

Distribution of Members according to Census of 1845.	Population.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Members		Proportion for each Member.
				Pro- testant.	Catholic.	
Conception Bay is divided into five Dis- tricts, to return seven Members for a Population of 28,026, averaging one for every 4,000, viz.:						
Horse Cove to Cupids, inclusive -	6,722	2,614	4,108	-	2	3,361
Port de Grave to Bay Roberts, inclusive	4,612	3,806	806	1	-	4,612
Spaniard's Bay to Harbour Grace, in- clusive -	6,182	3,698	2,484	2	-	3,091
Carboncar to Musquito, inclusive -	5,071	2,340	2,731	-	1	5,071
Fresh Water to Bay de Verds, inclusive	5,430	3,988	1,451	1	-	5,430
Twillingate and Fogo, inclusive -	6,744	5,616	1,128	2	-	3,872
	90,506	40,523	46,983	15	14	

Note.—The Council stated last Session, in their Conference, that thirteen Protestants and thirteen Catholics would result from their amendments on the Representation Bill of that Session. The Bill of this Session gives the power of returning fourteen Catholics and fifteen Protestants. While the Assembly do not recognise the necessity or justice of obliging the districts to effect that result, it is more than probable the number of Protestant returns would be much larger under this Bill than fifteen, as Catholic districts would doubtless continue to return independent Protestants as they have heretofore done.

TABLE NO. 2.

Distribution of Members according to Census of 1845.	Population.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Members		Proportion for each Member.
				Pro- testant.	Catholic.	
St. John's is divided into two Districts by a line running north from Beck's Cove to Broad Cove - - - - -	25,196	6,210	18,986	-	6	4,190
Trinity District - - - - -	8,801	7,518	1,283	3	-	2,923
Bonavista District - - - - -	7,227	5,418	1,809	3	-	2,409
Fortune Bay District - - - - -	2,920	2,557	363	1	-	2,920
La Poile District - - - - -	2,180	2,161	20	1	-	2,180
Ferryland District - - - - -	4,581	182	4,399	-	2	2,290
Burin District - - - - -	4,358	2,407	1,951	2	-	2,170
Placentia and St. Mary's District - -	6,473	1,018	5,455	-	3	2,157
Conception Bay District is divided into five Districts, to return seven Members for a Population of 28,026, averaging one Member for every 4,000:—						
Horse Cove to Turk's Gut - - -	3,997	767	3,230	-	2	1,998*
Turk's Gut to Port de Grave, exclusive	5,538	4,150	1,388	1	-	5,538 *
Port de Grave to Harbour Grace, in- clusive - - - - -	7,981	5,108	2,783	2	-	3,990 *
Carboncar to Musquito, inclusive -	5,071	2,340	2,731	-	1	5,071
Freshwater to Bay de Verds, inclusive	5,430	3,988	1,451	1	-	5,430
Twillingate and Fogo, inclusive - -	6,744	5,616	1,128	2	-	3,872
	90,506	40,523	46,983	16	14	

* The relative numbers of these three districts, as altered by the Council, stand as here stated; the population was more equally divided in the Bill as sent up by the Assembly.

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AN ACT to increase the present Number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by proclamation, bearing date the 26th day of July, in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, this island was divided into nine districts, for the purpose of the election of the Members of the Assembly thereof, by which proclamation the said districts were authorised to return 15 persons to represent them as Members of the said Assembly, in the manner mentioned and appointed in and by the said proclamation: And whereas, for the good government of this island, it is expedient and necessary that there should be an increase of representatives therein:

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