr. Fructos Balli y Juan Balli dijo en cumplimiento de la verdad que se constituyó declarar, que la Isla de q^{ue} se trata tiene partes saladas que no cria tanto y lo salobre es inutil para los vienes y en otras partes tie. que muy pocas partes para criar de otros vienes. En otros lugares hay pocas partes de maderas de arboles que en ellos no se encuentran ningun parte. Aunque los terrenos no tienen aguas corrientes y semicorrientes. e po. da in. sacar por medio de fenes e norias pero que dentro de breve tiem. po sacando sea se pueden sacar las Aguas salobrigas y que no hay partes donde se pueda extraer Agua por medio de presas por sea la tierra arcillosa y si q^{ue} hay algunos charcos de Agua dulce de poca corriente. Que algunas partes de la Isla tienen buenos pastos y otras malos, en una parte la Agua salada y en otras buenas. Bueno hay montes donde se guarden los vienes en tiempo de invierno mas de invierno los medanos q^{ue} puedan usarse en ellos. Bueno hay en ninguna parte tierras propias p^{ara} labores de temporal q^{ue} hay Fuera. res y poca madera para curar Pajinas i mar de la que arroja el mar a la Playa. Que la Isla tiene algun trigo por raxon de los indigenas. Caxan e guares q^{ue} por algunos pasos de la Laguna Madre

se pudiesen introducir a playar y avover se avierte q^e han perpretado
do algunos vecinatos y otros: Amos d^{ho} el abalador q^e la Isla
dixida por las elevaciones q^e ya seja dichas podra valer por ca-
da sitio de tierra de ella treinta y cinco o quando mas cuarenta varas
sin ponerse a otra mejor disposicion q^e sobre la materia haya su
punto lo q^e seja dicho en la ocidad y imparcialmente. Y de quedar asi
en el abaluo de los peritos q^e arriba quedan citados los firmaron
ellos con sus y los de mi ante con quienes actuo en la forma
que queda dicha hoy Jee.

Juan Lopez de Garza

Mamuel de la Guerra

Mamuel Galan

Anto Maria Lopez
Ignacio Carrero

Hayandose conduido el presente asunto conduido sobre la Isla de Corpus
Christi denominada por el Sr. Don Juan de Villi y Don Juan de Villi
en el punto de la medida digo en fce de Justicia y la
la l y el punto donde començo la medida fue por la otra pa-
te del Puerto de Santiago y de donde sin embargo de lo que
se ha dicho y lo que se ha mandado a la Isla de la Madre como se ha di-
cho por el Puerto de Santiago Puerto de Corpus Christi segun
madre, y la por con cuyo motivo y por la Alvarado de la
Circundado de Aguas en ningún tiempo atende de instantes

SELLO TERCERO.



DOS REALES.

Para los años

de 1827 y 1828.

Por ya las dilig^{as} que se previnieron en el
Expediente sobre terrenos que hicieron los Ciu-
dadanos criollos, y Juan José Belli L'vino
en el Aramoro de terrenos en aquella Provi-
nencia conocidos con el nombre de Ysla de
Santiago uniendo para que se cubra el
importe de los oncecientos y noventa ma-
yord y sus Caballerías que se midieron,
cargando se manifiesta rubro de su valor
reservado de acrecentar para el sitio, como se ob-
serva en concepto que deberán los señores a-
plicar al lande, y la municipalidad de
el Aramoro, conforme sea determinado por
la ley del lande sobre colonización. Veri-
ficado los podrá los hacer cerca al apor-
derado de los denunciante p^o que exponga
a los que también quieren en poderando
el terreno y sacada uno se señala, y vista
su expedición se los mandará adjudicar a los
terrenos p^o mitad a cada uno apreciando cual
se adjudica al uno y cual al otro, y previen-
do al Jefe se midan los terrenos en la
porción y haga marcar los límites, y

SELLO TERCERO.

DOS REALES.



Para los años

de 1829 y 1830.

Seu veros filios y morables to que a cada
uno pertenecia. Ciudad Victoria Tlax. 17
de 1929. 6^a Sta. Inocencia del conq.
de la Ciudad. L. L.

olic. *W. L. G.*

Chm. Dec. 24. 1829

M. Estimado Suorero para que diga si es-
ta enterado el valor de los cirios y Caballeros
que se irán.

Fernando

For am. vel. hie

*Spoken and
Written*

Geo. Wm. L.

Quedan enterados con em-
pha. en esta. persona cuervo
tenos columna y serip. y

1.º Corresponden al Estado
por remuneración de ~~Comisarios~~
de Ganado mayor, y seis Caballe-
rias de sueldo ordinario por
los Comisarios, y quince
Balle, en sueldo de la Villa
de ~~Manzanilla~~, según consta en
el primer expediente. En
consecuencia y 8. pudiesen
ser el primer, lo tendrían
Ministerio de Hacienda y
en el primer expediente, a 21. de
Marzo, 1822. — 64084

1790 *Philiano*
22 *1790*

Chil. Apr. 21 1829.

Quando ya encerrados el valor de los cirios y Cavalleria
se tiraron quemados por los CC. circulares y Juan
Don Pablo, y en mismo haber manifestados el
Ciudad. Apoderado de ellos que por unante al ter-
reno que acada uno debe adscribirse a su bien
que sea respecto a que en ello ambos de-
ben convenir y servir en lo p^o. a b

SELLO TERCERO.

DOS REALES.

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de 1829 y 1830.

Hecho 2º de diciembre para que en
en posesión de dicho terreno solo aminorar el
demarcación en los terrenos que el pariente
fiscal ocupa. Y para en su lugar de curri-
ran los parientes a los dichos por el ritual
de propiedad con descripción y servidumbre

Procurador
F. G. G.

Por ante el Sr.

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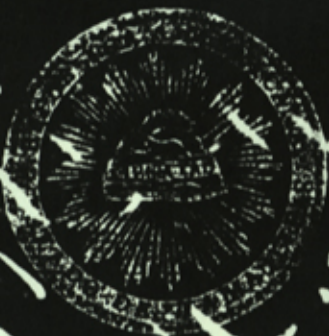
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W. H. H.

Para los años

de 1829 y 1830.



La Villa de Matamoros a los quince dias del mes de dho. de
de mil ochocientos y veinte y siete y yo el Cnd. Maxcedo-
no Capistran Alcalde Segundo Constitucional de esta Villa
y Jue. g. como concierne en este asunto digo: Que
pda. Cumplir con lo dispuesto por el Supremo Gobno.
del Ecuador y Jue. de la Suprema Corte de Justicia
del mismo Ecuador de la que comparecen al Cnd. Juan
Jose Malli por si y como heredero del finca-
do Padre Diego Malli como así mismo alos he-
redos y todos del Cnd. Don Malli g. deben
entrar a heredar en la mitad de la Villa de
Carpas a efecto de dho. la correspondiente porce-
cion con la formalidades del dho. Malli por
que auto lo mando y firme con los de mis
amis. con quienes auto y pda. de Caribano
publico g. no lo hay segun dho. Don Jose

Maxcedo Capistran

Academio Capistrano

(Dine)

Wm. C. Maynard

Wm. A.

J. And: de la Vinz

Comparaed ante me y los de mi dñs. al Vind. no
Juan José Balli pñte q. suera arroun pccan
de la pñte q. le corresponde en la Bñta ac
Corpus, è igualm. e alay demay heredera

Contenido en el Auto anterior, y siendo presentes en
las personas de don J^ose Antonio de la Cruz y el
objeto de su llamada, al que concurrió el primer
número de impedimento lo como se lo impu-
dian los accidentes de largo tiempo habia
padecido, no podía sin personalm^{te} apoe-
sionarse de la tierra de q^{da} se ha hablado, y
pues q^{da} al efecto apoderaba y apodera su-
dicialm^{te} con hermano político Cud^o J^ose
Soliz con fin de q^{da} sea bina tanto la posesion
de Malli como dueño de la mitad de la Ysla y
de la misma suerte la otra parte de que es
Albacea el referido Cud^o Juan J^ose Malli.
Atiende mande tener por diligencia q^{da} firmo con
los de mi auct^{da} en la forma d^{ha} hoy f^o e
haciendolo igualm^{te} Juan Malli como poderd^{te}
Macedonio Capistrán

X
Ante
mí el Jefe de la Ysla

Juan J^ose

Ante

Balla
J^ose de la Ysla

conservacion, observando el cumplimiento de mi oblig^{da}
me remito al b^o de Santiago en union
del apoderado J^ose de Soliz, los señores de mi
Almoxera, e innumerables q^{da} lo fueran de
Q^{da} Juan J^ose Caballero, Cud^o Caballero, y Juan
de la Ysla, y cuando en d^{ha} Ysla pare
ala Ysla de Corpus en union de los dichos
Atiba en cuyo terreno titula procedi a meter
en posesion de once l^{as} de grande mayor, y soliz

Caballeros de f. se componen ~~la~~ la Ysla
de Corpus Christi comprendiendose en ella
la Ysla de este nombre el varaje de la Pro-
quillo de Santa Cruz, el Rancho de Buena
Vista, el de Viradouro, Los Sauces de San José,
el prau de San Agustin, la piedra entera
da del palmarito, San Juan de las Cruces
ta, Los Laureles, Caxos Volandos y
Prado de San Juan. De cuyo terreno
toma posesion el Ciudadano Rafael Solis
a nombre de su poderdante Juan Walli
por la parte f. aere correspondiente y por
la del finado Dr. Nicolas Walli, segun
Cedula del poder f. obra en este Exped. te.
y poniendolo por obra y en ejecucion y dho.
Juan da nombre al Estado libre y sobera-
no de las Paimanlipas y en presencia
de los ya citados y dho. Circunstan-
cias f. se hayeron presentes, tomo de
la mano al expresado Rafael Solis, lo paco
en la tierra, tiro de ella, tomo palo, arroyo
laaguera, tomo agua, tiro la tierra, tiro
arroyo, aere de ciudadana posesion y dijo en
otras e inteligibles voces, Señores todas las
presentes V. me sean testigos q. se toma de
esta posesion judicialm. sin contradiccion de
terceros q. mejor dco. tenga, a lo f. respondie-
ron los Circunstantes, buena prova se haga
a yo dho. juez leamparaba y ampara en ella,
dela f. no debe ser desposado sin expresado
huido, y proprio y dco. venido y no se obli-
gara jamas a nueva medida, la cual po-
sicion tomo en presencia de los ya referidos

BELLO TERCERO.

DOS REALES.

Para los años



de 1829 y 1830.

por la cual en y debe tenerse por verdadero y legítimo
dueño y señor de la mitad de dho. terreno conforme
a lo que tiene denunciado adjudicado por el Gobierno a
virtud del denuncia y pagado a efecto quedando
en igual goce de la parte de tierra que como albacea
del testamento finado padre Balli debe tener
para que la misma enere su declarada
heredera. para que por si su heredera y subro-
gata y como propia pueden vender, cambiar y
enajenar a su voluntad, todo lo cual para debida
constancia ponga por diligencia que firmen
con el apoderado y los de mi presencia con
quien y auno como dho. ei doy fee —

Maestro Capistrano
Jefe Rafael Solis

Amica
Juan de la Cruz

Amica
J. Ant. de la Vinaza

En la Villa de Arequipa a los cinco y cinco dias del mes de
dho. de septiembre año de mil ochocientos treinta y tres habiendo cum-
plido plene con el sup. decreto del Excmo. Sr. D.
Gober. de una tirada de cinco y uno de mayo por
y como en posesion legal y legítima al Ciudadano
Juan Balli por si y por su finado Sr. D. Diego
Balli de la tercera y de la 4ta de las por
parte, previa la satisfaccion de los precios

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 Los señores f. en efecto exhibieron cada uno de por
 sí y recibió el Ministro Secro. gral. del mi-
 nio Estado, debia de mandado y mando quedandose
 como hoy por concluido y fenecido el presente
 al tanto se protocola en exped. en el archivo
 de mi cargo, cursiendo el interesado por su
 y por su finado lio D. Nicolas Palma que
 tomado posesion a en su cargo por la ter-
 rificacion juridica de as. hase representado
 dho. Superior decreto, para q. con ella cursan
 al Supremo Gobno. del Estado para q. se le
 unido el despacho y titulo de su propiedad ve-
 pecto de ena ya legal quiera y pacifica-
 mente poseionados de su respectivo ter-
 rero. Asi por este auto le mande q. firmen
 con los de mi aut. con quienes antes afalta
 de escribano q. no lo hay legim dho. doy fee.

