

CALIFORNIA REDWOOD COMPANY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RESPONSE

To a resolution of the House calling for information relative to alleged frauds upon the Government by the California Redwood Company, also transmitting, with accompanying papers, letters from the Attorney-General and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 25, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the following resolution, reported from the Committee on Public Lands and adopted by the House on March 24, 1888:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to this House all information in his possession relating to the alleged frauds upon the Government by the California Redwood Company, and also information as to what suits, if any, have been caused by him to be instituted for the recovery of the lands held by said company, and what additional legislation, if any, in his judgment, is needed to secure the rights of the Government in said matter.

This resolution was referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and his report of April 2, 1888, on the subject-matter of the resolution and the accompanying papers are herewith transmitted.

The Commissioner states in his report that he has very little information as to the California Redwood Company, but a large amount in relation to the Humboldt Redwood Company and its operations. Both of these companies are composed of foreign capitalists, and it is believed that the same persons, with a few exceptions perhaps, are stockholders in both, and that each was organized for the purpose of more effectually promoting the acquisition of the redwood timber lands of the Government.

Though the inquiry of the House is limited in terms to alleged frauds by the California Redwood Company, I assume, as matter of fact, that the alleged frauds by which title has been sought to be obtained to a large and valuable body of the redwood timber land is the subject-matter into which the House proposes to inquire, and about which it desires information.

Acting on this assumption, I shall summarize briefly what appears from the papers submitted and on record, without particularly referring to the evidence.

It is disclosed that a scheme was entered into by members of the firms of J. Russ & Co., and of Faulkner, Bell & Co., both of San Francisco, Cal., to obtain possession of the valuable redwood forests, situated in Humboldt County, of that State. After a careful examination by experts as to the extent and character of this timber, James D. Walker, of the firm of Faulkner, Bell & Co., proceeded to Edinburgh, Scotland, and made a contract with a syndicate of capitalists there to sell them 50,000 acres of redwood timber land at \$7 per acre, it being made to appear to the syndicate that it was worth at the very least \$200 per acre. It was agreed by the contracting parties that payments for the land were to be made as fast as Walker obtained deeds for the same. In furtherance of the general plan, first the California Redwood Company and subsequently the Humboldt Redwood Company were formed, both companies being composed of the same stockholders, all of whom were foreigners except H. C. Putnam, an American citizen, who appears to have been interested to the extent of one-tenth.

The managing and active parties in California were members of the firms named, and of the firm of Swift & Co., who in turn employed sub-agents, among whom were Beach, Marks, and Roberts. Beach made a contract with one McLauchlan to pay the latter \$5 for each man he might furnish to make timber applications under the act of June 3, 1878 (20 Stat., 89), agreeing to pay the men \$50 each, upon completion of the entry and execution of a deed conveying the land to Walker, or some other agent of the syndicate. Subsequently, this contract was changed into a weekly payment of \$20 to McLauchlan. Under both contracts a large number of men were furnished. The entry papers were prepared by Beach, Roberts, and Marks, and acknowledged before one Bell, a notary public; papers for 81 entrymen being thus prepared in one day. The money to pay the men was furnished by Russ & Co., Beach being generally paymaster.

Marks made a similar contract with one Connars, a keeper of a sailors' boarding house, who also furnished a large number of men.

The entry papers thus prepared were generally filed in the local land offices in quantities, some one of the agents of the syndicate superintending and making the necessary payments to the register and receiver. David Cutten was employed by Russ & Co. to prepare the necessary deeds; he was furnished with a list of names of the entrymen and description of the different tracts, and deeds were prepared in accordance with these memoranda, leaving the dates blank, and conveying the land to David Evans. After the deeds were acknowledged before Bell, the notary, they were returned to Cutten, who retained them until the final certificate was issued on fraudulent proof furnished by the agents of the syndicate, when, after filling in the dates to correspond with the land office certificates, he would draw other deeds conveying the tracts from Evans to Walker. Cutten drew about 450 such deeds. Kellogg, the recorder of deeds of Humboldt County, states that 349 such deeds, in favor of Evans, were filed in his office on July 10, 1884.

Under this well-concocted scheme, boldly carried out, more than 57,000 acres were entered, and title sought to be obtained to perhaps the most valuable tract of timber land in the United States, valued, by experts of the conspirators, at \$11,000,000, and worth probably much more.

Of the entries thus fraudulently made a number which had not progressed to patent have been canceled, or recommended for cancellation, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and more are under investigation by that officer. Some applications to enter were never perfected, because of the mineral character of the land. Copy of a letter of the Commissioner to the register and receiver, Humboldt, dated March 29, 1888, is inclosed, showing his action as to 42 of said unpatented entries. Lists are also inclosed showing the action of the Commissioner in respect to a large number of other tracts of land entered but not patented.

In addition, I have to state, in reply to that portion of the resolution making inquiry on that point, that on November 18, 1886, the Secretary of the Interior requested the Attorney-General to institute suits to secure the cancellation of patents issued on 151 entries, believed to have been made through the fraud and connivance of and for the benefit of the parties interested in the Humboldt Redwood Company, if not also in the company mentioned in the resolution; and subsequently, on the 12th of March last, a similar request was made in relation to 11 entries of the same character, and again as to 6 others. by letters of even date herewith; copies of the letters to the Attorney-General, making the request and containing a summary of the evidence on which it was based are herewith forwarded; also a list of said patented entries and description of the land covered thereby.

In response to the inquiry as to "What additional legislation, if any," in my opinion, "is needed to secure the rights of the Government in said matter," I invite attention to that portion of the letter of the Commissioner to the register and receiver of the Humboldt land office sent herewith, wherein it is shown that the Government agents were unable to produce testimony of great importance in the investigation of these frauds, because there is no process of law by which witnesses can be compelled to attend and testify in hearings before the land officers.

For years Congress has been urged to enact such laws as will remedy this evil.

The register and receiver, occupying a position quasi-judicial in character, are charged with the delicate and grave duty of passing upon the property rights of a very large class of individuals. The determination of these rights mainly depends upon matters of fact disclosed by parol testimony adduced before those officers, yet, while this is the tribunal established by Congress wherein such rights are to be primarily ascertained, it is utterly without the power to obtain such testimony as should be accessible to any tribunal, however limited in its jurisdiction, which may be necessary to the proper and intelligent performance of its functions.

