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Hon Jared Benson, Speaker of the House of Representatwees .

SIR :-- I return the act entitled "An Act to annex a portion of Todd county to Morrison county, without my signature.

Article 11, Section 1, of the Constitution provides that "all laws changing county lines in counties already organized shall, before taking effect, be submitted to the electors of the county or counties to be affected thereby, at the next general election after the passage thereof, and be adopted by a majority of such electors."

The evident intent of the Constitution was to require a majority in favor of the modification of the county lines in each of the counties to be affected.

Otherwise populous counties might, by this process, at any time, encroach, to the extent of their desires, upon their less populous neighbors.

Section 5 of the bill now returned provides that a majority vote of the two counties shall determine this question, and so far conflicts with the Constitutional provision.

Respectfully,

ALEX. RAMSEY.

And on motion of Mr. Acker the vote by which the bill above referred to was passed, was reconsidered, and the bill laid upon the table.

Also, the following message:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Minnesota, St. Paul, March 7, 1861.

Hon. Jared Benson, Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :---It is with pleasure that I communicate herewith, for the information of the Legislature, the patriotic resolutions of one of the few remaining organized military companies of this State, the Minnesota Pioneer Guards.

The sentiments of the resolutions will commend themselves to those who desire, in these troublous times, an efficient preparation for whatever issue may be before us, and will, doubtless, meet a hearty recognition from the Legislature.

Respectfully,

ALEX. RAMSEY.

The resolutions were as follows :