Matadomo Capistrano

Aut.
 Juan de la Cruz

Aut.
 J. Ant. de la Viga

De lo siguiente que viene de la pregunta si debe
hay alguna parte de la respuesta en la presente po-
tencia y si no la hay lo declare en lo que ^{clara} inteli-
ble haciendo constar que por diligencia así como
ordenas para el caso, por tanto ofrecio a que
apodera en el cumplimiento y para por cuanto tu po-
tencia haga siendo en justicia sin hacer con-
tradicción a los paros de Dios y a los del Sr. juez
disponga conforme al decreto hecho, Lo yo el
Alcalde de orden de en este alrumplo tube por el
mitido al apoderado firmandolo me pta. la
debera constancia en el poderdante imag. a
en constancia con quienes dicen p. falca
a testigos publicos y no lo hay segun el dho.
pueden ser por

Don Domingo de la Cruz

Juan Jose Balla, representante.

José Rafael Solís, Apoderado.

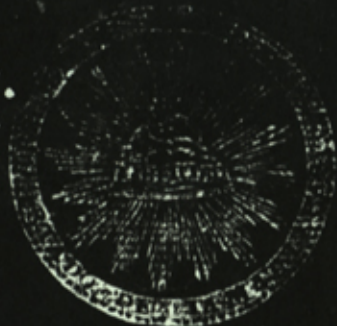
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SELLO TERCERO.

DOS REALES.



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Para los años

de 1829 y 1830.

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Para los niños

de 1829 u 1830.

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posesion para que pueda disfrutarse como si el
 mismo se vende. Si bien a si mismo se obliga
 auctorizante en su favor cuando vengian los
 tiradores de propiedad del gobierno la parte q.
 le ha vendido para q. en ningun tiempo sea
 en su favor entregandole desde hoy la tirada
 tierra al comprador con todas sus entradas
 salidas y otros concurientes y subditos, y
 libros de censo, tributo, y posesion, tenorio
 obligaciones especial, ni general declarando
 como declara el referido vendedor que la
 cantidad en q. a vendido es el justo precio y
 valor y asi mismo de lo q. queda valor de
 mismo q. le corresponde si mayor valore en lo
 subdito le hace gracia y donacion al expe-
 rado comprador la quita de subditos en to-
 do. Con inobservacion de la ley del ordenam.
 fho. en las cosas de alcabala de enax. q. f.
 tirada de lo q. se vende o permuta por may-
 ormenor de la mira de su futuro precio, re-
 numeris los cuatro años para. mayor el en-
 gano y los demás fueros q. con ella concuerdan
 y la boga y la ganancia cuanto el dño. p. e.
 viene contrayendo al q. a vender. El
 lugar de q. vendio para q. tome posesion
 de la subdita tierra, y si por algun obento
 se le interponga al comprador alguna
 contradiccion de vicio o pleito, queda el ven-
 dedor obligado a borrar la voz y caracter
 de la venta q. a verificado ha. Queda al
 comprador en quietud y pacifica posesion
 de la validacion y financia obliga el

SELLO TERCERO.



DOS REALES.

Para los años

de 1823 y 1830.

En la Villa de Matamoros a los veinte y siete dias del mes
de marzo de mil ochocientos treinta ante mi el Escrivano Jose
Maria Villarrea Licenciado Segundo Constitucional de esta Villa, me
presento por Receptor con dos testigos de asistencia a falta de
escribano q' me lo hay en los términos q' el derecho p'viente
amañ de los estruajales y alaja de hambroam Comparacion
con en este magano Los Chubancos Juan Jose Balla Santiago
Morales au. de esta vecindad y a los el segundo q' ofusa
amplio conocimiento de vana personas y juntamente de Don
Juan Jose Balla en este momento y por medio de la presente
certifica recibo por la cantidad de setecientos pesos q' dicho Sr.
Balla le hubiere por no aberse llevado a terreno el trato
q' tenian de la mitad de la Isla de Santiago y medio si
lo hay y q' este recibo se recibiera en el presente pa-
ra su seguridad y resguardo q' desde luego el Sr. Balla
me p'p'io goce de los derechos en el mencionado Com-
no de Matamoros de Santiago De todo lo cual doy fee.

José Maria Villarrea

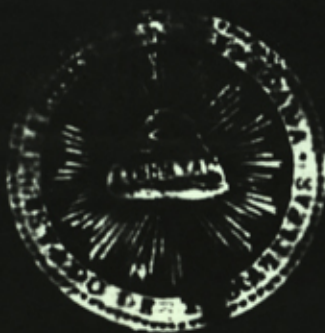
Juan Jose Balla

Santiago Morales

Ante
Juan Mayorga

Christ.
Juan Lencina y Jernan

SELLO CUARTO.



UNA CUARTILLA.

Para los años

de 1820 y 1830.

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Jose Maria Villaverde

Sunday. Nov. 24

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Dear Love

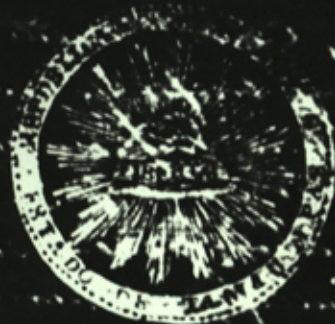
SELLO CUARTO.

EN CUARTILLA.

E

Para los años

de 1829 y 1830.



En la Villa de Tatumox a los veinte dias
del mes de abril ochocientos treinta ante mi
el Ciudadano Jose M. Villanar Alcalde Con-
stitucional de dicha Villa y Jueces por Rescatoria
con dos testigos nombrados a saber de escribanos q
no se han de las testigos q el dho previene. Cam-
dia de las instrumentales q el dho se nombra
en, comparecio en este negocio el Ciudadano
Don Santiago Morales, de esta localidad y
dijo: Que hace comp de meca q adquirido en
prop de Don Juan Jose Balli, la mitad de
tierra de la Isla de Corpus Cristi por la parte an-
te y medio cito mas q por donde le corres-
ponde por el dho Don Juan con su finado tio
Don Nicolas Balli la cual tierra le corresponde en
agostadero de la Isla ya citada lindando por
el sur con tierras de la misma Isla hasta llegar
con el brazo de Santiago, por el norte hasta la
ra de Corpus Cristi, por el oriente con el mar
y por el poniente con la laguna. inuare, cuya
verdad se verifico en la conformidad de sitio y
por q en efectivo monetario le entregue, por q
tambien como consta por dos Señores Jueces
en seta de la procedencia de Victoria Wompa
al q el dho de la Isla de Corpus Cristi que
apara sin efecto lo q esta comprendido por fin
lar transmitido al dho de la Isla de Corpus Cristi
choy no queriendo mas tener su fin y
sintiendo intereses en la misma. Se prescriba
clase por q se encuentra en la dho fin y

Deuino y heredero del mencionado terreno de la
 ysla de Corpey Cristi, puede trascurrir un año
 o dos y mil y quinientos, tanto yo no podre tomar posesion
 si no como legitimo dueño de el scierteresa. Dada
 y este en el caso de q. el Sr. Balli pudiese a
 clarar esta su y a bono y a bono si suado por contrario
 tendria el Sr. Balli q. volverme mi dinero y mi
 tray tanto. Etanial en bono. Eo por lo q. pido a
 el Ciudadano Realde Segundo. Dada en el cu
 adario para pro. Balli. En la mayor brevedad po
 sible. Refuto de q. me sea deuelto mi dinero q.
 me sea deuelto. En este caso pido lo entregue
 entendiendose q. si el Sr. Balli no
 me lo da en el termino q. me sea deuelto q. el
 Sr. Balli signifique a q. me sea deuelto a seguirlo adelante.
 En copia de lo q. se demanda de justicia q. me
 sea deuelto.

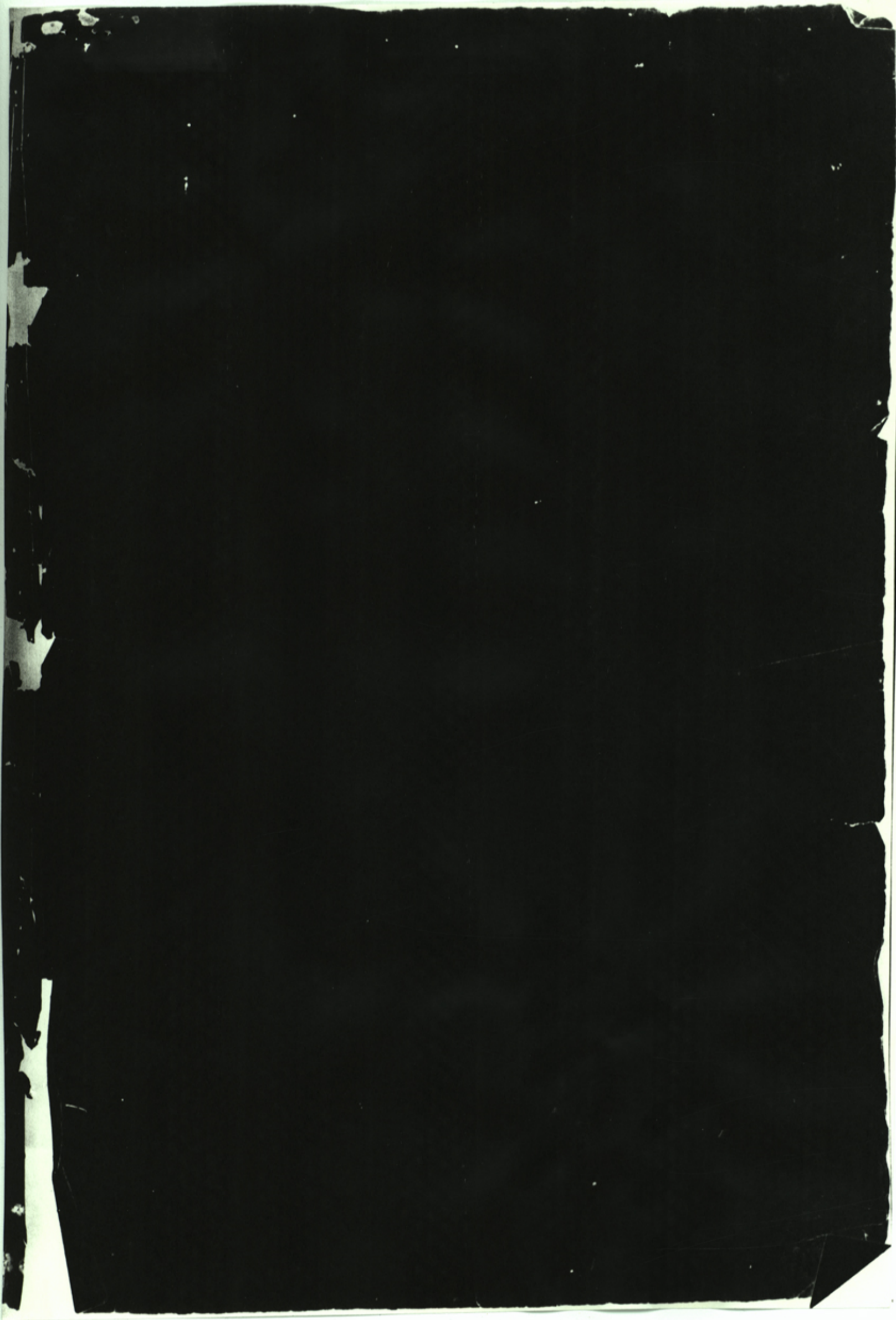
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José Maria Villarreal

Aust. Juan Lopez y Serna
 Juan Lopez y Serna
 Juan Lopez y Serna

Por certificaciones en cuanto haya lugar, citese
 al Ciudadano Juan Jose Balli para q. sea
 parte en el caso q. se sigue.

