

United States v. Arredondo.

THIS cause came on to be heard, on the transcript of the record from the superior court for the district of East Florida, and was *argued by *87] counsel : On consideration whereof, it is the opinion of this court, that the petitioner having failed to fulfil the condition of the grant, the said grant or concession is null and void ; and that the said petitioner has no right or title to the land. Whereupon, it is now here decreed and ordered by this court, that the decree of the said superior court in this cause be and the same is hereby reversed and annulled ; and that this cause be and the same is hereby remanded to the said superior court, with directions to enter a decree in conformity to the opinion of this court.

*88] *UNITED STATES, Appellants, v. The HEIRS OF FERNANDO DE LA MAZA ARREDONDO, Appellees.

Florida land-claims.

A concession by the governor of East Florida, made before the Florida treaty, in consideration of services, confirmed.

APPEAL from the Superior Court of East Florida. In the superior court of East Florida, Fernando de la Maza Arredondo filed a petition, praying a confirmation of a concession made to him, in consideration of services, by Don Jose Coppinger, on the 24th of March 1817 ; he being then governor of East Florida, a dependency at that time of the crown of Spain. The court confirmed the concession, and the United States prosecuted this appeal.

WAYNE, Justice, delivered the opinion of the court.—This case is one of a concession and grant of land in East Florida, made by the Spanish authorities in that province, before the 24th January 1818 ; surveyed and granted in absolute property, in consideration of the meritorious services of Fernando de la Maza Arredondo. The survey corresponds with the concession. The decree of the court below in favor of the claimants is in every regard within the decisions of this court ; and the decree is, therefore, affirmed.

THIS cause came on to be heard, on the transcript of the record from the superior court for the district of East Florida, and was argued by counsel : On consideration whereof, it is adjudged and decreed by this court, that the decree of the said superior court in this cause, confirming 15,000 acres of land to the petitioners, be and the same is hereby in all respects affirmed.