

Most Excellent Sir. Mr. James Newton

a Mexican citizen by law, an inhabitant of Morelos, and now residing in this Capital for himself and in the name of Mr. James Pover, a foreigner and native of Ireland, most respectfully sheweth to Your Excellency that, having ascertained, that the border leagues upon the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, are prevent from the mouth of the River Nueces to that of San Jacinto Creek, and from the mouth of the river Trinity on the Bay of Galveston to the Sabine, and being desirous to settle them by Colonization, with families of this Country, and foreign natives of Ireland, I pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to adopt my aforesaid project, upon the following basis, and conditions:

The limits herein designated for the Colony apply for, and comprehend within the Ten Coast border leagues, will run up North-South, and run a line parallel with the river Sabine, from the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Such lands shall be settled within the time that may be prescribed, with four hundred families of good moral habits, and of the Apostolic Roman Catholic religion, of which one hundred shall be Irish, and the remainder natives of Ireland, for whose conveyance from Europe a good vessel shall be furnished by the Company. We also offer to leave to the disposal of the Supreme Government of the Mexican nation all those places which may be adopted for the construction of dock yards, fortifications, and other public works, conducive to the security and defence of the Territory, which may be chosen by the scientific officers, appointed by the said Government for this purpose, and in all other matters, I will subject myself to the new Colony to the Constitution and the laws of the General Government, and to the Constitution and laws of the State, and to all other conditions and regulations of Colonization laws.

Therefore I pray Your Excellency may be pleased to admit this project, and grant to me the favor which I solicit. Wherein I shall receive favor.

Datillo 29th September 1826. James Newton

A Copy Datillo 2d October 1826.

Juan Antonio Padilla - Secretary

No 102. Most Excellent Sir.

I lay before Your Excellency, the original Memorial, presented by the Citizen James Newton, an inhabitant of Morelos, associated with Mr. James Pover, a native of Ireland, in which they solicit permission, to Colonize with four hundred families, Mexicans and natives of Ireland, on the lands of the Ten Coast border leagues, on the Gulf of Mexico extending from the mouth of the River Nueces, to that of San Jacinto Creek, leaving a vacancy on the Coast opposite to the Colony of Austin, commencing again at Galveston Bay, and reaching to the mouth of the river Sabine. There up its course forty leagues on a line, and within which, are the border leagues adjoining the United States of the North. Therefore making my report to Your Excellency in relative

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to this project. I must call to your attention, that a great proportion of the lands so-
 licited by the Petitioners, are also applied for by other Compurers for the same object.
 On letter No 37, dated 23rd May last, the Government transmitted to the Dep^t-
 arment in Your Excellency's charge, a petition of Benjamin Drake Lovells,
 who as Comprocurario, has already made a Contract with this State, and who solicits
 that the limits of his Colony, may be extended, so as to include the Ben Coast-border
 leagues, opposite to his Colony, from the mouth of the river Nueces, Eastwardly, a
 distance of a little more than Ben League. The Supreme Government in an-
 swer of this proposition of Lovells, directed this State by order of 6th June
 following, to comply with the report, but it has been impossible to execute this order, as
 the party has not yet returned from North America. The Coast-border lea-
 gues, from Galveston Bay, to the mouth of the river Sabine (as is the frontier
 of Ben League on the same river, which the Citizen Newton offers to
 Colonize, are previously applied for, by the Citizen Peter Elias Vicens, a Cob-
 ovel of the Mexican Army, which Memorial, I have returned to Your Ex-
 cellency, with a favorable report, in my letter number 93 of 18th Sept. last
 past. The consequence of which, and confining myself to the memorial of the
 present Comprocurario, no objection presents itself to this Government to permit
 the Colonization of the vacant lands, within the Ben Coast-border leagues,
 between the mouth of the river Guadalupe, where it empties into the sea, to
 New Spain Creek, which is the Territory exempted by the Colonization law,
 of 18th August 1824, in the manner (and on the terms therein expressed,
 provided, it should be the pleasure of His Excellency the President to
 approve the project of aforesaid. God and Liberty. Saltillo 24th of
 October 1826. (Signed) *
 G. His Excellency the Secretary
 of State and Orders and Foreign Affairs.

Most Excellent Sir.

Having laid this process before His Ex-
 cellency the President, with the Memorial of Citizen James New-
 eton, and his petition Powers, which I have with hand to Your Excellen-
 cy, with the note Number 102 of 2nd October 1826. relative to permitting him
 to Colonize four hundred families, Mexicans and natives of Ireland,
 within the Ben Coast-leagues, upon the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, from
 the mouth of the river Nueces to that of La Pasa creek, he has in an-
 swer to the report of Your Excellency, been pleased to approve the Grant-
 ing of the present Landy Solicited, which are not comprised in those granted to Col.
 Governor Peter Elias Vicens, nor within the limits of those of the State of Tama-
 lipas, with the condition, that the party interested will subject the Colony, in
 all things, to the General law in the case, of 18th August 1824. Which
 I communicate to Your Excellency by Supreme order for the corresponding
 purposes. God and Liberty. Mexico 25th April 1828.