José Maria Villarreal
 [Signature]



BRIEF OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED BY PRESBYTER NICHOLAS BALLI
AND HIS NEPHEW JUAN JOSE BALLI IN CLAIMING THE ISLAND OF BRAZO DE SANTIAGO

1. STATE OF TAMAULIPAS

SECOND JUDICATURE
IN MATAMOROS

YEAR OF
1928

Brief of measurements and demarcation of the land in the island of Brazo de Santiago situated within this jurisdiction. Granted by the Government of this State to Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli and his nephew Juan Balli co-possessors of said land.

Judge of Measures

Land Surveyor

Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza

Citizen Domingo de la Fuente

2. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PROMOTED BY PRESBYTER NICOLAS BALLI TO SURVEY THE ISLAND OF SANTIAGO.

December 11th, 1827

Having been ordered by the Government to evaluate survey of land in the island called Corpus Christi situated within this jurisdiction, and finding myself ill and therefore unable to verify the survey nor the party demanding that this order be carried out, said party being Citizen Father Nicolas Balli, you may proceed to make the survey with Surveyor Domingo de la Fuente to whom I am giving orders to appear before you and upon completion of the survey to surrender the brief, with everything you may deem necessary to include, to the Government of this State.

God and Liberty
1st Judicature of Matamoros
Feb. 5th, 1828, 5th year of
the installation of Congress
in this State.

Matias Garcia

To Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza
2nd Judicature

3. Your Excellency

I, Citizen Diego de Leon, a resident of this City, whose Power of Attorney for Presbyter Nicolas Balli, Priest of Matamoros, has been duly recorded, before your Excellency in due form by right, and according to my needs, say: In view that the testimony previously offered to your Excellency appeared to be insufficient, and having applied through my Constituents for new testimony from the Judicature of Reynosa, and since the original testimony was not found in the archive of said Judicature, and it being inferred that it was misplaced in the past or that the Commissioner reported it to the higher office in the year of 1800 when the Count of Sierragorda was Governor, I have deemed it timely to again call on your Excellency asking in behalf of my Constituents that in case another brief exists in the archive of the Government now in your Excellency's charge, that this testimony be given to me in order to perfect claim (Denuncio) to lands in the Island of Santiago that are necessary to me.

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4. Commissioner reported to the High Court in the year of 1800 when the Count of Sierragorda was Governor, I have deemed it timely to again call on your Excellency asking in behalf of my Constituents that in case another brief exists in the archive of the Government now in your Excellency's charge, that this testimony be given to me in order to perfect claim (Denuncio) to lands in the Island of Santiago that, as possessor, now has pending; and in case another brief does not exist, your Excellency consider this as a new claim (Denuncio) on the land of the Island of Santiago that ends in the Corpus Christi Pass (Brazo) and comprises 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ sitios, in behalf of my Constituent and his nephew Juan Jose Balli who are ready to satisfy the cost and costs of said land since it is advantageous to them in augmenting and increasing the Estates they now own and in avoiding encroachments that might be harmful.

I do not doubt that your Excellency, taking under consideration the foregoing, the harm and damages the Carancahueses Indians have always caused them, the land being unfit for cultivation, and not being contiguous to other lands, will concede my constituents petition and issue orders so the Judicial Proceedings are initiated and continued until my constituents are in quiet and pacific possession of said land. The foregoing in

accordance with the council and a hearing by the Attorney General as set forth by the Law of Colonization.

Therefore:

From your Excellency I ask and petition to accede to my solicitation, it being of justice. I swear not to act with malice. I offer costs and that which is necessary.

Ciudad Victoria, December 11th, 1827
4th year of the installation of
Congress in this state.

Diego de Leon

5. Ciudad Victoria
January 2nd, 1828

There not existing in the archive of this Government the original Judicial Proceedings nor the testimony that this party requests, and taking under consideration the rights of his Constituents, I have issued orders to the effect that the Judge of the Village of Matamoros upon summoning the surveyor appointed by this Government, Citizen Domingo de La Fuente, proceeds to inspect and survey the land of the Island of Santiago, and exercise all the requisites designed by law and to surrender their findings to this Government so that in case no opponent to right of option or property exists, the corresponding title of adjudication and property is extended.

Fernandes

Eleno de Vargas

6. In the Village of Matamoros on the 8th day of February in the year of 1828 I, Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza, Judge of the 2nd Judicature of said Village, pursuant to the superior decree of January the 2nd of this year, issued by His Excellency the Governor of this State and in accordance with official communication dated the 5th inst. from the Judge of the 1st Judicature, Citizen Matias Garcia, after commanding that both the decree and the communication be included as the basis of this brief, I say:

Let it be proceeded to make survey and demarcation of the land of the Island of Brazo de Santiago, situated within this jurisdiction claimed by Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli

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In the Village of Matamoros on the 8th day of February in the year of 1828 I, Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza, Judge of the 2nd Judicature of said Village, pursuant to the superior decree of January the 2nd of this year, issued by His Excellency the Governor of this State and in accordance with official communication dated the 5th inst. from the Judge of the 1st Judicature, Citizen Matias Garcia, after commanding that both the decree and the communication be included as the basis of this brief, I say:

Let it be proceeded to make survey and demarcation of the land of the Island of Brazo de Santiago, situated within this jurisdiction, claimed by Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli possessor of said land, and his nephew Juan Balli and adjudicated to them by the Governor of this State. This in accordance with the Superior Decree above mentioned, and the law of Colonization of this State.

Thus by this act I ordered and signed it with my assisting witnesses with whom I officiate as actuary, according to the law, in lieu of a National Notary Public which we do not have. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

7.

Immediately upon notifying the residents and owners of dwellings near (Pass) Brazo de Santiago of the survey to take place by order of the Government and there not being an opponent to the right of option on the Island of Corpus contiguous to said Brazo (Pass), I, said Judge, in order to make it valid should command, and do command, that Citizen Domingo de La Fuente, surveyor appointed by the Government of this State to make the survey of said land, be summoned to appear so that upon informing him of and making him understand his appointment, he accepts his commission and exercises his office.

By this act I ordered so and signed it with my assisting witnesses with whom I certify that I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

8.

Consecutively, pursuant to the preceding act, before me and my assistants appeared the person named Domingo de La Fuente, resident of Ciudad Victoria and while present, I instructed him of his appointment by His Excellency, the Governor of this State, in his decree before mentioned, as surveyor of the land of Island of Brazo de Santiago situated in this jurisdiction. This understood, he said: That he would accept and did accept his charge by virtue of having practised such office. And duly swore to use his office loyally and legally to the best of his knowledge and without detriment to anybody. This he answered and signed with me and those assisting me with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Domingo de La Fuente

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

9.

Immediately, I, the said Judge should command and do command that two witnesses of authenticity, that have knowledge of the land and pasture in the named place, be named, so that at the same time, they serve as loyal seers and computers of the Cordales and varas to be measured and for this reason, summoned before me Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli so that they, individually, and of their own volition, name a

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9. Immediately, I, the said Judge should command and do command that two witnesses of authenticity, that have knowledge of the land and pasture in the named place, be named, so that at the same time, they serve as loyal seers and computers of the Cordeles and varas to be measured and for this reason, summoned before me Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli so that they, individually, and of their own volition, name a surveyor to measure the land adjudicated to them, and also the witnesses that are familiar with said land and that they be sworn in upon accepting their offices.

In the above manner I ordered so for this act and signed it with those assisting me with whom I certify that I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

10. In the Village of Matamoros on the 9th day of February and year said before, I, the mentioned Judge, pursuant to the preceding act, upon the appearance of Citizens Bachiller Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli whom I swear I know, instructed them of my preceding act and this understood, they said: Both in agreement name and in effect they named as surveyor for said measurements, Citizen Domingo de La Fuente resident of Ciudad Victoria, and also Government appointed surveyor; for witnesses of authenticity, loyal seers and computers, Citizens Yrineso Longoria and Miguel Salinas of this vicinity.

This they answered and signed with me and those assisting me with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Nicolas Balli

Juan Jose Balli

Juan Jose de Esparza

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11. Immediately I, said Judge, in view of that which was answered by Citizens Bachiller Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli, I caused to appear before me the Citizen Domingo de La Fuente whom I swear I know and him being present, I made him know of his appointment by the Citizens and interested parties already mentioned, as surveyor of the land to be ceded to both of them. This understood, he said: That he accepts and did accept his appointment by virtue of having practice in his office and at the same time, duly swore to make faithful and lawful use of his office to the best of his knowledge without detriment to anybody.

This he answered and signed with me and those assisting me with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

12. Consecutively, I, said Judge, made appear before me, and those assisting me, the Citizens Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas who being present in person and whom I swear I know, were informed by me of the appointment given them by the Citizens and Interested Parties already mentioned. This understood, they said: That they accepted and did accept said appointment and that they will perform the duties of their office faithfully and lawfully to the best of their knowledge without detriment to anybody, without fraud nor deceit under oath they took immediately. They stated to be of age the first one 52 years old, the second 45 years old.

This they answered and they signed with me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Francisco Bally

13. In the Village of Matamoros on the 11th day of said month and year, I, the Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza, Judge of the second Judicature of said Village, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of the land and island claimed by the Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli started a journey in company with my assistants, the Interested Parties, surveyor, witnesses of authenticity and the rest of the entourage and upon reaching the place of San Martin suspended the journey on account of a heavy rain. So that it is duly recorded, I state it in this act which I signed with my assistants with whom I officiate as said before.

Juan Jose Longoria

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

14. In the place of San Martin on the 14th day of the same month and year, I the said Judge, in view of the improvement in the weather, resumed the journey towards the Island of Brazo de Santiago accompanied by my assistants and the rest of the entourage in order to effect said reconnaissance and upon reaching this point, I crossed said pass (Brazo) which to be duly recorded is stated in this act that I signed with my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

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(Brazo) which to be duly recorded is stated in this act that I signed with my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

15. Immediately on the same day, month and year mentioned before, I, said Judge, being on the opposite bank of Brazo de Santiago (Pass) and same bank being the boundary line of the lands claimed by said Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli, in order to resume these proceedings I journeyed from South to North accompanied by my

assistants, the interested parties, the surveyor, Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas, (the latter two being the loyal seers) and the rest of the entourage, until we reached a place named El Jardin. In all this distance we saw only sand dunes, several salt flats, very few and bad pastures. This act certifies the foregoing and was signed by me and the loyal seers as well as my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

16. On the 15th day of said month and year, I, said Judge, completed the reconnaissance of the place of El Jardin mentioned in my preceding act and following the same direction until reaching the ranch of Santa Cruz de Buena Vista, we saw only sand dunes and bays and very few pastures and a plain with a reasonable amount of grass just before reaching said ranch. We found live stock, bovine and equine, belonging to the interested parties and for the purpose of recording our observations, I state so in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers already mentioned and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

17. On the 16th day of said month and year I, said Judge, and all of my retinue, completed the reconnaissance of the place called Rancho de Buena Vista mentioned in the preceding act and continued Northward until reaching the place called Los Sauces de San Jose, not seeing in the distance traveled other than many sand dunes, some pastures, several improvements belonging to the interested parties. To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

18. On the 17th day of the same month and year. I, the aforementioned together with --

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On the 17th day of the same month and year, I, the aforesaid Judge, together with my assistants, the interested parties, the surveyor, loyal seers and rest of my retinue, suspended the reconnaissance at the place mentioned in the preceding act on account of this being a holiday. The journey to be continued the following day. To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

19.

