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mil ochocientos veinte y quatro, y de las facultades q' estan Concedidas
 a ambos a Concordancia del de el Imperio Por^{to} Mexicano fecha
 dia y ocho de Febrero Confirmado por los decretos del Soberano
 Congreso Constituyente y del Imperio Poder Ejecutivo fecha once y
 Catore de Abril del año de mil ochocientos veintysiete, y del de el
 Comandante en Jefe de estas Partes Brigadier D. Felipe de la Garza
 expedido el dia diez y seis de Junio del referido año en el expe-
 diente promovido por el dho. Empresario D. Estevan F. Austin sobre
 la Emigracion de tres Cientos familias extrangeras q' deseen
 Colonizarse en esta Provincia. Viendo de las facultades q' nos
 estan Concedidas por dho. Comision y decretos y atendiendo al merito
 y circunstancias q' Concurran en la persona del representante Wil-
 liam Whitlock segun el informe q' precede hemos venido en merced
 nos y Concederle y en el presente le mercenamos y Concedemos en
 el Nombre del Rey de la Nacion Mexicana a dicho William Whit-
 lock a sus herederos y sucesores un Sitio de Tierra situado sobre
 el margen oriental del Rio o Pabia con facinto una legua mas
 o menos abajo del paso del Camino de Atascosito sin pagacion de
 regalas del qual le pondamos en posesion entregandole el Cor-
 respondiente titulo para su registro luego q' haya satisfecho los datos
 señalados por el Arancel Circulado por el Jefe Político de la Pro-
 vincia de Texas veinte de Mayo de este año y q' q' ^{en} ^{el} ^{caso} ^{de} ^{alguna} ^{indignidad} lo firmamos Con-
 testigos de Asistencia en el propio dia, mes y año de q' damos fe. ^{lochado = el dho. =}

El Baron de Pastors
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 John ~~...~~

Estevan F. Austin
 D. asist.
 Samuel M. Williams

El dho. Comisionado Baron de Pastors y Empresario Estevan F. Austin
 testigos William Traison, Henry White, George White, el Contador
 de Agrimensores Isaac Hughes, y el interesado William Whitlock
 nos Constituímos al referido Sitio q' para el antecedente auto le tene-
 mos mercenado a este mismo situado sobre el margen oriental
 del Rio o Pabia con facinto una legua mas o menos abajo del paso del
 Camino de Atascosito y desde la esquina inferior del Sitio de Frederick Parker
 Comenzo el Agrimensores sobre el dho. Margen de dho. Rio, y de allí midió dos
 mil ochocientos varas al Este siguiendo el terreno inferior de dho. Parker

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donde se planto un mojon, y de alli al Sur Cinco Mil Varas donde se
 planto otro mojon y de alli al Norte Ciento mil siete Cientos Varas hasta
 el dho Rio San Jacinto donde se planto otro mojon a distancia de diez varas
 de una Encina Colrada al Sur Este mercado W W y de alli siguiendo las
 sueltas del Rio para arriba hasta donde comienza la primera linea Com
 prendiendo dentro otras lineas la Cantidad de una Legua de Tierra
 en Topografia Lindana por el Norte Con el dho Rio San Jacinto y por el
 Norte Con el dho de Frederick Rankin, posesionado en posesion al sepa
 William Whitlock de dho terreno tomandolo de la mano pas
 candolo por el diciendolo en todas y perceptibles Voces q' en virtud de la
 Comision y de las facultades Cong' nos hallamos y en nombre del
 Gov' de la Nacion Mexicana lo tenemos en posesion de dho
 terreno Con todos sus usos Costumbres derechos y servidumbres para
 el sus herederos y sucesores y el mencionado William Whitlock en fe de
 hallarse posesionado Real y personalmente de dho terreno sin Contradicion
 alguna de voces arranco Tabas, tino piedras y plantas estacas, e hizo las de
 mas Ceremonias necesarias quedando advertido de la obligacion q' tiene de
 Cultivarlo y poblarlo dentro de dos años termino q' prescribe la
 ley y para que Consta lo firmamos el dho Comisionado Baron
 de Bastrop y Empresario Estevan F. Austin y testigos de as
 istencia a falta de escribano en el termino de la ley de q' damos fe
 En la Villa de San Felipe de Austin a los diez y seis dias del mes de Agosto del
 Año de mil ochocientos veinte y quatro. - tachado - o Bahia - no salen -

El Baron de Bastrop
 Comisionado
 John Austin

Estevan F. Austin
 Procurador
 Samuel M. Williams

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3rd Seal. 4 Reales. Validated by the Mexican Nation for the year of 1824.

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Austin
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The interested party paid in this Court of my charge 4 reales, cost of the foregoing seal. Town of San Felipe de Austin, Aug. 5, 1824.

Sylvenus Castleman

Town of San Felipe de Austin, August 13, 1824. Empresario D. Estevan F. Austin shall report as to whether the applicant has the circumstances and requisites necessary to merit the favor he solicits.

