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The United States of America,
To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, entitled "An Act Donating Public Lands to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Series No. 17, for one quarter section of Land, in favor of the State of Maryland, duly assigned by the proper authority of the said State to John P. Backesto

with evidence that the same has been located upon the South East quarter of Section eighteen, in Township twenty five, South of Range Eleven, East in the District of Lands subject to sale at Vive Frances, California, containing one hundred and sixty acres with the appurtenances thereof, according to the Official Plan of the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General:

Now Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said John P. Backesto, as Assignee, as aforesaid, and his heirs, the tract of Land above described, to have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John P. Backesto, as Assignee, as aforesaid, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, U. S. Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the forty-third.

By the President: U. S. Grant

By J. M. Barrett, Secretary,