On the 18th day of the same month and year, I, said Judge, in company with my assistants, the interested parties, the surveyor, loyal seers and the rest of my retinue, continued the reconnaissance, departing from the place Los Sauces de San Jose and traveling from South to North until we reached the place of San Vicente and in the distance traveled we found many sand dunes, several bays and one fresh water pool. To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers already mentioned and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness

Jaun Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

20.

On the 19th day of the same month and year, I, said Judge, with those of my assistance and rest of my retinue, continued the reconnaissance, of the place named San Vicente and continued our journey from South to North until reaching a place named Carnestolendas and in the distance traveled we saw not other than many sand dunes, some pastures, several bays that run through from East to West and some equine live stock belonging to the interested parties. To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

21.

On the 20th day of the same month and year, I, said Judge, accompanied by my assistants and the rest of my retinue, continued the inspection of said place called Carnestolendas and following the direction from South to North until reaching Corpus Christi, and of this land, in the distance traveled we found some strayed horses, some of the land with high banks and well covered with grass, some plains, some sand hills covered with grass and thick trees that are called (Palo de Muelas) plenty willows, plenty laurels, oaks, plenty of anise-herb, many fresh water pools with a lot of tulle that shows they are lasting. To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act which was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Yrineo Longoria

Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

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Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

21. On the 20th day of the same month and year, I, said Judge, accompanied by my assistants and the rest of my retinue, continued the inspection of said place called Cornestolendas and following the direction from South to North until reaching Corpus Christi, and of this land, in the distance traveled we found some strayed horses, some of the land with high banks and well covered with grass, some plains, some sand hills covered with grass and thick trees that are called (Palo de Muelas) plenty willows, plenty laurels, oaks, plenty of anise-herb, many fresh water pools with a lot of tulle that shows they are lasting. To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act which was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Prineo Longoria Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

22. Immediately, I, the aforesaid Judge, on the same day and year and while being in the place called Corpus Christi accompanied by my assistants, the interested parties, the surveyor, witnesses of authenticity and the rest of my entourage, upon having found a cove formed by said pass (Brazo) and several lagoons I made the reconnaissance and found good grazing lands, some high sand hills with plenty willows on their sides and bottoms. To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Prineo Longoria Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

23. Consecutively, on the same day, month and year, I, said Judge, in company with my assistants, the loyal seers, the surveyor and rest of my retinue, having concluded the reconnaissance of the land of the Island of Brazo de Santiago, and having scouted the bearings of its lines, its middle part, and the terrain which is untitled because of its many breaks and overflow of water through several estuaries that flood some places when the tide is high; this land being a summer pasture inhabited in spells by the barbarian Carancahueses Indians in peace at the present time. This land having as sole water supply that which is gathered during rainy seasons in several lagoons and pools now existing and therefore rendering it fit only for horses and cattle because of the fact there is no exit save and except the place through which they are admitted, said place being the aforesaid Brazo de Santiago (Pass), we concluded this reconnaissance. To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act which was signed by me, the loyal seers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest

Juan Longoria y Garza
Yrineo Longoria Jose Miguel Salinas

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

24. In the aforesaid place called Corpus Christi and on the same day, month and year, it being about 1:00 in the afternoon, I, said Judge, in company with my assistants, experts, and the rest of my entourage in this reconnaissance, commanded Citizen Domingo de La Fuente as appointed surveyor under oath to make this survey, to commence to exercise his office and, before me, the witnesses and rest of my retinue, He took in his hand a pole of medium length and tying to it one end of the cord prepared for this purpose, measured from said pole and on said cord 50 varas with a vara measure stamped with the seal of Mexico which is in use in this State of Tamaulipas. After measuring the 50 varas, where they were completed he tied said cord to another pole of the same size and setting a pin (stake) he laid this the first line from North to South and over said line the cordel was laid 110 times from the Laguna Madre to the sea where on account of sun down the measure was suspended until the following day.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate in lieu of Notary Public which we do not have as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

- On the 21st day of said month and year and at the same place mentioned in my preceding act, I, said Judge, with my assistants, and in presence of everyone in my entourage, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel, and in doing so he measured 50 varas the same as yesterday; also advised him to measure the cordel on its whole length at the end of each league. Setting a pin, (stake) a straight line to the West was fixed and upon it the cordel was laid 40 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna Madre. We left this point to return to the seashore. Setting the pin (stake) a straight line to the South was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 300 times and ended at a point called Carnestolendas from where a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 54 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore the pin (stake) was set over the same line to the South and over it the cordel was laid 225 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the

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to the South was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 300 times and ended at a point called Carnestolendas from where a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 54 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore the pin (stake) was set over the same line to the South and over it the cordel was laid 225 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 59 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna Madre and we reached the place called Los Laurelitos where because of sundown this measurement was suspended to be resumed the following day. To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as stated before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Domingo de La Fuente

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

26. On the 22nd day of the said month and year and at the same place called Los Laurelitos, I, said Judge, with my assistants and in presence of everyone in my entourage commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel, which he did measuring 50 varas and I advised him to re-measure it at the end of each league. Starting from this point at the seashore, the cordel was laid 175 times towards the South and where they ended, a place called San Juan de las Crucitas, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 46 times that ended in the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore and measuring towards the South the cordel was laid 225 times that ended in the place called La Piedra Enterrada del Palmerito and from this point a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 33 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna where the measurement was suspended on account of sundown after measuring 4 leagues.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Domingo de La Fuente

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Bally

27. At this place called La Piedra Enterrada del Palmerito and on the 23rd day of said month and year, I, said Judge, with my assistants and in the presence of all my entourage, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel which he did, measuring 50 varas, and after doing so, the measurement was continued from this point towards the South on a line along the seashore and over it the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was laid and over it the cordel was laid 31 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, taking the direction to the South the Cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 25 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, and continuing the measurement to the South the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 31 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore and continuing the measurement to the South, the cordel was laid 200 times that ended in the place called El Paso de San Agustin from where a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 26 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna where on account of sundown this measurement was suspended with 8 leagues already measured and the setting of a monument (Lindero) on said paso (Pass?) in order to identify the middle of this land. On account of tomorrow being a

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over it the cordel was laid 31 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, taking the direction to the South the Cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 25 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, and continuing the measurement to the South the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 31 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore and continuing the measurement to the South, the cordel was laid 200 times that ended in the place called El Paso de San Agustin from where a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 26 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna where on account of sundown this measurement was suspended with 8 leagues already measured and the setting of a monument (Lindero) on said paso (Pass?) in order to identify the middle of this land. On account of tomorrow being a holiday, this measurement is also suspended until Monday the 25th on which day it will be continued.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act which was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

28. At the place called El Paso de San Agustin on the 25th day of said month and year, I, said Judge, with my assistants and all of my entourage being present, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel which he did, and it measured 50 varas. After doing so the measurement was continued from this point and taking a line to the South along the edge of the seashore, over it the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 27 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, continued measuring along the seashore and over it the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 20 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. And on account of rain this measure was suspended at the place called Los Sauces de San Jose, where we arrived with 4 leagues already measured, to continue the measurement the following day.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor, and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

29. At the place called Los Sauces de San Jose, on the 26th day of the month and year mentioned, I, said Judge, with my assistants, and in presence of everybody in my entourage, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel giving it as he did, 50 varas, and this being done, the measurement was continued from this point taking a line to the South along the edge of the seashore and over said line the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and on it the cordel was laid 33 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna and returning to the seashore, continued the measurement to the South laying the cordel 300 times and

veyor to measure the cordel giving it, as he did, 50 varas, and this being done, the measurement was continued from this point taking a line to the South along the edge of the seashore and over said line the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and on it the cordel was laid 33 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna and returning to the seashore, continued the measurement to the South laying the cordel 300 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 18 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna making the measurement for today 5 leagues, and suspending the measurement here on account of sundown to be continued the following day.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

30. At the place called El Devisadero and on the 27th day of said month and year, I, said Judge, with my assisting witnesses and all my entourage being present, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel giving it, as he did, 50 varas and having done so, the measurement was continued from this point and taking a line to the South along the edge of the seashore, the cordel was laid 200 times (re-measuring the cordel at the end of each league as it has been done during the measurements already made) and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 16 times. Returning to the seashore and taking a line to the South continued the measurement over it laying the cordel 220 times reaching the Ranch of Buena Vista with 4 leagues and 20 cordeles and from here a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 41 times suspending the measurement here early so that all of the entourage may change clothes and continue the following day.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

31. At the place called Buena Vista and on the 28th day of said month and year, I, said Judge, with my assistants and in presence of everybody in my entourage, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel giving it as he did, 50 varas, and advising him to remeasure it at the end of each league measured, as it has been done in the preceding measurements already made, the measure was continued taking a line to the South along the edge of the seashore and over it the cordel was laid 200 times that ended in the place La Boquilla de Loma Alta and from here a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 23 times there suspending the measure, on account of a storm, after having measured only 2 leagues.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

32. At the place called La Boquilla de Loma Alta and on the 29th day of the same month and year, I, said Judge, with my assistants and in the presence of everybody in my entourage, commanded the surveyor to measure the cordel giving it 50 varas which he did, and advised him to measure it again at the end of each league and having done so, the measurement was continued from this point taking the edge of the seashore towards the South and the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended, a straight line to the West was fixed and over it, the cordel was laid 12 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore, and continuing to the South, the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 24 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore and continuing to the South the cordel was laid 200 times and where they ended a straight line to the West was fixed and over it the cordel was laid 10 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna. Returning to the seashore and continuing in the same direction the cordel was laid 30 times which ended at Brazo de Santiago where these last lines ended and having 6 leagues and 30 cordeles, this measure was concluded.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act which was signed by me, the surveyor and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before, I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Domingo de La Fuente

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
Francisco Bally

33. At the aforesaid place called Brazo de Santiago and on the 1st day of March of this year, I, said Judge, by virtue of having concluded the survey, resolved to return to the Village of Matamoros with my assistants, the interested parties, the surveyor, the loyal seers, and the rest of my entourage; and upon arrival to said Village, the surveyor presents, within 3 days, a detailed report of the number of sitios making said island, and proof of same which is to be added to the brief stating the proceedings in this survey.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act that was signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness
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34. At the Village of Matamoros, on the 5th day of March in 1828, before me, said Judge, appeared Citizen Domingo de La Fuente, surveyor appointed by the Government and also appointed by the interested parties that claim (Denunciaron) said island, and being present in person, whom I swear I know, he presented to me a Demonstrative Plan in 7 pages, including the corresponding map and the computation of the area of said land which, as shown in the beginning and end of said Demonstration, is 11 sitios de Ganado Mayor and 6 Caballerias.

I order that this report be included in the brief in question in order to surrender same to His Excellency the Governor of this State so that in view of the foregoing, His Excellency may render his verdict in accordance with his wishes; his decree of January the 2nd of this year having been carried out where possible.

To make the foregoing of record, I, said Judge of this survey, commanded that it be stated in this act which I signed and also was signed by my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness

Juan Jose de Esparza

Witness

Francisco Balli

35. Consecutively, I, the Judge of Measures, by virtue of having received the Demonstration of the Surveyor, Citizen Domingo de La Fuente, and by virtue of finding it based on the practice of his profession, and because an opponent to right of option, according to the law, was not found, after going through the proper procedure; said: Let these acts be surrendered to the Most Excellent Governor of this State for the purpose stated before, in accordance with the Decree dated the 2nd of January of this year and inserted in the 3rd page of this brief; and that official notice be served on Citizen Matias Garcia, Judge of the 1st Judicature, to the effect that the commission be vested in me, according to official communication dated the 5th of February of this year, and recorded in the 1st page of this brief, has been concluded.