Upon the record and the testimony taken before the local officers the Commissioner of the General Land Office and this Department, on appeal, is compelled to pass judgment ultimately—a judgment which has been held by the courts to be final as to matters of fact.

It needs no argument to show that this unsatisfactory condition of affairs should not longer be tolerated, and means should be adopted which will enable the land officers to obtain all possible testimony to guide them to a correct conclusion, instead of being often compelled to act upon testimony purely voluntary, or procured through personal favor to, or solicitation by, the interested parties, whilst other and perhaps better evidence is not before the officers because of the reluctance of persons to appear in the character of volunteer or partisan witnesses.

Therefore I respectfully suggest that appropriate legislation be enacted conferring upon the register and receiver the necessary authority to summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses in hearings or contests before said officers. Such summonses could be served through the ordinary local officers having like power under the laws of the State or Territory in which the land office is situate, or otherwise as might seem proper to your honorable body.

Very respectfully,

WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., April 2, 1888.

SIR: I am in receipt, by Departmental reference, for report, of the following resolution, dated March 24, 1888, by the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, requested to transmit to this House all information in his possession relative to the alleged frauds upon the Government by the California Redwood Company, and also information as to what suits, if any, have been caused by him to be instituted for the recovery of the lands held by said company, and what additional legislation, if any, in his judgment, is needed to secure the rights of the Government in said matter.

In reply I have to state that the California Redwood Company, limited, is a foreign syndicate, known to own a large amount of land in California, but that no investigation has been made as to the manner in which the company acquired title to such land.

The records of this office show that the Humboldt Redwood Company, limited, is composed of foreign capitalists, many of whom are stockholders in the California Redwood Company, limited, own and control about 57,000 acres of land in California, which is very valuable for the redwood timber thereon, the title to which appears to have been fraudulently acquired from the Government under the act of June 3, 1878.

As it was alleged and reported that the entries for the land now known to be owned by the Humboldt Redwood Company, limited, were made in the interest of the California Redwood Company, limited, and it was thought, until recently, by this office that such was the case, and wide publicity having been given to that view of the matter, it is supposed that the House resolution was intended to refer to the transactions of the Humboldt Redwood Company, limited.

This office is in possession of very little information which applies to the California Redwood Company, but has on file a large amount of information relative to the Humboldt Redwood Company, limited, and can report thereon, if desired.

It would, however, owing to the large amount of matter on file regarding said company, be a work requiring a great expenditure of the time and labor of this office to furnish copies of all the papers relative thereto, but a full statement of the facts could be furnished, and I in-

close a copy of office letter of March 29, 1888, relative to a portion of the entries in which this company is interested.

The papers referred to this office are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

S. M. STOCKSLAGER,
Commissioner.

Hon. WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., March 29, 1888.

GENTLEMEN: I am in receipt of your letter of August 13, 1887, transmitting the record of the hearing in the case of the United States *vs.* Richard Allard *et al.*, involving the following timber-land entries under the act of June 3, 1878, and one pre-emption entry, viz:

No.	Name.	Description.
4884	R. D. Swift.....	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4892	Richard Bradley.....	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4811	Henry S. Peterson.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4917	I. S. Perkins.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4926	C. F. Flinn.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4937	Frank Baker.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4938	Robert McEntee.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4943	J. D. Foley.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 19 N., R. 1 E.
4944	Fred Palmer.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4950	William Grady.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4959	Frank Stevenson.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4965	Walter Bohall.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4966	Charles Waxon.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4978	F. M. Haines.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4979	Isham Loyd.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4994	C. E. Johnson.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5018	Samuel Waring.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5020	Charles Raymond.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5029	William H. Bradford.....	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5035	F. W. Kopp.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5046	P. A. Klocker.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5056	A. E. Brown.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5057	J. A. Archer.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5066	C. H. Walker.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5081	Daniel Campbell.....	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5035	C. C. Lewis.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5110	Thomas Burnett.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5116	E. H. Burnett.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5139	H. C. Lockhart.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5211	W. L. Stevenson.....	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5238	H. M. Mathews.....	Lots 1 and 25, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5361	Richard Bradley.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 5 Sec. 20, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5266	Michael Mulligan.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., H. M.
5286	Alex. Welch.....	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5387	E. J. Stapleton.....	Lots 3 and 4 E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5304	James McKenna.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 11 N., R. 3 E., H. M.
5311	James A. Marsh.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5312	Richard Allard.....	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5315	Ewing Littrell.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5340	Henry H. Cousins.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4951	Samuel P. Jarnagan.....	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ lots 6 and 7 Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

Of these entries 35 were canceled and 4 held for cancellation upon reports by special agents of this office, to the effect that said entries were made in the interests of other parties than the entrymen and two were canceled upon records of hearings.

Upon application by H. C. Putnam, one of the parties to whom the land embraced in said entries has been conveyed, he alleging that he was a bona fide purchaser for value without notice of any defect in title, and that the charges contained in the special agent's reports were false, the honorable Secretary of the Interior, on July 24, 1886, directed this office to order hearings in regard to the entries which had been canceled, and such hearings were ordered by office letter of August 20, 1886.

Upon applications by the parties to whom the lands had been conveyed hearings were also ordered in regard to the entries which had been held for cancellation.

By office telegram of December 1, 1886, you were directed to make one hearing of all these cases, the same parties being interested in all the cases and the allegations against the entries being substantially the same.

On the date set for the hearing Special Agent B. F. Bergen appeared, with witnesses, on the part of the Government, and Clinton Gurnee, S. M. Buck, and H. L. Smith appeared for W. H. Swift, T. W. Harvey, and R. S. Walker, a portion of the land having been conveyed to them as trustees, and for H. C. Putnam.

A large amount of testimony was taken relative to the fraudulent character of the entries under consideration and the general system by which such entries and many more were made in the interest of David Evans and others associated with him.

It appears from the testimony of Richard Bradley that his timberland entry, No. 4892, and his pre-emption-claim entry, 5261, were made in accordance with a written contract with Henry A. Marks, to whom he was referred by David Evans, Bradley agreeing to make a timberland entry for Marks for \$50, and a pre-emption entry for \$150. Before he made proof on his pre-emption claim he and Marks had a disagreement, and Beach agreed to give him \$150 if he would complete such entry for him, which he did. His testimony is corroborated by E. Hanson, who saw and read the contract between Bradley and Marks.

