

Proceedings  
Substituted by Don channel Forces preliminary  
for the area named Murray

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Fifteenth Seal on back a Real  
Property belonging to the Chamber Cuadra of the  
Port of Monterey, in the Department of the California for  
the year 1844 last 1845.

Mitchellman

Pueblo de la Guana

L.S.

To His Excellency the Governor.

I, Manuel Torres a native of the Republic of  
Peru and settled in this Department in the jurisdiction of So-  
noma, before Your Excellency, with due respect offer and say:  
that having to dedicate myself to Agriculture from the raising  
of stock, now having a considerable number of stock, now  
having no place for them, where I can keep them in a proper man-  
ner, I pray Your Excellency to be pleased to grant me in  
consideration a tract of land which is vacant, from the Compa-  
nies of Don Esteban Smith, towards the south, of the extent  
of four square leagues, a little more or less; its boundaries  
being on the South, the Rancho of Sonoma Smith; on the  
West, the ocean; on the East, the mountains, said on the  
track the establishment belonging to the Russians; the map of  
which I will present in due time.

Whereas, I pray Your Excellency to be pleased to open  
my petition in which I will receive form  
Monterey, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1844  
Man. L. Torres.

Monterey, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1844

Get the Secretary of State report,  
first making such investigation as may be necessary  
Mitchellman.

As directed by His Excellency the Governor, the 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde  
of Sonoma will report in relation to the matter

Monterey, October 10<sup>th</sup> 1844  
Man. L. Torres.

Signedado of Sonoma

The land petitioned for is vacant, and  
does not belong to any Pueblo or Hacienda; and is lim-  
ited on the South by the Russian River, and the Rancho of  
Don Esteban Smith, said on the West, by the Sea

Sonoma Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1844

Man. J. Geiss

Monterey December 4<sup>th</sup> 1845

In view of the petition with which  
these proceedings commence; the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde

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of Sonoma, with all other matters necessary to be considered  
in conjunction with the Law of the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1824 and the  
Regulations of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1828, I declare Don Francisco  
Torres owner of the land known by the name of claim of  
the extent of four square leagues, as shown by the map.  
Let the corresponding title issue, now let the Especialte be  
issued for the approval of the most Excellent Government  
especially.

Per Pico, Governor and interim of the Department  
of the Californias, this second day of December, which I  
dictate.

Per Pico.

Seal of P. Grosrubas. Socy

Per Pico Same member of the Departmental Assembly  
and Provincial Governor of the Californias

Whereas Don Francisco Torres, has petitioned for  
his personal benefit and that of his family, for the tract of  
land known by the name of claim; bounded by the  
Rancho of Don Esteban Smith; by the Ocean; by the  
Sierra and the Establishment of Ross; the necessary proceedings  
having been taken and the investigation made as required by  
the laws and regulations, by virtue of the authority conferred on  
me in the name of the Mexican nation, I have determined to  
grant him the said tract of land, declaring to him the ownership  
of the same, by these presents, in conformity with the law of  
the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1824 and the Regulations of the 21<sup>st</sup> of No-  
vember 1828, subject to the approval of the most Excellent De-  
partmental Assembly under the following conditions.

1<sup>o</sup> He may cultivate said land, without prejudice to the  
possessions, rights and franchises; he shall enjoy it freely and  
exclusively, retaining it to the use or cultivation that may be  
most convenient, but within one year, he shall build a house  
on the land, which shall be inhabited.

2<sup>o</sup> He shall obtain the corresponding Judge to give him  
immediate possession by virtue of this title, by which the bound-  
aries shall be marked out, and the necessary monuments placed.

