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**REPORT
OF THE
SURVEYOR-GENERAL
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

From August 1, 1884, to August 1, 1886.

SACRAMENTO
STATE OFFICE,
JAMES J. AYERS, SUPT. STATE PRINTING
1886.

REPORT.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF SURVEYOR-GENERAL,
SACRAMENTO, August 1, 1886.

To his Excellency, George Stoneman, Governor of California:

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the law relating to the duties of the Surveyor-General, I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of this office from August 1, 1884, to August 1, 1886.

H. I. WILLEY,
Surveyor-General, and ex officio Register of State Land Office.

AREA OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following statement, the latest procurable, furnished by the United States Surveyor-General for California in 1882, shows that the estimated area of the State of California is 100,500,000 acres, apportioned as follows:

Subdivision.	Area – Acres.
Agricultural and mineral lands surveyed to June 30, 1882.....	61,887,392
Agricultural and mineral lands unsurveyed.....	26,211,501
Private grants patented.....	8,383,375
Private grants not settled.....	341,650
Indian military reservations.....	318,631
Lakes, islands, bays, and navigable rivers.....	1,531,700
Swamp and overflowed lands surveyed.....	1,635,227
Swamp and overflowed lands unsurveyed.....	85,524
Salt marsh and tide lands around San Francisco Bay.....	100,000
Salt marsh and tide lands around Humboldt Bay.....	5,000
Total.....	100,500,000

LANDS LISTED TO THE STATE.

From August 1, 1884, to August 1, 1886, the following amounts of land have been listed to the State of California by the United States:

Lands Listed.	Acres.
Swamp land grant.....	4,579.50
Agricultural College Grant.....	3,269.77
Lieu grant.....	4,867.68

CONTESTED CASES.

From the office of Surveyor-General one hundred and ninety-three orders of reference to the Superior Courts have been issued, and from the office of the Register one has been issued.

CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE ISSUED.

From August 1, 1880, to August 1, 1882:

Grant.	Number of certificates.	Acres.
Sixteenth and Thirty-sixth Sections	256	51,645.17
Five Hundred Thousand Acres.....	7	2,800.00
Swamp and Overflowed lands.....	41	10,812.59
Totals.....	304	65,257.76

From August 1, 1882, to August 1, 1884:

Grant.	Number of certificates.	Acres.
Sixteenth and Thirty-sixth Sections	881	179,295.36
Five Hundred Thousand Acres.....	22	6,646.42
Swamp and Overflowed lands.....	131	56,458.05
Totals.....	1,034	242,399.83

From August 1, 1884, to August 1, 1886:

Grant.	Number of certificates.	Acres.
Sixteenth and Thirty-sixth Sections	1,246	274,530.91
Five Hundred Thousand Acres.....	2	360.00
Swamp and Overflowed lands.....	328	129,893.69
Tide Lands.....	14	4,217.78
Totals.....	1,590	409,002.38

PATENTS ISSUED.

From August 1, 1880, to August 1, 1882:

Grant.	Number of Patents.	Acres.
Sixteenth and Thirty-sixth Sections	311	114,447.29
Five Hundred Thousand Acres.....	55	16,804.57
Seventy-two Sections (Seminary).....	1	160.00
Swamp and Overflowed lands.....	178	72,689.12
Tide Lands.....	3	546.63
Totals.....	548	204,647.61

From August 1, 1882, to August 1, 1884:

Grant.	Number of Patents.	Acres.
Sixteenth and Thirty-sixth Sections	790	219,852.22
Five Hundred Thousand Acres.....	82	35,790.11
Swamp and Overflowed lands.....	161	82,124.58
Salt Marsh and Tide Lands.....	11	1,769.58
Totals.....	1,044	339,536.49

DELINQUENT INTEREST ON STATE LANDS.

Suits in foreclosure, instituted because of the non-payment of the annual interest due on State lands, are extremely expensive legal proceedings; and long experience has demonstrated that such suits invariably result in loss rather than benefit to the interest of the State. If the lands are of value, the delinquent interest is always paid, even though it often amounts to as much as the principal. On the other hand, when the lands revert to the State they are found to be of no value whatever, and the State suffers the loss of the expense of the suit in foreclosure. During the last eighteen years the Registers have sent out the delinquent lists only seven times, though required to do so annually.

I concur with the expressed opinion of my predecessor, that the law should be changed so as not to require the issuance of delinquent lists oftener than once in four years, or else fix a limit to the cost of foreclosure so as not to absorb all the money received by the State. The law of 1863 fixed a limit to the amount payable in such suits; but the costs now demanded are generally much greater than the amount collected by the State.

TIMBER LANDS.

I also have the honor to report that it is my belief that all State lands, known to be timbered lands, should be withheld from sale entirely, and that a concurrent resolution should be adopted at the next session of our Legislature requesting our delegates in Congress to endeavor to secure the passage of a bill withdrawing from sale all unsold United States lands returned and known to be timber lands.

I make this recommendation because of the fact that denuding of the mountain sides of their forests is reducing the amount of water in the springs and watercourses along their sides, and rendering disastrous floods possible by the too sudden precipitation of the Winter rains into the different watercourses.

