

From: Samuel C. Bundick

To: Williams, Commissioner of the Coastal Border

Dates: October 29, 1832 to August 2, 1867

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Williams, Commissioner of the coastal border,

Samuel C. Bundick, a citizen of the United States of the North, and one of the colonists introduced by the contractor before you named Austin. With all due respect, I make known that I am married, that with my family I have entered this country for the purpose of settling here forever. Because of this goal, I desire to secure lands so that I may establish myself and, having received a license from the impresario in order to choose a piece of land, I have already chosen one. This certain piece of land is located on the bay of Galveston at the point where the creek named "Highland Creek" flows out to the sea, on the left border of this creek and the western part of said bay, for which reason I come before you to petition you to grant me this piece of land, which is identified as number 6 on the map showing the measurements. I request that you will extend to me the corresponding [Page 2] title so that I shall be able to possess the land and, for your edification, I make known that my intention is to populate and cultivate the land in accordance with the law as well as to comply with all obligations outlined in the law. I ask that Your Lordship adjudicate my application in a favorable manner.

Village of Austin, October 29, 1832.

Signed by S.C. Bundick

Village of Austin, October 29, 1832.

The aforementioned document is submitted on behalf of Samuel C. Bundick and it is declared that the land in question is untilled and it is hereby ordered that a survey be performed by Seth Ingram, the land surveyor, for the purpose of issuing the title.

The citizen Estevan F. Austin, impresario in connection with the settlement of three-hundred families throughout the three coastal leagues on the coast of the Mexican curvature between the Lavaca and San Jacinto rivers, as well as being the special commissioner for the Supreme Government of the State of Coahuila and Texas, will be in charge of the distribution and possession of [Page 3] of lands to the new colonists within the limits of the proper enterprise.

Therefore, Samuel C. Bundick has been received as a colonist in the aforementioned enterprise of colonization as may be ascertained by the previous decree, said Samuel C. Bundick having sworn that he is married and having personally embraced the requisite points dictated by the law of Colonization of the

State dated 24th of March of 1825. In conformity with the law, the contract and the commission, extended by the Government of the State on 9th of July of 1828, and same having been accepted on the 29th of the same month as well as the Commissioners' instructions dated 4th of September of 1827 and in the name of the State, I concede to, confer upon and put the aforementioned Samuel C. Bundick into real and personal possession of the land, which has been measured by the land surveyor Seth Ingram, who was previously appointed to carry out this assignment. The land is located on the western border of the bay of Galveston, to the left of the creek called "Highland Creek" and at the point where this [Page 4] is in said bay. This land is known as no. 6 on the map and it can be seen from another heap of land at said border of the creek at a measure of 2,500 varas [a measure of length of nearly 33 in.] above the point delineated by the land surveyor. Extending a line to the east, by a measurement of 140 to another bit of land and from there to the north a measurement of 1,900 varas to another bit of land and from there to the east, at a measurement of 4,110 varas, there is a creek attached to another piece of land. From there, following the border of the creek, until one intersects the bay, from this point following the beach surrounding the bay up to the location where the mouth of the channel meets the aforementioned creek and following along to the point from where the land surveyor started, his map includes this land. The piece of land in question in its totality belongs to the class of summer pastures, which serves as a qualification for the amount of money that must be paid to the State according to Article 22 of said law, which also outlines penalties. In addition, it is advised that within a year, it will be necessary to build permanent landmarks at each angle of the land as well as to [Page 5] populate and cultivate it in accordance with the law.

Therefore, calling upon the faculties that have been extended to me due to the contract and the commission under the purview of the law as well as consequent instruction, I issue the present document, requesting that it be witnessed and delivered to the interested party so that he may have it in his possession so that he, his children, heirs and successors, or whoever may be in the residue of the estate, will be able to enjoy the land. This document is issued in the Village of San Felipe de Austin on the 12th day of the month of November of 1832 and I sign it in the presence of witnesses in accordance with the law.

Estevan F. Austin

Samuel M. Williams [Witness]

C.C. Pivens [Witness]

Testimony is hereby submitted

General Land Office

Austin, August 1st, 1867. I, Edward Linn, Spanish Clerk in said office, bonded and sworn, certify that the foregoing is a correct [Page 6] and faithful copy of the original letter to Samuel C. Bundick, on file in said office.

Signed by Edward Linn,
Spanish Clerk

General Land Office
State of Texas.

I, Stephen Crosby, Commissioner of the General Land Office of said State, certify that Edward Linn is Spanish Clerk in said office, bonded and sworn, and that his acts as such are entitled to full credit.

[Seal of the State of Texas] In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, and caused the seal of said office to be affixed at the City of Austin this 2nd day of August A.D. 1867.

Signed by S. Crosby,
Commissioner