

Translation of Muniments.

[Seal of the state of Chihuahua.]

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Transcript of the expediente formed concerning the adjudication made of the lands of the place called Doña Ana.

CHIHUAHUA, March 28, 1871.

This transcript of expediente, received through the mail express from John D. Bail, of Mesilla, agent of the claimants, and filed in this the office of United States surveyor-general for New Mexico, this January 23, 1874.

MILLER,
Chief Clerk.

Number 60, year of 1840-'42-'43-'44.

Papers in the grant of lands which sundry citizens of the town of El Paso solicit to settle at the place called Doña Ana, in the district of El Paso, ten leagues from said town.

A seal, secretaryship, number 2.

List of the individuals who voluntarily present themselves to colonize the place of Doña Ana, and are the following:

Citizen José Ma. Costales.	Citizen José Bernal.
Lorenzo Provencio.	Francisco Varela. - 1890 Guad. 1871
José Ma. Sierra.	Francisco Lucero.
José Garcia. - Jose Garcia 1863 Ysleta Nat. Ind.	José Blanco.
José Antonio Ortega.	Mariano Trujillo. 1862 JA Indio Reg. Capital
José Ynes Corona.	José Montoya.
Cristobal Provencio.	Cesario Acuña.
Cano Lucero.	Manuel Martinez.
Rafael Rael.	Rafael Lucero.
Miguel Garcia.	Enriquez Lino.
Gregorio Davalos.	Tomas Carillo.
José Ma. Rodrigues.	Eleuterio Perea.
Julio Arbayo.	Marcelino Serna.
Jesus Varela.	Florencio Costales.
Felix Miranda.	Luciano Melendo.
Santos Abalos.	Francisco Garcia, the black-smith.
Brigido Provencio.	Eustaquio Herrera.
Gregorio Herrera.	Tomas Yrigoyen.
José Ma. Garcia. - Jose Garcia on 1863 Ysleta Nat. Ind. Co.	Pedro Garcia.
Narciso Varelo.	José Rivera. - see p. 96 - Non Indian
Nazario Herrera.	José Abalos. - Ynes's dad? 1807
Manuel Padilla.	Juan Velarde.
José Delfin.	Gütereña the Suma.
Marieno Tellez.	Guadalupe Valencia.
Bautista Moya.	Remigio Saenz.
Francisco Lino.	José Antonio Provencio.
Felipe Herrera.	Evaristo Dias.

Rafael Herrera.
Francisco Rojai.
Victor Avalos.
Bernabe Blanco.
José Tomas Sanchez.
Gregorio Martinez.
Ramon Martinez.
Juan Jose Benavides.
Wenseslao de la O.
Bernaré Montoya.
José Ma. Provencia.
José Ma. Velarde.
José Diego Canena.
Norberto Zamora.
Benito Rodela.
Teodocio Zamora.
Francisco Lucero.
Francisco Lucero.
Cosme Lucero.
Juan Agaton Herrera. - 1890 Guad. 1871
Francisco Sambrano.
Andres Maése.
Estevan Gonzalez.
Ynocente Rivera.
Esmergildo Cano.
Jesus Muñoz.
José Lucero.
Victoriano Sanchez.
Santos Jurado.
Francisco Valverde.
José Velarde.

Jesus Quilez.
Julian Tellez.
Francisco Tellez.
Apolénario Perea.
Jesus Cobos.
Eligio Tellez.
Martin Martinez.
Ricardo Benavides.
Santos Trujillo.
Timoteo Montoya.
José Ma. Lucero.
José Lucero.
Reyes Velarde.
José Antonio Cedillos. - 1863 Ysleta
Antonio Salazar.
Marciano Aldarete.
Juan Miguel Archuleta.
Guillermo Varela.
Felipe Gonzalez. - 1863 Ysleta
Timoteo Apodaca.
Francisco Ortega. - 1894 Chamisa
Ramon Alvilar.
Saturnino Campos.
Ensebio Cadena.
Ynocente Herrera.
Jesus Cordoba.
Rafael Herrera.
Martin Lira.
Cesario Duran.
José Morales.
Felipe Martinez.

Total, 116.

Town of El Paso, 18th of September, 1839.

JOSÉ MA. COSTALES, [a rubric.]

REVENUE OFFICE OF EL PASO, [seal 3d, two reals.]

Habitated for the two years of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight and eight hundred and thirty-nine.

Paso, August 21, 1839.

RONQUILLO, [a rubric.]

PADILLA, [a rubric.]

Hon. Prefect of this District:

The undersigned presents himself in legal form before your honor, and says that when the predecessor of your honor, Cayetano Justiniani, governed this district, I presented myself to him verbally, showing that in company with a considerable number of residents of this town we requested that there be granted us to settle the place of Doña Ana, situated up the river from this locality, and for this purpose we applied to the gentleman mentioned with the object that he would inform us what number of citizens were necessary to obtain the success of that application. He replied to me that with a hundred men it was sufficient to obtain the favor we asked, assuring me that as soon as they were completed I should make a list of their names, forwarding the latter through a formal petition, so that being placed in his hands he might give it the proper course

erroneous in the matter; the difficulty that presented itself to me whether or not this ordinance should conform to the general laws of colonization of the republic or the special ones of the state; the doubt as to whether some of the latter not having a manifest conflict with the present system of the government might be in force; the circumstance that the decreeing power might not have had legislative authority, and the having to prescribe thereupon without exceeding the faculties of the government regulations that might provide well for the establishment of the settlement, preventing at the same time some evils that might be apprehended, were motives that delayed my consideration, and deprived me of the pleasure of having forwarded to your excellency this report as soon as you perhaps desired. It will afford me the greatest pleasure should it conform to the desires of your excellency. Should the reverse be the case, your excellency can correct it as well in the matter as in the form, in manner according to your superior pleasure." (Here the regulation written upon page et seq.)

And the foregoing regulation—depending upon the sanction of his excellency the governor, he has seen proper to approve the same provisionally, and in virtue whereof he directs me to say to you, as I do, that in pursuance of what the same provides, and of the bases prescribed by the excellent junta in its included report, you proceed to the adjudication of the lands applied for, and to establish the settlement according to the rules provided, reporting to this government what shall be done in virtue of this determination.

God and Chihuahua, July 31, 1840. [A rubric.]
Hon. Prefect of El Paso.

Hon. Prefect of this District:

The undersigned, all residents of this town, appear before your honor with due respect, representing: that, upon the 18th of September last, we addressed to your prefecture a petition asking that we might be given and granted the land known by the name of the Bend of Doña Ana, situated upon the margin of this river, above, in the northern part, distant from this town about ten leagues, somewhat more or less, with the object of working its lands for the purpose of agriculture and pastures near by, for the raising and maintaining of domestic animals necessary and indispensable for this class of industry, leaving its groves of trees, useful for building and other purposes, for the common use, together with those of this town; and inasmuch as up to this date we do not know the disposition it has received, although we are aware that the same was remitted to the government of this department after a report that your prefecture deemed proper to append to it. Impelled by the scarcity of lands which we have experienced since the year 1823, from the freshets of said river carrying off and rendering useless more than half of the small quantity we previously cultivated, we find ourselves obliged, in order to subsist ourselves and our families, to apply anew to your honor, representing with all earnestness that you be pleased to make of this petition such disposition as you shall deem opportune, to the end that with the utmost dispatch what shall be deemed proper for the relief of our calamitous necessity may be determined for us; and in case that for the grant there arise any inability the government may at present have to afford the supplies that the law provides for new settlers. Harassed by the want that afflicts us, we consider the same as furnished, being content with only the grant that we ask, and that a general benefit may result from this new settlement to the nation, employing in this way the labor of its citizens and establishing measurably a bulwark against the barbarous

tribes that surround us on this frontier, facilitating at the same time the most easy communication with the department of New Mexico, and a sure assistance to the travelers in our trade with that place, as the route leading there has to pass through the center of the settlement to be established. We believe that these facts are evident to the understanding of your honor to such a degree that they are not to be doubted. Therefore, we humbly pray that your honor be pleased to report hereon as you may deem well, with the laudable object of its early disposition, whereby we will receive grace and favor. We declare non-dissimulation, and as necessary, &c.

