

No. 480

Land Strip.

640 Acres.

The State of Texas,



General Land Office.

This is to Certify, That the *Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company*, having completed a section of one hundred (100) miles of main track, and four and seven-tenths ($4\frac{7}{10}$) miles of sidings, from the Twenty-fifth mile post to a point in Houston County, is entitled, under the provisions of its Charter and the general laws governing the same, to **Six Hundred and Forty Acres of Land**, to be located upon any of the unreserved, vacant and unappropriated Public Domain of the State of Texas, and surveyed in the following manner:

First. Two sections of land adjoining and connecting with each other must be surveyed, one for the State and the other for the Company.

Second. The surveys to be made square, unless prevented by previous entries or navigable streams.

Third. When the field notes have been returned to the General Land Office, the Commissioner will number the surveys and report the result to the Surveyor, who will fill up the blanks left in his record for that purpose, accordingly.

(As a matter of convenience in describing the surveys when reporting the numbers, the Surveyor should number the field notes temporarily, in pencil.)

Fourth. In dividing the surveys, a fraction of over three hundred and twenty acres will be counted as a whole section, and two fractions of less than three hundred and twenty acres will be regarded as a section.

Fifth. The even numbers will be reserved to the State, and the odd numbers to the Company.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the impress of the seal of said office, this 30th day of December, 1872.

Facot Kuebler

COMMISSIONER.