To make the foregoing of record, I ordered it be stated in this act which I signed with my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness

Juan Jose De Esparza

Witness

Francisco Balli

36. Ciudad Victoria, May 24th, 1828

To the Government Council

Eleno de Vargas

Most Excellent Sir:

The land in the Island of Brazo de Santiago, claimed (Denunciado) by Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli as possessor of same, and adjudged by the Government to both him and his brother Juan Balli, has been measured by a surveyor and it appears, according to the attached plan, that the measurement has been made honestly and lawfully. But the aforesaid land has not been appraised as it should, neither has the inspection and reconnaissance of said land been carried out in agreement with the law by omitting the important step of going over the terrain for the purpose of investigating whether it has within it streams or reservoirs. Thus, it is that in the whole brief not a single act indicates the highest potential value of said terrain with the comforts afforded by various springs, reservoirs and fresh and salt water pools. Such omission is to be considered with respect to the interests of the State that would be prejudicial should said omission be allowed to stand. Therefore

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36. Ciudad Victoria, May 24th, 1828

To the Government Council

Eleno de Vargas

Most Excellent Sir:

The land in the Island of Brazo de Santiago, claimed (Denunciado) by Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli as possessor of same, and adjudged by the Government to both him and his brother Juan Balli, has been measured by a surveyor and it appears, according to the attached plan, that the measurement has been made honestly and lawfully. But the aforesaid land has not been appraised as it should, neither has the inspection and reconnaissance of said land been carried out in agreement with the law by omitting the important step of going over the terrain for the purpose of investigating whether it has within it streams or reservoirs. Thus, it is that in the whole brief not a single act indicates the highest potential value of said terrain with the comforts afforded by various springs, reservoirs and fresh and salt water pools. Such omission is to be considered with respect to the interests of the State that would be impaired should said omission be allowed to stand. Therefore, the Council opines that without taking such an important step in these proceedings, this matter cannot be taken as concluded but, on the contrary, to consider it as pending until, according to the law in all its parts, and upon hearing from the Attorney General, the title of property can be issued to the interested parties that for a very small amount of money, in proportion to the size and quality of the tract of land, are to become owners of a fertile land abounding in natural resources that make it rich, and that is also safe because it is isolated.

This is the opinion of the Council that, notwithstanding all the points above mentioned, is subject to the verdict of the Government.

Ciudad Victoria, June 7th, 1828
5th year of the Installation of Congress in this State.

Jose G. de Arcos

38. Ciudad Victoria, June 12th, 1828

This Government yielding to the foregoing opinion of the Council, forwards this brief to the Judicature of Matamoros so that the requirements of said opinion are complied with and after doing so, this brief be returned to this Government for whatever purposes it is needed.

Eleno de Vargas

39. Demonstrative Plan of the Island of Santiago, claimed (Denunciada) jointly, by Citizen Ecclesiastic Nicolas Balli and his nephew Juan Jose Balli residents of the Village of Matamoros under whose jurisdiction said island which lies between the sea and the Laguna Madre. Its longitude is 39 leagues and 85 cordeles. Its latitude from East to West at the widest part is 59 cordeles and diminishes towards both ends in unequal proportion, following the meanders of the sea and the Laguna, until ending in a point. The area of this

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39. Demonstrative Plan of the Island of Santiago, claimed (Denunciada) jointly, by Citizen Ecclesiastic Nicolas Balli and his nephew Juan Jose Balli residents of the Village of Matamoros under whose jurisdiction said island which lies between the sea and the Laguna Madre. Its longitude is 39 leagues and 85 cordeles. Its latitude from East to West at the widest part is 59 cordeles and diminishes towards both ends in unequal proportion, following the meanders of the sea and the Laguna, until ending in a point. The area of this island is 11 sitios de Ganado Mayor and 6 caballerias as shown in the following demonstration.

40.

DEMONSTRATION

A.A.A.A.F.F.F.F.

Shape and length of the island from the North to the South.

Over A. B. first figure, the cordel was laid 110 times that ended in the seashore; from the East to the West over B.Y., the cordel was laid 40 times that ended on the bank of the Laguna forming a triangle with a base of 110 cordeles and a height of 40 cordeles whose area is 5500000 sq. varas that make the cove of Corpus Christi.

From North to South following the seashore, over B. C. the cordel was laid 300 times and reached the place of Carnestolendas; from East to West over C. H. the cordel was laid 54 times forming a rectangle 300 cordeles long and 40 cordeles wide whose area is 40 5000 000 sq. varas. And because B. Y. measures 40 cordeles and C. H. 54 cordeles, a triangle is formed that has a base of 300 cordeles and a height of 14 cordeles which is the difference between 54 and 40. The area of this triangle being 5 250 000 sq. varas.

41.

From C. to D. the cordel was laid 225 times and reached the place Los Laurelitos. From East to West over D. G. the cordel was laid 59 times forming a rectangle 225 cordeles long and 54 cordeles wide whose area is 10 687 500 sq. varas. And because C. H. measures 54 cordeles and D. G. 59 cordeles, a triangle is formed whose base is 225 cordeles and its height 5 cordeles which is the difference between 59 and 54. The area of this triangle being 1 356 250 sq. varas.

From D. to El the cordel was laid 175 times and reached San Juan de las Crucitas. From East to West over E. F. the cordel was laid 46 times forming a rectangle 175 cordeles long and 46 cordeles wide whose area is 10 250 000 sq. varas. And because E. F. measures 46 cordeles and D. G. 59 cordeles a triangle is formed whose base is 175 cordeles and its height 13 cordeles. The area of this triangle being 2 843 750 sq. varas.

From E. to A. the cordel was laid 225 times and reached La Piedra Enterrada del Palmerito. From East to West, over A. I. the cordel was laid 33 times forming a rectangle whose area is 18 562 500 sq. varas and a triangle whose area is 3 656 250 sq. varas thus concluding the first figure. The sum of all its items amounts to 98 606 250 sq. varas.

42.

From North to South over A. B. in the Second Figure, the cordel was laid 200 times. From East to West over E. Y. the cordel was laid 39 times (Error: should read 31) forming a parallelogram 200 cordeles long and 31 cordeles wide with an area of 15 500 000 sq. varas and a triangle 200 cordeles long at the base and 2 cordeles high which is the difference between B. Y. and A. I. whose area is 500 000 sq. varas.

Over B. C. 200 cordeles were measured and over C. H. 25 cordeles forming a parallelogram 200 cordeles long and 25 cordeles wide whose area is 12 500 000 sq. varas and a triangle measuring 200 cordeles at the base and 6 cordeles high which is the difference between C. H. and B. Y. and whose area is 1 500 000 sq. varas.

From C. to D. 200 cordeles were measured. From D. to G. 31 cordeles were measured and because C. H. B. Y. and C. H. D. G. are identical and have C. H. for a common side, the same size of rectangle and triangle are formed. A rectangle whose area is 12 500 000 sq. varas and a triangle whose area is 1 500 000 sq. varas.

43. From D. to E. 200 cordeles were measured that reached El Paso de San Agustin. From D. to F. 26 cordeles were measured forming a rectangle 200 cordeles long and 26 cordeles wide with an area of 15 000 000 sq. varas; and a triangle formed by the difference between D. C. and E. F. with a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 5 cordeles whose area is 1250 000 sq. varas.

From E. to A. 200 cordeles were measured. From A. to I. 27 cordeles were measured forming a rectangle 200 cordeles long and 26 cordeles wide with an area of 15 000 000 sq. varas and because A. I. measures 27 cordeles and E. F. 26 cordeles, a triangle is formed with an area of 250 000 sq. varas.

The sum of the items in the 2nd figure amounts to 75 500 000 sq. varas.

Over A. B. in the 3rd figure, 200 cordeles were measured and reached Los Sauces de San Jose. From B. to Y. the cordel was laid 20 times forming a rectangle 200 cordeles long and 20 cordeles wide with an area of 10 000 000 sq. varas. And the difference between B. Y. and A. I. forms a triangle with a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 7 cordeles having an area of 1750 000 sq. varas.

4. From B. to C. 200 cordeles were measured and from East to West over C. H. 23 cordeles forming a rectangle 200 cordeles long by 20 cordeles wide with an area of 10 000 000 sq. varas. The difference between C. H. and B. Y. formed a triangle with a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 3 cordeles with an area of 750 000 sq. varas.

From C. to D. 300 cordeles were measured reaching El Devisadero. D. to G. measured 18 cordeles forming a parallelogram and a triangle. The parallelogram is 300 cordeles long and 18 cordeles wide and has an area of 13 500 000 sq. varas. The triangle has a base of 300 cordeles and a height of 5 cordeles with an area of 1875 000 sq. varas.

Over D. E. 200 cordeles were measured and over E. F. 16 cordeles forming a rectangle and a triangle. The rectangle being 200 cordeles long and 16 cordeles wide and having an area of 8 000 000 sq. varas. The triangle has a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 2 cordeles due to the difference between E. F. and D. G. its area being 500 000 sq. varas.

45. From E. to A. 220 cordeles were measured reaching the Ranch of Buena Vista. From A. to N. the cordel was laid 41 times forming a rectangle and a triangle. The rectangle being 220 cordeles long and 16 cordeles wide has an area of 8 800 000 sq. varas. The triangle with a base of 220 cordeles and a height of 25 cordeles, the difference between A.N. and E.P., has an area of 6 875 000 sq. varas thus concluding the 3rd figure. The sum of all the items in the 3rd figure amounts to 62 050 000 sq. varas.

Over A.B., in the 4th figure, the cordel was laid 200 times reaching La Boquilla de Loma Alta. B. to I. measured 23 cordeles forming a rectangle and a triangle. The rectangle being 200 cordeles long and 23 cordeles wide, has an area of 11 500 000 sq. varas. The triangle with a base of 200 cordeles and a height 18 cordeles which is the difference between 41 and 23, has an area of 4 500 000 sq. varas.

B. to C. measured 200 cordeles and C. to H. (should be C. to Y.) measured 12 cordeles forming a rectangle and a triangle. The rectangle being 200 cordeles long and 12 cordeles wide, has an area of 6 000 000 sq. varas. The triangle with a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 11 cordeles, the difference between 23 and 12, has an area of 2 750 000 sq. varas.

46. Over C. to D. 200 cordeles were measured and over D. H. the cordel was laid 24 times forming a triangle and a rectangle. The rectangle being 12 cordeles wide and 200 cordeles long, has an area of 6 000 000 sq. varas. The triangle having a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 12 cordeles, the difference between 24 and 12, has an area of 3 000 000 sq. varas.

From D. to E. 200 cordeles were measured and E. to G. measured 10 cordeles forming a rectangle and a triangle. The rectangle being 200 cordeles long and 10 cordeles wide, has an area of 5 000 000 sq. varas. The triangle having a base of 200 cordeles and a height of 14 cordeles, the difference between 24 and 10, has an area of 3 500 000 sq. varas.

From E. to F. the cordel was laid 30 times reaching the Brazo de Santiago (Pass) where the measurement ended and forming a triangle with a base of 30 cordeles and a height of 10 cordeles whose area is 375 000 sq. varas.

The sum of the items in the 4th figure amounts to 42 62500 sq. varas.

The grand total amounts to 278 781 250 sq. varas or 11 sitios DE GRANDO MAYOR and 6 CABALLERIAS.

47.