Henry S. Peterson testified that he made his timberland entry, No. 911, for Marks in accordance with a written contract, he receiving \$50 for so doing, Marks furnishing the description of the land and paying all the expenses of the entry.

Entrymen Flinn, Baker, McEntee, Jarnagan, Frank Stevenson, Bonall, Haines, Loyd, Kopp, Brown, Lewis, McKenna, and Marsh testify that they received the description of the land from either Charles E. Beach, Marks, or some one associated with them, filed the sworn statement, and some time afterward signed a paper, the contents of which they did not know, but which they supposed to be a conveyance of the land, and received \$50. From their testimony it is apparent that it was the understanding between them and Marks and Beach, at the date they filed their sworn statements, that the only benefit they were to derive from their filing was the \$50, to be paid when the deed was signed, and that the title to the land was to inure to the benefit of Beach, Marks, or the parties for whom they were acting.

Entrymen Swift, Perkins, Thomas Burnett, E. H. Burnett, and Walker testified that they made the application for their own use, but that, without making proof, they sold their right to the land to Beach

or Marks for \$50. In the case of Perkins, it is shown by the testimony that he was dependent upon other people for support and could have had no reasonable expectation of being able to pay for the land. All the entrymen who were examined testified that they were furnished by Beach or Marks with the description of the land they were to apply for, and in all but one or two instances with the money to pay for filing their sworn statements, and were told to file such sworn statements in the local office; that they never proved up or paid for the land, and that they do not know who made such proof and payment.

It was impossible to secure the attendance of the other entrymen as witnesses, for the reason that a few were either not found or were sick, and the others, although personally served with a subpoena from the register and receiver, refused to attend and give their testimony.

Special Agent Bergen was sworn and testified that of the entrymen who were not examined, Foley, Palmer, Waring, Raymond, Bradford, Klocker, Lockhart, W. L. Stevenson, Mathews, Allard, and Cousins, and Wilson T. Smith, late special agent, testified that the balance of such entrymen, except Campbell, namely, Grady, Waxon, Johnston, Archer, Mulligan, Welch, Stapleton, and Littrell, admitted to them, in most cases under oath, that they were induced to make their entries by Beach and Marks, who furnished them with a description of the land to be filed upon, paid the filing fees, and some time after, upon their signing a paper supposed to be a deed, paid them \$50, and that they never made proof or payment for the land, and do not know who did.

The entries of Marsh, one of the witnesses, and of Campbell, relative to whose entry, for some reason, no direct testimony was introduced, were canceled by office letters of June 25, 1885, upon records of hearings ordered upon reports by W. H. Goucher, late a special agent, the claimant in each case and David Evans, to whom notice of the hearings was issued, having failed to submit any testimony in support of such entries.

The land at the time the entries of Marsh and Campbell were canceled had been conveyed to James D. Walker, but as the deeds to Walker were not recorded until July 27, 1885, this office had no knowledge of such conveyance to him at the date such entries were canceled.

Thirty witnesses, not parties to this case, testified that, about the time these entries were being made, they were induced by Beach and Marks to file upon land under the act of June 3, 1878; that Beach and Marks furnished the description of the land they were to file upon and agreed to pay all the expenses of the entry, besides giving them \$50 each for their timber right. The records of this office show that timberland entries by these parties were made, but they testify that they never made proof or payment for the land embraced in their sworn statements, and do not know who did. The land embraced in said entries appears from the records to have been conveyed to Swift *et al.*

All of the entrymen who were examined, and the witnesses who testified that Beach and Marks induced them to file for timber land, testified that they never saw the land embraced in their entries, and could not tell the character of the same. Nearly all of them testified that they never knew the contents of their sworn statements, and do not remember of having been sworn to the same.

To show who did make proof and payment for the land, five parties who acted as witnesses in the cases under consideration testified that they were regularly employed by Beach and Marks to act in such capacity, and received \$1 for each case in which they acted, and the late receiver and his son testified that Beach and Marks, during the period

in which these entries were made, paid large sums of money on timber claims, Beach paying as high as \$6,000 in one day.

Fifteen persons testified that they were approached by Beach and Marks and offered \$50 if they would file a timber claim for them, but that such offers were refused.

A large number of prominent citizens of Eureka testified that it was the current rumor in 1883, the year these entries were made, that Beach and Marks were paying men \$50 each for taking up claims for them, and a number of the entrymen testified that it was so generally understood that such was the case, that it was unnecessary for them to make an express agreement with Beach and Marks as to what they were to receive for their services.

R. D. Swift, one of the entrymen, testified that Beach agreed to pay \$5 each for every man he would induce to file a timber claim for him, and that McEntoe, another entryman, was one of the men he procured in accordance with such agreement.

John Conar testified that Beach and Marks induced nine or ten sailors, who were boarding at his house, to file sworn statements for them, and agreed to give them \$50 each, but as the entries could not be completed, the contract was not carried out. These entries were made at various dates, from February 5 to May 31, 1883. The original deeds conveying this land were filed in evidence, from which it appears that, from one to four days after entry the land was conveyed to David Evans, except in one case, where the land was first conveyed to Beach, who soon after conveyed to Evans. The same day, or within two days, except in two cases, after the deeds to Evans were acknowledged, he conveyed the land to James D. Walker, and Walker, on March 13, 1885, deeded one-tenth interest therein to H. C. Putnam, and on July 16, 17, and October 9, 1885, the balance of the land was deeded by Walker to W. H. Swift et al., as trustees.

The deeds to Evans were not recorded until July 10, 1884, and those to Walker were not recorded until July 27, 1885, and I am of the opinion that such deeds were not recorded for so long a time for the purpose of concealing from the Government the fact that such land had been transferred by the entrymen and the date of such transfers.

Nearly all of the entrymen who were examined swear that they did not read the paper, supposed to be a deed, which they signed, nor was it read to them; none of them could remember the exact date upon which they signed such paper; some testifying that it was at least sixty days after they filed their sworn statements, others testify that they signed such supposed deeds about six weeks after their sworn statements, while entryman Flinn testified that the time he signed such deed could not have exceeded three weeks after filing his sworn statement. Bohall, another entryman, testified that the paper he signed was simply a blank deed not filled up, while several testified that they do not remember seeing any writing upon the deeds they signed, but that as the papers were folded, the deeds may have been filled up without their noticing the fact.