STATE SCHOOL LANDS.

I would also recommend an examination, by such methods as the Legislature may prescribe, of the remaining unsold State School Lands, with a view of discovering their quality and grading their value, in order that the lands may be sold at an approximation to their true value, and the School Fund thereby be increased by a much larger amount than it would be if the land were sold at the present price of \$1 25 an acre.

Corrected Report of Spanish and Mexican Grants in California,

COMPLETE TO FEBRUARY 25, 1886.

PREPARED BY

STATE SURVEYOR-GENERAL

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				Los Angeles.
				Santa Barbara.
				Santa Barbara.
				Santa Clara.
				Santa Clara.
				Ventura.
				San Luis Obispo.
				Los Angeles.
				Los Angeles.
				San Luis Obispo.
				San Luis Obispo.
				San Luis Obispo.
				San Diego.
				Ventura.
				Alameda.
				Santa Barbara.
				San Luis Obispo.
				Santa Barbara.
				San Diego.
				Santa Clara.
				San Luis Obispo.
				San Diego.
				Santa Clara.
				Los Angeles.
				Marin.
				Monterey.
				Tehama.
				Monterey.
				Los Angeles.
				Ventura.
				Santa Cruz.
				Santa Cruz.
				San Bernardino.
				San Bernardino.
				Los Angeles and Ventura.
				S. Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.
				Contra Costa.
				San Bernardino.
				Santa Clara.
				Sonoma.
				Sonoma.
				Marin.

		Santa Barbara and S. Luis Obispo.
350	Suey, Rancho de.....	48,834.27 Patented August 10, 1865.....
91	Suisun.....	17,754.73 Patented January 17, 1857.....
---	Suisun, part of.....	482.19 Patented December 16, 1882.....
288	Sur, El.....	8,949.06 Patented May 18, 1866.....
441	Tajauta.....	3,559.86 Patented January 8, 1873.....
344	Tejon, El.....	97,616.78 Patented May 9, 1863.....
398	Temescal.....	13,339.07 Patented September 13, 1871.....
491	Temecula.....	26,608.94 Patented January 18, 1860.....
492	Temecula, lands in valley of.....	2,233.42 Patented January 8, 1873.....
349	Tepusquet.....	8,900.75 Patented February 23, 1871.....
365	Tequepis.....	8,919.00 Patented July 24, 1869.....
101	Thompson's Rancho.....	35,532.80 Patented May 18, 1858.....
359	Timaquaic.....	8,874.60 Patented June 28, 1872.....
357	Todos Santos y San Antonio.....	20,772.17 Patented December 20, 1876.....
90	Toledas.....	13,315.93 Patented October 12, 1868.....
38	Tomasles y Baulenes.....	9,467.77 Patented October 15, 1883.....
37	Tomasles y Baulenes.....	13,644.66 Patented February 27, 1866.....
433	Topanga Malibu Sequit.....	13,315.70 Patented August 29, 1872.....
275	Toro, El.....	5,668.41 Patented October 7, 1862.....
497	Trabuco.....	22,184.47 Patented August 6, 1866.....
211	Tres Ojos de Agua.....	176.03 Patented June 7, 1866.....
259	Tucho, El.....	399.57 Patented July 30, 1867.....
113	Tujunga.....	6,660.71 Patented October 19, 1874.....
291	Tularcitos.....	26,581.34 Patented March 12, 1866.....
137	Tularcitos, Las.....	4,394.35 Patented July 8, 1870.....
75	Tuluacay.....	8,865.58 Patented January 31, 1861.....
260	Two Sueretes.....	37.69 Patented June 20, 1872.....
55	Tzakaco.....	15,439.32 Patented November 19, 1859.....
143	Ulistac.....	2,217.09 Patented October 12, 1868.....
92	Ulpinos, Los.....	17,726.43 Patented August 9, 1866.....
200	Uvas, Las.....	11,079.93 Patented February 18, 1860.....
517	Vallecitos de San Marcos.....	8,975.17 Patented March 1, 1883.....
514	Valle de Pamo or Santa Maria.....	17,708.85 Patented July 30, 1872.....
511	Valle de San Felipe.....	9,972.08 Patented August 6, 1866.....
121	Valle de San José.....	48,435.92 Patented March 15, 1865.....
508	Valle de San José.....	17,634.06 Patented January 10, 1880.....
222	Vega del Rio del Pajaro.....	4,310.29 Patented January 18, 1864.....
249	Vergelles, Los.....	8,759.82 Patented April 3, 1875.....
545	Virgenes, Las.....	8,885.04 Patented September 5, 1883.....
77	Yajome.....	6,652.58 Patented September 16, 1864.....
183	Yerba Buena or Socayre.....	24,331.69 Patented January 3, 1859.....
23	Yokaya.....	35,541.33 Patented March 8, 1867.....

361	Zaca, La.....	M. A. de la G. y Lataillade.....	4,458,10	Patented August 23, 1876.....	Santa Barbara.
271	Zanjones.....	M. Malarin, executor.....	6,714,49	Patented August 9, 1866.....	Monterey.
203	Zayanta.....	Isaac Graham et al.....	2,658,21	Patented August 19, 1870.....	Santa Cruz.