

General Land Office,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, October 10, 1870.

To the of
..... County.

Sir: I have the honor herewith to forward, for your future guidance, a copy of Land Law now in force, together with blank forms of applications for homesteads, to be made under the 1st and 3d Sections thereof; also blank form of affidavit to be made before the District Clerk when application is made for patent under the 1st Section.

I also forward you copy of Instructions to Surveyors, which also contains a list of the charges, fees, etc., made for work done in this office. All work must be paid for before it will be forwarded from this office; persons, therefore, who anticipate doing an extended business here will find it much to their advantage to keep a deposit with the Receiver.

The Photographic Department of this office will be in complete order in the course of a few weeks, when copies of county maps will be furnished to applicants at from \$3 to \$5 per county; and portions of a county in proportion.

The correspondence of this office has increased much, and in order to enable me to supply the demands of all I must request correspondents: first, to write in as plain and legible a hand as possible; second, to give the full name of the original to whom the certificate was granted, by virtue of which the survey was made; also the class of the certificate and the quantity contained in the survey; and when this cannot be done, to give the exact location of the survey, its course and distance from some noted object, and the names of the surveys by which it is surrounded. And in all cases where they have once received the file number, class and district of a survey from this office, when they again write about it, always to give them.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,

JACOB KUECHLER,
Commissioner.