It appears from the record that most of the deeds to Evans were acknowledged before F. W. Bell, a notary public at Eureka, and that the \$50 were paid to the entrymen at his office. It also appears from the testimony of other parties whose entries are not involved in this case, but who testified that their filings were made at the instance of Beach and Marks, that they also signed the supposed deeds and received their money at Bell's office. Two notaries public testified that Marks asked them if they could not take the acknowledgments of deeds

and date the certificates subsequent to the time the deeds were actually acknowledged, and they informed him that they could not.

Agent Bergen testified, and his testimony is corroborated, that one David Cutten told him that he was employed by David Evans, for Russ & Co., to write deeds during 1882 and 1883; that he wrote between 400 and 450 deeds, leaving the dates blank, and when the acknowledgments were taken he would fill in the dates to correspond with the dates of the acknowledgments; that as soon as a batch of deeds was executed to Evans he would write other deeds conveying the land to James D. Walker from Evans; that the work was performed by him at Gorham Barnum's saloon, where Beach and Marks had their headquarters, and that the money to pay for the land was furnished Beach by said David Evans and his clerk, Robert Smith. That neither Beach nor Marks had sufficient money to pay for lands to such large amounts as they did is shown by the fact that on May 1, 1883, Beach swore that the value of his real and personal property only amounted to \$1,091, while Marks swore that his was only \$604.

It appears very probable that many of the deeds were filled up and signed before proof and payment had been made for the land, and the testimony introduced on the part of the Government clearly established, in my opinion, the fact that all the entries were made at the instance of Beach and Marks, who were acting as agents for David Evans, and with the understanding that the title to the land should inure to other parties than the entrymen.

This is a direct violation of the act of June 3, 1878, under which all but one of these entries were made, which provides that the entryman shall file a sworn statement, at least sixty days prior to entry, to the effect that he has made no agreement or contract, either directly or indirectly, with any person or persons whomsoever, by which the title which he might acquire should inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except himself. It is also a violation of the pre-emption act.

Although five of the entrymen testify that their sworn statements were filed in good faith, their entries were evidently not made in good faith, as they conveyed the land embraced therein, the description of which was furnished by Beach and Marks, without having made proof or payment therefor or knowing that the same had been made, and if they had been sincere in their desire to make entries it is hardly probable that they would have filed for land they had never seen and apparently knew and cared little as to its value for timber. One of them, Perkins, could certainly have had no intention of completing his entry, as he could not find means to even support himself, and he admits that Beach furnished the money to pay for filing the sworn statement.

No testimony was introduced by the defendants to contradict that of the Government, but their efforts were turned toward preventing the Government from obtaining witnesses to show the character of the entries.

Every possible effort was made by the Government to obtain witnesses in this case who it was known could give very material evidence, such as the entrymen who would not appear as witnesses, the parties who, it was alleged, induced the entrymen to make their entries, and others associated with them.

Applications were made under Section 1986, Code of Civil Procedure of California, to the superior court of Humboldt County for subpoenas for such witnesses. The issue of such subpoenas was contested by the

defendants, and they at last succeeded in defeating the Government in its endeavors to obtain the same.

The record shows that counsel for the defense advised a number of witnesses on the stand that they could not be compelled to testify. William T. Pine testified that S. M. Buck, one of the counsel for the defense, offered to pay him as much as he would receive as a witness if he would not testify, and David Cutten, who, it is alleged, wrote nearly all of the deeds and could undoubtedly have given much important testimony, refused to appear as a witness, and it is shown that he was employed at the time by counsel for the defense to write copies of the deeds which they intended to offer as evidence. Beach and Marks, although present at the hearing, refused to testify, as they were under indictment for subornation of perjury in connection with some of the entries under consideration. Under such circumstances it was necessary to make use of hearsay testimony, consisting of that of parties to whom the entrymen who could not be secured as witnesses had confessed the circumstances under which their entries were made. Such admissions were made under oath to special agents of this office, and were the best evidence that could be obtained.

The defense relied upon by the defendants appears to be: (1) That this office has no jurisdiction after the final certificate has issued, and (2) that the parties to whom the land has been conveyed are innocent purchasers.

It has repeatedly been decided by the Department that this office has jurisdiction to cancel entries when fraudulently made, and that purchasers, after entry and before patent, can not maintain the defense of innocent purchasers. (See *United States vs. Johnson*, 5 L. D., 443; see recent decision of Tripp, chief justice, Territory of Dakota, in case of *United States vs. Edward H. Dudley*.)

However, the testimony submitted by the defense is entitled to careful consideration, and presents points which are not shown in the testimony for the Government.

A number of business men of Eureka testified that during the year 1883 it was the practice to purchase land upon the duplicate final receiver's receipts as evidence of title, and that such receipts were regarded as being equivalent to a patent; but the principal testimony consists of depositions of parties in London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Chicago, and San Francisco.

These witnesses are nearly all stockholders in the Humboldt Redwood Company (limited), for whom it appears that W. H. Swift, T. W. Harvey, and R. S. Walker are acting as trustees.

It appears from the depositions that in the summer of 1882 Charles H. King, of the firm of J. Russ & Co., consisting of King, Russ, and Evans, approached James Davidson Walker, of the firm of Faulkner, Bell & Co., both firms being located in San Francisco, Cal., and stated to him that there was a large body of timber land in Humboldt County, Cal., which would soon be offered for entry, and proposed that Faulkner, Bell & Co. should furnish money for the purpose of securing title to the land. This proposition was apparently accepted by Walker, who at once had a timber expert, named Townsend, examine the land, and he reported very favorably upon its value for timber. Walker then went to Edinburgh, Scotland, and entered into an agreement with certain capitalists there to sell them 50,000 acres of redwood timber land for \$7 per acre. This proposition was agreed to, and a written contract to that effect was entered into on October 23, 1882. This was prior to the initiation of any proceedings to acquire title to the land from the

Government, the first sworn statement in these cases having been filed November 17, 1882, nearly a month subsequent to the date of the contract between Walker and the Scotch syndicate, and the first entry having been made February 5, 1883.

