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He bore his full part of the hardships of the Indian War in 1853. He was elected district attorney by the legislature, and officiated as county clerk of Iron County. During the winter of 1854-1855, he taught school. At the August election he was elected as representative to the legislature. In the winter of 1856 was broke out with the Utah Indians, and, as Jesse was in Salt Lake City, Governor Young sent word by him to break up the smaller settlements in Southern Utah, and consolidate them in larger settlements. He did missionary work among the settlements, and taught school during the following winter.

He was elected mayor of Parowan City in February 1859. He was appointed regimental adjutant of the Iron Military District, soon after returning home from his mission, and was also appointed county clerk. In January 1866 he was elected Probate Judge for Iron County. During the year a state of war again existed and the Utah Indians, and Sevier River country, including all above Gunnison, was organized into what was known as the Piute Military District, of which he was appointed Colonel. The duty of organizing the militia was assigned to him. He made the organization in full, and reported to military headquarters in Salt Lake City. During the year he was engaged in six military expeditions, furnishing his own horses, arms, and outfit, and for his service he never received any pay form any quarter.