

TABULAR STATEMENT Referred to above.

| | Population. | Protestants. | Roman Catholics. | Pro- testants. | Roman Catholics. |
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| District of St. John's - - - - | 25,196 | 6,210 | 18,986 | - | 6 |
| " Trinity - - - - | 8,801 | 7,518 | 1,286 | 3 | — |
| " Bonavista - - - - | 7,227 | 5,418 | 1,809 | 3 | — |
| " Twillingate and Fogo - - - | 6,744 | 5,616 | 1,128 | 2 | — |
| " Ferryland - - - - | 4,581 | 182 | 4,399 | - | 2 |
| " Placentia and St. Mary's - | 6,473 | 1,018 | 5,455 | - | 2 |
| " Burin - - - - | 4,358 | 2,407 | 1,951 | 1 | 1 |
| " Fortune Bay - - - - | 2,020 | 2,557 | 363 | 1 | — |
| " La Poile - - - - | 2,180 | 2,151 | 29 | 1 | — |
| District of Conception Bay, viz :— | | | | | |
| 1st Subdivision, Horse Cove to Turk's Gut, inclusive - | 3,997 | 769 | 3,230 | - | 2 |
| 2d ditto Brigus to Port de Grave, both inclusive - - - | 5,538 | 4,150 | 1,388 | 1 | — |
| 3d ditto Bay Roberts to Harbour Grace, both inclusive - | 7,981 | 5,198 | 2,783 | 2 | — |
| 4th ditto Carbonear and Mosquito | 5,071 | 2,340 | 2,731 | - | 1 |
| 5th ditto Fresh Water to Bay de Verd, inclusive - - - | 5,439 | 3,988 | 1,451 | 1 | — |
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Council Chamber, 3 June 1854.

(signed)

W. Robinson, President.

INSTRUCTIONS to Conferees on the subject of the last Conference with the Council, on their Amendments on Bill to Increase the Representation.

House of Assembly, Thursday, 1 June 1854.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be offered at the conference to be requested with Her Majesty's Council on the subject-matter of the last conference, reported the following, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read :

The House of Assembly have requested this Conference with Her Majesty's Council, on the subject of the last conference for the purpose of acquainting Her Majesty's Council, that they cannot recede from the amendments made by them upon amendments made by Her Majesty's Council, in and upon a Bill intituled "An Act to Increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof," for the following reasons :

1st. In the amendments made by the House of Assembly, on the amendments sent to them from Her Majesty's Council, the Assembly had prominently in view the following considerations which influenced them in forming the Bill originally ; viz : first, the maintenance of the present relative adjustment of districts as far as practicable, submitting in a spirit of concession to a subdivision of the only two districts the Council have heretofore particularly sought to subdivide, against their conviction of the necessity or the public policy for such a course, especially when it is borne in mind that, under the present electoral divisions of this island established upon the granting of a representative form of government to this colony, and tested for a period of twenty years at five general elections, the returns to the Assembly have been a fair representation of the various interests and opinions of the people of this colony, and do not justify the objections taken to them even in a denominational view, as there have been 39 Protestant members and 36 Catholics returned during that time, and although there are six of the existing nine electoral districts of this colony capable of returning three-fifths of the members of the Assembly of the Protestant persuasion, as shown by Table No. 1 annexed, yet they have not done so, nor have the Catholic districts acted in a less liberal spirit in the return of liberal and independent Protestants, who gained the public confidence by their liberal and enlightened views, integrity of character, and a regard for the substantial interests of the people, irrespective of sectarian distinctions.

2d. That the great body of the people, who constitute the liberal and progressive party in this colony, and who are comparatively free of mercantile and official control, should have their due share of representation, while those districts which are subject to such control should not have an undue proportion of members.

3d. As the Council have heretofore refused to duplicate the present number of members on the basis of the non-division of the present electoral districts on alleged sectarian grounds not distinct,