It was agreed that the Scotch syndicate should pay Walker for the land as soon as the same was deeded to him, but that the title should remain in his name.

The Scotch syndicate afterwards, on July 7, 1885, organized the Humboldt Redwood Company for the sole purpose of getting the lands into the hands of Swift *et al.*, as trustees, instead of Walker.

A number of the principal stockholders in the Humboldt Redwood Company and Walker made depositions to the effect that they supposed the title to be good, as according to the agreement it had to be certified to by C. Temple Emmett, an attorney of San Francisco, Cal., to whom the deeds from the entrymen to Evans and from Evans to Walker, together with the receiver's duplicate receipts, were surrendered for examination.

Walker states that he called Emmett's attention to the fact that several duplicate receipts were dated subsequent to the deeds from the entrymen to Evans, and that Emmett assured him it was all right, and as he apparently had had considerable experience in land matters, and knew that he had agreed with King before the land was entered to purchase the same, and knowing, as he should, that King could not acquire title to so much public land of that class by legal means in so short a time, is proof to me that he must have been well aware of the methods adopted by King to secure title to the land.

The Scotch capitalists knew that the land they agreed to purchase was still public land, as Walker states that before the agreement of October 23, 1882, was made the matter was fully discussed with them, and Walker had been given to understand by King that the land was soon to be subject to entry.

They claim to have trusted entirely to Walker and Emmett, who, with the facilities at their command, should and must have known of the fraudulent manner in which the title to the land had been acquired, and they should assume some responsibility for the acts of their agents and the knowledge possessed by them.

H. C. Putnam, who owns one-tenth interest in the land embraced in these entries, early in the year 1883, examined a great amount of timber land, including the townships in which this land is situated, and reported on April 9, 1883, that the land would average 200,000 feet of timber an acre, valued at \$1 per 1,000 standing, and his report was very favorable in every respect.

A large number of the entries which are under consideration were made after Putnam made his examination, and his interest was purchased on or before May 13, 1883, the date he made his first payment to Walker, at the rate of \$7 per acre. Eleven of these entries were made after such purchase.

Putnam went to California with the express purpose of investing in timber lands, and when in Eureka, at the time his examination was made, he ascertained how title to such lands could be acquired.

A man with his experience, he having been extensively engaged in the lumber business, would certainly have ascertained the manner in which title to the land had been acquired before investing \$25,000 in the same. While in Eureka he could easily have ascertained, and probably did, the manner in which entries were being made, as it was

current rumor there that any one could obtain \$50 from Beach and Marks for making a filing for such lands.

Putnam himself reported that the timber on the land was worth at least \$200 per acre, and the Scotch capitalists were advised that the land was worth many times the amount they were paying for it, \$7 per acre, and that fact alone should have caused them to thoroughly investigate the title, especially when coupled with the fact that such title had not passed from the Government.

The Government price for such land was \$2.50 per acre, and the difference in that price and the one paid by the syndicate would leave a sufficient margin with which to secure men to carry out the fraudulent transactions.

The entries now under consideration are only a small portion of those in which the same parties are interested and in which it is alleged that the title has been acquired in a similar manner, the records of this office showing at least 360 such entries, and embracing about 57,600 acres of the finest timber land in the United States, which Putnam, who is admitted to be a specially well-informed timber expert, estimated to be worth at least \$11,000,000.

It is apparent that, after making the agreement with the Scotch syndicate, Walker turned his attention to securing title to this valuable piece of timber land in connection with J. Russ & Co., of which firm Evans and King were both members.

Evans employed Beach and Marks to procure men to make entries, they making their headquarters in Eureka, and they in turn hired other parties to procure men for this purpose. The result was that the country was scoured to obtain such men. Honest men were deceived as to their rights, sailors stopping in Eureka temporarily, parties who were induced to declare their intention to become citizens so that they could file sworn statements, and even paupers were made use of for that purpose.

The testimony clearly shows that a conspiracy was entered into in 1862 by Walker, King, and certain Scotch capitalists to secure an immense tract of valuable timber land in Humboldt County, Cal., before any of these entries had been made and when they knew that such lands had not been entered. The tracts of land embraced in these entries were undoubtedly part of those to which they intended to acquire title. They had such land thoroughly examined by experts, secured witnesses to make final proof, and openly and fearlessly hired parties who had never seen the land to make such entries. All the benefit the men who made the entries derived or expected to derive was \$50 for the use of their names. The entries were made by reckless and wholesale perjury and subornation of perjury.

The parties interested even went so far, as shown by the testimony of Wilson T. Smith, late a special agent of this office, as to attempt to bribe him in order to prevent an adverse report relative to such entries being made to this office.

Walker was a partner of the Scotch capitalists and held the land in trust for them for over two years, while the land was in Evans's name on the records of Humboldt County, Cal., for over a year before the deeds to Walker were recorded, and Evans was evidently an agent or a partner of the parties who were endeavoring to secure title to the land.

Putnam was also a partner with Walker and the Scotch capitalists in the venture.

That Walker, Putnam, and Evans did not have notice of the fraudulent transactions, in connection with the entry of the land, is hardly credible; and if they did not, the slightest effort on their part would have revealed the facts to them. In fact, they must have kept themselves intentionally ignorant of such transactions if they did not ascertain that they were fraudulent.

That such entries were fraudulent, was a matter of general notoriety in Eureka, where they were made, and the Scotch capitalists must have had knowledge of such facts. If not personally known to them, it was, without doubt, known to their agents and associates in the transaction who were in California, and they are therefore charged with notice, and are not in a position to maintain the defense of innocent purchasers, even if such a defense was admissible, before patent issues.

The action of this office in canceling certain of such entries and in holding the balance for cancellation is accordingly adhered to, and you will so advise all parties in interest, informing them that they will be allowed sixty days within which to appeal to the honorable Secretary of the Interior.

At the expiration of the time allowed for appeal, you will report what action, if any, has been taken.

Respectfully,

S. M. STOCKSLAGER,
Commissioner.

REGISTER AND RECEIVER,
Humboldt, Cal.

