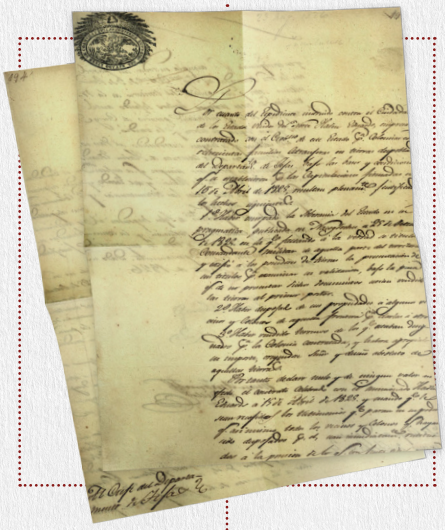
SAVE TEXAS HISTORY
A PROJECT OF THE
TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Translation

Haden Edwards, a citizen of the United States of the North, Empresario of a contract made with the Government of the State for the Colonization of Eight hundred foreign families on the uninhabited lands of the Department of Texas, upon the terms and conditions stipulated by the articles therein contained; the result is, that the following acts are fully established.

1. That he has insulted the dignity and usurped the authority of the State in his edict published in Nacogdoches on the 25th of October 1825, by falsely styling himself military Commander in that section of the territory and requiring the possessors of lands present their titles, in order to examine their validity, under the penalty in case they should refuse of having their lands sold to the highest bidder.



2. That he has despoiled several of the inhabitants and colonists of that frontier of their lands to give them to others.

3. That he has sold a part of those lands intended by the Government for his Colony, according to the contract, and has appropriated to himself the proceeds, believing himself to be absolute Lord and Master of those lands.

I, therefore declare the contract made with the above mentioned Haden Edwards, on the 15th of April, 1825, to be null and void, and of no effect, and I hereby order that the certified copies of the same, which he has in his possession, be taken from him, and also that all the property legally held by any of the inhabitants or colonists, and of which they may have been despoiled by him, be restored to their possession, and that the secret order of the Supreme Government of 3rd of June last, relative to his expulsion from the Territory of the Republic, in consequence of the aforesaid acts, be complied with in all its parts, he having first refunded the amount he improperly received from George Orr for a league of land, which he sold to him.

The Colonists who may have come into the country as appertaining to the contract of Haden Edwards will be admitted as settlers, provided, they subject themselves to the National and State laws, and possess the qualifications required by law.

The Political Chief of the Department of Bexar, will require this resolution to be strictly complied with, and he will communicate it to all the Empresarios of the new Colonies in his Department for their information. Given at the Town of Saltillo this 23rd August 1826.

(Signed) Victor Blanco
(Signed) Juan Antonio Padilla Secty
To the Hon. the Political Chief
of the Department of Texas.