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 G. His Excellency the Governor of the State
 of Coahuila and Texas. * Victor Benito

Howerton and Powers

In the Town of Sattilla, Capital of the New State of Cochui-
 la and Yucatan, on the tenth day of the month of December, of the year
 One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven: Before me citizens
 Ignacio Sanchez Navarro, Not Constitutional Alcalde, and Fran-
 cisco Judges of this Town and District, Ex Officio Notary Public
 with the instrumental writings hereinafter named: Personally appeared
 Mr. James Power, a native of Ireland and actual resident in
 this Capital, and said that by these presents and every due form, permitted
 by law, he proclaims that he gives, and confers, his General Power of Attorney,
 simple and sufficient, as full as requisite, or necessary, as much as it can
 or ought to be to Citizen Manuel Murgueta, inhabitant of this Town,
 that he may, in the name of him who declares, and representing him as
 his proper person, his rights and interests, whenever the Memorial which
 he has made, in company with Mr. James Howerton, shall be re-
 turned from Mexico, the prayer of the petition, of which, is to Colonize,
 Power hundred Chihua and Mexican families, empowering his said
 Attorney, to execute the articles of agreement, with the Government of the State,
 as to the manner and terms, by which the Colonization is to be effected for
 Power which purpose, he can present petitions, and give bonds, and other papers,
 (and all other important documents, necessary to obtain the object, for which
 of Attorney this General Power of Attorney is conferred, and shall not fail, in power,
 to do all matters, and things, in the premises, for the want of any clauses,
 expressions, or conditions, not herein inserted, executing and performing, all
 agencies, duties, or contracts, the same as though he that declares, could do,
 were he personally present. Giving him full and simple power (and author-
 ity, to sue, make oath, appoint substitutes, revoke them, and appoint
 others anew, and generate all of them, in due form. Binding himself to
 to ratify and confirm, all which, by virtue of the Power of Attorney may
 he, done or executed, For the faithful performance of which, he obligates
 himself, his person, and property, present and future, and holds himself
 amenable to the Hon. Judges and tribunals, who have or may have
 jurisdiction therein, and more especially to those of this Republic, that
 they may exercise him, to the fulfillment of the same, by the strictest rigor
 of law, in the manner provided in cases of judgment, had and obtained
 or conferred, before competent authority, without the right of appeal, this
 being of his own free will, he renounces all laws, which might favor
 him to the contrary, with the Local law and due form, subscribed
 in presence of the witnesses Citizens Eusebio Solis, Marcelo
 de Cuella, Francisco de la Cruz, present, and residents in this
 Town, Attest Ignacio Sanchez Navarro — James
 Power — Witness — Jose Nazario Ortiz — Witness
 — Jose Guadalupe Solis —

(The foregoing copy, agrees with the Original from which it was taken,
 this day and date, on which it was executed, and is written on two
 leaves of paper of the Second Stamp, according to law, of all of which
 of this Alcalde who hereunto subscribes, acting in

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accordance with the provisions of the Law; attest (Signed) — Ignacio Sanchez Navaro — Witness (Signed) José Navaro Ortiz — Witness (Signed) José Guadalupe Solís.

On the City of Leon (Vicario, on the Twenty eighth day of the month of May of the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, before me Citizen Ignacio Sendejas Herer, 3rd Constitutional, Alcalde, and primary Judge, of this Capital, and its District, personally appeared Citizen Manuel Musques, to me personally known, who said that he substitutes the present power of Attorney, in and to Citizen Victor Blanco, with all the powers conferred to him, For testimony whereof, he signed this with me (and my assistant witnesses, with whom I am by Law, authorized to perform these Notarial acts, for want of a Notary Public, which I attest.

— Ignacio Sendejas —
— Manuel Musques — Witness Vasallo Ortiz — Witness
— Mariano Gomez de Anais —
— Hees Twelve rials — Ortiz —

* City of Leon Vicario, this eleventh day of the month of June, of the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight: The Citizen Victor Blanco, having presented himself, with the foregoing power of attorney the original of which, is hereto annexed, to contract with the Government, in the name of his principal, the conditions and manner upon which the Colony he solicits, may be established; a contract was entered into upon the terms (and stipulations expressed in the following articles.

Art. 1st — Taking for granted the approval of the General Government, for the establishment of this enterprise, as appears by a resolution passed 22nd April last past.

This Government admits the project offered by Mr. James Hewitson, and Mr. James Power, so far as it is in accordance with the Colonization Law of 27th March 1825, and hereby designates the Territory within which they are to Colonize, by the following boundaries.

Beginning on the left bank of the River Guadalupe, at the angular point, where it empties into the sea. Thence following the line of the Old Coast Eastwards, to the mouth of San Jaca Creek: Thence with the right bank of this Creek, the precise distance of Ten leagues: Thence a line shall be run Westwards, parallel with the Coast, on a border of Ten leagues, until it meets the river Guadalupe, and thence down wards, on the left bank of this river, to the place of beginning.