In the following cases Agent Bergen has reported that the land has been conveyed to W. H. Swift *et al.*, and recommends that the entries be held for cancellation, but as they have been contested by private parties, no action has been taken upon such reports, viz:

C. E.	Name.	Description.
4923	D. C. Stotts.....	N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5034	David McBride.....	S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5102	Fred. Brown.....	N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5346	James A. Bush.....	S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 8 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5129	John Ruppert.....	Lots 3 and 4 and S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

The following entry is supposed to be similar to the above, but has not been reported upon by special agent. It has been contested: C. E. 4974, William Dowling, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 1, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

Favorable reports have been received from Agent Bergen regarding the following cases, in which he states that the land was conveyed to David Evans soon after entry. No fraud shown and no cancellation.

C. E.	Name.	Description.
4870	John McConaghy.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4876	Neal Hill.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4877	James Hill.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4889	Sam'l McCurdy.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4902	John McConaghy.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5024	Thomas Cuttler.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5084	Jacob Johnson.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5197	N. N. Brown.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

Entries canceled upon agent's report.[Land conveyed to W. H. Swift *et al.* No application for hearing.]

C. E.	Name.	Description.
4835	William Ross.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4886	John Haurrhan.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4942	Thos. E. McGeorge.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5058	Wesley Dean.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.; SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9 T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5204	Hiram H. Stalder.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 13 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5209	Alfred Hansen.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 13 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5322	Chas. E. La Grange.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5454	Jacob Hutchings.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5476	Fred. McFarland.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5488	E. B. Dresser.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5491	J. R. Christopher.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

Entries canceled, hearing ordered by direction of Secretary, and office decision rendered April 14, 1888, adhering to action canceling entries.

[Land transferred to W. H. Swift *et al.* and H. C. Putnam.]

C. E.	Name.	Description.
5087	Francis Duff.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5310	James Whiting.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4941	Henry Bowden.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, Tp. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4893	O. A. Horner.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, Tp. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5111	H. M. Burnett.....	S. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 3, Tp. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5317	W. T. Pine.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, Tp. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5138	Isaac Barber.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, Tp. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.

*Cases under investigation, in which land has been transferred to W. H. Swift *et al.* and H. C. Putnam.*

C. E.	Name.	Description.
5115	W. H. Baldwin.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5083	Sam'l McCurdy.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4890	J. B. Palmer.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
5455	Oliver Baxter.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 13 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5478	John Gillis.....	N. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14; N. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5487	William S. McDonald.....	W. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17; E. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27; T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5489	E. B. Welch.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5496	Francis Hall.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5595	Samuel Curry.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4776	W. M. Martin.....	Lots 2, 3, Sec. 5, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.; lot 4 SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.

Cases under investigation, supposed to be similar to those above mentioned.

C. E.	Name.	Description.
4885	Matthew Carroll.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5588	Richard Ericson.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6043	John E. Crawford.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 8 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6199	Charles T. Norton.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6200	Alex. C. Sangster.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6201	Frank McMahon.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6210	Forrest Frasier.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6416	Amelia A. McFarland.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 8 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5675	Samuel Redelfinger.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 8 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
6882	Christian Hansen.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 8 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
6894	Adolph Dobrowsky.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 8 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5872	William Bryce.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5132	John Silva.....	E. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and E. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

List of entries held for cancellation upon Agent Bergen's report, but awaiting application for hearings under the rule, by claimants.

No.	Name.	Description.
4836	H. A. Marks	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4837	B. Barman	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2 and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4839	John D. Marks	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2 and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4855	William Moore	Lots 3 and 4 SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4856	Alex. M. Montgomery	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4859	David Cutten	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4862	F. McLaughlin	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4891	Thomas Carr	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4899	J. M. Cormick	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
4912	W. L. Preston	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4913	G. E. Wannrick	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4915	Austin Wiley	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4916	William L. Heney	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4918	R. J. Matherly	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4927	Santa Nelson	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4929	A. L. Kincaid	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
4931	T. O. Pessons	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4932	J. E. McForland	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4933	Thomas Lane	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4934	L. V. Clyde	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4935	Emanuel Page	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4936	J. W. Elbra	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4939	J. H. Clayson	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4947	John C. Thurston	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4952	J. N. Chamberlen	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4956	John F. Bennett	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4957	William Morgan	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4958	S. H. Joy	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4960	George Elbra	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4973	James Clifton	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4975	James Gregory	Lots 4 and 5 and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4977	J. Donnelly	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
4982	Ira O. Shaw	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
4983	Raymond Bishop	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5003	William Ayers	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5004	A. E. Mylott	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5007	L. F. Stinson	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5016	William P. Daykin	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5021	Charles Bruns	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5026	Albert D. Hethfield	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5027	William H. H. Heckman	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5043	B. N. Williams	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5059	George Meagher	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5061	J. D. Thurston	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5069	James Orr	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5078	John Christie	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ 35, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9, and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5079	A. Harmon	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ 35, 9 N., 2 E., Lots 3 and 4 Sec. 2, T. 8 N., R. 2 E.
5080	W. C. Robertson	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 8 N., R. 2 E.
5086	T. D. Felt, jr.	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5088	H. C. Miller	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5097	James A. Mead	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5104	Walter Carrier	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5107	Albert Hall	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5127	Luke Archer	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5130	Daniel Curren	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5136	F. C. Walkup	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
5188	Emanuel Hanson	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5189	Herman Wilts	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
5216	John Hentschell	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5217	John Eralla	Lots 6 and 7 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5247	John G. Sherman	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5254	Silas M. Buck	Lots 3 and 4 and 5 and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5267	A. C. Minzler	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5298	Thomas Smith	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.

List of entries held for cancellation upon Agent Bergen's report, etc.—Continued.