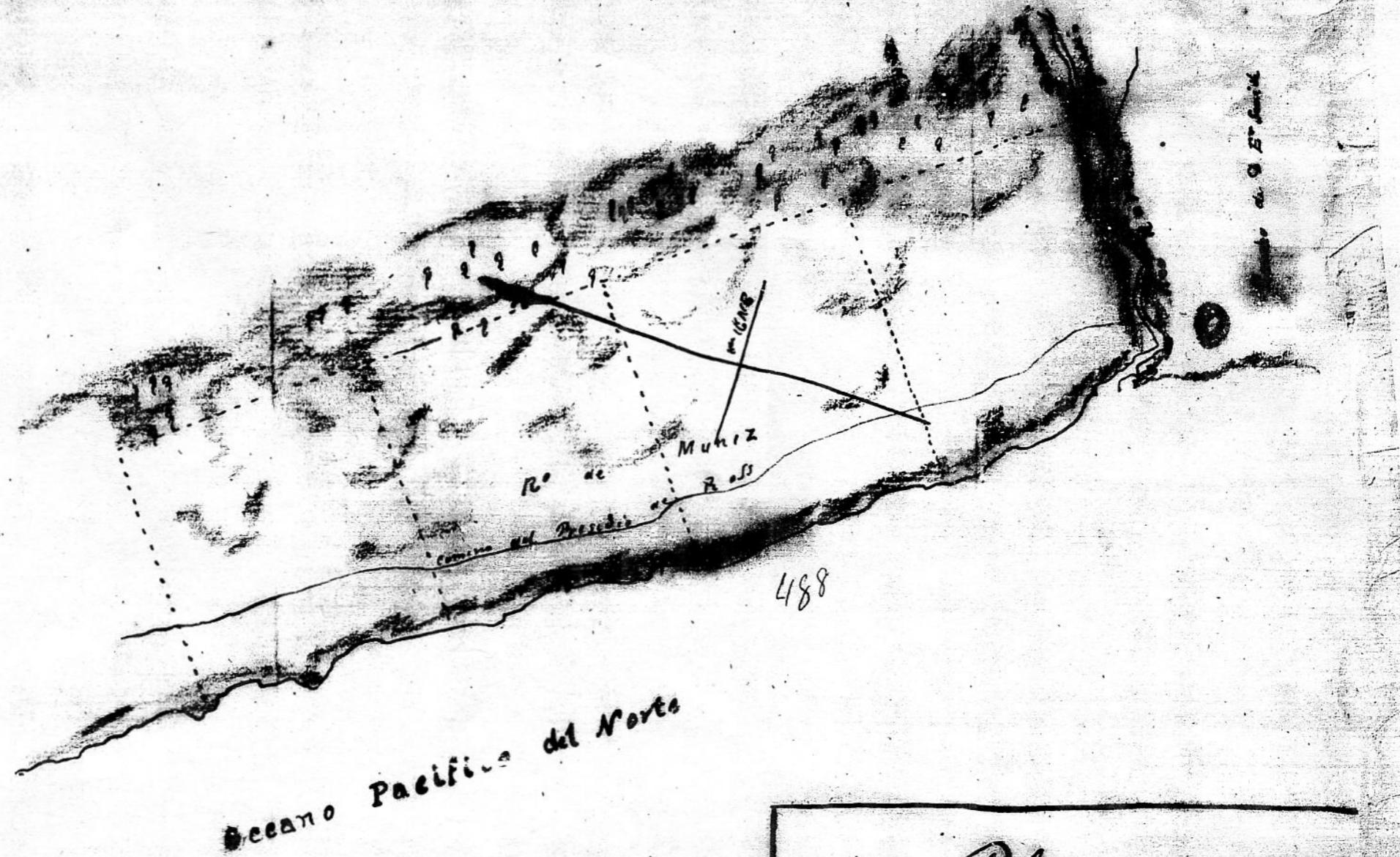
3<sup>o</sup> The kind of works that are to be made is of the extent  
of four square leagues, a little more or less, as shown by  
the map in the Especialte; The Judge who may give the  
possession, will cause the same to be measured in accordance  
with the ordinances.

In consequence whereof, I order, that this  
title being held as firm and valid, be delivered to the  
interested party for his security and further notice. Given  
in the City of Los Angeles, on Custom paper, for want of  
federal paper on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 1858.

A minute of this grant is entered on the Book of  
Torna de Rangou,

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Plano  
Del Terrero nombrado  
Rancho de Muniz que  
pertenece Manuel Torres  
oxt. 1844