TABULATION OF THE FIGURES

1st Figure	(A.B.Y.	5 500 000
	(B.C.H.Y.	40 500 000
	(C.D.H.G.	5 250 000
	(D.E.F.G.	10 687 500
	(E.A.I.F.	1 356 250
	(	10 250 000
2nd Figure	(	2 843 750
	(	18 562 500
	(	3 656 250
	(	98 606 250
	(A.B.Y.I.	15 500 000
	(B.C.H.Y.	500 000
	(C.D.G.H.	12 500 000
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(	E.A.I.F.	10 250 000
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2nd Figure	(	A.B.Y.I.	15 500 000
	(	B.C.H.Y.	500 000
	(	C.D.G.H.	12 500 000
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	(	D.E.F.G.	12 500 000
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	(	E.A.I.E.	15 000 000
	(		1 250 000
			15 000 000
			<u>250 000</u>
			75 500 000

3rd Figure	(	A.B.Y.I.	10 000 000
	(	B.C.H.Y.	1 750 000
	(	C.D.G.H.	10 000 000
	(		750 000
	(	D.E.F.G.	13 500 000
	(		1 875 000
	(	E.A.N.F.	8 000 000
	(		500 000
			8 800 000
			<u>6 875 000</u>
			62 050 000

4th Figure	(	A.B.I.N.	4 500 000
	(	B.C.Y.I.	11 500 000
	(	C.D.Y.H.	6 000 000
	(		2 750 000
	(	D.E.G.H.	6 000 000
	(		3 000 000
	(	E.F.G.	5 000 000
	(		3 500 000
			<u>375 000</u>
			42 625 000

48.	First Figure	98 606 250
	Second Figure	75 500 000
	Third Figure	62 050 000
	Fourth Figure	42 625 000
	Total	<u>278 781 250</u>

The above quantity of square varas is equivalent to
11 SITIOS DE GANADO MAYOR and 6 CABALLERIAS.

Matamoros, March the 5th, 1828.

Domingo de La Fuente

49. NOTE:

The following tabulation shows the true area of the sections listed before. It is inserted here for comparison. An asterisk after a quantity shows said quantity is in disagreement with Domingo de La Fuente's computation.

1st Figure	(	A.B.Y.	5 500 000
	(	B.C.H.Y.	30 000 000 *
	(		5 250 000

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	(	B.C.H.Y.	30 000 000 *
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	(	C.D.H.G.	30 375 000 *
	(		1 406 250
	(	D.E.F.G.	20 125 000 *
	(		2 843 750 *
2nd Figure	(	E.A.I.F.	18 562 500
	(		3 656 250
			<u>117 718 750</u>
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	(	E.A.I.F.	13 000 000
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	(	A.B.Y.I.	10 000 000
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	(	B.C.H.Y.	10 000 000
	(		750 000
	(	C.D.G.H.	13 500 000
	(		1 875 000
	(	D.E.F.G.	8 000 000
	(		500 000
	(	E.A.N.F.	8 800 000
	(		6 875 000
			<u>62 050 000</u>

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4th Figure	(A.B.I.N.	11 500 000
	(B.C.Y.I.	4 500 000
	(C.D.Y.H.	6 000 000
	(D.E.G.H.	2 750 000
	(E.F.G.	6 000 000
		3 000 000
		5 000 000
		3 500 000
		375 000
		42 625 000
First Figure		117 718 750
Second Figure		71 500 000
Third Figure		62 050 000
Fourth Figure		42 625 000
		293 893 750
Actual Area		293 893 750
De La Fuente's		278 781 250
Difference		15 112 500

51. State of Tamaulipas.

In the archive of this office exists the original testimony in the brief of Judicial proceedings for the survey and demarcation of the land in the Island of Brazo de Santiago situated within the jurisdiction of that village and in said testimony is recorded the requirement of the Attorney General and Government's Decree that reads as follows:

Most Excellent Sir:

The 8th article of the Law of Colonization provides that the brief of Judicial proceedings be surrendered to the Government in order to issue title of property. The same provision was made by the Ley de Indias (Law of the Indies promulgated in Spain) requiring that original briefs of judicial proceedings be submitted to the proper authorities in charge of the assignment of lands. This has been common practice and it is only fitting for the acts must be protocolled where the title of adjudication is issued and it would be irregular for the original brief not to include the opinions of the Council, the requirements of the Attorney General and the Government's Decrees.

Because of the foregoing, the Attorney General opines that Your Excellency can order the Judge that intervened in this survey, to surrender the original brief; by serving him with official notice that includes this requirement and Decree. And meeting with your approval, order that the mentioned official notice be made a part of the original brief.

52.

Ciudad Victoria, April 30th, 1828
5th year of the installation of
Congress in this State.

Gil - Attorney at Law

Ciudad Victoria, May 6th, 1828.

This Government, in agreement with the previously stated requirement of the Attorney General and which is made part of this communication orders the Judge of the 2nd Judicature in the Village of Matamoros that officiated in the survey and demarcation of land in the Island of Brazo de Santiago, situated in that jurisdiction and claimed (Denunciado) by Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli, to surrender the original brief of judicial proceedings.

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of Matamoras that officiated in the survey and demarcation of land in the Island of Brazo de Santiago, situated in that jurisdiction and claimed (Denunciado) by Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli, to surrender the original brief of judicial proceedings of said survey and to include the foregoing order to said brief.

Lucas Fernandes

Eleno de Vargas, Secretary

And by order of His Excellency the Governor, you are hereby notified to carry out the foregoing.

53.

Dios y Libertad.
Ciudad Victoria, May 6th, 1828
5th year of the installation of
Congress in this State.

Eleno de Vargas.

To the Judge of the 2nd Judicature of the Village of Matamoras.

54.

2nd Judicature of Matamoras
July 21st, 1828

In accordance with the Decree of the Government recorded on the reverse of Page 17 of this brief, and in view of the opinion of the Council, recorded in Pages 16 and 17 of this brief, I, Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza, Judge of the 2nd Judicature of this Village, said: Let the Citizens of this vicinity, Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas, that, because of their recognized competence, were appointed loyal seers in the survey of the Island of Corpus with which they are and also were familiar, appear before me so that under oath they delineate in detail the points about which the Government of this State is concerned.

To make the foregoing of record, I, said Judge state it in this signed act by me and my assistants with whom I officiate in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Clemente Martinez

55.

Immediately and in compliance with the preceding act, I said Judge, summoned Citizens Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas to appear before me and my assistants. And after informing them of the opinion rendered by the Council and Government's Decree, they were warned of the responsibility they would incur should they not clearly specify and detail their function as loyal seers during the survey already mentioned. After being placed under oath, and questioned by me according to the tenor of the Councils' opinion, they unanimously answered:

That when the above mentioned Judge appointed them loyal seers and appraisers of the Island of Corpus they were duly sworn in as provided by the law and in case a requisite was lacking it was involuntary; that they say, affirm and prove by old as well as present travelers that have gone through the Island of Corpus, that most of its ground because it is arenaceous, does not allow the existence of rain-water reservoirs that can last more than six months, regardless of the rainfall, nor more than three months during the drouth, the case being that only two reservoirs can last six months if the rain is abundant, the rest of the reservoirs will last from three to one month; in the last category there are about fifteen in the whole island.

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56. That streams do not exist nor have they existed and much less perennial springs.

That the live stock as well as the caretakers use fresh water obtained from draw wells and this is available only in very isolated places.

That the water wells, due to their character, turn from fresh water to salt water after a short period and when by chance a fresh water well that offers a lasting supply of good-tasting water is found, the prevailing flood-tide causes the lagoons that surround and form the island to overflow and inundate the lower parts, thus, the water from the sea fills the fresh-water wells and makes it necessary to dig new wells for the people's consumption as well as for the live stock grazing therein.

The foregoing they answered under oath and they submit their testimony to the inspection and censure of the old residents of these lands. They both affirmed and ratified their declarations after they were read to them. The first one stated to be 51 years old and the second 38 years of age and both signed this act before

me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Jose Miguel Salinas Yrineo Longoria

Witness: Macedonio Ramirez

Witness: Clemente Martinez

57. On the same day, month and year, I, the Judge that presided over the proceedings stated in the preceding act, believing that the doubt expressed in the opinion rendered by the Council has been removed, ordered that this brief be given to the interested parties so that they in turn may surrender it to the Governor of this State and thus, His Excellency may give his verdict, and in case it is favorable, name an official appraiser for the Government that together with the appraiser named by Citizen Bachelor Nicolas Balli will declare the value of the island of Corpus and price of same be paid to the Government.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Clemente Martinez

58. Ciudad Victoria, August 2nd, 1828
To the Government Council

Eleno de Vargas.

Your Excellency:

The Council is not satisfied with the action taken with regard to the Council's opinion rendered on July the 7th and the Government's Decree of the 12th of the same month and year. The brief shows some contradictions in the action above mentioned. However, if it pleases your Excellency, the Council can continue the proceeding until all the steps the law provides, are taken and place this brief in the archive for future reference giving the interested parties the corresponding testimony, should they ask for it.

The foregoing expresses the feeling of the Council that orders it be transmitted to you.

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Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Clemente Martinez

58.

Ciudad Victoria, August 2nd, 1828
To the Government Council

Eleno de Vargas.

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The foregoing expresses the feeling of the Council that orders it be transmitted to you.

Ciudad Victoria, August 8th, 1828
5th year of the installation of
Congress in this State.

Jose G. de Arcoz
Vice-Secretary.

59.

Ciudad Victoria, August 12th, 1828
To the Attorney General
Eleno de Vargas

Your Excellency:

Either one of the Judges of the Judicatures in Matamoras could have acted on the Judicial proceedings and claim (Denuncio) of lands promoted by Citizens Nicolas and Juan Balli since the Government did not name anyone in particular nor does the law specify which one. The Attorney General fails to see why the Judge of the First Judicature ordered the Judge of the Second Judicature for the purpose.

The Judge of the Second Judicature, under his own attributes could do it and it is to be understood that he did so since the Judge of the First Judicature could not order him to do it.

The defects noted in the make up of this brief should be corrected.

The owners or residents of adjacent property should have been summoned for the survey and the reconnaissance.

For the fluvial reconnaissance and appraisal, an expert should have been appointed by the Government and another by the interested parties.

The Council is correct in finding contradictions in the report of the loyal seers because first they say there are reservoirs

that indicate they keep water all year round, and then without further inspection, they say the reservoirs will last only 6 months at the most.

It is to be noted that the beginning point of the survey was not marked permanently. This is a defect that must be corrected.

Therefore, may it please Your Excellency to order the brief returned to the Judge of the Second Judicature in Matamoros so that he may make the reconnaissance of the land; order that permanent monuments be set up where they should be erected; order the beginning point of the survey be identified and properly marked; summon the owners and residents of contiguous lands and give them a reasonable length of time, whatever length of time Your Excellency chooses, so that they may, if they have a right to do so, file their claim, and if they do not exist, state so; order the interested parties to appoint an expert to make, jointly with the Government appointed expert, a fluvial appraisal in this land; state whether the land is fit to be cultivated in parts or all of it is seasonal grazing land; forbid the parties that made the previous reconnaissance to intervene in this one because of the suspicions that arise from their contradictions; surrender the brief, after the foregoing has been executed, to the Government for whatever purposes it may be needed.

61. Ciudad Victoria, August 14th, 1828
5th year of the installation of Congress
in this State.

Gil - Attorney at Law.

62. Ciudad Victoria
August 18th, 1828.

In accordance with the Attorney General's requirement, this brief is returned to the Judge of the Second Judicature in Matamoros so that he may proceed accordingly. The Governor of this State appointed fluvial appraiser for the Island, the Citizen Manuel de la Garza, resident of Matamoros.

Eleno de Vargas.

63. Second Judicature of Matamoros.

In compliance with the Council's requirement and the Governor's Decree, I, Citizen Juan Longoria y Garza, Judge of the Second Judicature of this Village ordered that Council's opinion and Governor's Decree be carried out in all its points by having Don Nicolas Balli and his partner Don Juan, name their fluvial appraiser so that both him and the one appointed by the Governor may proceed to carry out the Council's requirement.

Bachelor Don Nicolas Balli and Don Juan being present, they named as their appraiser Citizen Antonio Maria Casas.

Then I ordered to have Citizens Manuel Garza and Casas notified of the appointments made on their persons by the Government and the interested parties respectively, and summoned before me.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act that was signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Ignacio Casares

64. Immediately and in accordance with the preceding act, I summoned before me Citizens Manuel de la Garza and Antonio Maria Casas, whom I swear I know, and while present in person, I notified the first one of the confidence placed in him by the Government and the second one

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Immediately and in accordance with the preceding act, I summoned before me Citizens Manuel de la Garza and Antonio Maria Casas, whom I swear I know, and while present in person, I notified the first one of the confidence placed in him by the Government and the second one of the appointment made on him by the parties interested in the Island bounded by the sea, the Laguna Madre, the Brazo de Corpus (Pass) and Brazo de Santiago (Pass). This done, they both accepted their commission and I, said Judge, received their oath which they took under God and the sign of the Holy Cross promising to act lawfully and to the best of their knowledge and conforming to their knowledge of the ground in question.