No.	Name.	Description.
5302	Rudolph Surber	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5316	C. C. Fairfield	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5320	George Speed	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5323	D. E. Gordon	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5332	J. M. Morrison	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5334	J. J. Sullivan	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5341	C. H. Stegemeyer	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5343	Albert Foster	N. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and W. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 8 N., R. 1 E.
5344	Edward Hall	Lot 1 SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and E. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 8 N., R. 1 E.
5347	J. O. Dermott	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 8 N., R. 1 E.
5348	Charles Hansen	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5349	Francis Oliver	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 13 N., R. 1 E.
5457	William Romer	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 12 N., R. 1 E.
5464	Albert Brogg	E. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and E. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5474	Thomas Williamson	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5475	Perry Conor	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5477	Charles Brown	S. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and 21, and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5479	G. F. Welsh	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5480	David Ellis	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5482	Henrietta Morton	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5483	O. A. Betterley	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5484	Ed. J. Knaack	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5485	J. R. Harrison	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5486	A. R. McDonald	W. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, W. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5492	C. Christenson	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.
5498	A. R. Stewart	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 7 N., R. 2 E.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, November 18, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to herewith transmit three reports, and accompanying documents, from the Commissioner of the General Land Office relating to 151 entries under the timber land act of June 3, 1878 (20 Stat., 89,) made in Humboldt County, Cal., on which patents have been issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

From the reports of Special Agent B. F. Bergen, and accompanying affidavits, it appears that a Scotch corporation or syndicate was formed for the purpose of obtaining control of all the valuable redwood lands located in said county. This syndicate was represented in California by James D. Walker, who made a contract with Joseph Russ, David Evans, and Charles King, composing the firm of Russ & Co., to carry out the object in view. These in turn employed as agents in the nefarious work Charles E. Beach, Harry A. Marks, and M. P. Roberts, (brother of the register of the Humboldt land office), who employed other agents, the affidavits of some of whom will be found herewith.

The affidavit of Frank McLauchlan shows that he was employed by said Charles E. Beach to furnish men to make timber applications, for which he, McLauchlan, was to receive five dollars for each man, and the men were to be paid \$50 each on completion of the entry. Under this contract a number of men were furnished, whose names and the tracts entered by them are given. The contract was then changed so as to make McLauchlan's compensation \$20 per week, and at this rate he furnished a large number of entrymen, whose names and the tracts entered are also given. The papers relating to said entries were prepared by Beach, Roberts, and Marks, and acknowledged before Fred. W. Beli, notary public. The money to pay for the lands thus entered came through Russ & Co., and was not paid by the men, but by Beach, or some of the others.

John Conar, who is the keeper of a boarding-house, testifies that he entered into an engagement with said Marks to furnish men, seamen or sailors, to make timber entries, for which each entryman was to receive \$50; under this agreement he furnished a large number of men, then boarding with him, whose names and entries are given. T. H. Foss testifies that he was in the local land office, and saw Harry Marks pay the money to the receiver, at one time, for twenty or twenty-five timber entries.

David Cutten states that he was employed by Russ & Co. to draw deeds conveying the lands entered as aforesaid, and under this employment prepared between 400 and 450 such deeds. While doing this work he occupied the same room in which Beach and Roberts were engaged in preparing the entry papers, and knows that on one day they issued papers to eighty-two different entrymen. Beach and Roberts would give him a list containing the names of the men and descriptions of the tracts of land, and he would prepare deeds for the same in favor of David Evans, leaving always the date of the deed blank, so that it could afterwards be filled in to correspond with the date of the acknowledgments. Every few days he would go to F. W. Bell, the notary who took the acknowledgments, and obtain from him a batch of the executed and acknowledged deeds, and, after filling the dates to correspond, would draw other deeds for the same land from Evans to James D. Walker, the agent of the Scotch syndicate, and then deliver the deeds to Evans. George A. Kellogg, recorder of Humboldt County, certifies that there were filed in his office for record on July 10, 1884, 363 deeds, all in favor of David Evans, except 12 to Charles E. Beach and 2 to Harry Marks, and all for land in said county.

In addition to the foregoing testimony, in many of the cases the affidavit of the entrymen will be found, among the particular papers thereof, showing the circumstances under which such entry was made and who paid the entryman therefor. Whilst such testimony by itself ordinarily would have but little weight, yet when supported and corroborated by the other testimony submitted and all the surrounding circumstances, it is of much importance in making clear the extensive conspiracy culminating in this monstrous fraud, whereby patents were issued for this large body of land.

I therefore have no hesitation in joining in the recommendation of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that suits be instituted in the proper tribunal to secure the cancellation of said patents, if it is thought such suits can be maintained.

Very respectfully,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary.

Hon. A. H. GARLAND,
Attorney-General.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 12, 1888.

SIR: On November 20, 1886, my predecessor inclosed to you the papers relating to 151 entries made under the timber act of June 3, 1870 (20 Stat., 89), at the Humboldt land office, California, accompanied with a recommendation that suit be instituted to secure the cancellation of the patents issued on said entries because of fraud.

A history of the conspiracy through which said entries were procured to be made, in order to obtain the valuable redwood timber on the land

in question, was fully and in detail set forth in said letter, and shown by the testimony accompanying it.

I have the honor now to transmit to you a letter of the Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office and accompanying papers relative to ten other fraudulent timber entries made at the same office, through the same fraudulent and corrupt practices, and through the procurement of the same parties. Inasmuch as patents were also issued on these entries, I request that you will cause suits to be brought to secure the cancellation of the same, if, after investigation, it is thought they can be maintained.

Very respectfully,

Hon. A. H. GARLAND,
Attorney-General.

WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 25, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated April 7, 1888, and accompanying papers, relative to six fraudulent timber entries made at the Humboldt land office, California.

These entries were made through the same agencies and by the same corrupt practices as the one hundred and sixty-two other redwood timber entries, the papers in relation to which were transmitted to you by letters from this Department of November 18, 1886, and March 12, 1888.

Inasmuch as the evidence in the cases now transmitted is substantially the same as in those heretofore sent you, I request that you will cause suits to be brought to secure the cancellation of the patents issued on these last six entries, if, after investigation, it is thought such suits can be maintained.

The following are the six entries referred to, viz:

T. L. E.	Name.	Description.
4990	Daniel E. Baker	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4993	Lawrence P. Shuster	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5242	James A. Ferris	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5278	Spencer Clark	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5280	Archie McKandry	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5388	James Gregory	N. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and W. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.

Very respectfully,

Hon. A. H. GARLAND,
Attorney-General.

WILLIAM F. VILAS,
Secretary.

List of patented entries sent to Attorney-General by letter of November 18, 1886.

