

but they are also equally interested that other counties shall not, as the result of fraud or mistake in the census, obtain an undue representation and thus an excessive and overshadowing share of legislative power.

“Express provision is, therefore, made for an enumeration of our population under State authority, and the duty is laid upon the Governor, after each Federal census or State census, to issue his proclamation declaring the number of delegates to which each county is entitled.

“Under the recent Federal census a result has been announced as to some of the counties which is so totally contrary to popular belief that I am unwilling, in a matter of so grave concern, to accept it as correct and to act upon it until it shall be subjected to scrutiny and verification under State authority. I feel that I ought not to officially proclaim that to be a fact which personally and individually I do not believe to be true, nor to give my official sanction to that which I believe to be both untrue and unjust.

“I feel that my duty forbids my blindly accepting and acting upon the figures given out without official investigation and this enumeration, being begun, should be made thorough and complete and cover the whole State, so that there can be no mistake anywhere and no ground for complaint of disproportionate representation from any section whatever. The value of accuracy and fairness in so vital a matter as this is well worth the moderate expense of a State census.

“The situation, in my opinion, clearly presents an ‘Extraordinary Occasion,’ directly covered by the provision of the Constitution declaring that the Governor shall convene the Legislature or the Senate alone on extraordinary occasions.

Further reflection has confirmed me in the correctness of these views and the necessity for taking this census.

A bill providing for the appointment of the necessary number of enumerators, fixing their compensation, providing the time within which their work is to be done, the method of their appointment and making a sufficient