To make the foregoing of record it is stated in this act signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Manuel de la Garza

Antonio Maria Casas

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Ygnacio Casares

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65. On the same day month and year, I, said Judge, in order to put into effect the orders given me by the Government, departed in company with the appointed experts and two assisting witnesses without summoning owners or residents of adjacent or contiguous property for they never existed in said island since it has always been possessed by Citizen Nicolas Balli and upon arriving the following day to the Brazo de Santiago (Pass) I and my retinue crossed the pass whence I advised the appraisers to compare the statements made in preceding acts by appraisers and loyal seers Citizens Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas and in accordance to Citizen Surveyor Domingo de La Fuente's lines, look for the contradictions in the appraisal of the island made by Yrineo Longoria and Miguel Salinas whom are mis-trusted by the Government of the State. After having been advised as said before, the appraisers made a detailed reconnaissance of the whole island of Corpus Christi carefully examining the pastures, pools or reservoirs of water that is lasting and everything concerning the benefits that might be derived from ^{the claims and} confronting the first appraisal with a sane and impartial appraisal by the second appraisers, the Government-appointed appraiser dated: "In the spirit of justice and according to my acquaintance with the bays and inlets of this coast and the land that is in doubt, I say that the water pools in this land are not of a lasting nature for, being so small, if some live stock uses them as watering places they become exhausted, since the largest pool measures about twenty and some odd varas in length, five or six varas in width and about one and a half varas deep. This is a good guess in the rainy season; the rest of the pools are smaller and less deep and the duration of their water consists in the absence of live stock to drink it since the improvements owned by Father Don Nicolas Balli do not extend to the places where these pools are. Besides, when the rainfall is slight their water becomes salty as I in fact, found out when examining this land by finding salt water first and upon returning from Brazo de Corpus Christi (Pass) I found the water to be good due to the rains that intervened. For this reason it was ~~former~~
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Pools are smaller and less deep and the duration of their water consists in the absence of live stock to drink it since the improvements owned by Father Don Nicolas Balli do not extend to the places where these pools are. Besides, when the rainfall is slight their water becomes salty as I in fact, found out when examining this land by finding salt water first and upon returning from Brazo de Corpus Christi (Pass) I found the water to be good due to the rains that intervened. For this reason it was formerly stated that these pools would hold their water fresh two or three months and afterwards it would become salty as said before. But it is my belief that because the live stock stirring said pools the water cannot last over two months. Because Father Balli noticed that his live stock did not drink the water in said pools but drank out of two reservoirs built with digging bar and hoe.

The pastures in the island even though they are not very good for raising horses, they are fit for cattle and all along the sea-shore in the island there is plenty of driftwood both in the rough as well as wrought which has been cast ashore by the tides; and sometimes other objects that happen to be cast ashore from shipwrecks.

There is also a good number of willows that furnish laths for huts and even though ordinarily there is no permanent water supply, it can be found a vara deep in the sand and in some places, at half a vara. At the same time there is plenty of bad water, there is also a vast supply of good fresh water that is obtained through draw well but these have to be continually cleaned for they are dug in the sand.

In accordance with the aforesaid relative advantages this land offers I, the appraiser opine that a SITIO is worth 40 pesos but am not opposing a better disposition based on Justice and Equitableness, conforming with the rights of the State with the least hardship on the interested parties."

68.

The appraiser appointed by Citizens Bachelor Nicolas Balli and Juan Balli said in a truthful declaration that "the island in question has saline lands that do not produce grass and are useless for live stock; other parts of the island have good grazing lands fit for all kinds of live stock; other places are vast extensions of sand dunes where no grass is found at all; all these lands do not have fresh water streams and fresh water can be obtained only by digging wells that turn into salt-water wells during the drouth; there are no places where a dam can be built because of the arenaceous quality of the land but there are several fresh water pools of short duration; there are no forests where the live stock could take refuge in the winter, the only protection they may have is the sand banks; no where in the island is there land fit for cultivation; there are patches of tule and besides the driftwood there is little wood for building huts; the island offers some risk because of the Carancahueses Indians that enter through some openings on the Laguna Madre and plague the place at times even perpetrating murder and robbery."

Because of the aforesaid considerations, the appraiser appointed by the interested parties stated the land should be worth 35 or at the most 40 pesos per SITIO but without opposing a better disposition in the matter based on the foregoing.

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69.

Thus the appraisal is made and it is stated in this act signed by me, the expert appraisers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Antonio Maria Casas Manuel de la Garza

69.

Thus the appraisal is made and it is stated in this act signed by me, the expert appraisers and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza
Antonio Maria Casas Manuel de la Garza

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Manuel Galan

Witness
Ygnacio Casares

70.

Having concluded the foregoing with regards to the Island of Corpus Christi claimed (Denunciada) by Bachelor Don Nicolas Balli and his nephew Don Juan Balli, I, the Judge of measures, say, with truth and justice, that the beginning point of this survey was on the opposite side of Brazo de Santiago (Pass) and no contiguous property line was mentioned because the land in question is an island bounded, as said before, by the Brazo de Corpus Christi (Pass) Brazo de Santiago (Pass) the Laguna Madre and the sea, surrounded by water therefore not having contiguous neighbors and no other occupants than its old and first possessors whom have already been mentioned.

The above is stated in this act signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Ygnacio Casares

71.

This brief being concluded, be it surrendered to the Government of the State for whatever disposition is to be made of same.

I so ordered with this act signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have in the terms provided by the law. I attest.

Juan Longoria y Garza

Witness
Macedonio Ramirez

Witness
Ygnacio Casares

72.

Ciudad Victoria, March 12th, 1829
To the Attorney General of the
Supreme Court of Justice of this State

Fernandez

For the Secretary
Opolinar Garcia

Your Excellency:

Having satisfied the requirements set forth in this brief with regard to the claim (Denuncio) made by Citizens Nicolas Balli and his nephew Juan Jose Balli; residents of Matamoras, of the land in that jurisdiction known as Island of Santiago, the only requisite lacking is the payment for the 11 SITIOS DE GANADO MAYOR and 6 CABALLERIAS DE TIERRA demanding that receipt be shown for payment at the rate of 40 pesos per SITIO as appraised. It being understood that the money is to be applied to the State and the municipality of Matamoras according to the State's Law of Colonization.

After the foregoing is carried out, Your Excellency may have the Attorney for the interested parties summoned so he can express the direction in which his constituents want their respective land; this pointed out, the land will be adjudicated in halves and stating which half goes to one and which half goes to the other and at the same time the Judge of Measures is to be instructed to put them in possession of the land and cause lasting and fixed monu-

73. ments set up showing what belongs to each one.

Ciudad Victoria, March 17th, 1829
6th year of the installation of
Congress in this State.

Gil Attorney at Law.

74. Ciudad Victoria, March 21st, 1829.

To the Minister of the Treasury so he can state whether the
price of the 11 SITIOS and CABALLERIAS has been entered.

Fernandez

For the Secretary
Apolinar Garcia

75. Your Excellency

The amount of 446 pesos, remuneration for 11 SITIOS DE GANADO
MAYOR and 6 CABALLERIAS DE TIERRA claimed by Citizens Nicolas and
Juan Jose Balli in the jurisdiction of Matamoros, has been entered
in this Treasury.

For whatever Your Excellency may see fit to decide it is
hereby stated.

Ministry of Public Finance of the State. Ciudad Victoria,
March the 21st 1829 - 6th year of the installation of Congress in
this State.

Jose Feliciano Ortiz.

76. Ciudad Victoria, March 21st, 1829.
The price of the SITIOS and CABALLERIAS of land claimed (Denunciados)
by Citizens Nicolas and Juan Balli having been entered, and their
attorney having stated that with respect to the part of the land to
be adjudicated to each one of them, they are the ones to decide,
this brief is surrendered to the Judge of the Second Judicature of
Matamoros so that he may place in possession of this land the
Citizens claiming (Denunciando) it as set forth in the Attorney General
opinion, and ask them to go to the Government for Title of Property
with official certification for their protection.

Fernandez

For the Secretary
Apolinar Garcia.

77. In the Village of Matamoros on the 15th day of December 1829, I,
Citizen Macedonio Capistran, Constitutional Judge of the Second Judi-
cature of the Village and Judge presiding over this matter, said:
To carry out the provision of the Government and Attorney of
the Supreme Court of Justice of this State, summon Citizen Juan Jose
Balli in his own right as well as heir of the defunct Father Nicolas
Balli and all his heirs that have a right to the inheritance of half
of the Island of Corpus in order to place them in possession of same
with the formalities of the law.

Citizen Macedonio Capistran, Constitutional Judge of the Second Judiciary of the Village and Judge presiding over this matter, said: To carry out the provision of the Government and Attorney of the Supreme Court of Justice of this State, summon Citizen Juan Jose Balli in his own right as well as heir of the defunct Father Nicolas Balli and all his heirs that have a right to the inheritance of half of the Island of Corpus in order to place them in possession of same with the formalities of the law.

With the above act, I ordered so and same act was signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have. I attest.

Macedonio Capistran

Witness
Francisco Mayorga

Witness
J. Antonio de la Vina

78. Immediately, in compliance of the preceding act, I summoned before me and my assistants, Citizen Juan Jose Balli to place him in possession of his part of the Island of Corpus and also, the rest of the heirs as stated in the preceding act, and being present in person whom I swear I know, I notified them of the purpose of the summons. To the foregoing, the first one replied that being unable, because of long illness, to personally take possession of the land, he named as proxy, giving him Power of Attorney, his brother in law Citizen Rafael Solis to take possession of both his half of Island and the other half for which he is executor.

To make the foregoing of record, I stated in this act that was signed by me, Juan Balli as Constituent and my assistants with whom

I officiate as said before. I attest.

Macedonio Capistran
Juan Jose Balli

Witness
Francisco Mayorga

Witness
J. Antonio de la Vina

79. Consecutively, in order to fulfill my duty, I departed to the Brazo de Santiago (Pass) in company with the proxy, Rafael Solis, my assisting witnesses, and the Citizens Juan Jose Cabasos, Luis Cabasos and A. de la Garza who were instrumental in these proceedings. Reaching said Brazo (Pass) I crossed to the island of Corpus with the persons mentioned above, and being in said island, I proceeded to place in possession of 11 SITIOS DE GANADO MAYOR and 6 CABALLERIAS, that make the Island of Corpus Christi in which island are included the Paraje of La Boquilla de Loma Alta, the Rancho de Buena Vista, El Devisadero, Los Sauces de San Jose, El Paso de San Agustin, La Piedra enterrada del Palmerito, San Juan de las Crucitas, Los Laurelitos, Carnestolendas and Brazo de Santiago, the Citizen Rafael Solis in behalf of his Constituent Juan Balli and Bachiller Nicolas Balli's heirs for whom Juan Balli is executor and Rafael Solis his proxy as stated before in this brief. Thence, I said Judge, in behalf of the free and sovereign State of Tamaulipas and in presence of the persons mentioned before, took said Rafael Solis by the hand and led him through the land, he pulled grass, held timber, took water and irrigated the land and also performed other acts that constitute ceremonial of true possession and then said in loud and intelligible voice: Gentlemen, all of you present be witnesses to my taking this possession.

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Nicolas Balli's heirs and from each of them in presence of the said Solis his proxy as stated before in this brief. Thence, I said Judge, in behalf of the free and sovereign State of Tamaulipas and in presence of the persons mentioned before, took said Rafael Solis by the hand and led him through the land, he pulled grass, held timber, took water and irrigated the land and also performed other acts that constitute ceremonial^{land} of true possession and then said in loud and intelligible voice: Gentlemen, all of you present be witnesses to my taking this possession judicially without contradiction by a third person with a better right. To which the bystanders replied: May it be well served.

