Commissioners Office } To Mr. Surveyor

Sir

In consequence of your known honor, integrity, and ability, you are hereby appointed Surveyor for the Colonies granted to the following Empresarios, by the Supreme Governor of the State, to wit, to Lorenzo de Zavala on the 12th of March 1829, to David G. Burnett on the 22d December 1826, and to Joseph Vehlein and company on the 21st December 1826, and also another grant to Joseph Vehlein and company dated on the 11th of October 1828. And in the exercise of the duties of your office, you will be governed by the following instructions, and such other as from time to time may be forwarded to you.

Instructions to Surveyors

Article 1st Each and every surveyor shall provide himself with a compass after Rittenhouse's construction.

" 2nd All the lines shall be run in conformity with the true Meridian, and the greatest care shall be taken to have the horizontal measurement obtained by the chain carriers.

" 3rd In Surveying chains of Iron or brass 10 varas long shall be used and the length of each link shall be 4 2/3 inches and the pins used for surveying shall not exceed 12 inches.

" 4th ~~Field books must be provided to keep the notes in the following manner.~~

Notes

Varas.	Tenths	
		Set post and made mound for the beginning corner of N.S. Survey on the West bank of the Willow Bayou, or branch, running into Trinity river, from which a W. Oak 8 inches diameter bears S. 10° W. 29 8/10 varas distant and a hickory 10 inches diameter bears N. 8° W. 10 2/10 varas distant, thence
S 18 W. 10	8	Hickory 10 In diam.r a line tree
20.	"	Bayou 5 varas wide course S.W.

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Varas	Tenths	
4000.		Prairie
4500.		Timbered land
5000.		Set post and made a mound 2 corner from which W. ash 10 In diam. bears S. 72 W. 15 varas distant and rich rolling timber. Oak. Hickory and Walnut. undergroth. Sassafras and Pawpaws. thence
S. 72 W. 450.	8.	Lake 100 varas wide
4000.	"	Prairie
4220.	"	Timbered land
5000.	"	Set post and made mound 3. corner from which a W. ash 10 In diam. bears S. 10 E. 25 varas distant. and a Hickory 20 In diam. bears S. 12 W. 18 varas distant. land sterile timbered with oak. Hickory and Pine. undergroth Hickory and Pine. thence
N. 18 E. 20,	8	Brook 10 varas distant & prairie
5000.		Set post made mound 4th corner, from which a W. Oak 12 In diam. bears S. 10 E. 12 varas distant, and a pine 20 in. diameter bears N. 10 E. 18 varas distant, land the same. thence
N. 72 W.		on random line.
4975,	8	Fell 25 varas south of the beginning corner, land the same
4975.		thence N. E on true line to the 4 corner

Article 5th The initials of the Grantees name must be cut on the bearing trees at each corner with a marking iron, and a mound raised three feet high and three feet in diameter at the base around the stake and the timber shall be so blazed near the line that it may be followed with ease. line trees shall be blazed, and a notch cut above and below the blaze.

" 6th Rivers large streams and lakes must be considered natural boundaries, and no survey shall cross them, but their courses must be correctly taken and the contents of all surveys must be calculated by latitude and departure.

Article 7th All Surveys that do not close by 50 varas must be corrected and make each league contain 25 Millions Square varas as near as practible.

" 8th On all natural boundaries ~~one half league front shall be~~ allowed to each league of land and so on in Proportion to the whole quantity that may be surveyed

" 9th The Field notes must be forwarded to this office, so soon as the Surveys are Completed

10th No Surveys will be acknowledged, unless expressly ordered in writing by the Commissioner.

11th Special care shall be taken that no vacant land be left between the possessions

12th A Report must be made qualifying the lands and giving as near as practicable the quantity of Arable and grazing land contained in each Survey

13th All Chain Carriers shall be Sworn by the Surveyor before commencing the Survey, to perform their duties truly and faithfully according to the best of their ability and no person akin to the parties interested nearer than the fourth degree, shall be appointed to that Survey

Appointment of
Surveyor & instructions
to the same
by
J. A. Nixon

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