

assessment made in conformity with law there was due and unpaid to the State of Texas and County of Gonzales - from persons unknown, the sum of Twenty three $\frac{6}{100}$ dollars as Taxes for the Year 1846 upon seventeen thousand seven hundred & twelve acres of land being that portion of six Leagues known as the Copote tract which was originally granted to Jose de La Baurm lying in the County of Gonzales on the South West side of the Guadalupe river, which Land was subject to be taxed in said County and whereas no one has paid said Taxes, but has wholly neglected or refused to pay the same as required by law. Therefore be it known that I Edward Malloch acting as Assessor & Collector for the said County of Gonzales & State aforesaid, being duly sworn & qualified according to law did on the 24th day of May A.D. 1848 levy upon the aforesaid tract of land to make the Taxes & Costs then due, which amounted to the sum of Twenty five $\frac{6}{100}$ dollars, to wit seventeen thousand seven hundred & twelve acres, be the same more or less situated lying & being in the County of Gonzales on the South West side of the Guadalupe river, being the lower part of a six League Survey known as the Copote tract, or Jose de La Baurm Survey which lies in said County of Gonzales. Commencing on the River Guadalupe where the County line dividing the Counties of Gonzales and Guadalupe crosses said River Thence a South direction with said County line, to the back line of said six League Survey Thence East with said back or East & West line, to the South East Corner of said six League Survey Thence North with the North & South line of said six Leagues to the back or East & West line of a League Survey made for One Phineas James Thence with said line West, to the South West Corner of said James League Thence North east with the upper or North & South line of said James League to the Guadalupe river Thence up said River with its meanders to the place of Beginning. I the said Edward Malloch Assessor & Collector aforesaid, having given notice of the time & place of selling the before described tract of land, or so much as would be sufficient to pay the aforesaid Taxes & Cost, of the time & manner of said sale, as required by law did on the 26th day of June 1848 at the Court house door of Gonzales County offer the said tract of land for sale at public auction, when the same was knocked off to John P Erskine he being the highest and best bidder for the same, and no one being willing to take a less quantity and pay the sum of Twenty five $\frac{6}{100}$ dollars the amount of the said Taxes & Costs due and unpaid upon said tract of land for the year 1846. Now be it known, that I Edward Malloch Assessor & Collector as aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five $\frac{6}{100}$ dollars to me in hand paid by the said John P Erskine, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have this day granted bargained & sold by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John P Erskine, his heirs & assigns, all the right title and interest of the aforesaid Jose de La Baurm, or any other owners or claimants under him in and to the before described seventeen thousand seven hundred & twelve acres of land, be the same more or less. To have and to hold the same to him the said John P Erskine, free from the claim or claims of all and every person claiming in through or by me. And I the said Edward Malloch do covenant with the said John P Erskine, that I have in all things pursued the law regulating sales of Lands for Taxes - and that I have performed all the duties incumbent on me as Assessor & Collector in making said sale to the said John P Erskine. In Witness whereof I have in my official Capacity as Assessor & Collector set my hand and seal by way of seal this 26th day of June One Thousand eight hundred and forty eight (1848) Edward Malloch (Seal) Assessor & Collector for Gonzales County

The State of Texas.

Gonzales County. Before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of the aforesaid County this day appeared Edward Malloch Assessor & Collector for Gonzales County & acknowledged that he executed the above & foregoing Deed of Conveyance to John P Erskine for the Consideration & purposes therein set forth.

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Given under my hand and official seal this 27th day of December A.D. 1849

J. Chenault
Clerk C.C. & Co.

Filed for Record December 27th 1849 at 4 P.M.

Recorded December 31st 1849 at 1 o'clock P.M.

Note by Clerk. This Deed should have been recorded before the three preceding Deeds. Being first filed.