And I, said Judge, uphold his possession of which he must not be deprived without being heard and without right. He shall never be forced to make a new survey.

Thus, he took possession in the presence of the persons above referred to and for that reason he is and must be held to be true and legitimate owner and lord of one half of said land according to his claim (Denuncio) adjudicated by the Government by virtue of his claim (Denuncio) and having paid for it. He is also in possession, as executor of the Estate of the defunct Father Balli, of the part of land belonging to said Estate so that he may distribute it among the declared heirs so that said heirs and successors may sell, exchange and transfer said land according to their wishes.

To make the foregoing of record, it is stated in this act signed by me, the proxy and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Macedonio Capistran
Jose Rafael Solis

Witness
Francisco Mayorga

Witness
J. Antonio de la Vina

81.

In the Village of Matamoros on the 25th day of December of said year, I, said Judge, having complied with the Decree dated the 21st of March of this year issued by His Excellency the Governor of this State and having placed the Citizen Juan Balli in lawful and legitimate possession of his land and the land of his deceased uncle Don Nicolas Balli in the Island of Corpus Christi after he showed receipt issued by the State Treasurer for the fair price of said land, declare this matter concluded and order this brief be protocolled and placed in the archive in my charge.

The interested party may call at this Judicature in his own right and in behalf of his deceased uncle, to obtain the judicial certification referred to in the above mentioned Decree so that the State Government may extend title of property by virtue of his being in lawful, quiet and pacific possession of their respective lands.

The foregoing is made of record by stating it in this act that was signed by me and my assistants with whom I officiate as said before. I attest.

Macedonio Capistran

Witness
Francisco Mayorga

Witness
J. Antonio de la Vina

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82.

In the Village of Matamoros on the 28th day of December of 1829, before me, Citizen Domingo de la Garza, Constitutional Judge of the first Judicature of said Village, and my assistants, appeared the Citizen Juan Balli and stated that because of habitual illness he is unable to go with this Judge to the island named Corpus Christi in order to take possession of same in his own right as well as in behalf of his deceased uncle Don Nicolas Balli in accordance with the Government's Decree dated the 21st of March of this year which adjudicated said land to them by virtue of their having claimed (Denunciado) and bought it as set forth in said Decree and the brief of judicial proceedings instituted for the purpose that exists in this Judicature. And for that reason he gives his brother in law Citizen Rafael Solis, Power of Attorney to take possession of said land, in his name as owner of his part, and the part of his deceased uncle by virtue of being named Executor in the testamentary disposition of said deceased uncle.

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And in order that said Attorney and proxy may take said possession, this Power of Attorney is extended with the formalities provided by law so that he may spread dirt from holes dug in the land, pull grass, hold timber, etc. in obedience to the ceremonial that demonstrates that the land belongs exclusively to the constituent without contradiction from any other person; all these acts being performed in the presence of persons that are to be asked whether they know of any person able to obstruct the act of taking possession and if said person does not exist it be so stated in clear and intelligible voice.

The above to be in a judicial proceeding as well as other steps pertaining to the case.

The constituent offers to agree to and pass on all the acts performed by his Proxy and not to contradict or question them within that which is of justice, nor to oppose whatever the Judge orders in accordance with the mentioned Decree.

I, the Judge presiding over the above proceeding, declare the Power of Attorney granted and to make it of record, state it in this act that was signed by the Attorney, the Constituent me and my assistants with whom I officiate in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have and according to the law.

Jose Domingo de la Garza

Juan Jose Balli, Constituent.

Jose Rafael Solis, Attorney

Witness

Francisco Mayorga

84.

In the Village of Matamoros, on the 19th day of January of 1830, before me, the Citizen Jose Maria Villarreal, Constitutional Judge of the Second Judicature, officiating with two witnesses in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have in the terms provided by the law, and before the instrumental persons named hereafter, appeared in this Judicature the Citizens Juan Jose Balli and Santiago Morales, both residents of this vicinity, and the first one stated that with full knowledge of his family and the agreement of his brothers, relatives and neighbors, he grants, knows that he sells, transfers and forever conveys in national sale to said Citizen Santiago Morales the Northern half of land in the island of Corpus Christi, plus one half SITIO that he inherited, which land he obtained through claim (Denuncio)

85. Balli and is bounded on the East by the sea, on the North by the Barra de Corpus Christi (Pass), on the West by the Laguna Madre and on the South by land of the same island extending to the Brazo de Santiago (Pass). Said sale being made for the sum of 700 pesos, in cash received from the buyer, to his entire satisfaction, for which reason from now and forever as far as the vendor is concerned he gives the buyer entire and absolute possession so that he may make use of said land as if the vendor were doing it and at the same time the vendor binds himself to indorse to the buyer the title of property to the land being sold when the Government releases it, so that it never will be in the vendor's name and surrendering as of today, said land with all its ways of ingress and egress, right-of-ways, free of leases, taxes, bonds either partial or general, and dominion; declaring the said vendor that the amount in which he has sold the land is its just price and worth and even more than the half belonging to him is worth and if in the future it should be worth more, he makes it a donation to said buyer or whoever succeeds him by right and invoking the law of the edict enacted in the Cortes de Alcala de Enares (Courts of Alcala, Enares, Spain) that deals with that which is sold or permuted for more or less than half of its fair price, waiving the four years to repeat the hoax, and the rest of the statutes in said law that puts the buyer in the place of the vendor in order to take possession of said land and if in any event the buyer finds a conflict, debate or lawsuit arises, the vendor is bound to uphold the terms and character of the sale he has consummated until the buyer is placed in quiet and pacific possession of said land. And to its validity and firmness the vendor pledges his possessions or estate present and future giving power and authority to the national Judges and particularly the Judges in this Village that might preside in such case, to compel and bind him with all the sternness within right, to stand for and fulfill this grant. (Renounced his own domicile and vicinity - - - with the rest in his favor and - - - with the - - - of the proper right) and the vendor said that to this grant he wants and pretends such strength and validity be given that neither for lack of clause nor requisite of law it fails to convey that which it does.

86. By the above testimony he made said grant and he signed it before me, my assistants and the instrumental persons, the Citizens Juan Portilla, Juan de Ynojosa and Matias Ramirez both (?) and of this Village to all of which I attest.

Jose Maria Villarreal
Santiago Morales Juan Jose Balli

Witness
Francisco Mayorga

Witness
Juan Longoria y Serna

NOTE: In parenthesis, incomplete phrases due to inability to decipher manuscript.

87. In the Village of Matamoros on the 20th day of March of 1830, before me the Citizen Jose Maria Villarreal, Constitutional Judge of said Village, officiating with two assistants in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have in the terms provided by the law, and before the instrumental persons hereafter named, appeared in this Judicature the Citizen Santiago Morales of this vicinity and said that about

NOTE: In parenthesis, incomplete phrases due to inability to decipher manuscript.

87.

In the Village of Matamoros on the 20th day of March of 1830, before me the Citizen Jose Maria Villarreal, Constitutional Judge of said Village, officiating with two assistants in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have in the terms provided by the law, and before the instrumental persons hereafter named, appeared in this Judicature the Citizen Santiago Morales of this vicinity and said that about two months ago he acquired through sale from Don Juan Jose Balli, the Northern one half of the land in the Island of Corpus Christi plus one SITIO that belongs to him by inheritance, said land having been obtained through joint claim he placed with his deceased uncle Said land being seasonal pasture land in the mentioned island and bounded on the South by land of the same island that reaches to Brazo de Santiago, on the North by the Barra de Corpus Christi

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(Pass), on the East by the Sea and on the West by the Laguna Madre. Said sale having been effected for the amount of 700 pesos that were paid in cash. But having learned through two gentlemen that are here from Victoria Tamaulipas, that the claim (Denuncio) of the Island of Corpus Christi will be without effect which is proved by the claim (Denuncio) not being transacted according to the law; and not wanting to later Jeopardize my interests nor suffer hindrance of any kind, since Senor Balli may need one year or two to prove he is owner and heir of the land in the Island of Corpus Christi, in the meantime I shall not be able to take possession as legitimate owner, by virtue of an existing doubt and because in case Senor Balli instead of getting a favorable verdict may get one on the contrary, Senor Balli would have to return my money which in the meantime would be tied up, I request from the Citizen Judge of the Second Judicature that the Citizen Juan Jose Balli be summoned as soon as possible so that my money in the amount of 700 pesos, be returned to me with the understanding that if said Senor Balli arranges and perfects his claim (Denuncio) satisfactorily, and wants the deal to stand, I am willing to carry it out.

The above is a grace I request and demand since it is based on justice that I deserve.

Santiago Morales

Jose Maria Villarreal

Witness

Juan Longoria y Serna

Witness

Francisco Mayorga

Let the Citizen Juan Jose Balli be summoned for the 22nd day of the present month.

Jose Maria Villarreal

89.

In the Village of Matamoros on the 22nd day of March 1830 the Citizens Santiago Morales and Juan Jose Balli appeared in the Judicature and having informed Senor Balli of the

In the Village of Matamoros on the 22nd day of March 1830 the Citizens Santiago Morales and Juan Jose Balli appeared in the Judicature in my charge and having informed Senor Balli of the (?) filed by the Citizen Santiago Morales, he stated that he did not agree with the information given by the gentlemen from Victoria but since he did not act in bad faith on any matter, and being morally obligated to see that the transaction for the sale of the land be carried out in good order, he believed himself to be under obligation to refund Senor Morales his money but the said refund would be made in two parts because he did not have the whole amount at the moment. He said that he would this day give him 400 pesos and in three days he would pay the balance.

The above being agreeable to Senor Santiago Morales the matter was closed to the satisfaction of both parties.

Jose Maria Villarreal

Juan Jose Balli

Santiago Morales

Witness

Witness

Francisco Mayorga

Juan Longoria y Serna

90.

In the Village of Matamoros on the 27th day of March 1830, before me the Citizen Jose Maria Villarreal, Constitutional Judge of the Second Judicature in said Village, officiating with two assisting witnesses in lieu of Notary Public that we do not have in the terms provided by the law, and before the instrumental persons named below, appeared the Citizens Juan Jose Balli and Santiago Morales both of this vicinity and the latter said that with full knowledge of various persons and the request of Don Juan Jose Balli he at this moment and by these presents returns receipt for the amount of 700 pesos that said Senor Balli returned to him for not having closed the deal for one half of the island of Santiago plus one SITIO. And that said receipt would always be used for his protection in having full rights in the mentioned land of the Island of Santiago.

To all of which I attest.

Jose Maria Villarreal
Santiago Morales

Juan Jose Balli

Witness

Witness

Francisco Mayorga

Juan Longoria y Serna

GLOSSARY

Alcalde

Titular of a Judicatory.
Referred to as Judge in this translation.

Barra or Boquilla

Sandbar or Estuary.

Bachiller

Title of address.

Pass

GLOSSARY

Alcalde	Titular of a Judicatory. Referred to as Judge in this translation.
Barra or Boquilla	Sandbar or Estuary.
Bachiller	Title of address.
Brazo	Pass
Citizen	Title of address.
Denuncio	In Mexican & Spanish law, a claim presented legally.
Diligencia	Judicial proceeding referred to as Act and Judicial Pro- ceeding in this translation.
Fieles Vedores y Contadores (Loyal Seers)	Persons appointed to observe and count in behalf of the Government.
Fiscal	Attorney General
Paraje	Station at the end of a day's journey. Referred to as place in this translation.

NOTE: This translation is what would be termed a free translation in order to arrive at the true meaning and intent of the original Spanish instrument, especially so from a surveyor's and from a lawyer's viewpoint.

I, Marió Lozano, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct (free) translation of the instrument designated in the title.

Mario Lozano
Mario Lozano

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