Town of El Paso, July 3, 1840.

Lorenzo Provencio.	Francisco Mondragon.
José Bernal.	Bernabé Montoya.
Ramon Dias de la Serue.	José Ma. Costales.
José Balverde.	José Ma. Cordova.
Yrinió Lujan.	Tomas Yrigoyen.
José Ma. Velarde.	Romualdo Rojas.
Miguel Navarez.	Pablo Melendres.
Juan Marquez.	Casildo del Prado.
Eligio Tellez	José Carbajal.
Severiano Varela.	Eleuterio Perea.
Ramon Cruz.	Manuel Martinez.
Francisco Rojas.	Cruz Martinez.
Mariano Trujillo.	Francisco Horcasitas.
Cesario Acuña.	Vicente Mauriques.
Franco Lucero.	José Ma. Sierra.
Gregoria Davalos.	Miguel Garcia.
José Ynes Corona.	José Garcia. ¹⁸⁴⁰
José Lucero.	Enriquez Lino.
Evaristo Dias.	Jesus Muñoz.
Florencio Benavides.	Miguel Padilla.
José Bienes.	José Ma. Provencio.
Manuel Lucero.	José Antonio Provencio.
Reyes Velarde.	Brigido Provencio.
Luciano Melendo.	Bantista Moya.
Rafael Herrera.	Manuel Padilla.
José Anto. Gallegos.	Balentin Gomez.
Felipe Martinez.	Timoteo Montoya.
Antonio Apodaca.	Timoteo Barrio.
Cesario Tellez.	Pedro Aredo.
Carmen Lucero.	Guadalupe Maese.
Cristobal Provencio.	Antonio Padilla.
Julian Tellez.	Santos Trujillo.
Felipe Gonzales.	Jesus Cobos.
José Rivera.	Pablo Madrid.
Apolonio Rivera.	Bonifacio Armijo.
Nazario Herrera.	Felipe Herrera.
Francisco Telles.	José Avalos. ^{see p. 42 1806}
Dionicio Hidalgo.	Pedro Garcia.
Narciso Varela.	José Ma. Garcia. ^{1843 Yrigoyen}
Victor Gomez.	José Montoya.
Francisco Provencio.	Florentino Tellez.
Jesus Quiles.	Francisco Lucero.
Juan Agaton Herrera.	Nepomuceno Hidalgo.
Juan Bantista.	Guillermo Varela.
Norberto Zamora.	Esmerejildo Cano.

Julio Arbayo.
Monico Benavides.
Rafael Lucero.
Gregoria Herrera.
Jesus Varela.
Ponciano Velarde.
Pedro Gonzales.
Panfilo Tallez.
José Antonio Madril.
Santos Avalos.
Andres Maese.
José Lucero and
Gabriel Gutierrez.
Geronino Lujan.

1839 y 1840

Francisco Sambrano.
José Ma. Rodriguez.
Eusebio Cadena.
José Ma. Morga.
Timoteo Apodaca.
Cano Lucero.
Jesus Duran.
Ramon Padilla.
Feliciano Ramirez.
José Remigio Saenz.
Juan Lucero.
José Diego Cadena.
Maurico Acosta.
Vicente Provencio.

MOST EXCELLENT GOVERNOR: In a report of 18th of September last of this prefecture it has been stated to your excellency what is proper relative to the land that the petitioners propose to cultivate. These, from the force of the circumstances in which they now find themselves, by reason of not having lands to cultivate, with other reasons of no less importance, and that are evident to your excellency, cause me to abstain from particularizing very much in detail the miseries that afflict this settlement for the want of grain for its subsistence; and if a portion of the laborers of this town do not devote themselves to husbandry, it is clear that they will always continue in the most miserable condition, owing to the want of lands they lack. It being certain that if the freshet of the river in the approaching year is equal to the one just occurred, undoubtedly one-half of this jurisdiction would be lost, together with the town of Real and part of the other towns that the same river has isolated, a motive that obliges the said petitioners to look in time where to live. Notwithstanding the foregoing, your excellency in view thereof will determine according to your superior pleasure.

Town of El Paso, July 7, 1840.

JOSÉ MORALES,
RAMON DIAS DE LA SERNA, [a rubric,]
Secretary. [a rubric,]

PREFECTURE OF EL PASO, NUMBER 100.

I have the honor to communicate to you, with the report that I have believed just, the accompanying petition of sundry citizens of this town, in order that you be pleased to report the same to his excellency the governor, that he may determine as he shall deem well, again enjoining you very particularly upon my part the prompt dispatch of the matter on account of the need that these inhabitants have to carry on their enterprise if the superior government accedes to their request.

God and liberty. Town of El Paso, July 8, 1840.

JOSÉ MORALES,
RAMON DIAS DE LA SERNA, [a rubric,]
Secretary. [a rubric,]

SECRETARY

of the Superior Government of the Department of Chihuahua.

AUGUST 4.

That the present governor was aware since he entered upon the administration what an advantage would be to the welfare of the people

of El Paso the establishment and settlement of the place of Doña Ana, and that he had the pleasure to issue on the 31st ultimo the necessary orders to that end, with all the requisites the laws prescribe.

[A rubric.]

The present most excellent governor, Francisco Garcia Conde, was aware since his entering the government how proper and beneficial would be for the welfare of the people of El Paso the establishment and settlement of the place Doña Ana, that some individuals had solicited by petition on the 18th of September of the last year, which was found pending in this secretaryship, and therefore his excellency was pleased to issue, upon the 31st ultimo, the necessary orders to your prefecture to proceed to the granting of said lands and establishment of the settlement with all the requisites required by the laws. All of which I communicate to your honor by his order, and in reply to your official note relative thereto of the 8th of the said month, with which you accompany a new petition on the subject from the citizens interested of this town.

God and liberty, Chihuahua, August 5, 1840.

His Honor Prefect of El Paso:

Under date of 18th of September, 1839, one hundred and sixteen citizens of the town of El Paso presented themselves to this superior government, through the proper channel, praying that there might be adjudged to them the cultivable lands situated upon the margins of the Rio Bravo (distant ten or twelve leagues north of El Paso) at the place commonly known by the name of Bend of Doña Ana. This government, in consideration of the laudable object these individuals propose, in view of the provisions now in force, as well general as special, that authorize this class of grants, knowing that with this act is protected and encouraged the useful branch of agriculture, one of the fountains most productive of wealth and public prosperity, and finally persuaded that by this means many arms, which in consequence of our unfortunate circumstances of poverty, being as they now are, idle, will become busy and productive, agreed to concede to them, with the concurrence of the most excellent departmental junta, the favor they asked. For this purpose this same government undertook to establish the bases on which the said adjudgment should be proceeded with, bearing in mind in doing so that the same ought to yield a result which would be the more satisfactory in proportion as the grant and the duties by it imposed on the former should be united with his individual interest; for which reason there was conceded to the petitioners for land to cultivate the exclusive title of a *caballeria* of land to the head of families and the half of that quantity to those that are not, adjudging to each the lot indispensable for a residence in the commons of the new settlement to be established. Also it was not forgotten to leave unappropriated the necessary space for the prosperity of the colony, and with this intention it was provided that all natives within the term of one year, counting from the date of the establishment of the colony, might present themselves to the government through the proper channel asking the same favor, it might be conceded them, with some slight modifications, the same being that these individuals entering in possession of the piece of land assigned them shall have to pay for once only 5 per cent. calculated upon its value, and also have to purchase at its full value the lot they may apply for in the settlement, with the object that the former of these products as well as the latter be turned over to the fund of ways and means of the colony; and as this arrangement should be within reach of all the inhabitants of the

department, his excellency the governor has directed that this notice be circulated for the purpose indicated, and with that of inviting such honest and industrious poor citizens as may desire to settle in the new colony, reminding them of that wise maxim "that if permanent felicity were compatible with human nature it should be sought in the fields," and that other none the less wise, and much more comprehensive, that serves as a motto of one of our modern enlightened periodicals, to wit, "Of all things that can be undertaken or sought in the world nothing is better, nothing more useful, nothing sweeter or more worthy the free man than agriculture." Which I have the honor to communicate to your honor by direction of his excellency the governor for the proper purposes.

