

The apportionment bill produces much discussion in Congress, as might be expected, unless the ratio had been determined on before the population in each State was known. The members from each State have a natural aversion to the large fractions.

The representative population of Georgia is 429,541, hence,

A ratio of 42,000 would give us 10 rep. leaving a fraction of 9,541

43,000	9	42,541
44,000	9	33,541
45,000	9	24,541
46,000	9	15,541
47,000	9	6,541
48,000	8	45,541
49,000	8	37,541
50,000	8	29,541
51,000	8	21,541
52,000	8	13,541
53,000	8	5,541
54,000	7	51,541

Forty eight thousand, forty four thousand, forty two thousand and several other ratios have been proposed—none however higher than 48, which will probably pass; giving us the largest fraction in the Union, except Kentucky, whose fraction from that ratio will be 46,704; and larger than any we could have short of a ratio of 54,000.