EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, August 18, 1870.

HON. IRA H. EVANS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I return to your House, where it originated, "An Act to extend the time for the location of certain land certificates," and request that the same may be reconsidered.

It will be seen, on inspection of section four of article ten of the constitution, that "all unsatisfied genuine land certificates may be located up to first of January, 1875," so there is no necessity for this act as far as *genuine* or *valid* land certificates are concerned, and I do not suppose it is desired to help any other sort. The act, however, in its remarkably vague and suspicious terms, may cover a great deal of this.

The act seems to be an attempt to evade several of the provisions of said article ten, especially the seventh section. I suggest that if there are any land certificates that may justly call for special legislation to validate the location thereof, a more specific description should be required. In this instance the statute, in its general terms, opens the door to great frauds.

Very respectfully,
EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

The question recurring, "Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, viz: A bill entitled 'An Act to extend the time for the location of certain land certificates?'" the yeas and nays were called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Becton, Bonner, Chambers, Ellis, Gaston, Hughes, Jenkins, Lacy, Lane, Leonard, Locke, McLean, Miller, Posey, Pierson, Robb, Ross, Simmons, Slaughter—20.

Nays—Messrs. Abney, Richard Allen, Jo. Abbott, Burley, Booty, Cooper, Cotton, Camp, Cox, Dupree, Davis, Dorris, Franks, Gardiner, Grothaus, George, Hamilton, Kendall, Morrison, Henry Moore, J. F. McKee, Mitchel, Mullins, Medlock, Prissick, Robinson, Sinclair, Sheriff, Schlickum, Schlotman, Stockbridge, Shelburne, Schutze, Tegener, Tinsley, R. Williams, B. F. Williams, Youngkin, Zapp, Zoeller—40.

So the House, on reconsideration, refused to pass the bill.