

In consequence of the arrest and imprisonment of Commissioner Padilla, Don Francisco Madero, of Coahuila was appointed to fill the vacancy. Madero, with his brother-in-law, G. M. Carbajal, reached San Saldery, 1831, where he spent some time with Colonel Austin, whom he consulted as to the best mode of proceeding in his new mission. Instead of establishing his office at Macogochos, as Padilla had done, he proceeded to Liberty, on the Trinity River, established his office, created the municipality of Liberty, and held an election for Alcalde and members of the Ayuntamiento of the municipality. Having organized the government, he took necessary measures to have the lands of the settlers surveyed.....--Johnson, Texas and Texans, V. 1, pp. 67-8.--

The municipality of Brazoria was created from the southern portion of the municipality of Austin by act of May 1, 1832, with the town of Brazoria as capital. Some of its extensive territory went to the municipality of Matagorda in 1834, and in the same year other legislation directed the removal of the capital to Columbia and a change of name to municipality of Columbia. The provisional government of 1835 restored the old name and changed the capital to Brazoria. An act of the republic on Dec. 20, 1836, fixed the name Brazoria as the county designation. The county limits have been practically unchanged since the creation of Fort Bend County in Dec., 1837, and of Galveston County in May, 1838. The Congress on Dec. 14, 1837, settled the county-seat contest between Brazoria and Columbia in favor of the former. Columbia, Velasco and Brazoria were all incorporated as towns by the congress of the republic in 1837.....

Of the three original towns Velasco has best held its own through the changing conditions of fourscore years. It came into nominal existence with the establishment of the Mexican port and custom house in 1831; in 1832 it was the scene of a battle which opened the war between Texas and Mexico; it was a rendezvous for Texas troops during the revolution, and was made a port of entry by the provisional government..... --Johnson, Texas and Texans, V. 2, p. 648.--