God and liberty, August 13, 1840.

[A rubric.]

To the Prefects.

PREFECTURE OF HIDALGO, NUMBER 356.

By the circular of your honor of the 13th inst., I am advised that one hundred and sixteen residents of the town of El Paso presented themselves to your supreme government asking that there might be adjudged to them the cultivable lands situated on the margins of the Rio Bravo, at the point commonly known by the name of Bend of Doña Ana. They have been granted them in the manner the said circular mentions inviting such industrious men as may desire to settle in said colony to do so with the privileges conceded them, which I will communicate to the inferior authorities of the district, to the end that being published the same will come to the knowledge of the public.

God and liberty, Hidalgo, August 18, 1840.

JOSE MA DE ECHAVARRIA, [a rubric.]
JOSE LEANDRO MUÑOS, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

SECRETARY

of the Government of the Department.

PREFECTURE OF EL PASO, NUMBER 138.

For the purposes contemplated by the superior circular of his excellency the governor, of the 13th instant, relative to inviting such honest and industrious poor citizens as may desire to settle in the new colony of Doña Ana, I have circulated and ordered the same to be published in all this district under my charge, whereof I advise your honor for your information and for the superior knowledge of his excellency the governor.

God and liberty, Town of El Paso, August 23, 1840.

JOSE MORALES, [a rubric.]
RAMON DIAS DE LA SERNA, [a rubric.]

SECRETARY *of the Superior Government of the Department of Chihuahua.*

PREFECTURE OF THE DISTRICT OF GUADALUPE Y CALVO.

There is received in this office the circular dated the 13th instant, relative to the new settlement to be formed upon the margin of the Rio Bravo, ten leagues north of the town of Paso del Norte which will be published at this capital, and will be circulated in the district under my

charge for the same purposes. You will be pleased to advise his excellency the governor thereof, and to receive my assurances of esteem.

God and liberty, Guadalupe y Calvo, August 23, 1840.

JOSE S. PAREJA, *Secretary*, [a rubric.]
MARIANO SAENZ, *Secretary*, [a rubric.]

SECRETARY OF STATE *of Chihuahua.*

PREFECTURE OF EL PASO, NUMBER 153.

I have the honor to address to your honor with the report I have thought right the accompanying petition of citizen Pascual de la O. and associates for the purpose that you be pleased to report the same to his excellency the governor, for such action as he may deem well.

God and liberty. Town of El Paso, October 19, 1840.

JOSE MORALES, [a rubric.]
RAMON DIAS DE LA SERNA, *Secretary*, [a rubric.]

SECRETARY *of the Superior Government of the Department of Chihuahua.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: The undersigned residents of this pueblo of Cenequí, corresponding to the capital El Paso, come before the upright and high-toned equity of your excellency with due respect to ask the favor which, in consideration of the force of the reasons which justly favor us, we proceed to state; the rigor of the poverty which unhappily afflicts us, the excessive scarcity of all kinds of resources which have failed us, and the increase in our innocent families which in the course of time are increasing, and who are the ones who without fault suffer all these calamitous vicissitudes, that in fact we all undergo, constrain us imperiously to address our sad complaints to the only and beneficent source capable of relieving them. Your excellency, then, with merciful hand, and for the sake of the noble sentiments of humanity characteristic of you, will please to provide the only remedy there is, and which we will demonstrate, to impede the rapid course borne on by the crisis of indigence which torments us. This remedy is none other than that you be pleased to give to us the right to cultivate, under title and in conformity with the laws, whether by especial grant or at our private expense, that portion of the fertile, abandoned, uncultivated lands found in this pueblo. Perhaps our just request may cause at first sight surprise, but when it is considered that the extent of the lands of the quality mentioned is quite large, so that the small number of natives that this pueblo has never can cultivate them, whether owing to their magnitude or whether owing to the notorious apathy or neglect of the natives; and furthermore when it is observed that our lauded possessions are so entirely reduced that their yield is incapable of affording us even in a small degree the indispensable support of our said families. and owing to which we have to experience the serious wants referred to at the beginning; it will be seen as a just consequence that the supreme law of necessity impels us to avail ourselves, by legal means, of this the right of petition, for from its success results no less than a general and private benefit. Although in regard to this may be argued the covetousness, hate, and refined selfishness, qualities which in this class of pueblos have always prevailed among the natives toward their neighbors. It may also be said to us that we might enroll ourselves among the number of settlers of the new colony which is going to be established at the place Doña Ana, corresponding to the capital, the town of El Paso; but although we have abundantly such desires, our poor patri-

mony, which does not consist of anything but the ownership of some very small pieces of land, as we have shown, and our humble hut that answers for a home, deprives us absolutely of that favor, or the facilities which the kind good will of your excellency has been pleased to offer us, at the same time being an obstacle to our going there the abandonment of the few effects we hold in our own right as residents of this pueblo, there not being anybody wishing to purchase them, and from the product of which we might outfit ourselves with the indispensable articles for becoming settlers of the new colonial establishment.

Therefore we humbly pray that your excellency be pleased to heed our submissive prayer whereby we will receive particular favor, and for which we will always live in perpetual remembrance.

Cenecú, October 10, 1840, E. S.

Pascual de la O.
Candelario Gonzales.
Juan Anto. Garcia.
Saturnino Alvillan.
Marcelo Oroseo.
Calixtro Leyva. ✓
Encarnacion Romero.
José Ma. Gonzalez.
Pablo Alvilan.
Juan Pablo Arce de Madrid.
Jose Vicente Lopez.
Cristobal Oroseo.
Nicolas Pacheco.
Gabriel Cordero.
José Blas Duran. ✓
Simon Guerra.

Jose Blas Rivera. ✓
Teodoro Benavidez. ✓
Anastacio Cando.
Tomas Griego.
José de los Angeles Curero.
José Javela.
José Velarde.
José Feliz Lopez.
Gregorio Montoya.
Antonio Jaramillo.
Bautista Griego.
Silvestre Pasos.
Eugenio Lopez.
José Soto.
Cosme Rios.
Valentin Maese.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: Your excellency being aware of the complaints which the natives of the pueblo of Senecú have repeatedly made, objecting that their lands be occupied by citizens settled in said pueblo, prevents my stating minutely the powerful reasons that hinder acceding to the prayer of the petitioners, who, although true they suffer hardships from the want of lands, can apply for them if they desire to employ themselves in the work of the new colonization of Doña Ana, where there are sufficient affording the conveniences that the industrious man should desire in human life—all these being reasons that prompted the goodness of your excellency to make the concession of lands general of the said colony to all the native citizens who may wish to permanently settle therein. Your excellency notwithstanding the foregoing will determine according to your superior pleasure.

Town of El Paso, October 10, 1840.

JOSE MORALES, [a rubric.]
RAMON DIAS DE LA SERNA, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

December 15.

In conformity with what is reported by the prefecture this petition is not granted, and the same authority may assure the parties interested that the government will furnish them at the place Doña Ana all the advantages they may desire.

[A rubric.]

His excellency, the governor, having examined the petition of some citizens of Senecú, requesting the lands of the natives, and also the report of your honor, showing the just rights of the latter and the difficulties that would result from granting the petition of the former, has been pleased to decree in conformity with your honor's report instructing me that in communicating this, I charge you in the name of the government to assure the petitioners that his excellency will furnish them at the place Doña Ana all the advantages they desire.

I reiterate, &c. God and liberty, December 15, 1840.

His honor the Prefect of El Paso.

[A rubric.]

NUMBER 170.

The day having arrived on which the settlers of the new colony of Doña Ana were to set out, a portion of them excused themselves on account of fear of the enemy; those that remained and are anxious to commence the enterprise are prevented by their poverty. The small number of men which is not sufficient to repel at that place any attack that might occur, comprehending which they earnestly request that the time may be extended to them until the 1st of the month of February of the coming year, to start for the said place, as well in order in that time to settle some affairs of urgent necessity as to see whether within the same time they enroll other individuals to increase their force; asking furthermore that those who have signed who without legal excuse absent themselves may be compelled to comply with their obligations, for they believe they have excused themselves so as not to assist in the work on the acequia; all of which I communicate to you to the end that you be pleased to inform the most excellent governor thereof, so that his excellency be pleased if of his superior will to concede to the petitioners the extension they ask; and also whether I may compel those who have excused themselves to go upon the work of the acequia as is requested by those who up to date are steadfast in carrying out their obligation. I protest to you the most sincere considerations of my esteem.

