

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

UPON THE

APPORTIONMENT

OF

MEMBERS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY,

UNDER THE

CENSUS OF 1850.

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REPORT.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the apportionment of members of the General Assembly, under the recent census, REPORT :

That they recommend the apportionment of the members of Assembly among the counties, to be elected by the county at large, and not by single districts, as more consonant to the habits and feelings of the people of this state, as being more susceptible of an equable and fair apportionment, and as being the plan contemplated by the constitution.

That in apportioning the members among the counties, they have adopted a ratio that would, by a fair division, make the General Assembly the full number limited by the constitution; because they are of opinion that this number is not too large for safe and convenient action, and because the ratio that deprives the fewest counties of their ancient number of representatives will give the least dissatisfaction.

For this purpose your committee have adopted the ratio of one member for every eight thousand two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and one for every fraction in a county, remaining after the apportionment of one representative to every whole number, when such fraction exceeds the one half of that number.

This rule both substantially and literally complies with the requirements of the constitution, that the apportionment shall be made among the counties, as nearly as may be, according to the number of their inhabitants; and it is a rule that must address itself to every mind as fair and just.

They report herewith, as directed, a bill drawn according to this rule, which gives to each county its number of members, as follows: To Bergen, two; to Passaic, three; to Hudson, three; to Essex, nine; to Sussex, three; to Warren, three; to Hunterdon, four; to Morris, four; to Somerset, two; to Middlesex, three; to Mercer, three; to Monmouth, four; to Ocean, one; to Burlington, five; to Gloucester, two; to Atlantic, one; to Camden, three; to Salem, two; to Cumberland, two, and to Cape May, one.

Your committee have annexed to this their report, a tabular statement, showing the population of each county, and the fractions represented and unrepresented in each.

DATED March 5th, 1851.

A. O. ZABRISKIE.
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 JNO. MANNERS.
 JOHN MARLOW.
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 JNO. C. BEARDSLEY.
 BERNARD CONNOLLY.

TABULAR STATEMENT showing the Population of each County, the number of Representatives in each, and the Fractions represented and not represented.

Counties.	Population.	Rep's of whole numbers.	Fractions Represented.	Rep's of Fractions.	Total Representati'n	Fractions not Represented.
Bergen,	14,708	1	6,458	1	2	
Passaic,	22,577	2	6,077	1	3	
Hudson,	21,874	2	5,374	1	3	
Essex,	73,995	8	7,995	1	9	
Sussex,	23,990	2	7,490	1	3	
Warren,	22,390	2	5,890	1	3	
Hunterdon,	29,064	3	4,314	1	4	
Morris,	30,173	3	5,423	1	4	
Somerset,	19,668	2			2	3,168
Middlesex,	28,671	3			3	3,921
Mercer,	27,991	3			3	3,241
Monmouth,	30,234	3	5,484	1	4	
Ocean,	10,043	1			1	1,793
Burlington,	43,204	5			5	1,954
Gloucester,	14,653	1	6,403	1	2	
Atlantic,	8,964	1			1	714
Camden,	25,569	3			3	819
Salem,	19,500	2			2	3,000
Cumberland,	17,003	2			2	503
Cape May,	6,432		6,432	1	1	
	490,703	49	67,340	11	60	19,113