Cash entry.	Name.	Description.
4863	James F. Wood	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4961	Norman Howard	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
4976	John Salvage	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4980	E. A. Brock	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4981	Nels Peterson	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4987	W. J. Johnston	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4995	George W. Cousins	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5052	Frank Brown	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5056	James Curley	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5064	T. O. Donald	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5077	W. H. Brown	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5101	Winfield Dean	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5105	Samuel W. Allen	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5106	Miles J. Johnston	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5123	James W. Allen	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 2 E.
5126	David W. Bowker	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5222	Thomas L. Gregory	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5233	William Carter	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5241	John E. Huestis	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5248	R. C. Soper	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5259	Hubert H. Neff	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
5263	W. J. Ryan	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5264	Charles Parker	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5268	Jessie F. Tibbets	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 1 E.
5269	Dennis Halloran	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5270	E. A. Betterby	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5271	Harris T. Marsh	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5272	J. T. Marsh	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5274	Samuel E. Nevers	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5276	A. H. Pruitt	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5277	John Wright	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5282	John Keelen	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5285	Frederick Grant	Lots 3 and 4 and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5301	W. R. Harris	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5303	W. H. Kellen	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5308	John Caston	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5313	B. F. Tibbets	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5318	Joseph L. Marsh	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5319	Matts Knifssund	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5324	Julius Zualake	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5326	Eli Dean	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5328	R. H. Bunton	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5333	Robert Chapman	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5350	George E. Kellen	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5354	Carrie L. Phares	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
5355	Amos Barry	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5456	John R. Graham	Lots 6 and 7 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 10 N., R. 2 E.
5459	Bradley Gale	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 9 N., R. 1 E.
5461	Sam S. White	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, T. 11 N., R. 2 E.
4831	John S. Decker	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4832	Richard Lewis	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4898	David Welden	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4946	Peter Hermance	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4962	Daniel F. Gilfeather	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R. 3 E., H. M.
4984	Forrest E. Haskin	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5001	Roswell B. Welch	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5003	George R. Gorham	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5062	Charles M. Parker	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5065	Thomas McGuin	Lots 1, 2, and 3, and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5067	William J. O'Donald	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5091	Alexander Pitcher	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5092	Charles H. Savage	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5220	Hannibal S. Soule	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5235	George R. Lawson, jr.	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5240	Otto Johnson	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5243	John Elliott	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5244	John Love	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5249	Edward Mathews	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5279	William B. Davis	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

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Cash entry.	Name.	Description.
5281	William J. Foley	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5314	Herman Hartwig	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5330	John Clancy	Lot 3, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5338	Eugene Brook	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5452	John L. Sweet	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5453	William Stebbins	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4838	Joseph P. Marks	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4849	Frank Bartow	Lots 1, 2, and 3, and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 3, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4887	William J. Hill	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4888	James Ross	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4894	John Shannon	Lot 1, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$, and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4895	George T. Wells	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$, NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$, and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4896	William H. Lucas	Lots 2 and 3, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4897	George Harmon	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4900	Charles W. Hall	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4908	Oliver I. P. Wyatte	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4909	Henry G. Hilliard	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4910	Albert A. Frazier	S. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4914	Clement E. Thompson	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4930	Frank Burr	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4945	John A. Brach	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot 3 Sec. 2, and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4963	James Henry Burk	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4964	Albert J. Race	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4988	James F. Coonan	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
4991	Stewart Marshall	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 2 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5005	George S. Pettingill	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5010	Alexander D. McDonald	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5047	Adelia F. Scotten	Lots 1 and 3 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5048	John C. McCreary	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5051	Roland H. Ramsdell	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5060	George Hotchkiss	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5063	John W. Gibson	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5072	Andrew J. Maddy	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5073	Robert C. Brown	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5090	Manson Anger	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5093	Thomas Bailey	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5098	Edgar E. Johnston	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5099	Edgar Wheeler	Lots 3 and 4 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5103	Peter M. Ashley	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 9 N., R. 21 E., H. M.
5108	William Mills	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5112	Robert W. Soper	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5124	George S. Gates	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 3 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5126	Charles R. Gates	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 9 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5128	James S. Collins	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5218	William Waller	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5221	Wesley Smith	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5223	Anton C. Misselbeck	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5230	John B. Acton	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5231	Ernest Sevier	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
2232	Hank Hall	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5234	John Williamson	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5245	Isaac W. Wells	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5246	Joseph R. Brown	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5258	Thomas Barber	Lot 7 Sec. 5; lots 2, 3, and 4 Sec. 7; lot 2 Sec. 17; lot 5 Sec. 18; lot 3 Sec. 20; lot 6 Sec. 8; T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5263	William Jackson	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20; S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5273	Howard Van Nest	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5275	Ruel Russ	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5283	Frank Robertson	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5288	Richard McChristian	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 11 N., R. 1 E.
5297	Nelson Russ	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.

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Cash entry.	Name.	Description.
5299	Edwin A. Hanson	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5300	Rolland E. Elliott.....	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 11 N. 1 R. E., H. M.
5305	Columbus C. Wolcott.....	Lots 2 and 3 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5307	Emmet W. Wilson.....	Lots 1 and 2 and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5309	James T. Smith.....	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 112 N., R. E., H. M.
5325	William Stephens.....	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5327	John Haughn.....	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5329	Anthony Burk.....	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 10 N., R. E., H. M.
5331	Joseph M. Stuart	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5335	Joseph J. Barber.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5336	Edwin Dick	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5337	Joseph Dick	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5339	Sterling Campbell.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5356	George E. Emrick.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 11 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
5357	James McGuire.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5358	John C. McCoon.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5359	George T. Johnson.....	NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5360	William Sprague.....	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5361	Michael McGowan.....	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5362	William Q. Morrison.....	Lots 1 and 2 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5363	Arthur Quinn.....	Lots 3 and 4 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.
5364	John A. Brown.....	Lots 3 and 4 and SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 11 N., R. 2 E., H. M.

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C. E.	Names.	Description.
4827	William Morton	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4833	Howard Cracker.....	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4834	J. C. Dougherty.....	SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4847	Thomas J. Nix.....	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4848	Horace Bartow.....	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, lot 4 and SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4850	Charles H. Bartow.....	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4853	Abel P. Lambert.....	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4854	Huston H. Martin.....	Lot 1, SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. $\frac{1}{2}$ SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4905	Martin Haughn.....	SE. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4948	Geo. W. Fry.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.
4852	Thomas E. McKenna.....	NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., H. M.