God and liberty, Paso, November 18, 1840.

Secretary of the Government of the Department.

A copy.—Town of El Paso, June 9, 1842.

J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric,]
Secretary.

The most excellent governor desires to know the reasons that have delayed the fulfillment of the order that was communicated to your prefecture on the 31st of July, 1840, for the granting of the lands of Doña Ana and the establishment of a new settlement at that point. His excellency therefore expects the proper report which your honor will be pleased to make with the dispatch the importance of the subject suggests.

God and liberty, El Paso, June 8, 1842. [A rubric.]

His honor Prefect of El Paso.

PREFECTURE OF THE DISTRICT OF EL PASO, No. 12.

This office having been occupied searching out and bringing to light any relative antecedents which may have relation to the preliminaries which have hitherto embarrassed the establishment of a new colony upon the

interest to all its inhabitants; and although I might do it after this as the said justice of the peace of Doña Ana informs me officially that the residents demand their titles, it seems to me proper to do it, as I have stated. You will be pleased to make this known to your superior government for its determination.

God and liberty, El Paso, January 23, 1846.

GUADALUPE MIRANDA, [a rubric.]
JOAQUIN ALVAREZ, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

Secretary of state of Chihuahua.

The note of your honor, No. 13, of 23d of January last, has informed his excellency the governor that that prefecture had forwarded to the justice of the peace of Doña Ana the original expediente formed upon the colonization of that place, empowering him to make the due grants for lands, and issue titles as well to the citizens now located as to those that may go within the term the regulation on the subject prescribes.

God, &c., March 11, 1846.

[A rubric.]

Prefect of the district of El Paso.

Roster of the members of the auxiliary company of Infantry of El Paso who march to the colony of Doña Ana to render their services.

Sergeant Manuel Provencio.	José Vianes.
Corporal José Ma. Lujau.	José Ma. Perea. ✓
Soldiers Francisco Provencio.	José Dolores Apodaca.
José Tafoya. ✓	

PASO, April 30, 1843.

PASO, August 12, 1843.

Of the two muskets which were given to Geronimo Lujau, he turned over one of them, which was assigned to José Tafoya, there remaining in possession of the latter the one which was given to him as a soldier.

Expediente formed relative to the colonization of the Bend of Doña Ana since July, 1840.

NUMBER 3.

In the book for the year 1840, in which this prefecture has registered the communications that are directed to the superior departmental government, there is one found upon pages 17 *et seq.*, of the following tenor:

NUMBER 100.

I have the honor to communicate to you, with the report I have believed just, the accompanying petition of sundry citizens of this town, in order that you be pleased to report the same to his excellency the governor, that he may determine as he shall deem well, again enjoining you, very particularly on my part, the prompt dispatch of the matter on account of the need that these inhabitants have to carry on their enterprise if the superior government accedes to their request.

July 8, 1840.

A copy. Town of El Paso, April 19, 1843.

J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]

In book third of decrees, circulars, and proclamations, which the prefecture of this district keeps for retained copies, at pages 25 *et seq.*, is found entered a report of the following tenor:

Report upon the petition of sundry citizens of this town who apply to possess the land at Doña Ana, was placed the following:

EXCELLENT SIR: In a report of the 18th of September last of this prefecture, it has been stated to your excellency what is proper relative to the lands the petitioners propose to cultivate. These, from the force of the circumstances they now find themselves in, by reason of not having lands to cultivate, with other reasons of no less importance, and that are evident to your excellency, cause me to abstain from particularizing very much in detail the miseries that afflict this settlement from the want of grain for its subsistence, and if a portion of the residents of this town do not devote themselves to husbandry it is clear that they will always continue in the most miserable condition, owing to the want of the lands they lack, it being certain that if the freshet of the river in the approaching year is equal to the one just occurred, undoubtedly half of this jurisdiction would be lost, together with the town of Real and part of the other towns which the same river has isolated, a motive that obliges the said petitioners to look in time for where to live and not become witnesses of the final ruin.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, your excellency, in view thereof, will determine according to your superior pleasure.

Paso, July 7, 1840.

A copy. Town of El Paso, 19th of April, 1843.

J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

In the book for the year 1839, in which this prefecture has registered the communications it has addressed to the superior departmental government, is found a report to the following effect:

Report placed upon the petition of José Ma. Costales, its date 18th of September, 1839.

EXCELLENT SIR: The place Doña Ana, distant from this town ten leagues, a little more or less, possesses abundant and fertile lands to cultivate, and for other purposes. It facilitates with small labor the taking of water to cultivate them by irrigation; and altogether has all the advantages that a new settler needs to obtain the object he desires. For these reasons, and the many others of more weight that are within the observation of your excellency, I will not stop to show you that I find no obstacle sufficient for denying to the petitioners their application which has for its object the increasing of the population so necessary for the welfare of a country in all times and circumstances. This is what I can say to your excellency on the subject, in order that in view thereof you may decide according to your superior pleasure.

October 18, 1839.

A copy. Town of El Paso, April 19, 1843.

J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE OF CHIHUAHUA.

The excellent department junta, to whose judgment was submitted by this government for advice the expediente formed by virtue of the peti-

in consideration of the laudable object these individuals propose in view of the provisions now in force, as well general as special, that authorize this class of grants, knowing that with this act is protected and encouraged the useful branch of agriculture one of the fountains most productive of wealth and public prosperity, and finally persuaded that by this means many arms which in consequence of our unfortunate circumstances of poverty being as they now are idle, will become busy and productive, agreed to concede to them with the concurrence of the excellent departmental junta the favor they asked. For this purpose this same government undertook to establish the bases on which the said adjudgment should be proceeded with, bearing in mind, in doing so, that the same ought to yield a result which would be the more satisfactory in proportion as the grant and the duties by it imposed on the farmers should be united with his individual interest; for which reason there was conceded to the petitioners for land to cultivate the exclusive title of a caballeria of land to the heads of families, and the half of that quantity to those that are not, adjudging to each the lot indispensable for a residence in the commons of the new settlement to be established; also it was not forgotten to leave unappropriated the necessary space for the prosperity of the colony, and with this intention it was provided that all natives who within the term of one year, counting from the date of the establishment of the colony, might present themselves to the government through the proper channel asking the same favor, it might be conceded them with some slight modifications, the same being that these individuals entering in possession of the piece of land assigned them shall have to pay for once only five per cent. calculated upon its value, and also have to purchase at its full value the lot they may apply for in the settlement, with the object that the former of these products as well as the latter be turned over to the fund of ways and means of the colony; and as this arrangement should be within reach of all the inhabitants of the department, the most excellent governor has directed that this notice be circulated for the purpose indicated, and with that of inviting such honest and industrious poor citizens as may desire to settle in the new colony, reminding them of that wise maxim "that if permanent felicity were compatible with human nature it should be sought in the fields," and that other none the less wise and much more comprehensive, that serves as a motto of one of our modern enlightened periodicals, to wit, "Of all things that can be undertaken or sought in the world, nothing is better, nothing more useful, nothing sweeter or more worthy the free man than agriculture." Which I have the honor to communicate to your honor by direction of his excellency the governor for the proper purposes.

God and liberty, Chihuahua, August 13, 1841.

AMADO DE LA VEGA, [a rubric.]

His honor Prefect of El Paso.

On the 24th of August, 1841, this was circulated throughout the district under my authority.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE OF CHIHUAHUA.

His excellency, the governor, having examined the petition of some citizens of Senecu requesting the lands of the natives, and also the report of your honor showing the just rights of the latter, and the difficulties that would result from granting the petition of the former, has been pleased to decree in conformity with your honor's report instructing me that in

communicating this I charge you in the name of the government to assure the petitioners that his excellency will furnish them at the place Doña Ana all the advantages they desire.

I reiterate to your honor my consideration and esteem.
God and liberty, Chihuahua, December 15, 1840.

JUAN N. DE URQUIDE.

His honor the Prefect of El Paso.

