A message was received from the Governor transmitting the following communication :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
JANUARY 18, 1858.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*
*and House of Representatives :*

I herewith return to the Senate, in which it originated, for your consideration a bill to readjust the boundaries of San Patricio and Nueces counties. This act evidently conflicts with the 34th section of the 7th Article of the Constitution, which prohibits the creation of any new county of a less area than nine hundred square miles, and the reduction of the limits of any to a less area except by a vote of two-thirds of the Legislature. I find on examination, that the county of San Patricio will be reduced by this bill to 517 square miles, and there being no evidence of its having passed with the constitutional requirement, I cannot give the measure my approval.

(signed,) H. R. RUNNELS.

On motion of Mr. Britton, the bill was taken up, read and passed by the following vote, the Governor's objection to the contrary, notwitstanding :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Caldwell, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Hyde, McCulloch, Maverick, Paschal, Pirkey, Potter, Quinan, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor of Cass, Throckmorton, Truitt, Walker, Whaley and Wigfall—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Martin and Russell—2.