Art. 2nd — The Empresarios are bound to introduce, at their own expense, into the Territory (and settle upon the lands, also described, Two hundred families, in lieu of the four hundred, they have offered, (and it is an express condition, that one half of this Colony, must be composed of Mexican families, and the other half, foreigners from Ireland. Art. 3rd — All possessions with legal titles, which may be found within the limits designated in Art. 1st, shall be reserved, to the Colonists.

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of this contract, and it is obligatory on the Empresarios to do this duty expedited and fulfilled.

Art 4th — It is an express condition, that where any lands may by their locality, and other circumstances, be useful or advantageous for the construction of Ports, Wharves or Warehouses, for the defence of the Port, or other public purposes, the Empresarios shall have no right to prevent the occupation of any such desirable point, which may be adaptable to public use, either as above mentioned, or not herein specified.

Art 5th — In conformity with the law of 21th March 1825, the Empresarios are bound to introduce, and establish, the two hundred families, of law of in Art 3rd, within the term of Six years, from the date, under the penalty of forfeiting the rights and privileges granted to them by said law.

Art 6th — The families being Catholics, as required by law, must be of good moral habits, accreditating the same, by certificates from the Authorities of the place from whence they emigrate.

Art 7th — It is obligatory on the Empresarios, neither to introduce, or permit in their Colony, Criminals, Vagrants, or men of bad character. They will cause all such as may be found, under any of these circumstances, to leave their district, and in case of recidives, eject them by force of Arms.

Art 8th — For this purpose, (and whenever there may be a sufficient number of men, the National local Militia shall be formed, in conformity with the regulations provided by law.

Art 9th — Whenever One hundred families at least may have been introduced, the Empresarios will notify the Government of the fact, in order that a Commission may be sent, to the Colonists, to give them possession of their lands, and to establish the Courts according to law, and to the instructions which will be given him.

Art 10th — The individual applications of the New Colonists for lands, and the premium lands granted to the Empresarios being completed, those lands remaining, can only be disposed of by the Government, as provided by law.

Art 11th — The official communications with the Government, and with the State Authorities, and all public acts and instruments of every kind, must be written in the Spanish language.

Art 12th — In all matters not specified in the foregoing articles of Contract, the Empresarios (and the New Colony) shall be subject to the Constitution and laws of the General Government, and to the Constitution and laws of the State.

And His Excellency the Governor and the Attorney for and in the name of the Empresarios, having mutually agreed to all and each one of the articles of this present contract, they reciprocally bound themselves to the perpetual fulfillment of the same, before me, the Secretary of State, signing the same in testimony thereof, and the original document remains in the Archives of this Office, a certified copy of all of them

was ordered to be given to the parties interested for their security. Señores Vicario
17th June 1828 Don Maria Vicar

Victor Manco Juan Antonio Pacilla Secretary of
State of the State of Coahuila and Texas

I certify that the foregoing copy is authentically and faithfully taken from the original file of documents in the Archives of the Secretary of State under my charge to which
I refer. Señora Vicario 13th June 1828.

(Signed) J. Antonio Pacilla Secretary.
Don Manuel Ortiz de la Torre, Under Secretary of State, for Home
and Foreign Affairs, Certify that the signature of the Secretary of State, of the
State of Coahuila and Texas, and by whom the foregoing documents are authen-
ticated, is legitimate, and the same which he uses in official correspondence.
Home Affairs Mexico September 5th 1828 (Signed) Manuel Ortiz de la Torre
D. O.

I certify the above to be the signature of Don Manuel Ortiz de la Torre,
Under Secretary of State for the Home and Foreign Department of this Govt.
Mexico 6th September 1828 (Signed) J. P. Pakenham H. B. M.'s
Chargé d'affaires to the United States of Mexico. D. O.

To His Excellency the Governor.
Citizen James Hewitson for himself and

in the name of Citizen James Power, submits to Your Excellency, that in
the latter part of September of the Year 1826, he solicited of this Sublime Govern-
ment, permission to establish a Colony with Four hundred families from Gre-
goire (and of this Country) and as the lands any within this border leagues the Government
of this State had to send them up to the General Government of the Nation, in con-
sequence of the General Law of 18th August 1824, with a favorable report on ac-
count of which, it was pleased to grant its approval, under date of 22d of April of
Augustine last year, but as the quantity of lands is so small that it would scarcely con-
tain the one half of the families aforesaid, (and in anticipation of the expenses at-
tending the same) I have incurred (and am about to incur) to effect the settlement, together with
other expenses to carry into effect my undertaking, I am under the necessity
of entreating of the bounty of Your Excellency, to digno to augment the land
granted to me in the border leagues, so as to extend from the river Guadalupe
along the Coast South Westwardly to the boundary of this State with
that of Tamaulipas, offering to comply, in all cases, with the Constitution
and Laws of the General Government, as well as those of the State,
Wherein I shall receive favor. Señores Vicario 13th March 1829.
James Hewitson

In the City of Seony Vicario on the Second day of the month of
April of the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. The
Citizen Mariano Grande having presented himself with the foregoing power
of Attorney, the original of which is annexed to this file of documents, to agree
with the Government in the name of the Citizen James Power (and