To his honor the Prefect of this district:

We, the citizens, who at the close hereof sign, residents of this town, before your honor, with due submission and respect, present ourselves, saying—that being ready to proceed to the point Doña Ana the first of the ensuing month to engage in constructing the acequia to furnish sufficient water for the irrigation of the lands at said point which the kindness of the superior government saw proper to concede under date of 31st July, 1840, that we might colonize the same, in which enterprise the war of the savages and other causes of not less weight have delayed us, there remains to us to ask of your honor that you grant us the permission to carry it out. For this purpose we hereby petition, believing confidently that our request will be acceded to, and that an enterprise of so much utility to the nation and general prosperity of the colonists—

We therefore humbly ask and pray your honor with the utmost earnestness to be pleased to defer to our prayer, whereby we will receive the favor, grace, and justice we seek.

Town of El Paso, January 26, 1843.

Bernabé Montoya.	Ramon Dias de la Serna.
José Ma. Costales.	Elenterio Perea.
Cristobal Provencio.	Yrineo Lujan.
Brigido Provencio.	Rafael Provencio.
Nasaro Herrera.	Francisco Tellez.
7 Santos Avalos.	José Ynes Corona.
Felipe Herrera.	Gregorio Herrera.
X Perfecto Avalos. ¹⁸⁴¹	Adanto Trujillo.
Catarino Trujillo.	Esmeregildo Cano.
X Jn. Trujillo. ¹⁸⁴⁴ <i>Chemé Barr</i>	José Garcia. ¹⁸⁴¹
José Ma. Rodriguez.	José Bienes.
Pablo Melendres.	Gregorio Davalos.
José Ma. Bernal.	Jesus Alivares.
José Ma. Cordoba.	Jesus Cordoba.
José Antonio Gallegos.	Julio Madrid.
Teodoso Zamora.	Bouifacio Armijo.
Esmeregildo Montaña.	

Instructions by which Bernabé Montoya will be governed as agent for this prefecture to command the persons who this day proceed to the place of the new settlement of Doña Ana for the purpose of taking out the main acequia, which instructions he will observe while they may be at work at the said place in the manner following:

1st. From the moment in which he shall commence his march from this town for Doña Ana he will take care that the party travel with order sufficient to protect it from any disastrous surprise from enemies.

2d. Being at the said place Doña Ana, he will also take care that in apportioning the labor he has to commence, he do so in such way that they can be protected in case they are attacked by enemies.

3d. He will examine with great care the point where the main acequia will be taken out, to the end that upon commencing his work, he will endeavor to obtain all the land possible, inasmuch as thereby depends the welfare of the large population which in time may be formed.

4th. Said main acequia will have for the present the width of two varas, or two and a half, it remaining at the will of the maker thereof to give it the depth the ground may allow, always endeavoring to obtain that the most elevated of the lands may be irrigated.

5th. He will take special care that the course of the said acequia lead to the nearest part of where on account of the elevation or solidity of the ground the town should be formed.

6th. He will take care that the laborers accompanying him perform their tasks in equal proportion, he being by this prefecture authorized to impose such penalties as may be practicable, in view of the circumstance of being in camp, upon those that disobey or do not comply with this precept.

7th. As the events of the camp it is absolutely impossible to foresee with certainty, unless in the presence of the circumstances and casualties occurring, the prefecture leaves it to the judgment of the said Montoya to dictate all measures he may deem proper, for the just object of defending as well himself as at the same time his subordinates, and to advance as fast as possible as his best judgment may dictate to him the beneficent enterprise placed in his charge, and no one whoever it be will violate in any way the orders and determinations of the said Montoya under penalty of the liability which according to the nature of the offense or crime will be made effective against the party by this prefecture upon the report he may make to said prefecture on his return or from that point.

8th. If, after arriving at the point Doña Ana, any citizens of this town or of any other town, whether of this or any other department of our republic, shall present themselves for the purpose of joining the new settlement, he will admit them, noting, in a roll he will keep, the names, day of their arrival, and lands they are assigned to.

El Paso, February 2, 1843.

Most excellent Governor: The undersigned, citizens of this town and at present settlers of the new colony of Doña Ana, by the grace and favor of your superior government appear before your excellency with due submission and respect, representing that in consequence of the number of men being small with whom we have gone to begin the taking out of the water at the said point, owing to not following us all who signed the petition in which we asked that we might be permitted to colonize the aforesaid place, innumerable injuries of considerable magnitude have resulted to us, of which not the least is the being unfinished of the taking of water to the place that we have selected as suitable to make the settlement and to locate our cultivable lands, in virtue of which and believing confidently that your excellency has to protect us as far as your ample powers may permit, so that we may carry out an enterprise of the greatest utility to the nation and to ourselves individually, we can do no less than apply to your excellency, praying with the greatest earnestness that you be pleased to concede us that which we ask upon the following points:

1st. That we be furnished with a detachment of troops for the safety of our persons and interests.

2d. That we be furnished with a resupply of arms and ammunition.

3d. That there be waived military service to which some of our companions are obligated.

4th. That we be exempted from the taxes we suffer.

5th. That we be promptly furnished ten men from each district for the term of eight days so as in this way to finish the acequia, or that all who signed be compelled to repair thereto until its conclusion.

6th. That we be furnished the regulation by which we must govern ourselves in our new colony as was offered us by the predecessor of your excellency.

7th. That, should your high and increased engagements permit it, your excellency do us the favor to go and become acquainted with our lands, so that you may be persuaded of the advantages that would result to our department by colonizing them.

8th. That if we cannot, owing to the shortness of the time, finish the acequia, we be permitted to go and cultivate this year the lands we have cleared, without prejudice to your ordering that the distribution of the lands be made, and that we take those which may suit us to put our property on. This is what we ask, and therefore we humbly ask that your excellency be pleased to defer thereto, whereby we will receive the favor, grace, and justice we seek, being pleased to receive this petition upon this common paper, there being none of the proper stamp in the revenue office at this time, without prejudice to reposition.

Town of El Paso, April 16, 1843.

José Ma Costales.
Ramon Dias de la Serna.
Jesus Cordoba.
José Ma Rodriguez.
Eleuterio Perera.
Jesus Olivares.
José Bienes.
Gregorio Davalos.
Timoteo Mantoya.
Pedro Trujillo.
José Ma. Valencia.
Teodocio Zamora.
Felipe Madrid.

Bernabé Montoya.
Pablo Melendres.
José Ynes Corona.
Geronimo Lujan.
José Antonio Gallego.
José Ma. Bernal.
José Ma. Sierra.
José Ma. Lujan.
Pedro Aguirre.
José Tafoya.
Julio Madrid.
José Ma. Cordoba.
Miguel Nevarez.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: Those who sign and are the principal men in this petition presented themselves, in September, 1839, together with other residents of this town, to your superior government, through the proper channel, praying that there might be adjudged them the cultivable lands found on the margins of the Rio Bravo, known by the name of Bend of Doña Ana. The same government granted them, with the concurrence of the excellent departmental junta, the favor they asked in July, 1840; and although after this date the colonists might have put in operation their labors for the purpose indicated, it was prevented by the constant and disastrous war, in which were engaged the savage Indians, and other causes of no less weight which their poverty caused them, until animated by a determination, and taking advantage of the peace that was last year concluded with those hostile to us, addressed to this prefecture on the 26th of January of the present year a new petition, in which they ask, and it was granted them, upon the 2d February last, permission to engage in constructing the main acequia to furnish sufficient water for the irrigation of the lands of said place. It is true all the petitioners have not assisted in the construction of the acequia, and only to the number of eighteen have done so; for which reason I proceed to express my opinion upon the eight points that this petition contains, in the manner following:

A seal, seal 4th, two reals, years of eighteen hundred and forty-four and eighteen hundred and forty-five.

His honor the Prefect of El Paso :

The undersigned, as new settlers of this colony, by a grant which the supreme government made to us therefor, appear before your honor with due submission and respect, representing that finding ourselves upon the ground with everything necessary to commence to work, we ask of your authority, with the greatest earnestness, that you be pleased to have the goodness to come to distribute to us the lands which correspond to each in view of the damages that result to us from letting pass the proper time for the sowing of wheat; for although we have not completed the acenia to the point where it should be, we judge that within five or six days we ought to accomplish it according to the number of workmen we have on the work. Therefore we humbly ask and pray your honor to be pleased to defer to our prayer, being convinced that the necessity of having at the same time at this settlement the oxen necessary, and peous sufficient to work with, compels us to disturb the occupied attention of your honor with the justice that we ask. We declare this is not in dissimulation, and as necessary, &c.

