

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

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No. 1.

DAKOTA TERRITORY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
Yankton, January 9, 1863. }

*To the Honorable the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN: At the time when I defined the council and representative districts of this territory, and apportioned the representation thereto, I was in doubt as to the right of the white persons residing upon the unceded Indian lands on the Red River, in this territory, to be included within a council or representative district; but as I did not feel clear upon this point, I concluded to give them the benefit of the doubt. And when I approved the act of the last legislative assembly, defining the Red River district and fixing the representation thereof, I did so under a false apprehension as to the extent of the white population of said district. I have since learned, and now know by irrefragable evidence, that it entitled to a representation at all, the white population of said district would not, under the ratio of house file No. 22, entitle said district to a larger representation than one member of the house of representatives. And were it not for the existence of said act of the last legislative assembly, entitled "an act to apportion the representation to the Red River district," I could not at this time approve of any act giving to said district (if any) a larger representation than one member of the house of representatives. But, as I am convinced that a large majority of the voters of the territory desire an increased representation and a re-apportionment, I have approved and signed house file No.

22, entitled "an act dividing the territory of Dakota into council and representative districts, and apportioning the councilmen and representatives therein," and I herewith return the same.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. JAYNE, *Governor*

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No. 2.

*To the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN: I have approved and signed bills of the following titles:

H. F. No. 33, An act granting to Ellis Wall a ferry charter across the Missouri river.

H. F. No. 43, A bill for an act to incorporate the University of Dakota.

H. F. No. 51, An act concerning the judicial districts of the territory, and fixing the time for holding the courts, and other purposes.

W. JAYNE, *Governor*.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, January 9, 1863.