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Dear Sir:

The parties who are agitating the Indian land question called this morning and paid \$50.00 on account of fees, of which I send you, by enclosed draft \$25.00. They have met with considerable difficulty owing to hard times, in getting their money together, will pay \$25.00 more tomorrow; they then think they will be in shape to collect a fund to meet all current expenses and pay us in installments as the work progresses.

I have copies of the court records in all of the cases against those Indians and their heirs to obtain possession of the San Fernando Land. The case in which Rojerio and his companions were dispossessed, is No. 4279 District Court of the 17 Judicial District of this State; seven defendants are therein named to wit; Rojerio Rocha, Maria Rocha, Jauana Rios, Jose Maria Vargas, Julian Sepulveda, and Cermana; Judgment was entered against all of the defendants by default, notwithstanding Rojerio had appeared by his attorneys, Thom & Ross, and answered in the case. This judgment against Rojerio was sought to be set aside by Colonel Wells, acting as special counsel for the United States in Indian matters, but his motion was denied.

On the same day the above suit was filed, the same plaintiffs, G. K. Porter & Charles Maclay, commenced an action in ejectment against seventeen fictitious named persons, summons in that suit was served upon the following Pablo Cota, Felicitita Villa, Josefa Palma, Jesus Ramirez, Teresa Ramirez, Jesus Capistano, Antonio Maria Ortega and Oticaiz; Judgment was had against all of the above named by default. I have given you these names in order that you may ascertain, if possible, whether any of those named in the last suit were descendants or heirs of the original 41 to whom the grant was made; also in order that you may see just who are bound by these judgments.

Please let me know what, if any, additional information you have gathered concerning this case.

Yours respectfully,

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