Santa Maria de Doña Ana, January 9, 1844.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| José Ma. Castales. | Cornelio Dias. |
| Juan Maese. | Timoteo Montaya. |
| Victor Minjares. | José Ma. Perea. |
| José Antonio Provencio. | Merced Red. |
| Luciano Red. | José Ma. Flores. |
| Gregorio Montoya. | Jesus Provencio. |
| Manuel Provencio. | Gabriel Avalos. |
| Esmerjildo Montoya. | José Ma. Barrera. |
| Reyes Perea. | Blas Provencio. |
| Manuel Padilla. | Gregorio Davalos. |
| Cristobal Provencio. | Matilde Brusnelas. |
| José Apodaca. | José Biances. |
| Vicente Garcia. | Geronimo Lujan. |
| Fernando Provencio. | Juan Lucero. |
| Felipe Madrid. | Julio Madrid. |
| Lorenzo Baliseno. | Gregorio Brusnelas. |
| Monico Benavides. | Ramon dios de la Serna. |
| José Maria Bernal. | José Perez. |
| José Luis Madrid. | José Ma. Rodriguez. |
| Elenterio Perea. | Jesus Giles. |
| Dionicio Alvarado. | Ysidoro Lujan. |
| Antonio Gallegos. | Agapito Vargas. |
| Dionicio Alvarado, for my son | Fraucisco Rodriguez. |
| Caauto. | Polinario Perea. |
| Cornelio Dias, in the absence of | José Antonio Perea. |
| Jesus Olivas. | Anastacio Minjares. |
| Ramon Dias de la Serna, in the | Teodoro Zamora. |
| absence of Casildo del Prado. | Juan José Benavides. |
| Cruz Mauriquez. | |

TOWN OF EL PASO. January 10, 1844.

This petition will be attached to the expediente relative to the colonization of Da. Ana, and notices will be posted for the information of the public and of those interested, announcing that upon the 15th or 16th

instant I shall commence my march to execute the distribution of lands conformably to what is ordered by the superior government of the department.

REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric,]
Secretary.

TOWN OF EL PASO, January 16, 1844.

There being already at the Bend of Doña Ana some citizens of those who have applied to settle the same, and they requesting that the adjudgment conceded them of the lands be executed as soon as possible, what is provided for by the superior government of the department in the foregoing regulation annexed to the expediente on the subject will be executed in all its parts by me, Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso.

REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric,]
Secretary.

BEND OF DOÑA ANA, January 19, 1844.

Under the order of the superior government to make the distribution of lands which has been conceded to the new settlers at this place, the parties interested will be cited to appear as adjoining settlers on this day, when the measurements should be commenced.

REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric,]
Secretary.

Plan showing the extent of the area embracing the lots of land which have been distributed to the new settlers of the Bend of Doña Ana.

East, 14.102.

09		68	67		66		65	64	63	62	61	60							
N	a	t	i	o	n	a		R	o	a	d								
1	2																		
	3	5	7	9	12	15	18	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57		
	4	6	8	10	13	16	19	22	26	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	58		
																		59	
				11	14	17	20	23	27	31	35	39	43	47	51	55			
								24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56			

West, 14.102.

A seal, seal 5, half a real, years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

List of the lots of land distributed to the settlers of the Bend of Doña Ana by the prefect Antonio Rey, with the number of lots that each one has.

No.	Name.	No.	No.	Name.	No.
1	José Ma. Castales	9	35	Apolinario Perea	20
2	Pablo Melendres	12	36	Agaton Selso	17
3	Geronimo Lafau	15	37	Juan Lucero	30
4	Anto. Gallegos	18	38	Jesus Provencio	8
5	Jose Ma. Rodriguez	10	39	José Apolaca	26
6	Eleuterio Perea	13	40	José Luis Madrid	3
7	Julio Madrid	16	41	Guadalupe Miranda	33
8	Gregorio Davalos	19	42	Dolores Madrid	41
9	Ramon Serna	2	43	Esmerejildo Montaya	61
10	Jesus Olivares	1	44	Jose Ma. Barrio	62
11	Jose Ma. Bernal	69	45	Estanislao Bernal	60
12	Cruz Perea	68	46	Dolores Perez	40
13	Ynes Garcia	64	47	José Perez	40
14	Casildo Prado	65	48	Fernando Provencio	28
15	Bernabé Montaya	21	49	José Reyes Perea	63
16	Jesus Cordoba	22	50	Vicento Garcia	36
17	Lorenzo Balisauo	25	51	Juan Ma. Flores	24
18	Juan Maese	34	52	Rafael Provencio	56
19	Juan Jose Benavides	5	53	Longino Avalos	59
20	Monico Benavides	58	54	Florencio Benavides	37
21	Anto. J. Apolaca	45	55	Mmanuel Provencio	49
22	Ysidro Armiño	23	56	Bias Provencio	38
23	Cornelio Dias	7	57	José Antonio Provencio	52
24	Victor Miniars	27	58	Gabriel Avalos	35
25	Gregorio Montaya	46	59	Guillermo Varela	53
26	Cosme Zamora	43	60	José Rael	42
27	Teodocio Zamora	54	61	Ramon Cordoba	51
28	Gregorio Brusuelas	55	62	Casimiro Aguirre	6
29	Agapito Vargas	11	63	Victoriano Sauches	47
30	Manuel Padilla	50	64	Onofre Varela	57
31	Luciano Rael	39	65	Felipe Madrid	32
32	Francisco Lucero	31	66	Marcos Benavides	67
33	Cristobal Provencio	14	67	Apolonio Varela	66
34	Timoteo Montaya	29	68	Jesus Guiles	44

Doña Ana, January 24, 1844.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

Appointment of justice of the peace.

Exercising the power which the law of 20th of March, 1837, and the superior government in the regulation by it approved July 31, 1840, for colonizing this point, confers upon me. I have appointed you justice of the peace of this new settlement, to the end that you immediately take possession of that office. You will present yourself at once to take the proper oath.

God and liberty, Doña Ana, January 25, 1844.

Messrs. PABLO MELENDRES and JOSE MA. COSTALES,
Justices of the Peace.

A copy. El Paso, January 25, 1844.

JOSE DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

To the justices of the peace and people of this place:

Charged by the most excellent governor of the department with the establishment and regulation of this new settlement, I do make known to you that having determined that the distribution of lands be made to the new settlers of this extensive bend—a place very fertile, and from its size advantageous for agriculture—I have laid off therein 69 lots of land. 47 of 780½ varas long and the same in width, for those who are the heads of families; and for those who are not, 22 of the same length and

390½ varas in width, marking with stakes where the owners should put the corresponding landmarks which the laws prescribe for the same, will be this day distributed in conformity with what I am directed to do, advertising that the former commence on the north side from a short distance this side of a branchy cottonwood distant 790 varas from where the houses now are in the space between them and the mouth of the acequia, and on the south they extend from the further side of Las Cruces, about thirty varas this side of the little cottonwood. It is impossible that these measures be perfectly exact, as well owing to the mountains and elevations of so great extent as to the want of instruments; but I believe sufficiently so as that the number of varas corresponding to each one and the point whence the measures commence may be known. At the mouth of the acequia, although up to this time danger does not threaten, a sufficient palisade is necessary for the greater protection which can be made opportunely, and from there the acequia should be opened with the width of three square varas, so that sufficient water may enter to irrigate the fields upon the right, and those upon the left, without prejudice to that which should go to the town, for which purpose the overseer for the main acequia will be in the intermediate space from the barracks to the mouth of the acequia at the point most suitable that he may direct the water advantageously. To form the settlement I have selected an elevation which, although it does not quite meet my wish, from its circumstances seems at present to be the place most suitable. It possesses a fair view, overlooks a large portion of the fields, and I promise myself that its inhabitants will always enjoy the best health. Every enterprise at the beginning, however small, presents great difficulties, but energetic and industrious men overcome them all with time and perseverance, when they are persuaded that in the end they will see realized the fruits of their efforts entering into the enjoyment of those comforts which render life happy, and which those who having no goods or property see themselves enslaved in order to earn the sustenance necessary to live, cannot enjoy. The lands distributed are fertile in their nature, and susceptible of great advantages in agriculture. The supreme government has granted them with a liberality which you yourselves have admitted, alleging that owing to poverty it will be impossible to cultivate them, and it is for you to re-animate yourselves and avail yourselves of them, scorning that hydra from which the same sacrifices have been made in all those colonies which are cities to-day.