Bastrop
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Honorable Commissioner Baron de Bastrop:

[I,] William Whitlock, a native of the United States of America and now a resident of this Province of Texas, appear before you and say: That, having moved to this place with my family and interests with the intention of settling in the colonial settlement of Empresario D. Estevan F. Austin, established by permission of the Superior Government of the Mexican Nation, I hope that in admitting me with my family as one of the settlers of said colony you will be pleased to grant me and put me in possession of that portion of land which the law concedes to colonists, with the understanding that I am prepared to cultivate whatever may be assigned to me, abiding by the governing laws in all cases, and to defend the rights of Independence and the Liberty of the nation. Therefore, I ask you to please do as I have set forth, wherein I shall receive favor and justice.

Town of San Felipe de Austin, Aug. 13, 1824

[s] William Whitlock

Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to your foregoing decree, I must say that the inhabitant petitioner, William Whitlock, is worthy of the favor he solicits and may be admitted as a resident of this new colony by virtue of his good qualities and circumstances and well-known application to agriculture, stock raising and industries; and in consideration thereof he may be granted one league of land.

San Felipe de Austin, August 13, 1824

Estevan F. Austin

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In the Town of San Felipe de Austin, on the 14th day of August of the year 1824, the Baron de Bastrop, sixth member of the Most Excellent Provincial Deputation of Texas, Commissioner of the Government, and Estevan F. Austin, Empresario to establish a new colony in this Province; by virtue of the commission that the Governor of this Province, Lieutenant Colonel D. Luciano García, conferred on the former in his decree of July 16, 1823, and of the order of the Political Chief of this Province, D. José Antonio Saucedo, dated June 23, 1824, and of the powers vested in both in consequence of the decree of the Superior Mexican Government dated February 18th, confirmed by the decrees of the Sovereign Constituent Congress and the Supreme Executive Power dated the 11th and 14th of April of the year 1823, and of the decree which the Commandant General of these Provinces, Brigadier D. Felipe de la Garza, issued on the 16th day of June of the aforesaid year in the record of proceedings considered at the instance of said Empresario D. Estevan F. Austin relative to the emigration of three hundred foreign families that are to be settled as colonists in this Province, exercising the powers vested in us by said commission and decrees, and in consideration of the merits and circumstances which concur in the person of the petitioner, William Whitlock, as appears by the preceding report, we have agreed to grant and concede and in the name of the Government of the Mexican Nation do by these presents grant and concede unto said William Whitlock, his heirs and successors, one league of land situated on the east margin of the San Jacinto River ~~or Bay~~, one league more or less below the Atascosito Road Crossing, without the facilities of irrigation, of which [land] we will put him in possession and deliver to him the corresponding title for his security as soon as he shall have paid the fees designated in the Fee Bill circulated by the Political Chief of the Province of Texas on the 20th of May of this year, and in testimony thereof we hereunto subscribe with attendant witnesses on the day, month and year above written, which we certify. Stricken out-or Bay-not valid.

El Baron de Bastrop

Estevan F. Austin

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Attendant Witness

John Austin

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Attendant Witness

Samuel M. Williams

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[We,] said Commissioner Baron de Bastrop and Empresario Estevan F. Austin; the witnesses, William Graison [Grayson], Henry White, George White; the adjacent landowner; surveyor Isaac Hughes; and the interested party, William Whitlock, went to the aforesaid league which by the preceding decree we have granted to the individual last named on the east margin of the San Jacinto River ~~or Bay~~, one league more or less below the Atascosito Road Crossing; and the surveyor began at the lower corner of Frederick Rankin's league on the said margin of said river; thence he surveyed east 2,800 varas with the lower boundary of said Rankin, where a landmark was set; thence south 5,000 varas, where another landmark was set; thence west 4,700 varas to the San Jacinto River, where another landmark was set, from which a red oak marked WW bears southeast 10 varas distant; thence up the river with its meanders to where the first line began, comprising within said lines one league of land in area, bounded on the west by said San Jacinto River and on the north by Frederick Rankin's league.

We put the aforesaid William Whitlock in possession of said tract, taking him by the hand, leading him over it, telling him in a loud and understandable voice that by virtue of the commission and the authority vested in us, and in the name of the Government of the Mexican Nation, we put him in possession of said tract, with all its uses, customs, rights, and appurtenances, for him, his heirs and successors; and the aforementioned William Whitlock, as a token of finding himself in real and personal possession of said tract without any opposition, shouted, pulled grass, threw stones, set stakes, and performed the other necessary ceremonies, being notified of his obligation to settle and cultivate it within the two-year term prescribed by the law; and in evidence thereof, we, the aforesaid Commissioner Baron de Bastrop and Empresario Estevan F. Austin, hereunto subscribe with

attendant witnesses, lacking a notary in the terms of the law, which we certify. In the Town of San Felipe de Austin, on the 16th day of August of the year 1824. Stricken out=or Bay=not valid.

El Baron de Bastrop

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Attendant Witness

John Austin

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Estevan F. Austin

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