New settlement of Doña Ana, January 25, 1844.

ANTONIO REY,
J. DOLORES MADRID,
Secretary.

I, Citizen Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso, in the Bend of Doña Ana, on the 25th of January, 1844, having received the replies of the principal and alternate justices of the peace annexed to these proceedings, the designation of jurisdiction may be proceeded with by me, wherefore exercising the authority which the most excellent governor has conferred upon me, I designate as jurisdiction to this new settlement of Doña Ana, 2,500 varas toward the north, and the same toward the south: 1,250 toward the east, and an equal number toward the west, counting from the center of the main plaza assigned to said settlement: and in testimony whereof I sign with my secretary.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

In the Bend of Doña Ana, upon the 25th of January, 1844, I, Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso, agreeably to what is provided in article 3 of the regulation issued for the government of this new settlement, do designate for its commons an area of 2,500 varas in length and 1,250 varas in width, measured from the center of the plaza to the principal one; and in testimony whereof I sign with my secretary.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

At Doña Ana, January 25, 1844, I, Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso, in pursuance of the commission I have from the most excellent governor of the department, will proceed to the distribution of lands and lots of the settlers who apply to locate and settle at this new settlement by issuing to them the proper titles; thus I provided, ordered, and signed with my secretary.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

At the place Doña Ana, January 25, 1844, I, Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso, commissioned by the most excellent governor of the department for the formation of this new town, and distribution of lands and lots to all those who may settle thereon, having to designate a site upon which to build a church, house where the parish priest may reside, and the public buildings, do designate, in accordance with article 5 of the regulation of July 31, 1840, a square of 100 varas in length and 50 in width, upon which said edifices may be erected, which square is situated in the plaza on the side looking to the south, its boundaries being toward the cardinal points, the public streets of this town. In testimony whereof I sign with my secretary.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF DOÑA ANA.

By the note of your honor dated yesterday, I am informed of the appointment of justice of the peace that you have made in my person for this place; and respecting the precept of the law, notwithstanding my notorious inadequacy, I will endeavor to justify the compliment. This occasion affords me the opportunity to assure your honor of the considerations of my esteem.

God and liberty, Doña Ana, January 26, 1844.

PABLO MELENDRES, [a rubric.]
His honor the prefect of the district of the town of El Paso.

OFFICE OF ALTERNATE JUSTICE OF DOÑA ANA.

By the note of your honor dated yesterday, I am informed of the appointment that you have made in my person; and respecting the precept of the law, notwithstanding my inadequacy, I shall endeavor to justify your compliment. This occasion affords me the pleasure of protesting to your honor assurances of my esteem.

God and liberty, Doña Ana, January 26, 1844.

JOSÉ MA. COSTALES.
His honor the prefect of the district at the town of El Paso.

At Doña Ana, 26th January, 1844, I, Antonio Rey, prefect of the district of El Paso, having discharged the commission conferred upon me by the superior government of the department for the erection of the

new settlement of Doña Ana, formation of the municipal government, designation of its extent or jurisdiction, and distribution of its lands and lots among the settlers that might desire them and to settle and live upon them, directed that the same be appended to the record of inhabitants which has been formed, and that a duplicate being made of all the proceedings I have executed in said establishment the same be officially transmitted to the proper justice, to the end that he filing the same, the designation of sites, jurisdiction, lands, and lots which I have made may appear in all time. This expediente being transmitted original to the most excellent governor for his superior information. Thus I provided, ordered, and signed with my secretary.

ANTONIO REY.
J. DOLORES MADRID, [A rubric.]
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CHIHUAHUA, New Settlement of Doña Ana.

Record of the present residents and inhabitants in this new settlement:

Number, condition, ages: 1. José Maria Costales, alternate justice, married, 48 years. His wife: Nicolesca Ledesura, ditto; children, Ma. Ysabel Costales, single, 19; Yrimeo, ditto, ditto, 15; Langino, ditto, ditto, 12; Ma. del Carmen, ditto, ditto, 9. 2. Pablo Melendres, principal justice, married, 47. His wife: Gaudalupe Horcasitas, ditto, 30. His children: Trinidad Melendres, single, 11; Jesus Melendres, ditto, 9; Pablo, ditto, ditto, 8; Josefa, ditto, ditto, 6; Antonio, ditto, ditto, 4; Liberato, ditto, ditto, 2. 3. Geronimo Lujan, married, 45. His wife: Guadalupe Valencia, ditto, 40. His children: José Ma. Lujan, single, 21; Ysidoro, ditto, ditto, 18; Rinaldo, ditto, ditto, 15; Juliana, ditto, ditto, 17; Ma. de Jesus, ditto, ditto, 5; Julianita, ditto, ditto, 9; Quirina, ditto, ditto, 14; Servulo, ditto, ditto, 2. 4. Leuterio Perea, married, 52. His wife: Ramona Avalos, ditto, 40. His children: José Antonio Perea, single, 19; José Ma., ditto, ditto, 17. 5. Antonio Gallegos, married, 40. His wife: Leogarda Colmenero, ditto, 30. His children: Jesus Ma. Gallegos, single, 16; José Ygnacio, ditto, ditto, 14; Marcelino Gallegos, single, 9; José de la Luz, ditto, 7; José Luis, ditto, 5; José Pablo, ditto, ditto, 4; Ma. del Refugio, ditto, ditto, 12; Ma. Luisa, ditto, ditto, 10; Rosa Maria, ditto, ditto, 2. 6. Bernabé Montoya, widower, 60. His children: Bautista Montoya, single, 30; Miguel, ditto, ditto, 27; Guillermo, ditto, ditto, 24. 7. José Ma. Rodriguez, married, 35. His wife: Ma. Josefa Perea, ditto, 20. His children: Francisco Rodriguez, single, 18; José Angel, ditto, ditto, 10; Refugio, ditto, ditto, 8; Cipriano, ditto, ditto, 5. 8. José Ynes Corona, widower, 40. 9. Jesus Olivares, widower, 35. 10. Ramon Serna, single, 35. 11. Casildo Prado, ditto, 20. 12. Cruz Manriquez, single, 16. 13. Julio Madrid, married, 56. His wife: Magdalena Alviljar, married, 25. His children: Andres Madrid, single, 17; Manuel Madrid, ditto, 9; Nicolas, ditto, ditto, 12; Felix, ditto, ditto, 6; José, ditto, ditto, 5; Florencio, ditto, ditto, 2. 14. José Ma. Bernal, married, 31. His wife: Barbara Aguirre, ditto, 25. 15. Gregorio Davalos, married, 45. His wife: Guadalupe Trujillo, ditto, 39. His children: Luciano Davalos, single, 19; Josefa, ditto, ditto, 7; Rafaela Trujillo, widow, 48; Ma. Josefa Valencia, single, 6. 16. Juan José Benavides, widower, 46; Mariano, ditto, single, 14; Ysabel, ditto, ditto, 10; Mauricio, ditto, ditto, 6; Lazaro, ditto, ditto, 5. 17. Manuel Proveucio, married, 28. His wife: Ma. Josefa Aguiar, ditto, 22. His child: Feliciano Renteria, single, 14. 18. Blas Proveucio, married, 30. His wife: Ma. Manuela Montoya, ditto, 22. His children:...

vencio, single, 5; Catarino, ditto, ditto, 1; Marcela, ditto, ditto, 30; Polonio Varela, ditto, 19; Marcos, ditto, ditto, 15; Jesus, ditto, ditto, 11; Luis, ditto, ditto, 9. 19. José Antonio Provencio, single, 30; Jesus, ditto, ditto, 15; Felipe, ditto, ditto, 10. 20. Cristobal Provencio, married, 36. His wife: Nicolasa Benavidez, ditto, 28. His children: Juan Pablo Provencio, single, 8; Severiano Garcia, ditto, 9; Josefa Garcia, ditto, 4; Josefa, ditto, ditto, 3. 21. Gabriel Avalos, married, 27. His wife: Jacinta Blanco, ditto, 20. 22. Juan Lucero, widower, 57. His son: Jesus, ditto, single, 16. 23. Gregorio Montoya, married, 30. His wife: Josefa Vargas, ditto, 25. His daughters: Margarita Montoya, single, 8; Refugia, ditto, ditto, 2; Esmereildo, ditto, ditto, 25. 24. Luciano Rael, married, 25. His wife: Damiana Alvillar, ditto, 20. His daughter: Ma. Eucarnacion Rael, single, 1. 25. Manuel Padilla, married, 30. His wife: Micaela Yrigoyen, ditto, 26. His children: Josefa Padilla, single, 10; Agustin, ditto, ditto, 6; Santos, ditto, ditto, 4. 26. Monico Benavides, married, 22. His wife: Quirina Monriquez, ditto, 16. His children: Agustina Benavides, single, 3; Luginio Avalos, ditto, 16. 27. José Apodaca, married, 30. His wife: Josefa Zamora, ditto, 25. His children: Cauto Apodaca, single, 4; José Apodaca, ditto, 3; Canuto, ditto, ditto, 2; Felix, ditto, ditto, 1. 28. Apolonio Perea, married, 25. His wife: Florencia Montoya, ditto, 16. 29. José Provencio, married, 32. His wife: Francisca Martinez, ditto, 19. His child: Teodocio Provencio, single, 6. 30. Francisco Lucero, married, 36. His wife: Simona Hidalgo, ditto, 29. His daughter: Clara Lucero, single, 13. 31. José Ma. Barrio, single, 19. 32. Gregario Brueselas, married, 52. His wife: Alvina Carbajal, ditto, 35. His son: Matilde Brueselas, single, 23; Crisanto Carbajal, ditto, 10. 33. Estanislao Bernal, single, 18. 34. Vicente Garcia, single, 25. His son: Jesus Garcia, ditto, 5. 35. Agaton Silva, married, 26. His wife: Felipa Madrid, ditto, 23. His daughter: Gregoria Silva, single, 3. 36. Teodoro Samora, married, 33. His wife: Juana Alvillar, ditto, 24; Juan Lucero, single, 16. 37. José Ma. Flores, single, 24. 38. Jesus Guilei, single, 24; Jesus Perea, ditto, 7. 39. Fernando Provencio, single, 20; Navora Velarde, widow, 30. 40. José Ma. Varela, single, 23. 41. Guillermo, ditto, married, 50. His wife: Tomasa Herrera, ditto, 30. His children: Lorenzo Varela, single, 20; Silvano, ditto, ditto, 16; Carmen, ditto, 12; Rosa, ditto, ditto, 8. 42. Timoteo Montoya, married, 43. His wife: Juliana Zuaso, ditto, 38. His daughter: Eulogia Montoya, single, 12. 43. José Rael, married, 26. His wife: Manuela Hidalgo, ditto, 20. His children: José Ponciano Rael, single, 2; Francisco Rael, ditto, 1. 44. José Luis Madrid, married, 45. His wife: Ma. Candelaria Sanchez, ditto, 35. His children: Ma. de los Angeles Madrid, single, 15; José Ysidoro, ditto, ditto, 13; Maria Nicolasa, ditto, ditto, 10; Maria Petra, ditto, ditto, 7; Ma. Francisca, ditto, ditto, 4. 45. José Dolores Madrid, married, 46. His wife: Rataela Moreno, ditto, 30. His children: Bartolo Madrid, single, 22; Dolores, ditto, ditto, 18; Agapito, ditto, ditto, 15. 46. José Reyes Perea, single, 35. 47. Guadalupe Mirando, married, 33. His wife: Francisca Rascou, ditto, 32. His children: Pablo Miranda, single, 12; Carmen, ditto, ditto, 10; Octaviano, ditto, ditto, 9; Ynes, ditto, ditto, 7; Refugio, ditto, ditto, 5; Petra, ditto, ditto, 3; Elena, ditto, ditto, 1; Vicenta Ortega, widow, 30. 48. José Perea, single, 15. 49. Desidero Armijo, married, 26. His wife: Catarina Montoya, ditto, 19. 50. Victor Minjares, married, 30. His wife: Josefa Herrera, ditto, 22. His children: José Minjares, single, 8; Polonia, ditto, ditto, 6; Nestora, ditto, ditto, 3. 51. Jesus Cordoba, married, 35. His wife: Josefa Escontriés, ditto, 33. His children: Antonio Cordoba, single, 13; Dolores, ditto, ditto, 12; Jesus, ditto, 10; Felix, ditto, ditto, 9; Cres-

cencio, ditto, ditto, 7; Braulio, ditto, ditto, 1; Nepomuceno, ditto, ditto, 3. 52. Antonio José Apodaca, married, 25. His wife: Ramora Armentariz, ditto, 21. His children: Jesus Apodaca, single, 3; Cristobal, ditto, ditto, 1. 53. Jesus Provencio, married, 25. His wife: Refugio Morales, ditto, 23. His children: Ventura Provencio, single, 3; Gumecindo, ditto, ditto, 1. 54. Ramon Cordoba, married, 25. His wife: Altigracia Garcia, ditto, 24. His children: José Cordoba, single, 4; Juana, ditto, ditto, 3. 55. Casimiro Aguirro, married, 38. His wife: Petra Gonzales, ditto, 26. His children: Maria Lucia Aguirro, single, 12; Josefa, ditto, ditto, 10; Jesus, ditto, ditto, 8; Pedro, ditto, ditto, 6. 56. Juan Maese, married, 45. His wife: Trinidad Cordoba, ditto, 23. His children: Lorenza Maese, single, 21; Francisco, ditto, ditto, 15; Josefa, ditto, ditto, 11. 57. Cornelio Dias, married, 36. His wife: Rosa Contreras, ditto, 33. His children: Miguel Dias, single, 14; Lorenza, ditto, ditto, 12; Gregorio, ditto, ditto, 10; Guadalupe, ditto, 8; Francisca, ditto, ditto, 6; Evangelista, ditto, 4; Silvestre, ditto, ditto, 2. 58. Dolores Perea, single, 18; Guadalupe Perea, ditto, 38. 59. Victoriano Sanchez, married, 26. His wife: Ma. Petra Apodaca, ditto, 24. His child: Pablo Sanchez, single, 4. 60. Anofre Varela, married, 21. His wife: Quirina Apodaca, ditto, 18. His son: Aristeo Varela, single, 20. 61. Felipe Madrid, single, 21. 62. Rafael Provencio, single, 20. 63. Lorenzo Balizan, married, 50. His wife: Josefa Vianes, ditto, 43. His children: Dolares Balizan, single, 19; José Ma., ditto, ditto, 17; José Dario, ditto, ditto, 15. 64. Marcos Benavides, single, 18. 65. Cosmé Zamora, married, 60. His wife: Marcelina del Villar, ditto, 30. His children: Ventura Zamora, single, 25; Ma. Eusebia Salazar, ditto, 15. 66. Agapito Vargas, married, 28. His wife: Faustina Lopez, ditto, 20. His children: Teodosio Vargas, single, 2; Ma. Guarda, ditto, ditto, 1. 67. Apolonio Varela, single, 18.

Bend of Doña Ana, January 25, 1844.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CHIHUAHUA,
Jurisdiction of the town of Doña Ana.

Statement showing the number of inhabitants in this new settlement of Doña Ana, with distribution of classes and conditions of both sexes, including children.

	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.
General summary of residents.....	107	59	48	47
General summary of Indians.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	107	59	48	47
General summary of married.....	44	44
General summary of widows.....	5
General summary of single.....	58	15
Totals.....	107	59	48	47

New settlement of Doña Ana, date as above.

ANTONIO REY, [a rubric.]
J. DOLORES MADRID, [a rubric.]